



Friday, Aug. 23, 2019

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to the start of fall semester! Yesterday I was honored to attend my first Cal State San Marcos Convocation and was again reminded of the privilege it is to work alongside you in what will certainly be an exciting academic year. I enjoyed highlighting so many of our faculty and staff who are so dedicated to the success of our students, and I look forward to working alongside you as we chart what the next 30 years will look like for our university.

As I shared this morning, the beginning of the semester officially launches my Listening and Learning Tour. Although I have been introduced to many of the people and places of CSUSM over the summer, more formal opportunities to interact with various constituents are scheduled for the weeks and months ahead.

I invite you to visit my Listening and Learning Tour [website](#) for a calendar of upcoming events, including the following opportunities:

- Staff Open Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at noon in ARTS 240
- Faculty Open Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at noon in ARTS 240
- Campus Open Forum (open to all campus constituents) on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at noon in ARTS 240
- Student Open Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at noon in ARTS 240
- MPP Open Forum on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at noon in ARTS 240

If you are unable to attend, there will be other opportunities for us to connect! I've scheduled visits with every college, the University Library, and CSUSM at Temecula. I am also holding smaller forums in the Office of the President conference room that are open to all members of our community on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to sign up, please visit my [Listening and Learning Tour website](#). In addition, I welcome your comments via the online [webform](#).

Once my Listening and Learning Tour concludes in December, I will share with you the feedback I received and how we will move forward as one campus.

In my short time here, I have already come to know that this is an amazing place with a spirit of innovation, warmth and collegiality. Thank you for all that you do to make CSUSM so special. It was great to meet so many of you yesterday morning. I am eager to learn more about your interconnected work that helps our students achieve their dreams. If you were unable to attend Convocation, my remarks are now posted [online](#).

Have a great fall semester – I look forward to seeing you around campus soon.

Sincerely,

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President
