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Subject: University Honors Program Transition

Dear CSUSB Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce that the University Honors Program will formally transition into the CSUSB Honors College, effective fall 2025. As a part of this transition, the faculty director and staff will report to Dr. Caroline Vickers, Dean of Graduate Studies, and remain under Vice Provost Kelly Campbell's portfolio.

Last year, the University Honors Program underwent a self-study and external review facilitated by the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC). Several key recommendations from this review have informed a slight shift and refocusing of the program's strategic goals, leading to the establishment of an honors college that will elevate the program and expand its impact.

This transformation will enhance the university's ability to attract and support a diverse and talented student body and strengthen connections with high schools and community colleges, including honors-to-honors pipelines. The CSUSB Honors College will build upon the strong foundation that already exists, offering enhanced academic and co-curricular experiences and positioning CSUSB as a destination for high-achieving students. Importantly, it is a resource-neutral move with the infrastructure already in place and adheres to honors college best practices.

We are excited about this new chapter and look forward to sharing more details in the coming months. Thank you for your continued support as we expand opportunities for our students and the CSUSB community.

Sincerely,
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