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Dear CSUSM community,

It's hard to believe that less than a month remains of the spring 2025 semester! As we enter these final weeks of the academic year, there is much to look forward to – culminating in the joy and pride of commencement for our Cougars Class of 2025, on May 16-17.

With all the events, celebrations and final projects and exams going on in these final weeks, I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication in reaching the end of another successful school year. I also want to recognize that this time of year can bring on exhaustion and increased pressure and stress. And for some in our community, that stress is compounded by the uncertainty or concern surrounding recent national and international events and actions.

As I shared in my previous message to our campus, we are living through a time of great change – not just in higher education, but across our world. Amid that, I want to reiterate this simple but important truth: You matter. Every person at CSUSM belongs here, and our university remains unwavering in its commitment to supporting and uplifting each member of our community.

I am proud of the care and compassion that define our campus culture. At CSUSM, we don't just talk about support – we show up for one another, time and again.

As we move to the end of the semester, I want to remind you of the resources on campus. Whether you need someone to talk to, help navigating challenges or simply a place where you feel seen and heard, please know that there are resources and people who are here for you.

Here are a few places to start:

- Cougar Care Network
- DREAMer Resource Office
- Employee Assistance Program

- Faculty/Staff Associations
- International Student Services
- Student Health & Counseling Services
- Student Life Centers
- Undocumented and Mixed-Status Support Services
- Veterans Services

This time of year can be intense, but it's also a time of incredible momentum and purpose. Let's continue to support one another, extend grace and move forward together.

Warmly,

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President