




**PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 16, 2016
TO: Campus Community
FROM: Joi Lin Blake, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President 
SUBJECT: Post-Election Message: We are a Campus of Inclusion

Dear Campus Community,

Now that we have had a week of reflection, after a tumultuous election, it is clear that many within our Palomar College family are experiencing a wide range of emotions, including anxiety, confusion, and fear.

Let me assure all of you that central to the College's values are the words "equity, diversity, inclusiveness and mutual respect." We are committed to an inclusive, welcoming and safe campus that celebrates diversity and supports all faculty, staff and students. We will continue to serve all of our students, advocating on your behalf in both Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

It is important that we respect people's opinion and allow for freedom of expression. Let us strive to foster an atmosphere of kindness and understanding. Regardless of outside circumstances, we will hold true to our values.

While it may seem difficult right now, it is important to stay focused on your educational goals. There are a number of resources on campus to help you if you are struggling either academically or emotionally, so do not hesitate to take advantage of these if needed. In addition, please read [this statement](#) from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Be assured that Palomar College is steadfast in its unwavering resolve and commitment to open access and supporting you as you strive to realize your dreams!

Campus Resources are available from the following offices:

Counseling Services, 760-744-1150 x7511
Behavioral Health Counseling Services, 760-891-7511
Office of Student Affairs, 760-744-1150 x2594
Health Services, 760-744-1150 x2380
Palomar Pride Center, <https://www.palomar.edu/pc3h/>