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At Stanford you have the opportunity to...

Learn by exploring your personal interests

Express your ideas and opinions

Create your own intellectual journey

Participate in independent research



From Stanford's President



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I am delighted that you have decided that Stanford University is the right place for you. For the next few years, you will have many opportunities to explore new areas of interest and to learn from our faculty and from your own individual experiences.

As Stanford's 10th president and a faculty member for 27 years, I encourage you to make the most of your time here, and I offer you a few suggestions to get you started.

Stanford has an accomplished faculty. These teachers and researchers are here because of you and your desire to develop your extraordinary talents and unique interests. From your first days on campus, I urge you to get to know our faculty. Stop by during office hours to initiate a discussion, to share your ideas, or to simply tell the professor what you think about the course.

Stanford presents you with many opportunities not available at other institutions. The university's breadth—from the arts to the environment to athletics to the sciences—provides you with individual freedom to cross departmental boundaries and to discover your intellectual passions.

From your first days on campus, you will have the chance to work with distinguished faculty in small classes. If you are interested in research, Stanford offers you numerous avenues for pursuing student-initiated research or independent studies.

Stanford is an intellectually vibrant place and you are a critical part of creating your own journey. Some of your most valuable experiences might involve working independently to understand a difficult

concept or influencing others by expressing your own ideas.

Stanford has a tradition of independence: of bold students who assert their own ideas, thoughts, and opinions. I hope you do the same while you are here. This is your time to develop yourself, to become your own person, and to explore your own personal interests—whether it is in the classroom, in a laboratory, in a theater, or on an athletic field.

Above all, I urge you to be your own person, enjoy your intellectual journey, and to pursue it with enthusiasm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John L. Hennessy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John L. Hennessy
President

