

# President's Welcome

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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to California State University, San Bernardino, an institution committed to student success both in and out of the classroom. As a major metropolitan R2 (for “high research activity”) Research University with approximately 19,000 students on two campuses in San Bernardino and Palm Desert, we are here to support the higher educational needs of the Inland Empire and the Coachella Valley.

Our university has a rich tradition of providing quality education in an environment that reflects the dynamic diversity of the region. Our outstanding faculty are award-winning scholars, highly recognized for their academic contributions and teaching. Our experienced staff are caring and courteous, dedicated to assisting with any questions or needs. Together, our faculty and staff foster a culture of excellence committed to empowering student success.

Our beautiful and spacious campuses offer a wonderful environment in which to learn. You will find CSUSB a welcoming and inclusive place with exceptional facilities and extensive resources that provide a world-class educational experience. Our students **look like** the Inland Empire. And the vast majority are first-generation, that is, the first in their family to attend college. Additionally, CSUSB has also been a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution since 1994. We are now the 2nd largest HSI in California and the 16th largest in the country. Since 2009, we are a designated Minority-Serving Institution as well.

The university offers over 70 traditional baccalaureate and master’s degree programs, education credential and certificate programs and a doctorate program in educational leadership, all within five academic colleges: the College of Arts and Letters, the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration, the James R. Watson and Judy Rodriguez Watson College of Education, the College of Natural Sciences and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. With extensive augmented learning opportunities such as internships, research and travel abroad, I am certain CSUSB has a degree program that is right for you.

I am immensely proud that CSUSB has climbed in *U.S. News & World Report’s* social mobility rankings to 4<sup>th</sup> nationally, up from 13 last year. The SMI benchmarks four-year U.S. colleges and universities according to how effectively they enroll students from low-income backgrounds and graduate them into good-paying jobs. Additionally, our campus was recognized in 2021, 2022 and 2023 as an Equity Champion of Higher Education for Excellence by the Campaign for College Opportunity

(<https://collegecampaign.org/>) for leading the state and working with intentionality to support Black and Latinx students through the associate degree for transfer program. These rankings, along with CSUSB’s recognition by both *Washington Monthly* and *The Princeton Review* as among their best-in-the-western U.S. categories, demonstrate that affordability does not cancel quality.

These are exciting times at Cal State San Bernardino. We are well into construction of our new Performing Arts Center on the San Bernardino campus. Once completed, the Center will include a 500-seat theatre as well as a renovation of existing rehearsal and teaching spaces and will be the premier performing arts facility for our community and bi-county region. Out in Palm Desert, we have raised the required funding to move forward with our plans to construct a new Student Services Building! This facility will be designed for maximal flexibility as the PDC continues to grow.

All this and more demonstrates how, at CSUSB, **We Define the Future.**

Further information about CSUSB can be found online at [www.csusb.edu](http://www.csusb.edu) (<http://www.csusb.edu>) . We offer campus visits, either virtually or onsite. To sign up for an in-person campus tour, visit: <https://www.csusb.edu/visit-csusb> (<https://www.csusb.edu/visit-csusb/>).

I hope you will look closely at all we have to offer and reach out to connect with our faculty, staff and students. I assure you it will be time well spent.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales, Ph.D.  
President