

## **Message from our President**

Southern Polytechnic State University is Georgia's Technology University, and all of us on campus are proud of our unique statewide mission to educate students in the application of knowledge in science, engineering, technology, and related fields (including architecture, construction, management, and technical communication). As this fact book shows, we have exceptional students, experienced faculty, successful alumni, and a diverse campus community. As a university community, we are focused on ensuring viable academic programs, growing enrollment, a strong sense of place, a campus-wide ethic of customer service, and increasing private resources to support our mission. This fact book also helps illustrate how we are achieving these goals.

Our graduates are professionals who can both create and implement the strategies needed to support business, economic development, essential services, and a better quality of life. At Southern Polytechnic, we graduate students who can design and build structures, write and implement programs, and engineer, test, and redesign the systems. A Southern Polytechnic education prepares a student to run a system or run the company. We prepare students for the first job in their career - and we also prepare them with the skills they will need throughout their professional lives.

At Southern Polytechnic, we are a community that is committed to learning not just focused technological and scientific skills, but also the traditional liberal arts abilities that enable our diverse student body to think critically, analyze carefully, and communicate clearly --- and to do so locally or internationally.

We welcome this opportunity to share with you some of the facts behind the Southern Polytechnic people and programs.

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