Greetings to all of Pacific’s alumni, parents and friends! I am so proud to be President of this fine University, and I treasure the responsibility to lead Pacific at this promising point in its history. My many conversations over the last several months with faculty, students, staff, and alumni on each campus, have helped me to better understand Pacific from the perspective of those who study, teach and work here. As part of my “listening campaign” this year, I have heard many expressions of Pacific’s strengths and promise for Pacific’s future. Pacific’s strengths are clearly evident through the accomplishments of our alumni, as highlighted in this issue. The Pacific community is greatly honored to celebrate the lifetime achievements of Dave Brubeck ’42 who will receive the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors in December, and the NASA shuttle mission to the International Space Station from which Jose Hernandez ’85 has just returned.

Pacific’s commitment to high quality academic programs, to student-centeredness and whole person education, and to providing a superior education to talented students regardless of economic background are important values that provide a strong foundation for our work together. I plan to use much of my first year to deepen my knowledge of the University so that I can articulate my vision for building on these strengths. While I will dedicate time to get to know our three campus communities, I also hope to meet many of you at alumni and university events this year. Thank you for supporting this great University. I look forward to hearing from you.

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