



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO
Office of the President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

We are well into the Spring 2026 Semester, and our two campuses remain active and engaged. There is a great deal for us to celebrate, and it is all thanks to the hard work being done by the staff and faculty on both our San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses. My thanks to you all for what you do each day to build the success of our students and support the Inland Empire as we continue to build the future of our region.

• **Presidential Updates:**

- Coyote Cares Day on Saturday, February 28, 2026. I am incredibly proud of the CSUSB tradition to hold this day of service by assisting with packing food and providing volunteer support for our regional partners in need. It was a meaningful day for me personally, and I am thankful to all who participated this year.
- Opening of the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 4, 2026. The long-awaited day has come! My thanks to Dean Rueyling Chuang and the members of the College of Arts and Letters for their faith, over these many years, that one day this new facility would be built. I am also grateful to Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Sorenson of the Office of Facilities Planning and Management and her team for all their hard work to bring us over the finish line.
- ACE Women's Network of SoCal Luncheon on Friday, March 20, 2026. I am proud that CSUSB hosted this convening in support of women's leadership in higher education here in Southern California, and I was honored to be able to welcome the participants personally. The convening—the Spring 2026 ACE Women's Network of Southern California Lunch and Learn—included women leaders from throughout the CSU, UC and California Community Colleges.

- **Our Defining Moment Blended Campaign Update:** I am pleased to report that, as of March 19, 2026, we currently stand at \$241 Million, total, 120% of our total goal of \$200M. This includes (rounded numbers): \$3M for Capital, \$65M for Academic Support, \$74.5M for Faculty Support and \$99M for Student Support. The philanthropic total is \$72.5M and the sponsored programs total is \$168M.

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- **Admissions and Enrollment Update:**
 - Approximately 1,100 students registered for Choose CSUSB Day, which is over a 10% increase from last year.
 - As of March 22, 2026, 15,432 students have applied for admission and 14,225 have been admitted.
 - The undergraduate application deadline has been extended to March 31, 2026.
 - My thanks to Vice President David Dufault-Hunter and the entire Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing Team for these results!

- **Palm Desert Campus Updates:**
 - Greater Coachella Valley Innovation Showcase: The Randall W. Lewis Center for Entrepreneurship at Cal State San Bernardino will present the Greater Coachella Valley Innovation Showcase on Tuesday, April 21, from 5–7 p.m. at the Palm Desert Entrepreneurial Resource Center. It will serve as the official Coachella Valley regional pitch competition within Riverside County Innovation Month (April 2026). The Showcase brings together entrepreneurs, investors, business leaders and community partners for an evening where emerging ventures compete live for funding, recognition and advancement. Finalists will go on to compete for \$20,000 in the Riverside County Innovation Month Pitch Finale. The County winner will represent Riverside at the Startup World Cup Grand Finale in San Francisco, where the winner will receive a \$1 million investment prize.
 - PDC Choose CSUSB Day on March 14, 2026: A terrific turnout of 200 admitted students, family members and guests attended.
 - PDC Career Showcase: The PDC Career Showcase on March 5, 2026, brought together students and local employers for a powerful day of networking and opportunity.
 - PDC Coyote Cares Day Activities: Participants volunteered on February 28, 2026, in the Coachella Valley at a number of area organizations and projects. They included “Read with Me,” Desert Springs Middle School, Whitewater Preserve, and the Palm Springs Black History Month Parade. The Coyote Nurses of the Desert provided free checkups to our unhoused community in the Coachella Valley.
 - Student Success Studio: The Student Success Studio or S3 has become a vital source of academic support and connection at the PDC. By offering multiple services in one accessible and welcoming location, the S3 addresses the unique needs of PDC students, many of whom are first-generation college students, transfers or working adults balancing multiple responsibilities. Students use the S3 to study independently, collaborate with classmates, meet with student mentors and tutors, receive writing support across disciplines, and participate in workshops focused on academic and personal growth. The Student Mentoring Program at the S3 fosters the success of first year undergraduate students through peer-to-peer programs that encourage academic excellence, campus connectedness and engagement, and professional development.

- **On-Campus Events:** I would like to highlight some events happening this semester, as I close out my time as president of CSUSB.

- 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 is the summation of many years of hard work by our students and is always a joyous occasion. Please consider attending.