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Colleagues:

Earlier this week, many of you joined colleagues and partners from across San Antonio to support students at this year's ¡Una Nueva Celebracion! – a new take on our annual scholarship fundraiser.

As some Palo Alto College long-time employees may recall, ¡Celebración! began in 2010 as a scholarship fundraiser in the then-new Performing Arts Center and raised more than \$150,000 in its first year.

This year, ¡Celebración! celebrated its ninth anniversary, and we were fortunate to raise more than \$180,000 from our generous partners, including:

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Additionally, our partners at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley committed additional funds, totaling \$815,000, to guarantee:

- Five full-ride scholarships for Palo Alto College students to cover tuition, room and board, books, supplies, and more
- Exclusive incentives for faculty and staff looking to pursue a master's degree or doctoral program, including application fee waivers and GRE/GMAT vouchers
- \$1,000 scholarships for employees enrolling in six credit hours
- \$2,000 scholarships for employees enrolling in nine credit hours
- Five Presidential Graduate Research Assistantships in any of the UTRGV's research-based master's degree or doctoral programs

With a last-minute donation from our partners at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas, Inc, I am beyond humbled to announce that our total scholarship dollars raised for this year's ¡Una Nueva Celebracion! totaled over \$1,000,000.

The overwhelming support from our partners is a testament to the greatness they see in the work we do. By investing scholarship dollars specifically for our faculty and staff to continue their education, we will be able to continue to our collective journey to performance excellence, and ultimately change the lives of students in south San Antonio.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our mission, and I'm honored to be a part of the Palo Alto College family.

In service and PAC proud,

Robert Garza, Ph.D.
President of Palo Alto College



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