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Dear CSU Pueblo Faculty, Staff, Students, and University Partners --

I am so very excited to be here at CSU Pueblo as your President. I have been one week on the job, yet it has only felt like a half-hour. While time has passed by quickly, I have enjoyed every moment. This is solely due to the warm welcome my family and I have received from each of you. Thank you! The kindness and hospitality you have extended to us have made a profound impact, and we already feel a strong sense of belonging to this wonderful community. CSU Pueblo already feels like home.

From the moment we arrived, your warmth and enthusiasm have been evident in our every interaction. The support and friendliness we have encountered on campus, and in the community, have made the transition to CSU Pueblo smooth and enjoyable. I am energized by this vibrant community that is committed to the success of our students and to the pursuit of knowledge and creativity.

As I begin my tenure as the 16th President of CSU Pueblo, I have much to learn. In addition, I am eager to lead and inspire the evolution of our institution to the next level of success. In my commitment to learn, I will be visiting all areas of campus, Pueblo, and the Southern Colorado community. This means I will be introducing myself to you, possibly two or three times. If you see me on campus, out in the community, or at an event, please connect with me. If you see me walk by, and I seem distracted, please interrupt me. My priority is you! I am excited to meet everyone.

Today, we are hosting the Colorado State University System Board of Governors. Please engage with them. Share your ideas, successes, and challenges. Also, please let them know that Colorado State University Pueblo will succeed. And that, with your contributions, we will overcome any challenges and continue to make a positive impact for our communities.

My family and I are looking forward to becoming increasingly involved in campus life and getting to know all of you better. I am confident that, together, we can achieve great things and contribute to the growth and success of CSU Pueblo.

Once again, thank you for your warm welcome and for making us feel at home. I am honored to be a part of this exceptional community, and I am eager to embark on this journey with you .
Wishing you a fantastic academic semester ahead!

With gratitude,

Armando Valdez, 16th President
Colorado State University-Pueblo