



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 18, 2013

Ms. Audrey Jarvis  
Sonoma State University

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

I again want to offer my sincere apology to you for being asked to remove your cross during one of our Summer Orientation sessions.

As I mentioned in my communication to the campus a few weeks ago, this was a request made in error by one of our employees, was unacceptable and was just wrong. The employee did not speak for Sonoma State University in any way. As a campus we strongly support all types of diversity and strive to educate all in this regard. As you likely know from your classroom experiences, it is our diversity as a campus that brings value and supports a strong learning environment.

It is my hope that you choose to return to Sonoma State University in the fall. Please know at no time will there be restrictions on wearing your cross.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruben Armiñana".

Ruben Armiñana  
President  
Sonoma State University