



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO  
*Office of the President*

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT*  
*ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL*  
*THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026*

Welcome to the Spring 2026 Semester! I look forward to working with you all during my final months as president of Cal State San Bernardino and preparing the campus for the future. We have a great deal to accomplish, plenty of obstacles (as always), but also commitment, excellence and dedication to the success of our students. Thank you for your work, every day, as we persist in this vital project for our region, our state and our country by providing access to an outstanding higher education to those who wish to pursue their academic dreams.

- **Our Defining Moment Blended Campaign Update:** I am pleased to report that, as of January 26, 2026, we currently stand at \$240 Million, total, 120% of our total goal of \$200M. This includes: \$3M for Capital, over \$63M for Academic Support, over \$74M for Faculty Support and over \$99M for Student Support. The philanthropic total is just under \$71.5M and the sponsored programs total is \$168M.
- **Direct Admission:**
  - 7,900 San Bernardino County students received direct admission to CSUSB.
  - 11,000 Riverside County students were directly admitted for a total of nearly 19,000 directly admitted students between the two counties.
  - 2,940 students attended direct admission events hosted on the CSUSB campus.
- **Fall Commencement:** Our Fall Commencement ceremonies, held on December 12-13, 2025, in the Coussoulis Arena on the San Bernardino campus, were definitely a highlight of the end of the last calendar year. My thanks to everyone who participated. It meant a great deal to our students.
- **Palm Desert Campus Updates:**
  - Palm Desert Rotary continues to support the DEN Pantry on the PDC campus by bringing much needed supplies. Their latest visit was part of the Palm Desert Rotary's "Angels of Service" project, an initiative funded by Rotary members, that provides essential supplies to organizations throughout the Coachella Valley. Partnerships like this make a real difference for our students and campus community.

909.537.5002 • fax: 909.537.5901 • [www.csusb.edu/president](http://www.csusb.edu/president)

5500 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407-2393

- Youth in Government Day: On January 15, 2026, the PDC hosted local high school students from the Riverside County Fourth District Youth Commission for their Youth in Government Day event. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's Fourth District Youth Advisory Council, comprised of student representatives from public and private high schools from Palm Springs to Blythe, identifies youth-related concerns and issues within the Fourth District. It also takes on community-enhancing activities, service projects, partnerships and collaborations. Each student is given an opportunity to speak on youth-related issues and recommend solutions to the Board of Supervisors. The Youth Commission aims to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of County Government. In addition, the Youth Advisory Council is a great opportunity for students to gain firsthand experience with community outreach. Throughout the school year, YAC students gain leadership skills to prepare them for the future and help better the lives of youth within Riverside County.
- Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Leaders Program Communications Session: On January 23, 2026, 17 students from the Palm Desert Campus participated in the Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce's Emerging Leaders Program Communications Session for a firsthand look at professional communication in action across multiple industries. The experience included an exclusive tour of KESQ News Channel 3 as well as a visit to General Air Conditioning & Plumbing, where students learned how strong communication supports successful business operations. The Emerging Leaders Program connects local college students with local businesses and professionals; provides hands-on learning, leadership development and mentorship; encourages students to stay and build their careers in the Coachella Valley; and is offered 100% free to students. It's partnerships like this that help bridge education and industry in the Coachella Valley and help shape confident, career-ready leaders for tomorrow.
- "Heart and Sole" Shoe Drive: The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is proud to recognize an extraordinary community effort inspired by Denise Stevens, a dedicated volunteer with our university's **Nursing Street Medicine Program**. The final count of donated items was: more than 1,000 pairs of shoes, including athletic shoes, boots and sandals - many purchased new specifically for this drive - along with hundreds of pairs of socks. We are deeply grateful to Denise Stevens, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Desert and all the community members who helped turn firsthand experience into meaningful action.
- Sip & Savor Versailles: The Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals chapter at the CSUSB Palm Desert held a special fundraiser on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. This was a student-led networking evening, bringing together students, faculty, alumni and industry professionals. The event was held at Wally's Desert Turtle, Rancho Mirage.
- **On-Campus Events**: I would like to highlight some events happening this semester, as I close out my time as president of CSUSB.
  - Coyote Cares Day on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Please join me on this day of service by assisting with packing food for our regional partners in need or being part of this community service day in any way that best works for you.

- Campus Picnic on Friday, March 27, 2026. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the campus to come together to celebrate our community
- Fundraising Gala on Saturday, April 18, 2026. My wife Evy and I have established the Tomás and Evy Morales Endowment for International Experience, which will provide international experience opportunities for all CSUSB students, regardless of their financial ability. This evening will also feature the unveiling of a presidential statue, which will join those of former presidents Pfau, Evans, and Karnig around the Legacy Fountain.
- Spring Commencement in May. It would be an honor to have you present for my final Commencement ceremonies at CSUSB.