



Office of the Chancellor

OFFICIAL COLLEGE STATEMENT

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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Colleagues:

On this first day of the spring semester, this comes with my warmest best wishes for a great semester and a very Happy New Year.

At our Flex Day last Friday, I spoke of our shared values and deep commitment to social justice. Free City is not merely an enrollment tactic but an expression of our higher purpose to provide universal access to the American Dream through a quality higher education at CCSF.

I know we also agree that our commitment to social justice extends to providing for our students who are homeless or hungry. Here I want to say, "God Bless!" to the good people of our Homeless At Risk Transitional Students (HARTS) program. HARTS Program Coordinator, Marea Natua Master, was kind enough to send the photo below of HARTS students enjoying the recent holiday luncheon. Donating a dinner is, of course, a good thing to do. But let us also resolve not to rest in this new year until every single one of our students has a warm place to study and have dinner every night.

The cold and wet winter will give way to Spring and before you know it, we will be celebrating Commencement on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 1pm. This year will we also be holding a Commencement Breakfast for faculty, staff, administrators and trustees to recognize and congratulate colleagues on promotions, retirements and similar acknowledgments. I ask each one of you to make a special, extra effort to help "Just One More" student graduate in May, or to help

just one more student complete your class, or to help just one more student obtain financial aid counseling or even just to help one more student take a shower in the Wellness Center. Your small, quiet unsung acts of assistance are the best way to change the world and ensure a just society. Keep up the great work!

I thank you for your efforts, past and future. If at any point I can help you in your journey this semester, meet me at Philz!

A Note on Academic Affairs

Our friend and colleague Anna Davies has resigned her position as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. In her letter to me of December 28, 2017, Anna conveyed her thanks to all of you and, most happily, reported that her mother has made significant progress with her health. I responded to Anna that she has our sincere gratitude for her excellent service to CCSF as well as our support and best wishes in her future endeavors.

I also thank acting Vice Chancellor Tom Boegel for stepping up to serve the college well, as he has always done. Tom has agreed to continue as interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs through next year. Thank you, Tom!

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark W. Rocha', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Mark W. Rocha, Chancellor
City College of San Francisco



HARTS students enjoying the CCSF holiday luncheon. December 14, 2017.