

Dear Campus Community,

I have no doubt that the shock and frustration you felt following last week's attempted takeover of the U.S. Capitol building still lingers today, regardless of your political beliefs.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say that Chaffey College is a place that welcomes diverse backgrounds and beliefs. We are not a place that welcomes violence and lawlessness. In our work to improve lives through education, I would hope that as educators we also strive to impart the importance of democracy and civic engagement in our students. What happened on January 6 serves as a teaching moment, one where we and our students can learn how critical the Constitution and the peaceful transfer of power is to this country.

You may still be feeling a range of emotions from last week's events. I want you to know that you are not alone. Together, we can work to improve our campus community, keeping it rich with diversity and empowerment, and one that fosters a healthy exchange of ideas in and out of the classroom.

We have numerous events approaching where you can help support and celebrate our diversity and our country. I invite you to participate in the following:

- Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – Learn through a panel of speakers how to be a servant leader, make change and turn King's birthday into a day of service. **Thursday, January 14, noon to 1 p.m. Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/91803725441>**
- Disability Justice and Community – Learn about accessibility with guest speaker Jillian Strong. **Noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 19. Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94872881115>**
- Viewing of the Inauguration – Join the Center for Culture and Social Justice for the viewing of the 59th presidential inauguration and swearing-in ceremony. **9 a.m. Wednesday, January 20. Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/95484256221?pwd=a0RSMGR5Yk9FRjJER3VqNUNkb204UT09>**

Sincerely,

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Superintendent/President

