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Office of the President

To the Cal Poly Community,

Whether you are new to Cal Poly, returning from a summer break, or have been here all along — welcome to the fall 2025 term and the traditional start of the academic year! A special welcome to those of you at Cal Poly Maritime Academy who have been underway on the Solano Campus since mid-August.

I am so proud of what we accomplished in the past year and could not be more energized about having students on campus for the 2025-26 academic year.

- **Celebrating Student Success:** We proudly graduated 6,821 students in the Class of 2025 and received a record-breaking 81,910 applications for the San Luis Obispo campus. New first-year student enrollment is up on the Solano Campus, and we expect the Cal Poly Maritime Academy to continue to grow 10% annually for the next several years. Our student body continues to grow in excellence with more first-generation students choosing Cal Poly than ever before.
- **Cal Poly Maritime Academy Integration:** With speed and thoughtfulness, we completed the administrative integration of Cal Poly and Cal Poly Maritime Academy, and academic integration is well underway.
- **Campus Enhancements:** Construction continues across our campuses, and we appreciate your patience as we continually upgrade our environment. We renovated Maritime North and Lower Residence Halls in Solano, restoring them to full 870-bed capacity. The Kennedy Library renovation is now complete, and we're making steady progress on new housing (student and faculty/staff), the John

Madden Football Center, the George Wurzel Plant Sciences Center, the Jacobson Animal Health Center, the Student Success Center and roof repairs for the PAC.

- **Respectful Dialogue:** In a world that is often polarized, we strive to provide the safest possible environment, free from discrimination and religious intolerance so we all can learn, grow and succeed. We will continue to protect the right to protest peacefully, and we will hold people accountable for any act of discrimination or violence.
- **Semester Conversion:** Teams are hard at work preparing for our transition to a semester schedule in fall 2026, ensuring students have the information and support they need as we align calendars across both campuses.
- **Year-Round Operations:** Planning is in full swing for our move to year-round operations in summer 2027. Jessica Darin, vice president of strategic initiatives and advocacy, will lead this important effort along with her ongoing work on the Cal Poly Maritime Academy integration. She will coordinate with the provost, Academic Affairs, our shared governance leadership and many others to facilitate dialogue and move the process forward. I appreciate your involvement this fall, and I am eager to hear your suggestions to make year-round operations a success.

If you missed Fall Convocation in San Luis Obispo or at the Solano Campus, I encourage you to watch the recordings which will be available on our [Fall Conference](#) website. You will hear about our vision for the year ahead and celebrate the outstanding faculty and staff who were honored for their contributions. You may also be interested to learn more about the [CSU Strategic Plan: CSU Forward](#).

As always, thank you for choosing Cal Poly. I wish you all a great fall term. Go Mustangs!

Sincerely,

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President

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