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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 8, 2024

Dear Campus Community,

Happy New Year! I trust each of you had a restful, relaxing, and restorative winter break.

This spring Cal Maritime will host a wide array of campus events including an Offshore Wind Convention, the Women in Maritime Leadership Conference, Career Fair, and many athletic competitions. Let's aim to engage and participate in all that our campus has to offer to support and strengthen our campus community.

As I discussed throughout the last semester, we will continue to analyze and act on the enrollment declines and budget challenges that face our campus. Many have heard me discuss the "art of the possible," a saying that lends itself to the pragmatic and attainable. This is something that I would like for us all to be mindful of as we embrace the newness of this year and the future of the campus. While we are going to have to make some tough decisions considering the budget realities faced by the state, CSU, and our campus, I know we will emerge from these challenges a stronger, more robust campus community.

Good luck to our seniors who are taking the USCG licensing exams this week. We are wishing you well and eagerly anticipate the bell ringing in the quad signifying the successful passing of these rigorous exams.

I look forward to a great semester and know in the blink of an eye it will be time to congratulate those who will be walking across the stage at Commencement. As we embrace all that 2024 has to offer, I wish each of you a bright New Year full of potential and possibilities.

Respectfully,

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