

November 15, 2016

Dear Condor Family,

Last week's election – and the prior campaign – has created uncertainty for many of us. Months of negativity can take a toll on the body, mind, and spirit. But we are Condors – we are a community, and we are a *family*, one that cares about each and every member. As the President of Oxnard College, I want to reaffirm our commitment to all of you – our students. We are here for you today, as we will be tomorrow. By your side, we will always embrace our core values of inclusion and diversity and support those who want to build better lives for themselves and their communities.

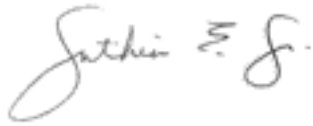
As you move through the next few weeks, please make note of the following on-campus resources:

- Our *Oxnard College Student Health Center* has two mental health counselors on staff that can provide assistance if you're experiencing distress. It's important to take care of yourselves and those around you. Please don't hesitate to reach out for support. Call 805-678-5832 or visit our health center for more information. Also of note, the JED Foundation is a great online resource with sound suggestions for managing post-election stress: <https://www.jedfoundation.org>.
- Recently, we have received a lot of questions from Dream Act students related to the status of their financial aid. I want to remind you all, including those who are undocumented, that financial aid remains available for you to pursue your educational goals. In California, in-state enrollment fees and state financial aid, including fee waivers, Cal Grants and privately funded institutional scholarships, are available to certain undocumented students (CA Dreamers). These benefits are protected by California law. More information can be found by clicking on the "Dream Act" link at: icanaffordcollege.com.

- On **Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m. in LA 6**, several faculty members will host a ***Post-Election Forum***. This open discussion will serve as an opportunity to create dialogue and understanding after the election. We encourage students to attend this forum to have their voices heard and to hear from our staff and faculty.

Best wishes for successful finals.

Sincerely,



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