

## From the President

California University of Pennsylvania has been a place of opportunity for nearly 170 years. Since the institution was founded in 1852, students have come to California to build a strong academic foundation, fulfill their personal potential and prepare for successful careers.

Today, Cal U offers a high-quality academic experience, whether students are on campus or online. Undergraduates choose from among more than 100 programs of study, while graduate-level degree, certificate and professional certification programs offer opportunities for advanced study and professional growth.

Cal U faculty members are experts in their fields. Although many professors are involved in research or other scholarly pursuits, their passion is teaching. Working side by side with a team of student support professionals, our faculty members are committed to empowering students to become confident, successful learners.

Many academic programs include hands-on components, and students are encouraged to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Through practical, applied learning activities, Cal U students engage with and serve the community, putting their education to work as they address real-world issues. Both the Career and Professional Development Center and the Internship Center give our students a competitive advantage as they prepare to enter the workplace.

Cal U is a student-centered university, and we understand the importance of a vibrant and inclusive campus environment. The University's secure, comfortable, on-campus residence halls are second to none. About a mile away, on our upper campus, the Student Association Inc. makes apartment-style living available at Vulcan Village.

More than 100 student clubs and organizations offer leadership opportunities and a broad range of activities. The Herron Recreation and Fitness Center is open daily for individual workouts, group fitness classes and intramural sports. On the upper campus, Roadman Park and the Student Association's SAI Farm host athletic contests and outdoor recreation, as well as academic projects and fieldwork. Renowned speakers, performers and entertainers visit our campus regularly, creating an atmosphere rich in culture and creativity.

Cal U is proud to be a diverse, caring and scholarly learning community, dedicated to academic excellence. We strive to support each student and to graduate knowledgeable, confident, career-ready professionals. Inspired by our core values of integrity, civility and responsibility, we give our students the tools and teaching they need to rise up and achieve.

I invite you to unlock your story and build your future at Cal U.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Thorn, interim University President

