



Dear Michele,

On behalf of The Coalition, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on the remarkable 20 years of dedication and leadership as President. Your unwavering commitment to advocating for students in California has been truly inspiring, and your numerous achievements have significantly shaped the landscape of California Community Colleges.

Under your guidance, the Campaign for College Opportunity has thrived thanks to your unapologetic and visionary leadership as well as the hard work of your dedicated team of professionals. Your many accomplishments, from eliminating remedial courses, to ensuring attention to racial equity, have left an indelible mark on our community colleges and the lives of countless students.

We are equally grateful for your collaboration with our organizations: COLEGAS, A2MEND, APAHE, and The Coalition, which has provided invaluable support and guidance to us as equity-minded leaders in community colleges. Your leadership has been instrumental in fostering a culture of inclusivity and innovation within our educational institutions.

We also extend a warm welcome to Jessie Ryan as the incoming President of the Campaign for College Opportunity. We are excited for the wealth of experience and passion Jessie will bring to this role. We have every confidence that she will continue to build upon all your successes, working tirelessly to advance opportunities for students across California.

As you embark on a new chapter, please know that your legacy will continue to inspire us all. We look forward to supporting Jessie and the entire Campaign team as they carry forward the work and pursue new heights of excellence in service to students.

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