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Foreword

Dear Students:

Every college catalog has the quintessential letter from the president welcoming you to the college and wishing you well in your academic pursuits. This letter is a bit different in that it comes from the three of us—the president of the college, the president of the Academic Senate (the body representing faculty in academic matters), and the head of our Classified Consultation Group (the voice of our college staff). On behalf of our entire Santa Barbara City College family, we extend to you a hearty welcome and warm wishes for an enriching educational journey!

Santa Barbara City College—#1 Community College in the Nation

You have chosen the college that will be your alma mater wisely. In 2013, SBCC was bestowed a national honor of great significance. Of the 1,200 community colleges in the nation, SBCC was named co-winner of the College Excellence Award from the prestigious Aspen Institute in Washington, DC. Indeed, you are attending one of the #1 community colleges in the country.

And what did Aspen say we do that is so exceptional?

- **First**, we were lauded for our strong and genuine commitment to student success. Helping you achieve your educational dreams drives our culture, values and our efforts.
- **Secondly**, the high quality of our teaching and academic programs form the foundation of our educational excellence.
- **Third**, our robust academic advising programs create the structure that supports you along your educational pathway at SBCC.
- **Fourth**, our academic support services and our enriching co-curricular opportunities foster a connection to your learning and promote a strong bond with the college and your peers.
- **Fifth**, our transfer programs smooth the way for students to pursue a baccalaureate degree at UC, CSU, private institutions and other universities across the nation.

In addition to these attributes, we would like to mention two additional factors that we believe make SBCC such an exceptional institution: ***A distinguished cadre of faculty and staff*** who share the wonders of learning with unwavering dedication; and an ***enriching learning environment***, where one's potential and dreams are realized in a setting that fuels the mind, and within a college that is unparalleled.

In closing, we again offer a heartfelt welcome to you. We know that you will readily discover and be embraced by our distinctions of excellence as you pursue your educational dreams.

Warm regards,

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