



Hello students!

I can't believe it's already June! I celebrated a birthday this month, so I do want to say a special hello to my fellow Geminis out there! Congratulations on completing your spring semester. I imagine you must feel pretty relieved at this point, and I hope very proud of your accomplishments. College of course is a challenge in and of itself, but this year was especially difficult so be proud of what you have done and will do in the future.

Over Memorial Day weekend, I was able to visit my parents, brother, sister-in-law, niece and nephew for the first time since the start of the pandemic. It was great to see them, and just spend time talking and catching up. We got takeout from one of my favorite Italian places (with amazing calzones!) and had a great time together. I hope as conditions are improving you are able to reconnect with friends and family as well. These types of gatherings are a crucial piece of us moving forward.

I don't know how many of you were able to join friends in the 2021 drive-through commencement celebration recently, but it was awesome. Seeing the faces of our graduates and their families had me bursting with joy. I'll be looking forward to seeing it all again next year!

Thinking ahead, summer and fall registration are open now. We have expanded our face-to-face course schedule for the fall semester. You can find open classes [at this link](#). Being able to register for both summer and fall is really convenient, as you can set your schedule with just one session on the [MyPalomar site](#). If you need advice or ideas on next steps, you can contact a [Counselor here](#). Also, please do not hesitate to [reach out to our financial aid team](#) to find ways to fund your education. Lastly, don't forget about our [Virtual Help Desk!](#)

As we look to our summer and fall terms, please know that we are continually focused on keeping the campus safe. Like our colleagues at the CSU and UC systems, and other community colleges in our region, we are asking our Governing Board to support the requirement of COVID-19 vaccinations for students and employees, once one of the vaccines gains full FDA approval. The College is working on a vaccination plan that will provide guidance to students and employees. The plan will be centered on face-to-face instruction and on-campus operations, and will consider religious and health exemptions. We will have access to free vaccinations and testing on campus to help all involved. We will keep our [COVID-19 website](#) updated with the plan, so please visit the [COVID-19 website](#) frequently. Of course, if you prefer, you can continue to take your courses online.

Leading the College keeps me very busy, but I have still had some time for hobbies. Our garden, that I have mentioned in previous communications, is doing well although we still have not had enough sun to facilitate the growth of my hot peppers! My wife did pull some cucumbers recently and is trying her hand at pickling, so I will report on that as well next month! My hobby of recording music is in the works as well. I just ordered a bunch of microphones for a drum set and have an interesting plan for the summer. More on this later.

I hope you are well and have a wonderful June!

Take care!

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