



SACRAMENTO STATE
FACT BOOK
~~~~~ 2021 ~~~~~



SACRAMENTO  
STATE

## THE REGION'S UNIVERSITY, TODAY AND ALWAYS

Sacramento State has been educating students and serving California's capital region since 1947. In 2020, the threat of COVID-19 changed how this was done, but not the commitment to

RECORD HIGH  
**31,451**  
ENROLLED  
IN FALL 2020

student success. With a focus on health and safety, the University moved nearly all on-campus classes to virtual delivery so that high-quality instruction could continue for a record number of enrolled students. From research projects, entrepreneurship and service learning, Sacramento State consistently adds value to the student experience, to the region and beyond. No matter what.

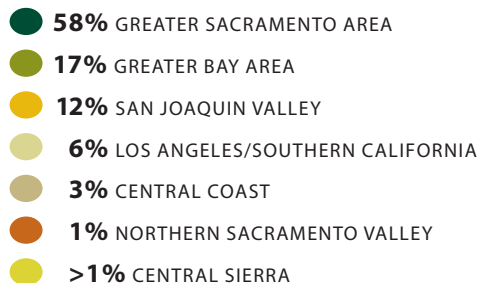
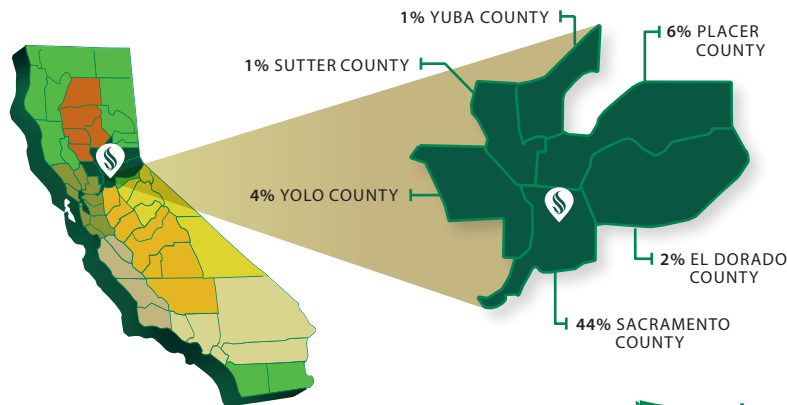




“As the region’s university, Sacramento State is the opposite of an ivory tower. We aim to connect students, faculty, and staff with the community and, in turn, help build and heal that community, achieving lasting solutions and improvements through inclusive civic engagement.”

– Robert S. Nelsen,  
President

## Most Students are from the Sacramento Area



1%  
OUT OF STATE



2%  
INTERNATIONAL

PERCENTAGES BASED ON FALL 2020 STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA.  
COUNTY CALCULATIONS BASED ON CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY.

## FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Whether in the classroom or online, students come first at Sacramento State. Expert faculty are committed to providing meaningful education

with an eye toward excellence. Honors such as a California State University award for contributions made to biotechnology programs, and national recognition as one of America's best in math education show that Sac State faculty have what it takes to help students excel, graduate, and ultimately experience success in their careers.

**143%**  
**INCREASE**  
**IN 4-YEAR**  
**GRAD RATE**  
SINCE 2016

**25:1**

**STUDENT : FACULTY**  
**RATIO**

**27**

**AVERAGE CLASS**  
**SIZE**

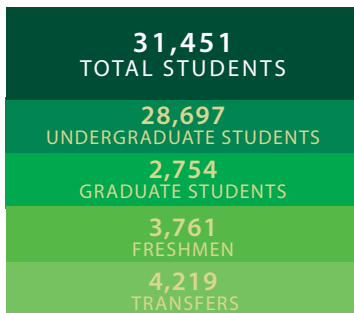




“The success of our students and the dedication of faculty and staff are inspiring. Sac State builds a foundation that nurtures learning and sparks new ideas, which amplifies the University’s accomplishments now and well into the future.”

