

Dear Coyotes and Colleagues,

As I shared at Convocation, 2025-26 marks the 60th anniversary of the first classes at Cal State San Bernardino, my 51st year in public higher education and my 13th year as your president.

Serving in this role, at this amazing institution, has been the privilege of a lifetime. And I was proud to share with all of you the wonderful list of accomplishments that we have achieved, together, since 2012. For example, our focus on student success has led to various innovative summer bridge and other student and academic support services, including strengthening relationships with public K-12 school districts and community colleges in the Inland Empire.

That focus, combined with a drive to ensure an inclusive community where all members (students, faculty and staff) felt welcome and secure to pursue their academic goals prompted the development of the institution's unique Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Board.

Building a cradle-to-career pipeline in the Inland Empire also included creating the first truly bi-county initiative to improve college attainment, leading to the founding of the 501(c)(3) organization, Growing Inland Achievement. GIA has raised over \$25M toward this goal.

Additionally, we successfully completed CSUSB's first fundraising campaign, raising \$54M while doubling the university endowment. The university's ongoing second fundraising campaign is setting new records for the two-campus institution. We have also added 552,612 gross square feet to our San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses to meet our current and future student needs.

And together we have successfully navigated a global pandemic, the transition from quarters to semesters, and two successful university reaccreditations. Furthermore, we have built successful roadmaps for the future through two campus strategic plans, the second of which we are halfway through and are making strong progress on reaching those goals.

Nevertheless, the time has come for me to step away.

I have informed Chancellor Garcia that the 2025-26 academic year will be my last as your president. This will allow for a search to take place over the coming months, with the hopes of a new president beginning at the start of the 2026-27 academic year.

While the appointment process will be managed and confirmed by the CSU Board of Trustees, I call upon all of you, as members of our CSUSB community, to participate in the upcoming open forum and provide your input through your campus representatives throughout the search process.

More information will be forthcoming from the Chancellor's Office.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President