



**Good morning Palo Alto College community:**

Along with my wife, Esther, and our children, Victoria and Robert, I am honored and humbled to be selected as the incoming president of Palo Alto College. It is truly our privilege to return home and work with the Palo Alto College family to inspire, empower, and educate the community for leadership and success.

It's been an amazing experience serving as president of Mountain View College in the Dallas Community College District. During the last three years, I was fortunate to work alongside a dedicated team of faculty and staff who live the MVC mission of empowering people and transforming communities. We worked together to provide a collegial, collaborative, and productive environment that promotes student success.

Many of us worked together while I served in various roles at Palo Alto College. I am looking forward to working with each of you and our colleagues throughout the Alamo Colleges District as we continue to serve San Antonio and Bexar County. The incredible work you all have accomplished over the last few years – receiving the Texas Award for Performance Excellence, being a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award finalist, and now as one of 10 finalists for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence – is evidence

that you are truly changing lives in the southside community.

In the last few days, I've engaged in conversations with Palo Alto College faculty, staff, and student leaders to learn and understand the challenges facing the community and our students as we begin the collaborative process of building solutions. While I will continue to complete my responsibilities at Mountain View College over the next few weeks, I hope to see you during the Palo Alto College convocation week and begin a new academic year with a continued commitment to keeping students first.

Palo Alto College has always been a special place for me and my family, and we look forward to giving back to a community that has given us so much. Thank you again for all that you do for our students and our community.

Sincerely,

Bobby

Robert Garza, Ph.D.  
Incoming President of Palo Alto College



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