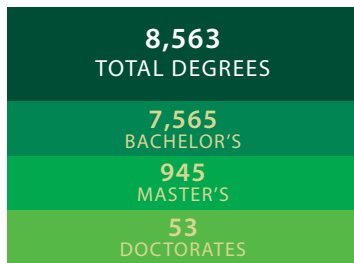
– Steve Perez,  
Provost and Vice President,  
Academic Affairs

## Student Enrollment



FALL 2020

## Degrees Earned



2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR

## Rising Grad Rates

Finish in Four and Through in Two are incentive programs encouraging students to take 30 units per year. Since they were launched in 2016, Sacramento State has increased four-year graduation rates faster than any other campus in the CSU.

| FINISH<br>IN FOUR         | THROUGH<br>IN TWO         |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>21.9%</b><br>GRAD RATE | <b>45.2%</b><br>GRAD RATE |
| <b>143%</b><br>INCREASE   | <b>67%</b><br>INCREASE    |

GRADUATION RATES BASED ON 2019-2020  
ACADEMIC YEAR.

## REAL IMPACT, EVEN VIRTUALLY

High-quality virtual instruction requires an investment in innovation. Sacramento State committed \$1 million in federal

### 9<sup>TH</sup> MOST TRANSFORMATIVE COLLEGE

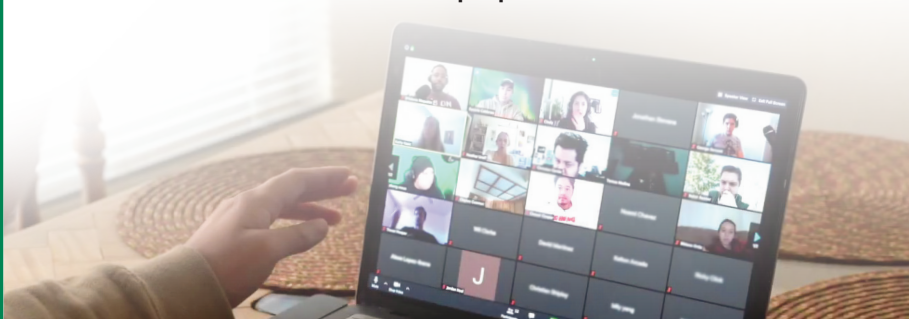
IN THE UNITED STATES

MONEY.COM, 2020

funding to the Teach On!-line Summer Camp to train faculty for virtual teaching. Digital instruction newcomers partnered with those more experienced to create an online community. The University also made sure that students had what they needed, including laptops and internet access.

### Hornets Vote. Hornets Count.

*Sacramento State enjoyed some of the highest student-voter registration among California universities and colleges by registering 1,767 student voters for the 2020 general election, more than double the goal set by Associated Students Inc. (ASI). Outreach efforts included 25 students who volunteered as ASI Election Ambassadors and logged more than 200 hours registering eligible voters, encouraged students to attend virtual voter-education events, and supported the “Hornets Vote. Hornets Count” campaign.*





# 93%

**OF CLASSES WERE  
HELD VIRTUALLY  
IN 2020**

# 100%

**OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS  
WERE PRE-ENROLLED  
IN CLASSES**

# 1,403

**LAPTOPS  
WERE LOANED  
IN 2020**

**NAMED AMONG  
AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES  
FOR STUDENT VOTING**

*WASHINGTON MONTHLY, 2020*

**NEW MASTER OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH PROGRAM**

*LAUNCHED IN THE FALL OF 2020*

**NEW BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
IN HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM  
MANAGEMENT**

*LAUNCHED IN THE FALL OF 2020*



*Through the **SAC STATE WEB ACADEMY**,  
**STUDENTS CREATED 122 FREE,**  
**ONLINE K-12 LESSONS**, helping them  
to complete required teaching hours.  
