Dear students:

I am delighted that you have chosen to join an outstanding learning and teaching community. I know that you will find yourself at home here on our spectacular campus.

De Anza is an exiting college, with an emerging focus on community and civic engagement. We want you to become an aware and engaged citizen committed to serving and transforming your community, as well as superbly educated in your chosen academic field. We expect you to emerge with broad, valuable attributes and skills.

All elements of this broad education are crucial to your success, including our outstanding academic programs and student services as well as our environment. In support of our environment, for example, De Anza is taking steps toward responsibility for the natural world, for energy conservation and for sustainability through our proposed Sustainability Management Plan.

Physical surroundings make a key difference in your capacity to thrive in a campus environment. De Anza is deeply fortunate that the local community overwhelmingly approved Measure E in 1999, which resulted in several key new facilities and widespread campus renovation, thereby improving your learning environment. Again in 2006, our local community voted to support the college by passing Measure C, in recognition of our continuing need for investment in our buildings, technology and infrastructure.

I urge you to invest in your successful education by taking full advantage of our campus and its programs and services. Your time and efforts will pay off for you and for us.

President Brian Murphy