

## From the Chancellor's Desk



Giving Thanks!

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KCCD Colleagues:

*To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant,  
to enact gratitude is generous and noble,  
but to live gratitude is to touch heaven*  
- Johannes Gaetner

Yesterday afternoon, I was on the road heading south to my daughter's place at Marina Del Rey to spend Thanksgiving with her, since she is working through the holiday. The drive took about twice as long with the notorious Wednesday pre-thanksgiving traffic. I let myself comfortably sink into the slow drive and my mind wandered.



Thanksgiving -- I give thanks for my parents Paul and Pam, for a loving and generously irreverent upbringing. I give thanks for Dr. Rick Wright and Dr. Jim Young for signing the required papers for my green card that allowed me to become a citizen of this great country. I give thanks for the 7-member Board of Trustees who take such good care of all of us in the Kern Community College District. I give thanks for all of you, dear colleagues, who are so committed to our students and to one another.

I am grateful for the 147 days I have been Chancellor of KCCD! The faith that you have placed in me is what gives me energy each day, and gives me inspiration to serve you to the best of my ability.

Most importantly, I'm so grateful for our amazing students who find the resolve to persevere through all the many challenges they encounter. I'm thankful for the innovative future that they will help create when they finish their education, and how they'll use their motivation and drive to transform the lives of their families and our community.

The future remains bright at KCCD!

With much warmth and collegiality

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