(Photo courtesy of Heather Heaton)*

## AN INCLUSIVE CAMPUS

Rich with a diversity of people and cultures, the Sacramento region is home to the hardworking, innovative, and passionate. Sacramento State

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOST  
DIVERSE  
CAMPUS**

**IN THE WESTERN U.S.**

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, 2020

is no different. Officially recognized as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI), and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), Sacramento State is where dedicated faculty, staff, and students from all backgrounds come together to make an impact on the world.

**517**

**STUDENTS ARE  
VETERANS**

**31%**

**FIRST IN THEIR  
FAMILY TO  
ATTEND COLLEGE**

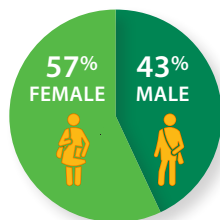
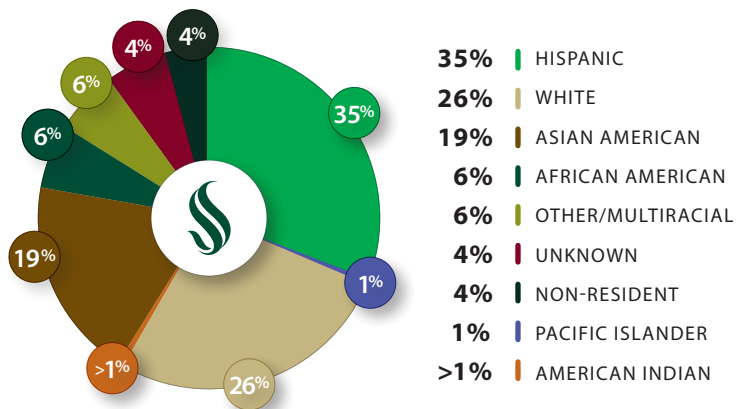




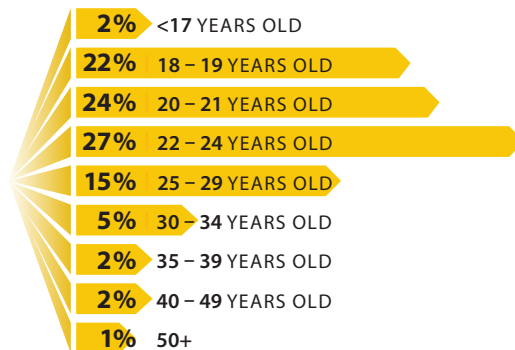
“Sac State understands the role that family and community play in the lives of our students. In 2020, we became one of 14 universities to be honored with the prestigious *Seal of Excelencia* for showing evidence of intentionality and impact in serving Latino students.”

– Viridiana Diaz,  
Associate Vice President for Strategic  
Student Support Programs

## Student Demographics



**12 STUDENTS**  
IDENTIFY NON-BINARY



DEMOGRAPHICS ARE BASED ON FALL 2020 STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA.

WEAR A FACE  
COVERING



STAY 6 FEET APART

PROTECT THE HIVE  
SAC STATE

30  
20 California State University Sacramento, Student Hall

|        | Sat                | Sun | Mon | Tues |
|--------|--------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Oct 31 | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM |     |     |      |
| Nov 1  | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM |     |     |      |
| Nov 2  | 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM |     |     |      |
| Nov 3  | 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM |     |     |      |

Election Day All Vote Centers are open  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Día de las elecciones todos los centros de  
votación están abiertos 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

The nearest Vote Center is located:  
El centro de votación más cercano es en

The East Jay Building  
6225 S 9th St  
Sacramento, CA 95819

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For all deliveries for  
floor (Suites 4000  
Please take to  
4003 or call  
916-278-9486  
916-278-9486  
are locked  
Thank you

Safety  
Ambassador

30

30

### WE ARE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING

We are implementing the mandatory social  
distancing protocols, as per the Sacramento County  
Public Health Order and it is needed, resourced,  
supervised or attended by the Health Officer.

