



Welcome from the President

Dear CSUCI Student:

I am pleased to report that *your* University continues on a path of excellence, which is demonstrated by the numerous statewide and national awards for campus sustainability, building design, as well as recognition of academic programs. Excellence also appears in ongoing scholarly and creative work by our faculty and in the changed lives of our students who have participated with international visits led by our faculty. For most of our students, if not all, these opportunities open their eyes to the real world in which they live. As we are aware, the 21st century is not confined to Ventura County. Through these international study trips students' myopia is translated into an awareness which changes them forever.

Closer to home, the campus continues with several construction projects currently underway, including the Martin V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making to be completed in early spring, and at the request and vote by students, a University Student Union is in progress and is slated to be completed next fall. Other campus infrastructure improvements continue as well, including planning for a new entry road that will be completed about two years from now.

All of this progress is essential to provide appropriate physical support for our programs and our students, for we committed to build a university for the future, not for the past. We intended to provide access but access to the future to include those, notably, who have been underserved. We came from other places, from other regions, from other experiences, intent upon being special, confident of our uniqueness, dedicated to quality educational content and practices for the future world in which our students would live. Academic innovation and physical progress ensure that we offer appropriate access and substantial opportunity.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many student services available and wish you much success during the spring semester, which will culminate in the excitement of students graduating and in the completion of important campus projects.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Richard R. Rush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Richard R. Rush
President