

# PEPPERDINE

## Human Resources

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As our nation pauses to celebrate its workers and their contributions this holiday weekend, I consider your labor for our students and University.

We do not believe work to be something to escape, dread, or endure. Rather, because God created us in His image and called us to be His co-creators, we find work to be holy. Labor is not just what we do, but reflects who we are. We treat others as children of God; we serve by employing our talents, gifts, and resources to benefit others; we pursue excellence; and we carry out our work in integrity.

At Pepperdine, work is part of our story; but we also play, pray, worship, commune, and live together. We prepare our students for meaningful and abundant lives, even as we create a life together alongside them - a life defined by compassion, community, civility, unity, collaboration, dignity, respect, and love. Our work, and the way in which we work, creates an environment conducive to our collective personal, professional, and spiritual growth. We expect our students to be transformed by their educational experience and life at Pepperdine, and, in turn, influence their communities around the globe.

We thank God for the invitation to join His work of bringing healing, peace, and justice to our world. When we look back on how we spent our days and energy in this life, we are confident that our labor is not in vain and we are hopeful for what is to come.

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