- Avoid entering the facility if you have a  
cough or fever
- Maintain a distance of 6 feet from others
- Sneeze or cough into a cloth or tissue,  
if not available, use your elbow
- Do not shake hands or engage in any  
unnecessary physical contact

Max # of persons allowed at one time:

30

20 California State University Sacramento, Student Hall  
SACRAMENTO  
STATE

VOTER  
ENTRANCE  
DEL VOTANTE  
入口



## CARING CULTURE

Sacramento State is more than a campus. It's a community, a family that looks out for its own anytime and anywhere.

THE CARES OFFICE  
**HELPED MORE  
THAN 320  
STUDENTS**  
IN NEED

There are award-winning mental wellness and suicide prevention services, specialized centers and programs to help underrepresented student groups, and resources to help with basic needs such as

food and housing. In 2020, the Crisis Assistance & Resource Education Support (CARES) office raised \$370,000 for student emergency funds. The Hornet Family does all it can to ensure that students thrive physically, emotionally, and academically.

*The STUDENT SAFETY  
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM  
RELIED ON ABOUT 100  
STUDENTS to help monitor  
the University's COVID-19  
safety protocols.*

## HORNET FAMILY

Sacramento State looks beyond the books to help students succeed. Whether it's providing meals

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**7,150**  
**TELE-HEALTH**  
**SESSIONS**  
WERE HELD IN 2020

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nearly \$350,000 in grants to keep Sac State's most vulnerable students enrolled and working toward their educational goals.

and laptops or virtual tutoring and counseling, help for Hornets is always just a call or click away. For those facing financial need, the University's CARES office awarded



**11 ASI POP-UP FOOD PANTRIES**  
*provided students with USDA Farmers to Families boxes filled with milk, eggs, cheese, meat, and fresh produce.*



10

NEW PEER  
COUNSELORS

\$350k

AWARDED IN  
CARES GRANTS

22

STUDENTS RECEIVED  
EMERGENCY  
HOUSING

348

STUDENTS  
RECEIVED  
CARES GRANTS

1,222

STUDENTS USED  
ASI FOOD PANTRY

\$200-\$2k

CARES GRANTS  
RANGE

## ALL-AROUND COMPETITORS

Riding high from a record-breaking championship year in 2019, Hornet athletes approached 2020 and a global pandemic with

equal determination. They focused on athlete wellness, academics, and in-person competitions when safety guidelines allowed. Though not easy, Hornet student-athletes emerged as winners once again.

### 21 INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS



NCAA DIVISION I



## Stingers Up!

The “Stingers Up” hand sign is a symbol of school spirit and Hornet pride. Done in some extent for decades at Sac State, it has gained popularity and usage under current President Robert S. Nelsen. Stingers Up!, Nelsen once humorously wrote, “is a tradition born out of ancient times but perfected by Sac State.”





— *Hornet Sports* —

**89 CONFERENCE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

AS NCAA DIVISION I

— *Hornet Sports* —

**61 ALL-AMERICAN  
ATHLETES**

AS NCAA DIVISION I

— *Student Athletes* —

**3.12 AVERAGE GPA**

COMPARED WITH  
3.04 FOR OTHER  
UNDERGRADS

— *Student Athletes* —

**62 ATHLETES  
EARNED 4.0 GPA**

A SCHOOL RECORD

— *Student Athletes* —

**3.0 GPA OR BETTER**

FOR 10 STRAIGHT  
SEMESTERS

— *Student Athletes* —

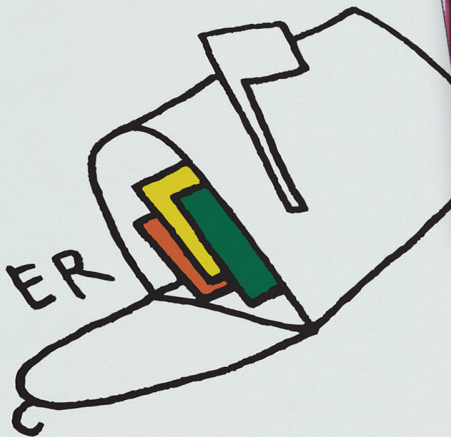
**99% IN GOOD  
STANDING**

BASED ON CAMPUS  
ACADEMIC POLICY



*Female STUDENT-ATHLETE OF  
THE YEAR Sarah Davis was a first-  
team All-Big Sky Conference selection  
after finishing ninth in the nation in  
points (617) and 10th in kills (542).*

hello  
STRANGER





*"HELLO STRANGER" was a mail art project initiated by the UNIVERSITY LIBRARY GALLERY to build community in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The works reflected each artist's response to societal crises and isolation.*

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Art brings people together and creates community.

