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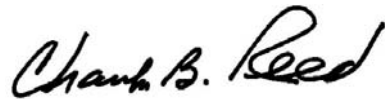
**The Professional Science Master's Degree:  
Advancing Higher Education's Contributions to the Nation's  
Competitiveness**

Let me take this opportunity to encourage NASH colleagues to engage with the Professional Science Master's Degree. The PSM, as it is commonly known, is an innovative graduate degree in the sciences and also a workforce initiative. It has the promise of contributing significantly to regaining U.S. competitiveness in the high growth sectors of the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

The PSM is a rigorous Master's program that is applied and interdisciplinary, combining a graduate science degree and industry-relevant coursework through a dynamic partnership with employers. Industries value these programs and typically offer paid internships and tuition reimbursement for their own employees to enroll.

The CSU's systemwide PSM initiative ([www.calstate.edu/psm](http://www.calstate.edu/psm)) is a strategic commitment that aligns with the system's building of alliances with industry and forming of partnerships that advance the state's workforce development. It includes online and accessible delivery in the CSU PSM for Veterans initiative ([www.calstate.edu/psm/military](http://www.calstate.edu/psm/military)), a pathway to professional science and technology careers within the CSU Troops to College program.

I invite each NASH member to appoint a system PSM coordinator. We can then create a collaborative network in which we partner in delivery, learn from one another, and together contribute to the revitalization of our local, state, and national economies.



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