



Office of the  
President

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Dear Colleagues,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you can spend time with your loved ones and reflect upon what we are most grateful for.

This year, I am keeping with the tradition of spending Thanksgiving with friends. Talking with staff, faculty, and students, the celebration of "Friendsgiving" seems to be a common theme, and I'm glad to see this tradition expanding. Since I do not have family close by, this time is usually a reminder of how deeply appreciative I am of the close friendships I developed since moving here.

I am thankful for my friends and family who encourage, motivate, and support me in whatever life circumstances. I am thankful for my Cerritos College family, for all the work that you do, and for the joy and laughs that we get to experience together. I am thankful for being part of an institution that changes the lives of our students and makes an impact throughout generations. Lastly, I am thankful for the commitment and dedication that I witness from our students, faculty, and staff. Seeing the dedication and commitment of everyone always inspires me to continue in this challenging but rewarding work.

Thanksgiving calls for us to take a moment and enjoy the simple things in life. We gather around a delicious meal and enjoy conversations amongst those who are important in our lives. We laugh, make jokes, play games, and look forward to the holiday season and new year. Some of us even prepare for the midnight shopping spree of Black Friday. I would enjoy hearing from all of you about the special moments and traditions that you do to celebrate this holiday.

I hope you all have a restful and pleasant weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

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