



August 4, 2010

Dear Faculty and Staff,

In preparation for the upcoming fall semester, I have reflected on the years that we have shared with one another. I am increasingly enamored by the history of our colleges and their relevance to our community. As my relationship with you and our district evolves, I gain an even deeper appreciation of your service and commitment to our district and community.

Through each of you, our colleges transform lives by providing the best possible educational opportunities to our students. Like much of the world, the state of California continues to be negatively impacted during this economic recession; however, your service and dedication to our students provides optimism – thank you.

The college presidents and I look forward to the 2010-11 academic year as we continue our pledge to the success of our colleges. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Guy Lease will serve as the Interim President of Las Positas College. Dr. Lease brings over thirty years of experience as a California educator serving in the roles of faculty, dean, business officer, and superintendent/president.

Dr. Lease is a recipient of the prestigious California Community College Harry Buttimer Award. This award symbolizes the qualities for which he is known: integrity, principle, compassion, strength in leadership, contributions to colleagues and the profession, and service to the community.

Dr. Lease has chaired six California community college accreditation teams, and was a member of the California Community College Strategic Planning Implementation Oversight Committee 2006-07, and the California Community College Strategic Planning Steering Committee 2005-06. Dr. Barberena and I are looking forward to a promising collaboration with him, as the presidential search for Las Positas College's fifth president gets underway.

Convocation will be held on Monday, August 16, 2010, in the Physical Education Complex, Building 2500 on the Las Positas College campus. We will begin the Chancellor's Program promptly at 9:30 a.m. with the focus being on how our colleges will continue to serve future generations. The Convocation Agenda is available on the CLPCCD website (www.clpccd.org). Come and enjoy refreshments, good conversation with friends and colleagues, and become acquainted with those who are new to our CLPCCD family.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the staff who have been working over the summer months in preparation for our students' arrival this fall. I look forward to welcoming each of you to Convocation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel L. Kinnamon".

Joel L. Kinnamon, Ed.D.
Chancellor

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