

Connections with Pacific Last a Lifetime

By Donald V. DeRosa, President

As I reflect on my fourteen years at Pacific, I feel exceedingly grateful for the opportunity to have led such a distinctive and vibrant university and to know so many of its wonderful people. Indeed, many students, faculty, staff, and alumni consistently say it was the strong sense of community that attracted them to this University. As a new president, I was also struck by the stories of alumni, who maintained strong relationships with faculty years after graduation, and whose lives continue to bring distinction and honor to Pacific. I am thankful for the opportunity to know many of these alumni as well as the many friends who have adopted Pacific. Without the generous support of so many alumni and friends, much of what we have accomplished at

Pacific would not have been possible.

I am grateful for the support of the Board of Regents. They have asked me to continue, as President Emeritus, assisting Pacific in specific key areas. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a talented cabinet, with many inspiring academic leaders, and with people who make a difference on all three campuses.

I am grateful that I could leave my mark on so many programs and initiatives — the strong integration of liberal arts and professional education, the Brubeck Institute, the growth in international enrollment, experiential learning, the development of whole student education and leadership programs, the invigoration of campus recreation, the emotional intelligence

initiative, and the Powell Scholars. I am grateful that Pacific makes a significant difference in the lives of students.

Shortly, another new president will have the honor of beginning to develop relationships with our amazing Pacific people. I congratulate Dr. Pamela Eibeck, Dean of the College of Engineering of Texas Tech University, on her appointment as Pacific's next President. I am confident that, with your support, Pacific will continue to advance toward an even greater future. As a place of community and responsible leadership, Pacific will continue to emerge as the West's most distinctive, student-centered national university.



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