

Dear Coyotes and Colleagues,

On October 5, Cal State San Bernardino marked the 60th year since classes began on our San Bernardino campus. California's Master Plan—a vision to expand public higher education throughout the state—has taken shape here as an anchor institution in the Inland Empire, providing access to undergraduate, credential, and graduate degrees.

The way forward remains as it has always been: through partnership. That is how we build a cradle-to-career network. CSUSB has developed deep relationships with our public K-12 schools, our community colleges, our neighboring universities, our business community, and to local, municipal, state and federal government. We also work closely with our regional and national higher ed organizations, such as the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Working together we can deeply impact our students, our alumni, and the entire Inland Empire.

You will find CSUSB a welcoming and inclusive place with exceptional facilities and extensive resources that provide a world-class educational experience. Our students are reflections of the Inland Empire. The vast majority are first-generation, that is, the first in their family to attend college and are striving to achieve their goals. We work with our students to address the obstacles in their path so that they can achieve their academic goals and be successful in their degree dreams. Our student body reflects the richness of the cultural and historical heritage of all those who make the IE their home.

When CSUSB began, it had a single campus in San Bernardino. Next, we launched the Palm Desert campus to serve the residents of the Coachella Valley. Since 2012, we have updated the master plans for both campuses and then realized the bold plans to expand to meet the needs of our students. To date, that equals an addition of 552,612 gross square feet to our two campuses. All the near-term projects from the San Bernardino Master Plan have been completed, and we are excited to be moving forward with the first state-funded building project at the PDC: our forthcoming Student Success Center.

Since 1965, CSUSB has expanded to meet the needs of our students and the Inland Empire. The university offers over 70 traditional baccalaureate and master's degree programs, education credential and certificate programs and a doctorate program in educational leadership, all within five academic colleges: the College of Arts and Letters, the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration, the James R. Watson and Judy Rodriguez Watson College of Education, the College of Natural Sciences and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Our offerings contain extensive augmented learning opportunities such as internships, research and travel abroad.

There is so much more I could share as we celebrate this anniversary year. But what I want you to know boils down to what I continue to state, wherever and whenever I have the opportunity: We remain **your** university, right here where many of you continue to live, work and learn. A college degree transforms lives. Thank you for helping us to build the future.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President