

Dear Coyotes,

Congratulations on successfully completing academic year 2023-24! I am sure it has been filled with moments of celebration and moments of frustration. But you have worked hard and persisted. I encourage all continuing students to consider what classes may be available over the summer term, not only to complete requirements but to keep your progress moving forward as you look ahead to your future graduation day.

And for those Coyotes who are members of the graduating Class of 2024, welcome to the growing ranks of CSUSB alumni! You have reached the finish line of this set of your academic goals. Regardless of whether you are planning next to enter the work force, start an internship or begin graduate school in the fall, you have this achievement which no one can ever take away from you. I know your family and friends are cheering you on as you begin this next stage in your life.

We all know that this is a challenging time in our world's history, with violence taking place around the globe. Closer to home, we see the ongoing struggle for civil rights as our nation strives to attain that more perfect union that has always been our country's goal. What I recommend, as you face our global and national communities, is to remember that we are all fellow human beings, and that the values of diversity, equity and inclusion are not simply empty words or slogans but a call to remember our common humanity. Be the thoughtful and active listeners you have been taught to be and strive to care for one another. This does not mean you always have to agree with differing viewpoints or perspectives. But we cannot demonize or dehumanize one another if we are to build a sustainable future for all of us.

I would therefore urge you, this summer, to get involved in your home community or the new community to which you will be moving. Attend a city council meeting; attend a school board meeting; learn who is running for local offices in your area. As conscientious citizens in an election year, while national offices get a lot of attention, you can have a great deal of impact in the community where you live. So, take that Coyote spirit with you and get informed and participate.

I am tremendously proud and grateful to serve as your president at CSUSB. Know that you are forever part of a community and institution of higher education dedicated to the free exploration of knowledge and ideas in a setting where all are welcome. Take those values with you this summer.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President