

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO September 18, 2020

Dear Arts and Humanities Scholar,

Congratulations on attaining a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in Spring 2020, which has earned you placement on the Dean's List! Despite all the challenges that the transition to virtual learning presented in March, you rose to the occasion, persisted in your studies, and finished the semester in high standing. Well done!

You are part of a long historical trajectory of people who have risen above health crises such as this one, and history shows us that from such experiences come innovations in written and spoken thought, the visual and performing arts, farming, business, politics, religion, and more; consider the Renaissance after the plague in the mid-1300s. All of us together will hopefully respond to this current pandemic in similar fashion, with a new consciousness, a new way of looking at connectivity, a new realization that the arts and humanities are the best way to inspire society, a new appreciation for human compassion and companionship, and a new spirit of collaboration. We hope that Fresno State has helped you to embrace a spirit of collaborative compassion, which will be the catalyst for social transformation globally in the near future.

In planning for your future, please remember to place this accomplishment of making the Dean's List onto your résumé. For more information about how to write a compelling résumé and prepare for your future career, please visit the website for Fresno State's Career Development Center at http://www.fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/careers/. You can schedule a Zoom meeting or a phone appointment for personal career counseling.

If you are studying with us this semester, keep up the great work! If you graduated in May, I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you in person at a future date. In the meantime, I hope that you and your loved ones are well. Please take care and know that all of us in the College of Arts and Humanities, especially your professors, are very proud of all that you have accomplished, and we look forward to helping you achieve your future goals.

Sincerely,

College of Arts and Humanities

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