

## Message from our President

Southern Polytechnic State University is “Georgia's Technology University,” where our goal is to work together to develop mature minds for the real world. 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, we are focused on ensuring viable academic programs, growing enrollment, creating a strong sense of place, supporting 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. SPSU graduates have significantly higher salaries because of their degrees from this school; an SPSU education has a great return on investment!

We are a community that is committed to learning focused technological and scientific skills, as well as the traditional intellectual abilities that enable our diverse student body to think critically, analyze carefully, and communicate clearly --- and to do so locally and internationally. Our students and alumni make substantial contributions to Georgia's economy and growth.

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

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