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Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President

Dear Spartan Community,

To ensure our SJSU's community continues to have the best tech experience and to manage the immediate future of our Information Technology division, I am writing to share that [Chris Wessells](#) will be assuming duties as the Acting Vice President of IT and Chief Information Officer. This appointment comes as our current Vice President is on extended leave. Please join me in giving Chris a warm Spartan welcome.

I want to express my appreciation to Shawn Whalen, who stepped into roles in both Administration and Finance and IT over the past few months to smooth our leadership transitions. His commitment to San José State, and his extensive leadership experience is truly appreciated during this important period.

Shawn will return to his role as the Chief of Staff serving in the Office of the President, beginning November 1. We also want to extend our deepest gratitude to Jennifer Malutta, who came back to serve as the Interim Chief of Staff during this transition period. Her ability to provide needed continuity as well as her dedication and leadership was on display once again.

The support of our campus during leadership transitions is critical to our ability to maintain our focus on the work of serving students and providing them the best possible opportunities to succeed and thrive at SJSU.

Thank you for your continued support.

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