For example, public works of art from students, faculty,

alumni, and world-renowned

artists make the campus an outdoor art gallery.

Conversely, art with ties to Sacramento State adds to the vibrancy of the region, with murals in midtown,

sculptures at Golden1 Center

and the airport, and an outdoor mosaic by Wayne Thiebaud.

And during recent times of isolation, *Art for the Heart* and *Hello Stranger* created art projects delivered to area residents.

MORE THAN  
**1,010**  
ARTWORKS  
DELIVERED TO  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS



## ON THE RISE

Helping the region thrive is what Sacramento State is about. The majority of alumni work locally, leading many of the state's

**\$225  
MILLION**

IS SACRAMENTO STATE'S  
FUNDRAISING GOAL

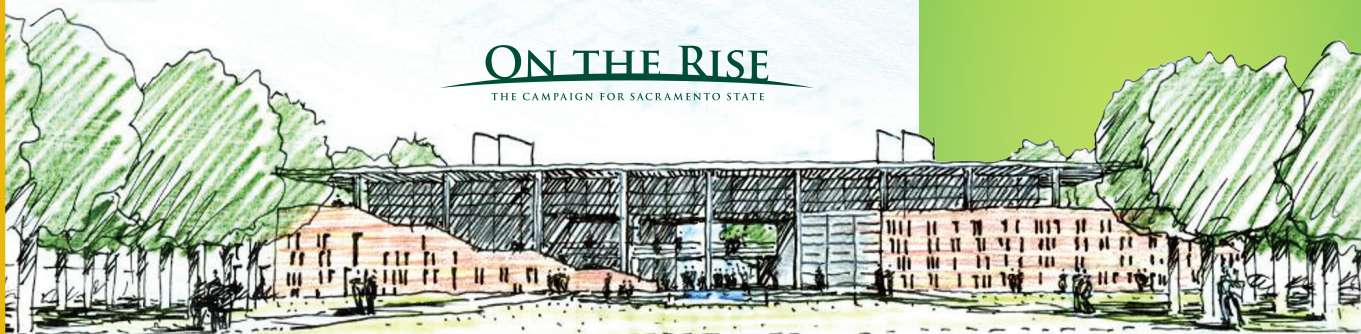
top industries and helping power the world's fifth-largest economy. *On the Rise, The Campaign for Sacramento State* is a comprehensive fundraising effort that will expand the University's impact on individuals, communities, and the world.

**ON THE RISE**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR SACRAMENTO STATE

## Sacramento State PLACER CENTER

A donation of 300 acres in unincorporated Placer County from Eli Broad has made the Sacramento State Placer Center possible. It will be the centerpiece of the 2,200-acre master-planned Placer Ranch. The donation, paired with infrastructure concessions, is worth over \$27 million – the largest gift ever to Sac State.





