



The California State University

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to inform you that Dr. Sylvia A. Alva has accepted the position of executive vice chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs. She will begin her new role on August 2, 2021.

Dr. Alva is an exceptionally talented and student-focused educational leader whose CSU roots run deep. She currently serves as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Cal Poly Pomona, where she leads the strategic and academic direction of the campus's Division of Academic Affairs. She also holds a faculty appointment in the Psychology Department.

Prior to her role at Cal Poly Pomona, Dr. Alva served as dean of the College of Health and Human Development at CSUN. She began her professional career at Cal State Fullerton, first as an assistant professor of child and adolescent development before being promoted to associate and then full professor. Dr. Alva then held a number of administrative roles at Fullerton, starting as the educational equity coordinator for the College of Health and Human Development and culminating as associate vice president for undergraduate programs.

Dr. Alva herself is a product of the CSU, having earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal State LA. She also earned a master's and Ph.D., both in psychology, from UCLA. Like several CSU presidents and me, Dr. Alva has also participated in the Executive Leadership Academy at the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Alva is laser-focused on student success, with a demonstrated commitment to and passion for equity in all its dimensions. As her professional experience and achievements indicate, she has an invaluable perspective regarding what students need to excel, both inside and outside of the classroom. And as a proud CSU alumna, she also has a deep and personal appreciation for the transformative power of a Cal State degree.

I am delighted that the California State University and our students, faculty and staff will benefit from Dr. Alva's leadership and professional expertise, as well as her compassionate heart. I hope you will join me in offering her a warm welcome when she joins the Chancellor's Office on August 2.

Sincerely,

Joseph I. Castro
Chancellor