



# WestWords

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Colleagues:

As we head into the final days of the spring semester and the campus-wide celebration that is our Commencement, I want you all to know how much I have appreciated your support and counsel during the last eight months. It has truly been a privilege to become part of the West community and to be here at a time that we are undergoing a true transformation in the way we will envision a community college education. We will be guided in large part by the expectations of the District and the State that we actively pursue new opportunities within the context of guided pathways, a renewed focus on CTE and ADT offerings, the effect of the Supplemental Retirement Plan, the arrival of new faculty and staff with different ideas and opinions...but most importantly, by our institutional mission and vision.

As a result, over the summer our priorities will be the development of a staffing plan within the administrative sector of the College, to be approved by the Chancellor prior to replacing any non-faculty positions vacated by the SRP (a maximum of 80% of said positions can be re-filled). We will also be working on our proposal for new construction under the tenets of Measure CC; I will know more about the guidelines after this week's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Finally, please join me in thanking those in the West community who are retiring at the end of the semester. Your contributions to our students and to the campus are now, and will continue to be, deeply appreciated.

This is the last issue of "WestWords" until the fall, so I want to close with an example of the dedication you continue to show to West and to our students. The Overland entrance to the campus, as pictured, is now a beautiful introduction to West, the result of the hard work of our gardening staff—Jeff Delzell, designer and lead; Derwin Pollard; An Nguyen; JC Rivera; and Rudy Pangan. Their dedication sends a message that from the very first view, visitors and students will know what we know—that our campus is a special place.

My best to each of you as you enjoy well-deserved vacations, wherever your travels may take you.

Cordially,

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