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Office of the President

Dear Campus Community,

I am writing to share the news that California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White announced today he will retire effective next June. On behalf of the Cal Poly Pomona community, I express our gratitude to Chancellor White for his years of service leading the nation's largest four-year public university system.

An alumnus of all three of California's systems of public higher education, Chancellor White started his tenure at the CSU in 2012, after having served in leadership positions at UC Riverside, the University of Idaho, and Oregon State University. Over the last seven years, his leadership ensured that the CSU continues to be the national model for access and diversity in higher education, and his commitment to improving student success, epitomized by the Graduation Initiative 2025, has had a transformative effect for our campus. Indeed, with the increased resources that have been the hallmark of Chancellor White's tenure, Cal Poly Pomona has more dramatically empowered the talents and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff. As a result, we've made historic gains in both improving graduation rates and eliminating equity gaps.

The CSU Board of Trustees will begin a search for White's replacement immediately, with the goal of appointing the next chancellor by the end of the current academic year. The Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the Chancellor will begin by conducting a listening tour in November and December, including forums across the state. An Advisory Committee, including leadership from the statewide academic senate, California State Student Association, alumni council, campus presidents, and staff, will also be appointed to serve in concert with the Trustees' Committee. You can read additional details in the [press release](#) sent out by the Chancellor's Office.

Please join me in thanking Chancellor White for his transformational leadership of the CSU and service to our State.

Sincerely,

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President