Sacramento State proudly honors the achievements and diversity of our 250,000 alumni since the University’s inception in 1947. The Sacramento State Alumni Association engages and celebrates all alumni and connects them with one another, current students, and friends of Sacramento State by building lifelong relationships that will support the future of the University.

After graduation, our Hornets possess the skills, work ethic, and knowledge necessary to pursue successful careers in nearly every field locally, nationally, and abroad. More than 60% of Sacramento State alumni remain in the Sacramento region, providing a rich source of skilled workers and dynamic leaders. Our alumni also provide a wealth of knowledge for current students through important programming such as career workshops, life-skill training, mentorship and internship opportunities, and professional networking. Additionally, the Sacramento State Alumni Association offers alumni a place to return during a life or career transition while providing a powerful platform to reconnect with fellow Hornets, virtually or in person.

From freshmen entering the world of higher education for the first time to experienced professionals wishing to share their Hornet legacy, the Sacramento State Alumni Association offers a wide breadth of activities that keep alumni and the Sacramento community connected.

With a gift to the Sacramento State Alumni Association, you can have a tremendous impact on thousands of lives in our region and embolden the Sacramento State legacy for generations to come.

Elevate your impact
Support your Hornet Family.

Through On the Rise: The Campaign for Sacramento State, your Sacramento State Alumni Association seeks critical funds for these important initiatives:

- Lead dynamic and engaging programs for both alumni and students, focused on career development, financial wellness, and community partnership.
- Secure University-wide scholarship funds to help students complete a degree at Sacramento State and join our local workforce.
- Raise awareness about the impact and talent of Sacramento State graduates locally, nationally, and globally.

Together, we will nurture tomorrow’s community leaders and decision-makers, entrepreneurs, health care providers, public safety personnel, and classroom teachers—and keep Sacramento State On the Rise.
In January 2020, former Sacramento State softball player Alyssa Nakken made history. This Hornet became the first full-time, female coach in Major League Baseball and the first female coach for the San Francisco Giants.

“I am very proud of Alyssa,” said former Sacramento State head coach Kathy Strahan. “As her coach, I knew early that she would blaze new trails and do something groundbreaking. Her positive energy, intellect and tremendous drive to succeed are an invaluable asset to the Giants players and organization.”

Prior to being promoted to full-time coach, Nakken served numerous roles with the Giants developing, producing, and directing a number of the organization’s health and wellness initiatives and events, including coordinating the Giant Race series.

She credits her accomplishments with the Giants to her experience at Sacramento State. As part of a diverse student body, Nakken learned to work alongside others and be open to continual personal improvement.

“As a team captain at Sacramento State, your responsibility is to be a liaison between players and coaching staff,” she said. “I learned so much about how to have difficult conversations and how to build and gain trust.”

Growing up in Woodland, California, Nakken always heard about Sacramento State and thought of it as her safety school. She initially set her eyes on attending bigger schools like UCLA, Stanford, or an Ivy League university. However, when she began touring schools to meet coaches and speak with potential teammates, she knew immediately that Sacramento State would be the best fit.

At Sacramento State, Nakken excelled in both the classroom and on the field. She was named the conference’s Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2012 for her academic and athletic accomplishments as well as for her community service involvement.

Nakken credits the opportunities at Sacramento State, to learn inside and outside the classroom, for developing her into the person she is today.

“Sacramento State is definitely my second home,” said Nakken. “Anything I needed, I had the support. At Sacramento State I learned that the job of a coach is to create environments for players to flourish. To develop into the best version of themselves. Through the dedication and commitment of staff, I was allowed to be myself there. To just be me.”