

From Stanford's President



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Learn by being part of a community

Connect with fellow students and faculty

Work together with and learn from others

Participate in collaborative research





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I am delighted that you and your family have decided that Stanford is the right place for you. For the next few years, together with the Stanford community, you will have many opportunities to consider new areas of interest and to learn from our faculty and your peers.

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 their desire to be a part of your and your classmates' experiences, to connect with students, and to learn from all of your backgrounds and experiences. From your first days on campus, I urge you to get to know our faculty. Stop by during office hours to continue a class discussion and to share your perspective. Take advantage of the opportunity to learn from the expertise of the professor and from the larger Stanford community.

Stanford presents students with many opportunities not available anywhere else. The university's breadth—from the arts to the environment to athletics to the sciences—enables students to cross departmental boundaries and to discover the value of working with others who have a diversity of perspectives and experiences.

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 undergraduates numerous avenues for pursuing collaborative research.

Stanford is an intellectually vibrant place and your fellow students are a critical part of your experience. Some of your most valuable experiences will be shared with your peers, whether you are

working together to understand a difficult concept or learning more about one another.

Stanford has a tradition of learning through community—bridging academic study with public service. I hope that you will do the same while you are here. This is your time to grow and to collaborate—whether it is in the classroom, in a laboratory, in a theater, or on an athletic field.

Above all, I urge you to work together with others, enjoy the intellectual journey, and pursue it with enthusiasm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John L. Hennessy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

John L. Hennessy
President

