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To SUNY Poly's Faculty, Staff, and Students:

On behalf of our institution, I want to take the time to note the importance of Veterans Day and thank our veterans who have served the United States proudly, including each of the many veterans who work and study here, as well as those who are alumni.

As you know, Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, marking the end of combat in World War I 100 years ago. On the first Armistice Day commemoration, President Woodrow Wilson addressed the nation, noting that, "To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations." Today, we continue to pursue the opportunities made possible by the work of our veterans, past and present. We thank them for deciding to make significant sacrifices in their lives so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have come to count on.

I am extremely proud that SUNY Poly continues to support our veterans in numerous ways. Notably, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked our institution #8 in Best Colleges for Veterans in the Regional Universities North category. SUNY Poly has a history of supporting our veteran students, providing them with many benefits. I encourage any student veteran to visit our benefits web page to learn more about the ways in which SUNY Poly can further support you: <https://sunypoly.edu/student-life/diversity-inclusion/veteran-benefits.html>.

As we commemorate Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, I would also like to make all UUP members, as well as CSEA, PEF, and M/C employees aware that the Veterans Day holiday is observed on Monday, November 12. You will see that your timesheet in TAS has notated 11/12 as your Veterans Day holiday. For more information about official state holidays for 2018 and when they are observed, please see the following link: <https://sunypoly.edu/sites/default/files/human%20resources/Holiday2018.pdf>.

Thank you for joining me in expressing appreciation to our veterans for their service, as well as for their incredible experience, knowledge, and abilities that have strengthened our nation and our SUNY Poly community, fostering a more positive and peaceful world.

Sincerely,

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