**\$50<sup>+</sup>M**

IN DONATIONS WERE  
MADE TO SAC STATE,  
AN ALL-TIME RECORD

**300**

ACRES PLEDGED FOR  
PLACER CENTER

**\$213k**

RAISED ON  
GIVE SAC STATE DAY

**\$370k**

RAISED FOR  
STUDENT  
EMERGENCY FUNDS

**\$1.9<sup>+</sup>M**

IN STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$500k**

GIFT FROM THE  
MORTON AND  
MARCINE FRIEDMAN  
FOUNDATION

**ELIZABETH SANCHEZ '19**

*was a recipient of a Sacramento State  
Alumni Association scholarship, and  
memorial scholarships in the names  
of Evelyn Montoya and Joe Serna.*



## BIG HEARTS, BIGGER IMPACT

Serving the community goes hand-in-hand with being a Hornet. Throughout campus there's a spirit of volunteerism that makes a difference. The Doctor of Physical Therapy program offers

pro bono clinics to members of the community. A robust Community Engagement Center matches students with volunteer opportunities. In fact, in recognition of this commitment to service, Sacramento State is one of just 359 institutions in the country to earn the prestigious Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification.

STUDENTS SERVED

**100,671  
HOURS**

VIA THE COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT CENTER



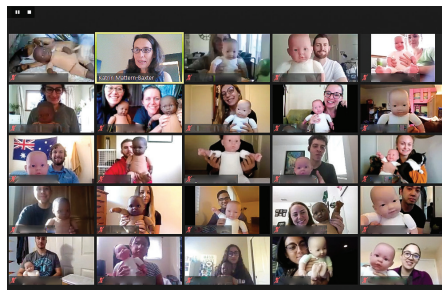


In partnership with the Mayor's Office and local restaurants, **3,110 MEALS WERE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS** living on campus over winter break.

Nearly **40 GERONTOLOGY STUDENTS MADE PHONE CALLS** as part of the Social Bridging Project to help seniors combat isolation during the pandemic.



Professor Katrin Mattern-Baxter ordered **32 BABY DOLLS** for her students to support virtual Physical Therapy education.



# 333

SERVICE-LEARNING  
AND NON-CLINICAL  
ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS

# 4,388

STUDENTS TOOK  
SERVICE-LEARNING  
CLASSES

# 400

ACTIVE COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS

## MAKING IT HAPPEN

Look around at the progress and growth happening in the region and chances are there's a Sacramento State

260,000  
ALUMNI  
STRONG



alumnus somewhere in the mix. From California's youngest state legislator to newscasters, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs, teachers, nurses, law enforcement personnel, social workers, and accountants, these

graduates are making big things happen. Plus, alumni can remain connected to campus, and with each other, through the Alumni Association. All graduates are automatically members. Membership is free and is also open to all friends of Sac State.

*Shadi Khattab '19*  
*Business*  
*Founder, Onit Coffee*








## Grounded in the community

As a Syrian immigrant whose family came to the United States with very little, Shadi Khattab understands the importance of giving back to his community. When he launched Onit Coffee in 2020, he infused the business with a sense of purpose, partnering with local nonprofits to help those in need. At the same time, he's used the business skills he learned at Sac State to help Onit become a success, even during a pandemic.

Shadi Khattab is redefining the possible for small business. He is *Made at Sac State*.





Sac State's legacy as a **TREE CAMPUS USA** continues with **250 NEW ADDITIONS** to the growing 300-acre urban forest, including Chinese pistache, valley oaks, camphor, and southern live oak that are all resistant to drought, pests, and disease.





## GREEN IN EVERYTHING

Green is everywhere at Sacramento State, starting with the emerald canopy of more than 3,700 trees that cover campus.

SAC STATE IS A  
**TREE  
CAMPUS  
USA**  
SINCE 2012

THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Botanical treasures like the University Arboretum and the Sokiku Nakatani Tea Room and Garden feature many of the 1,400 plant species. From composting to energy-efficient new buildings to an award-

winning sustainable parking structure, Sacramento State is working toward carbon neutrality by 2040. And these efforts have earned the University a Gold rating by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).

## EXCELLENCE EVERY DAY

Excellence is taking place throughout campus every single day in big ways and small, as these rankings and achievements earned by the University and its students show.

- 1 in 20 adults in the Greater Sacramento Region is a graduate of Sac State.
