



California State University, Fresno

Thank you for a great fall semester!

As the fall semester - my first as your President - comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support since my appointment in late May. I am deeply inspired by your passionate commitment to our missions of teaching, applied research and public service. Each of you is vitally important to Fresno State's future success.

Thanks to your efforts, we have had a very successful semester. We enjoyed a record-breaking year at Fresno State!



- We had the largest student enrollment and one of the largest and most distinguished groups of new faculty in our history.
- Freshman applications for fall 2014 admission are almost 7 percent higher than they were one year ago, which is more than twice the CSU system average.
- Our athletic programs also thrived. Our student athletes and coaches continue to win with integrity and to enhance the overall awareness of Fresno State across the nation.

At the Spring Assembly on Jan. 13, I will provide you with more details about how Fresno State will achieve new heights of success in the future. To reach those heights, I will need your very best and most creative efforts. In turn, I commit to investing more resources in your professional development and building an even stronger campus community where everyone thrives.

Fresno State's future is very bright. If our future is bright, so is the future of this great Valley.

Viva Las Vegas! Go 'Dogs!

See you in 2014!

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D., M.P.P.
President

