Thank you, Chair Carter.

Our 2.6 million alumni are making an incredible impact in their communities and around the world. You may have seen the Orange County Register article about a recent Cal State Fullerton graduate, Lady McDesmond, who sprang into action following the earthquake in Japan and recruited her fellow Titans, Audrey Huynh and Nicole Pierce, to begin planning an Orange County fundraiser to benefit quake victims. This is the global impact of our local campuses. We may be working for California but we are influencing the world.

You each have a copy of the just-released 50th anniversary edition of the Working for California publication. The Working for California program highlights alumni from each of our campuses that are leaders in key high-impact fields that make our state competitive.

In addition to the booklets, the CSU's website has been expanded to allow visitors to see the impact our graduates are making in our state. Visitors can browse by CSU's key impact industries to see those in that field or can link directly to an individual profile.

A complementary portion of the program includes the seven display boards that you saw as you came in this morning. This display will be featured at the state capitol outside the governor's office the week of May 23rd, during the CSU's Budget Advocacy Day activities, as a reminder to legislators about the amazing things the people of our state can do if we, as a society, invest in providing them a top-quality education.
In other alumni activities, Chancellor Reed, several trustees and many campus presidents joined us on March 3rd in New York for the tri-state alumni reception along with 180 alumni and guests. This was a very successful networking event for our New York area alumni. Our campus alumni offices report that it was a valuable opportunity for them to continue to build relationships with these regional alumni. We were very pleased at the strong support the CSU enjoys among our alumni and friends in New York.

This past weekend, the Alumni Council hosted its spring conference here at the Chancellor’s Office and enjoyed strong participation from staff and alumni volunteers throughout the system. The conference focused on how to integrate elements of career services into our alumni relations programming in order to better serve alumni needs and expand partnerships on our campuses. On behalf of the entire Council, thank you to Chancellor Reed for making time available to join us on Saturday and for sharing his insights. Hearing the many new and creative ideas the campuses shared relating to enhancing engagement of our alumni was a reminder of the importance of our advancement programs in building the relationships and affinity needed to continue to sustain the CSU.

As always, thank you for your continued investment in the relationships we are building and stewarding with our alumni statewide and throughout the world. These relationships help us to provide a margin of excellence for our students and continue the cycle of producing highly educated, knowledgeable and hard-working graduates who are working for California and influencing the world.

Thank you, Chair Carter. This concludes my report.