- Sac State ranks 19th for Social Mobility in the Western U.S. (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2020)
- Greater Sacramento Economic Council (GSEC) named Sac State “Partner of the Year” for its commitment to improving the lives of students and the region.
- The national *Seal of Excelencia* was awarded to the University for its commitment to accelerating Latinx student success in higher education.



*Bioretention planters, porous pavement, and bioswales filter 2.9 MILLION GALLONS OF STORMWATER ANNUALLY, keeping pollutants from flowing into the American River.*





## SUSTAINABILITY

- Sac State's commitment to wildlife earned a Garden for Wildlife certification from the National Wildlife Federation.
- The newest parking structure on campus (PS5) earned a prestigious Gold certification from Parksmart for promoting sustainable mobility through smart design and innovation.
- The Ernest E. Tschannen Science Complex is the most energy-efficient science building in the CSU system.
- Sacramento State is a Bike Campus USA.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Sac State is ranked 11th for Best Undergraduate in Civil Engineering in the United States. (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2020)
- School of Nursing averages the CSU's highest first-attempt pass rate with scores higher than UC Irvine and UCLA.
- The bachelor's degree in Gerontology is ranked fifth nationally. (*College Choice*)
- The College of Business has been AACSB-accredited since 1963, one of just 5% of the world's 16,000 higher education institutions to have earned this designation. (*Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business*)
- The University is home to the first and most comprehensive paramedic program in the CSU system.



**In the fall, NURSING STUDENTS ADMINISTERED APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FLU VACCINATIONS**, using the experience to prepare for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.



- Alumna Elizabeth "Tink" Gabler received The Mars Generation's 24 Under 24 Leaders and Innovators in STEAM and Space Award for her work in the aerospace industry.
- Sacramento State vocal jazz ensemble, Vox Now, won the DownBeat Magazine Student Music Award, and jazz voice student Brianne Gonzalez won a soloist award.
- The Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program has full membership from the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA), just the second CSU campus and fourth California university to earn the distinction.



- The 2020 virtual production of *SWEAT*, directed by faculty member Nicole Limón, received national recognition with Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Awards in five categories.
- The Center for Information Assurance and Security has been designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education since 2007. This designation is jointly sponsored by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.
- A Green Mobility Career Pathways Boot Camp was developed by the Career Center in collaboration with Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the California Mobility Center to leverage relief funds and promote workforce development. Thirty-nine students participated, ultimately leading to employment for seven students.



**A \$2.7 MILLION GRANT PROVIDES RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES** *along the American River and beyond through the Sustainable Interdisciplinary Research to Inspire Undergraduate Success (SIRIUS) project.*





## SACRAMENTO STATE AT A GLANCE

### COLLEGES

|                      |                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Arts & Letters       | Engineering & Computer Science              |
| Business             | Health & Human Services                     |
| Continuing Education | Natural Sciences & Mathematics              |
| Education            | Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies |

### ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

**72 bachelor's** degree programs with **78 concentrations**

**59 master's** degree programs with **30 concentrations**

**5 doctoral degrees, 19 post-baccalaureate certificates,**  
and **20 credential programs**

### ANNUAL TUITION/FEES

**\$7,392** full-time, undergrad

### UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

*Robert S. Nelsen, President | Sarah Billingsley, Interim Chief of Staff | Steve Perez, Provost and VP, Academic Affairs | Ed Mills, VP, Student Affairs | Jim Dragna, Executive Director, University Initiatives and Student Success | Jonathan Bowman, VP and CFO, Administration and Business Affairs | Machele Martin, Sr. AVP, Human Resources | Jeannie Wong, Sr. AVP, University Communications | Lisa Cardoza, VP, University Advancement | Nathan Dietrich, AVP for Public Affairs and Advocacy | Mark Hendricks, Interim VP and CIO, Information Resources and Technology | Jim Reinhart, Executive Director, University Enterprises, Inc.*



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University Communications

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