



California State University
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THE PRESIDENT

Dear campus community,

Yesterday, the California State University Board of Trustees approved the renaming of Craven Hall to the Administration Building.

I want to thank the task force once again for its thoughtful research and deliberation on this matter, which included extensive consultation with students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of our broader community. The process was robust, inclusive, deliberate, evidence-based and took over 18 months. I appreciate that as a campus community, we can come together to work through complex issues such as this.

The task force also recommended memorializing the role of late state Sen. William Craven in creating CSUSM. To that end, I will be charging a work group to explore how best to preserve Sen. Craven's history. I also will form a work group to consult broadly with our internal and external communities and make a recommendation on the future name of the building.

We will need some time to make this transition over the next several months. I appreciate your understanding and patience as we update physical and digital signage and wayfinding/descriptive references to the building.

As we move forward, I know that this decision is grounded in our values of who we are as an institution that prioritizes diversity, equity and inclusion as well as the success of all our students. Together, we will continue to live our values as we remain a beacon of hope and opportunity – a university of true belonging for all.

Sincerely,

Ellen Neufeldt
President