

**ABOUT SSU**

# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

---



**W**elcome to Sonoma State University. You join approximately 8,200 other students at this campus who are pursuing a college degree. As you are aware, a college degree is more crucial than ever in order to succeed in today's ever-changing world.

Sonoma State University is an ideal place to live and learn. This campus highly values student satisfaction, retention, and graduation. We are eager to help you succeed in your educational goals and career plans.

This university has many attributes that will serve you as a student. It is a beautiful campus with a strong sense of community. It is also a place for opportunity and personal growth made possible through a student-centered learning environment. I predict you will experience each over the next few years. Here you will find relatively small classes with faculty who are committed to your scholarship and intellectual progress.

Scan the hundreds of course offerings in this catalog. They are the foundation of our high quality educational programs designed to develop your intellect, increase your understanding of yourself and others, and prepare you for the diverse challenges ahead.

Sonoma State University's deep commitment to the teaching and learning of the liberal arts and sciences has shaped a top-notch university experience. You can be proud to attend Sonoma State University and I know you will be proud to be called an alumnus of this university in just a few years.

As with all exploration, the pursuit of knowledge is rigorous and demanding. But if you accept the challenge, you will find your life is immeasurably enriched. I invite you to join us in our common adventure and wish you the greatest success.

— *Ruben Armijana, Ph.D.*