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*Sent on behalf of Interim President Dumont*

Dear Campus Community,

In reconnecting with our fellow colleagues and students this week following the winter break has been both energizing and enlightening. I am struck by how many of us are navigating what is an unusually challenging start to the new year. Many tell me they are coming out of the holidays and the national election cycle exhausted and feeling like they had no semester break. For example, our senior license-track cadets had little downtime over the holidays as they diligently focused on preparing for their Coast Guard exams, many of us are fighting illness in our own homes that hit over the holidays, others are working on their own health issues or are suddenly navigating other major family health issues, and some are eagerly looking forward to their own children going back to school (not soon enough!). And all of us are shocked and saddened by the devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area and the suffering of those affected yet are thankful for the first responders who are giving the fight their all.

No doubt these issues are dimming our excitement of the New Year. Januarys are always a tough month, but I know we will get through this one just as we always do. As we look ahead to 2025, and our integration with Cal Poly, we will embrace the inevitable changes that come with every new year, even a challenging one like 2025 is poised to be. And we will continue to do what we do best: deliver for our students, stay true to our values as a CSU institution, and take care of one another. Please know we will get through this, and we will do it together. Thank you for being an integral part of Cal Maritime.

As we close out the first week of the spring semester, the large bell in the quad is heard ringing around campus. Congratulations to our senior license-track cadets for successfully completing their exams.

Respectfully,  
Mike

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