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To: The Campus Community

A sea of Warrior red shirts and a street full of smiles.... Friday evening’s CSU Stanislaus Night at the Turlock Farmers Market was a huge success. I hope all who participated enjoyed the festivities. Our campus community spirit was spotlighted, and our efforts to connect with the region were greatly appreciated. The music was excellent. The activities were fun. The tables were informative. My thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. And a special tip of the hat to Jill Tiemann-Gonzalez for her superb coordination effort.

On the subject of community, at my recent Annual Address, I asked that everyone "adopt a student." Nothing elaborate or overly structured. Just pick a student and tell him or her that you are there to help navigate whatever waters appear. Make a new friend. Introduce students who need a friend to colleagues who want to be one. Help your student find the right place for assistance when it is needed. Celebrate success; support during tough times. Have coffee or go to lunch together occasionally.

Many of you have written or stopped me on campus to say how much fun it has been to connect with students this way. Some offices are approaching this as a group project. Email me about your experience so that I can report back to the campus community how things are going. Simply write to president@csustan.edu -- subject line: Adopt a Student.

Community matters. Have a great day.

Sincerely,

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