Subject: A Message to Our Campus Community
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From: Office of the President
To: Christine Paik

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Dear campus community,

As we were completing finals week on Saturday, I learned of the shooting at Brown University. Like many of you, I was struck by the fact that they, too, were finishing their classes and looking ahead to the holiday break. It is the kind of moment that feels uncomfortably close to home. A classroom meant for learning was shattered by violence. It is difficult to process that reality as we continue to wind down our own academic routines, and it is a tragedy that no university community should ever have to deal with.

Before the day ended, we learned of another horrific act—this one across the globe in Australia—where members of the Jewish community were deliberately targeted while gathering to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah. In a season when so many of us are observing religious traditions and holidays, this is especially jarring.

I've said it before, and I must say it again, **as President of CSUSM, I denounce all acts of antisemitism, hate and violence**. We **must** be the change we need to see in our world, and that includes each and every one of us.

My heart, along with yours, goes out to all the victims, their loved ones and their communities. Unfortunately, there were many moments this year that have brought sorrow, including hate-filled attacks, political violence and harm directed at specific individuals and communities, including on college campuses, in places of worship and in other public spaces. I know this weighs heavily on you, as it does on me.

It is important for each of us to come together in our grief and in our care for one another. I want to convey to each one of you how important you are to me. As a fellow human being, I want to reiterate how much I care and that you matter.

And as we enter into the new year of 2026, take a moment to hug your loved ones tighter. When we see each other again, let's lead with love and come together around our shared purpose and commitment to humanity and with respect for one another.

If you need support, we are here for you. Please reach out to:

Employee Assistance Program
Student Health and Counseling Services

Ellen