

# President's Message

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It's just a book — this *General Catalog* — and if you let it, it will reveal a great deal of information about California State University, Fresno. With the turn of each page, you will uncover more and more facts about a new and exciting world. Through the eyes of our students, faculty, staff, and administrators you will sense the pride each person feels in being a part of this great university. These eyes also reveal the rich diversity in our university family.

We are proud of our students. They bring a diversity of backgrounds — ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic — and their harmony echoes through the campus. We are also seeing more students reentering after years away from school, and we are impressed with the number of students who are the first in their family to attend a university.

As with our ever-changing student body, the depth and breadth of our programs of study continually undergo evolutionary change. Each year, we update our fields of study to keep pace with new technologies and to reflect global concerns. This catalog introduces four new degree programs, a B.A. in Chicano Studies, a B.A. in Physical Science, a Master of Physical Therapy, and a Master of Public Health.

At CSU Fresno learning never stops. You will find dedicated professors who care about their students and are willing to give of their time on an individual basis. Your fellow students will reach out through student organizations that are as diverse as the student body itself. Staff and administrators will advise, counsel, and guide you through the challenges that face you today and the ones you will meet tomorrow.

No doubt you'll purchase a number of books while attending this university, but it is this book that will guide you through your life as a university student. We hope you will refer to this *General Catalog* time and time again.

