



## A Holiday Message from the Chancellor

December 15, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

As another year comes to a close and we are busy focusing on the end of the semester, I would like to take a moment to reflect on how much our District continues to soar. This year, we welcomed more students and the community back to the Grossmont and Cuyamaca college campuses; our enrollment continued to show strong signs of recovery, and we designed new programs and supports for students—all while receiving awards and recognitions acknowledging our great work.

Other key highlights of this past year include:

- Over 2,200 students graduated from our colleges, earning more than 5,100 degrees and certificates;
- Both **Cuyamaca and Grossmont** colleges were recognized for their services to veterans. Cuyamaca College was ranked 80<sup>th</sup> in the nation by *Military Times* magazine as Best for Vets: Colleges and 125<sup>th</sup> in the nation as Best for Vets: Employers. This was the second year in a row that Cuyamaca College was recognized as a Best College for Veterans. **Grossmont College** was named a Military Friendly School by the organization Military Friendly, receiving a silver designation;
- **Grossmont College** was the top transfer school to San Diego State University for the sixth year in a row—more Grossmont College students enrolled at the university than from any other school during the Fall 2022 semester, and **Cuyamaca** had the highest transfer acceptance rate than any other community college in the region;
- **Grossmont College** was one of 27 community colleges and CSUs in the state to be recognized as a *Champion of Higher Education* based upon the proportion of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded;

- For the second consecutive year, **Cuyamaca College** was named a *Champion for Excelling in Equitable Course Placement in Campuswide English Enrollment*, with special acknowledgement for Latinx and Black enrollment in English by the Campaign for College Opportunity; and
- Several of our athletic teams won their conference championships, some making it all the way to the state finals.

Everyone across the District plays a pivotal role in our success. Whether you interact directly with students or provide services to the colleges or District, you play an important role in helping us fulfill our mission to provide high-quality equitable learning opportunities.

This holiday season, I am reminded how grateful I am to have the privilege to serve our District and work with such a dedicated team. I appreciate the tireless efforts by our employees to ensure that our colleges continue to make a real difference for our students and the community.

I hope you are able to spend time with friends and loved ones this holiday season. May your holidays be filled with peace and joy.

With gratitude,

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