Sacramento is a diverse and vibrant American city in the midst of a cultural and social renaissance. Sacramento State’s Division of Student Affairs is helping to drive this momentum with a vibrant campus and dynamic programs that are focused on supporting the entire student body. We offer a wide breadth of services and programs that together enhance the college experience and help Sacramento State’s more than 31,000 students succeed. We enrich University life by providing students with opportunities to make the most of their Hornet experience on a beautiful campus that promotes academic, personal, social, and professional success.

Student Affairs provides wraparound services for all.

Student Affairs is at the center of every transformational, collaborative, innovative, and educational experience at Sacramento State. Our multiple academic centers promote equity and student success, with services supporting the physical, mental, and financial well-being of students. In addition, our academic support and graduation retention programs remove barriers and propel individuals toward their educational goals.

Student Affairs strives to elevate the student experience at Sacramento State, creating a sense of balance and belonging that is vital to our students’ health, wellness, and success.

On the Rise: The Campaign for Sacramento State is supporting the vital role that Student Affairs serves as it seeks to raise critical funds for these important initiatives:

- Increase scholarship funds to help students attain a Sacramento State degree and realize their potential.
- Remain responsive to the critical needs of our students by expanding student wellness and basic needs support programs to ensure life’s challenges do not interrupt academic excellence and progress.
- Transform student learning opportunities and deepen community partnerships with regional employers through paid internships, career-focused workshops, and guest speakers.
- Enrich University life by providing students with opportunities to make the most of their Hornet experience on a beautiful campus that promotes academic, personal, social, and professional success.

Together, we will nurture tomorrow’s community leaders and decision-makers, entrepreneurs and health care providers, public safety personnel and classroom teachers—and keep Sacramento State On the Rise.
**Academic Excellence**
- Enhance Sacramento State’s Programs of Excellence that foster the academic potential of all Sacramento State students including former foster youth, young men of color, veterans, formerly incarcerated students, and many others. These programs are essential to ensuring all Sacramento State students are supported on their paths to achieving their educational goals.
- Deepen community partnerships with regional employers, with students gaining valuable real-world experience through paid internships, hands-on learning, and networking opportunities.
- Increase scholarship support to lessen the impact of tuition, decrease student debt load, and allow students more time to focus on their education, which can alleviate financial stressors and ameliorate a timely graduation.

**Student Wellness**
- Increase emergency support programming for areas such as the Student Emergency Fund, Student Emergency Housing Fund, ASI Food Pantry, and the Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES) Office for basic needs services to prevent the disruption of academic progress for students experiencing unforeseen obstacles.
- Support of the Financial Education Center which provides Sacramento State students and the greater Sacramento State community with education, training, and resources to encourage and enrich a lifelong practice of financial education, financial wellness and management, and resourcefulness.

**Hornet Experience**
- Support residential college life, recreation and wellness resources, student clubs and events, service opportunities, and cross-cultural and leadership development experiences.

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**Spotlight**

**Tranh Pham**

Graduate student

Tranh Pham and her family fled Vietnam 40 years ago as political refugees and eventually settled in Wichita, Kansas, where they were sponsored by Catholic charities. “I didn’t look or sound or smell like anyone else,” she said. “Since then, trying to fit in or belong has been a struggle.”

Pham, who is now a graduate student at Sacramento State, says one of the things she remembers most from that experience is feeling lost for the first time as she ventured out of the refugee camp in Thailand and headed to America.

On campus, Pham has dedicated herself to ensure that all students “feel like they belong and are affirmed.” She serves in multiple roles at the University Library, in the Centers for Diversity and Inclusion including the Women’s Resource Center and the PRIDE Center, with Student Counseling and Health Services, for the Associated Student Inc. (ASI), and as a Hornet community member. In 2020, she was nominated for the Sacramento State Women of Influence and the National Student Employee of the Year awards.

Pham hopes the On the Rise campaign will provide additional philanthropic support to bolster student services within the Division of Student Affairs and other areas of campus.

“If we want to give everyone a chance to access higher education and achieve the American dream, we have to support student centers like the ones at Sac State,” she said. “They equalize the educational experience and help students of color, of low economic status, different gender identities, and different races all have access to the same right to knowledge, so they can be part of this great nation. They help affirm that every student belongs.”

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**How To Give**

At Sacramento State, we are On the Rise and need your support to reach the next level of excellence for our students and community. Your investment will allow us to do even more for our students, our region, and the world.

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**ABOUT ON THE RISE**
The goal of the $225 million On the Rise campaign is to amplify Sacramento State’s impact in the region, the state, and the world by doubling our current level of private support. The campaign has three priorities: supporting students through increased financial aid and student programs; advancing knowledge through innovative learning approaches; and strengthening the larger Sacramento community through diverse, engaged and impactful teaching and research.

On the Rise campaign is committed to uplifting generations of people in an equitable and sustainable way.