

**President Soraya M. Coley**  
**Welcome Message to Start of Spring Semester**  
**January 2020**

Happy New Year and welcome to spring semester 2020! The start of the academic term is always a time of great anticipation and potential.

As always, we have much to be proud of as a university. Our latest entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade dazzled the crowd and won the award for outstanding artistic design; we just opened two new residence halls and a dining commons sure to become a campus community gathering space; and we were once again named a national leader in promoting social mobility. These accomplishments only happen because of the dedicated students, faculty, and staff that make up Cal Poly Pomona.

With the new semester and new year ahead of us, I reaffirm Cal Poly Pomona's continued commitment to being a university that affirms the well-being and success of each member of our campus community, where students, faculty, and staff can learn and work in an environment that values your unique and diverse perspectives and your lived experiences. We have, and will, face obstacles in living up to these ambitions, and I understand that this is a challenging time for many among us. But our resolve is not diminished by these challenges. Strengthened by our diversity and shared aspirations, Cal Poly Pomona will continue to seek to be a model for an inclusive polytechnic university.

Have a great semester, and I look forward to seeing you on campus.