
A Special Labor Day Message from Robert deMayo



Human Resources



As we approach Labor Day, we are given a welcome opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate the blessing of work—especially work that carries deep purpose.

There is a profound satisfaction in knowing that what we do each day contributes to something far greater than ourselves. At Pepperdine, our labor is bound to a sacred calling: preparing our students for lives of purpose, service, and leadership. Whether you are teaching in a classroom, mentoring a student, supporting our operations, or maintaining our campuses, your daily efforts make our mission possible. Thank you for the dedication, heart, and excellence you bring to your work every day.

In the Torah, God models and commands a beautiful rhythm between labor and rest—reminding us that after six days of creation and hard work, we are called to pause and celebrate the Sabbath (*Shabbat*). Labor Day offers us a similar moment to step back, honor the fruits of our labor, and embrace the holy gift of rest.

May this long weekend bring you a well-deserved time of restoration, peace, and joy with those you love.

As we celebrate your labor, I offer this ancient prayer from the Torah for our entire Pepperdine community:

“May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands” (Psalm 90:17).

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