



Office of the Chancellor

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On Thanksgiving

"I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks; and ever thanks . . ."

Sebastian to Antonio in *Twelfth Night*, III.3, William Shakespeare

There is nothing like the pure joy of counting one's blessings. Were I to count all of mine just since I came to City College, it would be the longest grace in the history of Thanksgiving dinners and the food would get cold!

I thank each one of you for lifting me up and teaching me how to grow in my own service to our students and the cause of social justice. Each day I am amazed by new examples of the "students first" dedication of our faculty, staff, administration, and Trustees. Each day you demonstrate your abiding commitment not just to the academic success of our students, but to their entire well being.

These are not mere words at City College. In these first months of working together, thanks to our Board's leadership, we have increased the minimum wage for students and taken vigorous steps to end student homelessness and food insecurity. We will of course keep in mind on Thanksgiving Day those of our students who have no place to go. We will also resolve that we will redouble our efforts to see to it that this will be the last Thanksgiving that this is so. I wish each one of you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends. You have given so much to so many. Enjoy your holiday in the peace and comfort you so richly deserve for a job well done.

With my thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Rocha".

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