

Date: May 10, 2016
To: Campus Community
From: Karen S. Haynes
President
Subject: Congratulations Class of 2016

As commencement quickly approaches, I'd like to extend my warmest congratulations to the Class of 2016. With 3,200 new graduates, you are not only part of the largest graduating class in CSUSM history, but you bring our total number of alumni to more than 37,000.

Your graduation is a special moment for you, your family and for Cal State San Marcos. It is a demonstration of your resiliency and of your belief in the power of higher education to help transform your life and the lives of those around you. As you begin the next chapter of your personal, educational or professional journey, I hope you will continue to challenge yourselves and lend your talents to our region and beyond as the next generation of thoughtful and empowered leaders.

I'd also like to thank all of our dedicated CSUSM faculty and staff who work so hard each and every day to mentor, teach and support our students. You continue to serve our university at the highest level and with the highest standards. I am continually impressed by your steadfast commitment to our students and our institution.

Graduates, I invite you to take a moment to watch this special [Class of 2016 Reflections video](#) and reflect on the moments at CSUSM that have transformed you as an individual. I look forward to celebrating with you at commencement in less than two weeks and am proud to claim you as alumni of CSUSM.

Congratulations!

