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To SUNY Poly Faculty, Staff, and Students:

As we begin the new 2018-2019 academic year together, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome our new and returning students to SUNY Poly's Albany and Utica campuses.

During my first two months as SUNY Poly Interim President, I met a number of our faculty and staff members from both of our campuses who shared with me the important and impactful work that they undertake each day. I thoroughly enjoyed our conversations and appreciate your candid and thoughtful insights. In the coming days, weeks, and months, I look forward to meeting our students and more of our faculty and staff members to discuss the best ways to support and further strengthen our research and academic mission.

While enrollment numbers for this new academic year are still unofficial, our students are likely now part of the largest student body at this institution in 36 years. This is a testament to SUNY Poly's success in offering a high-quality education featuring unique, leading-edge scholarship and research opportunities that provide the in-demand skills which countless organizations in New York State and across the nation are looking for in their 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

During this academic year, I encourage our students to fully engage in the incredible opportunities that SUNY Poly offers, from our strong Wildcats athletics teams, intramurals, and student clubs, to our many additional extracurricular options and internship possibilities. Your efforts directly contribute to SUNY Poly's increased vibrancy.

As we advance SUNY Poly's academic and research mission to foster an inspiring student experience, I am honored to embark on this journey with you as part of SUNY Poly's thriving, supportive, and inclusive community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace Wang  
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