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Campus email message:

Greetings to all of you and please allow me to express how excited my wife, Mary, and I are to be joining you at Fresno State. I am deeply honored and humbled by the confidence shown in me as I become the eighth president of a university that I consider to be among the finest in California and the nation.

In recent weeks and months I have been immersing myself in all things Fresno State: its history, its growth and development, its culture of community service and civic engagement, and the solid connection with all of the Central Valley. I even bought a Bulldog baseball cap a few weeks ago with the hope that I could wear it proudly as your President. I am very impressed with the achievements of Fresno State students, faculty and staff. I love the wonderful diversity of the campus, and I see Fresno State as a place for success for students and for career growth and satisfaction for faculty and staff.

I know the real strength of Fresno State is its people, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you. Mary and I were both born and raised in the Central Valley and we are very happy to return home and help make a positive difference.

Over the next two months, I will complete my obligations at the University of California, San Francisco while working closely with Dr. Welty and others to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

I look forward to joining you on August 1!

Joseph I. Castro

President-designate