

Welcome to Claremont McKenna College

To Our New Students:

You are here to make a positive difference in the lives of others, and we are here to make a difference in yours.

You have persevered through all of the tough AP classes, the endless standardized tests, the application essays, the athletic contests, musical performances, science competitions, club and service activities, and the anxious family conversations about your future. Please be sure to thank the very special people--parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, teachers, coaches, mentors—who have made incalculable investments in you to help you get here and thrive.

You are thought- and action-leaders, artists, athletes, internationalists, entrepreneurs, and game changers, and the College is your *action tank*. This is a place of boundless opportunity to engage in a powerful and virtuous cycle of learning to do and doing to learn. You will learn to deepen and sharpen your ideas, develop life-long friendships, face and solve problems, and lead by example. Whether through our dynamic curriculum, the Athenaeum, our competitive athletic, club, or intramural programs, our wide range of transformative innovation experiences, or our off-campus and global study or internship opportunities, you will develop foundational capacities to pursue full and productive lives and to play roles of responsible leadership in the public, private, and social sectors.

These expanding opportunities also carry increasing levels of responsibility to take care of yourself and your classmates. This means a commitment to lend a hand or step in, to place priority on your individual health, safety, and well being, as well as that of your peers, and to develop and be true to your ethical commitments.

If you commit yourself fully, if you *go all in* on these opportunities and responsibilities, you will develop the creativity you need to drive innovation, the empathy you need for roles of leadership in a diverse society, and the courage to explore new challenges and to do *well* and to do what's *right* and *good*.

Thank you for joining us in this singular Claremont McKenna mission. We are thrilled to have and support you.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hiram". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Hiram E. Chodosh
President