



## Office of the President

December 15, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

The theme for yesterday's Holiday Reception was "Winter Wonderland," and Mother Nature did not disappoint! Thank you to everyone who braved the cold weather and celebrated with us. Wind, rain, and even a brief power outage did not stop us from having a great time together. It was an event to remember and I was pleasantly surprised by the large turnout. I hope that you enjoyed the holiday music provided by Dr. David Betancourt and the student musicians. The Dance group wowed us all with a festive performance, and last but not least, the up-and-coming superstars in the Child Development Center—managed by an excellent team of staff members—delighted us with an animated performance.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the day was being able to see so many of you in person after nearly two years of meetings and greetings via computer screens and webcams. I enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with many of you. I hope that you enjoyed the same opportunity with your friends and coworkers.

In these interesting times, planning a party can be especially challenging. Please join me in thanking Cheryl Thury for coordinating and making last-minute accommodations to keep us dry in the winter weather. Please also join me in thanking all of Santa's elves for braving the elements and transforming the Admin Quad:

- Amber Douglas
- Amna Jara
- Cindy Lo
- Denise Marshall
- Jasmine Arguello
- Katie Mishler
- Linda Kaufman
- Quinn Doan
- Sarah Pirtle
- Toni Grijalva
- Teresa Velazquez Ortega

A big "thank you" also goes to Pamela Sepulveda, Madison Ellis, Angelica Profumo, Auri Rocha, Carmella Rangel, and Malofou Sagiao for providing and loading a sleigh full of essential items, generously donated by our employees, and delivering them the Falcon's Nest for our students. Please also join me in thanking Franco Falcon for joining the party—we have missed seeing him! [Melrose Catering](#) impressed us all with a variety of delicious food and drinks, which was swiftly enjoyed by all.

Last but not least, let's thank our incredible Facilities team. A last-minute change of plans did not appear to phase them one bit. As always, they provided excellent service despite the rainy weather:

- Alfred Rodriguez Sr.
- Alfred Rodriguez Jr.
- Armando Garcia
- Brian Leighliter
- Carlos Serna
- Daniel Chatman
- EC Jones
- Fazal Pedraza
- Javier Ruiz
- Jorge Cuevas
- Jose Morales
- Joseph Carrillo
- Juan Gomez
- Keven Butler
- Les Bell
- Silvano Gonzalez
- Tramaine Peele

One last note: if you received an email that you are eligible to pick up a beanie, be sure to pick it up from the President's Office no later than Tuesday, December 21.

Please enjoy the following photos courtesy of Kelly Kwan.



Thank you again for a wonderful day. Happy Holidays to each of you.

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