

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

With Thanksgiving just a few days away, I have been reflecting on the things I am most grateful for. While there are many personal things in my life that I am thankful for like family, friends, and good health, I am also incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve this great institution. It's the intangible things here on campus that inspire my gratitude and put things into perspective in a humbling way. Some of those moments include the times when I get to hear personal stories from our students when they share their excitement about transferring or about a challenge they may be facing. Or, when faculty and staff tell me about student success stories or about a new hobby they are exploring; these things make me feel grateful. Most of all, I am thankful for our students and the energy and knowledge they bring to our lives. Thank you for the work you do to make the lives of our students better and for making the campus a welcoming place for everyone. Without your commitment, creativity, and passion, we would not be the thriving institution we are.

If vegetables are the biggest portion of your thanksgiving meal, may I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie?

I hope you enjoy your time with loved ones and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with abundance and bright moments!

Best,
Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President/Superintendent