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From the Dean



Inspiring Learning and Promoting Equity Through Education

Dear SOE Colleagues, Students, Alumni, and Community Partners,

On Thursday, June 2, my second day as your new Dean, I arrived early while it was still quiet, save the songs of the starlings nesting around Madera Hall. As I reached the top steps of our floor, I spent some time studying the colorful murals and reflecting on our Mission:

The School of Education at California State University Channel Islands serves students, families, and communities by effectively preparing culturally competent teachers and leaders who work collaboratively to inspire learning and promote equity in and through education.

Service. Preparation. Cultural competence. Collaboration. Inspiration. Equity. Education.

These are the themes that resonate for me as I consider our mission. These are the themes I will return to in the days to come as I support each of you and our school in realizing that mission.

A number of you met me during the search process and attended the Town Hall where I presented a talk I titled, "Beloved Community," as a tribute to bell hooks. She wrote, "If we want a beloved community, we must stand for justice." I offered that in each circumstance in which we find ourselves, we can seek to engender a beloved community—a culture of interdependence, respect, support, and trust.

In another of bell hooks' works, Killing Rage, Ending Racism, she reminded us that "beloved community is formed not by the eradication of difference but by its affirmation, by each of us claiming the identities and cultural legacies that shape who we are and how we live in the world."

Beloved community emerges when we see others no longer as "the Other." When we recognize that our lives are enriched by those in our constellation. When we continue to build bridges and challenge barriers. I consider it an honor, privilege, and sacred trust to serve as Dean and to become a member of your beloved community.

While I recognize that faculty are on summer break, I invite you to reach out prior to your return in August if you wish. F2F coffee, zoom, and phone all work for me. Lizzy Loredo (elizabeth.loredo@csuci.edu) can help you set up a time.

Looking forward,

Elizabeth

Elizabeth C. Orozco Reilly
Dean and Professor

News and Notes

July 28, 2022
Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans Program
The Provost has asked Dean Reilly to take the lead on this federal grant due in late July that would garner seed funding to establish a new counseling and psychology department in SOE. We presently do not provide any support for our schools or region in this critical area, and we will be looking toward establishing the CTC Pupil Personnel credential, school psychologist authorization, and several other degrees and licensures over time. The Dean is working with Dr. Chuck Weis and Dr. Kimmy Kee-Lee (College of Arts and Sciences, Chair of Psychology) on this project. If this area is of interest to you, do reach out to Dean Reilly. We need great thought partners as we move forward with this grant and these plans.

Thursday, August 18, 2022
Autumn Kick Off Retreat
Plan on arriving at 8:30 AM for breakfast with all faculty and staff. Faculty will reconvene after lunch and work with their departments and staff will engage in planning for the academic year. Details and venue upcoming.

August/September 2022
Tenure Line Hiring
The Provost has authorized two new lines for SOE. The Dean will work with the Academic Chairs to ensure they have the support they need to initiate the searches early.

October 2022
Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED) Fall Convening
"Charting Our Course" includes a restart of the Ed.D. in Educational Leadership at CI. We presently provide no support for our region for senior K-12 and community college leadership roles—most of which require the doctorate—and our regional superintendents endorse offering the degree. With that goal in mind, SOE is rejoining CPED, which will give us immediate access to the national network and to our 12 CSU CPED members whose Ed.Ds are housed in their colleges of education. A team of us will be attending the Fall Convening in Pittsburg to reengage once again.

January 2023
New Name, New Departments
In January 2023, the School of Education will become the College of Education, according to Provost Mitch Avila! Throughout the fall, the tenure line faculty will work on reorganizing into academic departments. They will invite input from our lecturers and staff.

March 2023
School of Education Social Justice Conference
SOE will once again host the annual Social Justice Conference in early March 2023 on the CI campus. (The actual date will depend on availability of our keynote speaker.) The Steering Committee is just assembling, so do reach out to Brittany Heery (brittany.heery@csuci.edu), our new SOE Social Media and Events Coordinator, if you'd like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to showcase CI and our region.

Awards and Accolades



Congratulations to Dr. Kathryn Howard on receiving two $250,000 grants for the teacher residency program. These grants help financially support our students in the residency program. Read about it here.

Congratulations to our Alumni, Jessica Clay on creating a disabilities awareness program. Learn more here.

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La Escuela de Educación de California State University Channel Islands sirve a estudiantes, familias y comunidades por medio de la preparación efectiva de maestras/os y líderes culturalmente competentes que trabajan en colaboración para inspirar el aprendizaje y promover la equidad en y a través de la educación.