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**To:** Colleagues < colleagues@groups.csusb.edu> **Subject:** Farewell Message from Provost McMahan

Dear Colleagues,

My heartfelt appreciation to those of you who attended my farewell celebration and for the many congratulatory cards and emails I have received. It's been an honor to serve as provost these last six years and to have been surrounded by such talented and compassionate individuals.

Thank you for your support, your incredible efforts – especially during a pandemic – and your friendship. I will miss the strong collaborations and generosity of such committed colleagues and am so proud of the <u>many successes we accomplished together</u>.

As the African proverb goes, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

I will always treasure our time and lessons learned together as well as the factors that first drew me to CSUSB in fall 2016: (1) the campus community's enthusiasm for making CSUSB the best that it can be, (2) the university's strong community partnerships, (3) the campus' big heart for service, (4) the beautiful grounds and mountain backdrop and, most importantly, (5) our collective desire to transform the lives of our students and to better the regional community.

I wish each of you the best in both your professional and personal lives. Please stay in touch and stop by for a visit next time you are in or passing through Spokane. Just be sure to bring some warm clothes!

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