



Dear Students,

Can you believe it is December already? I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday. Whether it included time for reflection, Zoom time with friends and family, honoring our indigenous community, or a combination of all! Mine was very low key with just me, my wife, our two dogs and cat. It involved a lot of cooking and eating even though it was just our small family.

Our spring semester will be similar to this past fall with most of our instruction online. As you likely know COVID-19 case rates are increasing across the country, and are currently 4 times as high in San Diego county as they were even a month ago. Your health and safety are our number one priority and thus we will continue to provide instruction and services from a distance.

Last time I wrote I shared with you that I have been doing a lot of gardening this year. I did some in the past but have really become more passionate about it during the pandemic. Recently, we have been transitioning the garden as a lot of the summer crops won't do well in the colder weather. We have some really great greens (including kale & lettuces), broccoli, brussels sprouts, and several other items on the way.

In addition, I have been getting back into another hobby of mine, digital audio recording. While I certainly am not a DJ I enjoy learning how to use programs to capture music and mix on the computer. I hope you all are able to find things to distract and inspire you as well. During this unusual time, I think it is important to connect with others (whether by Zoom, phone, or in small socially distanced groups), as well as have some time for exercise and hobbies. I'm getting better with exercise also.

It is hard to imagine but final exams are not far from now. I hope that you all do well in your preparation and find success with your finals. Also, if you need anything to help you plan for the spring semester please reference the information below. We want to make sure you get all your questions answered so please reach out to us- we are here to assist you. Finally, I won't be reaching out again until the new year, so I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and new year as well, stay safe and healthy and please wear a mask and social distance.

1. Find open classes for the Spring semester at [My Class Finder](#).
2. Connect with our [virtual student support team](#).
3. Get in touch with our [financial aid team](#) to have your questions answered.
4. Apply for an [emergency grant](#) through the Palomar College Foundation to help with unexpected expenses due to COVID-19.
5. Check your palomar.edu email frequently to stay up to date on important deadlines and announcements.
6. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) to stay engaged during this remote environment.

Stay well and happy holidays!

Dr. Jack Kahn
Interim Superintendent/President