



Greetings Students!

When I woke up this morning, I knew it was really moving into fall. It was really chilly (well chilly for southern California!), and I could smell my neighbor's fireplace.

I hope you have had a wonderful October. Halloween is one of my favorite holidays and it's sad that we can't enjoy as much as we would have given the constraints of the coronavirus. I am a big fan of horror movies (especially those of the cheesy variety) which fortunately can be watched in safety at home! I hope you are also able to have fun despite the coronavirus.

I also don't know how many of you will be attending our Monster Dash & Bash event - [details available here](#). I will be honoring my recent gardening activities and wearing a costume in that regard. It won't be "scary" but maybe it will be scary to see me wearing it!

Thank you to those who attended our ZOOM Q & A Session on October 15. We are examining our calendars to see when it would be best to have another session. Keep an eye on your Palomar email for details and I hope to see you there!

It has been tough with all of this remote work and learning and not being able to see you all on campus is a bummer! Please let us know what we can do to continue to meet your educational needs while still protecting everyone's health and safety at the College. Our focus is particularly important given COVID-19 rates continue to rise in the region. We are currently discussing how to best plan for the summer 2021 session and fall 2021 semester. As soon as we have detailed plans, we will share them with you. Please stay safe out there, wear a mask, and avoid large gatherings!

Did you know that Palomar College had the largest number of students registering to vote in the region based on the [Ballot Bowl competition](#) among all community colleges? Congrats to all of you and our Student Life and Leadership team!

BIG NEWS!! We also finalized the work required to refinance our bonds. **This will save our taxpayers \$21.2 million.**

Monthly Reminders

1. The Palomar College Foundation has [emergency grants available](#) to help with unexpected expenses due to COVID-19 or any other situation.
2. Have you connected with our [virtual student support team](#)?
3. Check out the work we are doing to build an [antiracist framework](#) framework for Palomar College.
4. Don't forget about the grading deadlines for fall semester. The information is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
5. We update our [COVID-19 website](#) regularly. Check it out!

I hope all are well – take good care!

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Interim Superintendent/President