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## PASSHE Board of Governors Chair sends open letter to California University of Pennsylvania

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**Harrisburg -** The following open letter was sent today to California University of Pennsylvania by PASSHE Board of Governors Chairman Guido M. Pichini:

Open Letter to California University of Pennsylvania:

As chairman of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Board of Governors, I want to thank you for your commitment to and support of your university. I want to assure everyone in the California University of Pennsylvania family that you have my full support, as well as that of the entire Board, as we jointly strive to put into place a smooth transition of leadership at Cal U.

Students, please know that your interests always come first in every decision we make and every action we take. There is no more important responsibility for us as a Board than to help ensure that you have an outstanding educational experience that leads to your ultimate success. This is a time of great opportunity and growth, and you deserve and have our complete support in achieving your goals.

To all campus staff, faculty and administration, know that your dedication to the university is truly appreciated. Your combined efforts have helped to create a campus of which all of us involved with PASSHE can be rightly proud. The excellent work you do never goes unnoticed.

To all Cal U alumni, please stay connected to your university. As an alumnus of Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, one of your sister institutions, I understand and appreciate the feelings you have for your alma mater. Please continue to be engaged in campus life, whether by returning to campus as a visitor, investing in your university financially, or by serving as a volunteer at campus events or as a representative of the university in your community. You are our best ambassadors for California University throughout this great Commonwealth and throughout the country.

To the university's business and civic partners, please be assured that Cal U. will continue to play a strong and vibrant role in the region, and will continue to need and value its relationships with you.

As with all change, there no doubt will be many opportunities ahead. I am more confident now than ever that working as a team, as you have in the past, will ensure California University's future possibilities are endless. Thank you for the invaluable role you play in making this university a success!

Sincerely,

Guido M. Pichini Chair Board of Governors

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, with nearly 120,000 students. The 14 PASSHE universities offer degree and certificate programs in more than 120 areas of study. About 500,000 PASSHE alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania. PASSHE also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Freeport, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.