

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is no secret that I am proud of Sonoma State University! This truly remarkable institution located in the heart of California's famous Wine Country holds so much to investigate and discover.

As you seek the best environment in which to further your frontiers of knowledge and experience, come explore SSU. Wander our beautiful campus. Hear our students and faculty discussing the day's lectures. Scan the hundreds of course offerings in the *SSU 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. Our enrollment is increasingly competitive because we have developed a reputation for excellence. And our selection to represent California as a member of the nationwide Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges stands as further proof of our quality. Known as COPLAC, this group of colleges has been called the "Public Ivies" since these institutions are dedicated to promoting the values of superior undergraduate education in a public college setting. We think this selection is a testament to our strengths and our mission of enlightening students and creating the foundation for lifelong learning.

Sonoma State University is an ideal place to live and learn. This campus is student-centered, and our faculty and staff have three main goals: student satisfaction, retention, and graduation. We are eager to help you choose your personal goals and design a course of study.

Like all exploration, the pursuit of knowledge is rigorous and demanding. But if you take up 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, because your success is our success.

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