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 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

- 58% GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA
- 17% GREATER BAY AREA
- 12% SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
- 6% LOS ANGELES/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- 3% CENTRAL COAST
- 1% NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY
- >1% CENTRAL SIERRA
- 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**

**31,451**
TOTAL STUDENTS

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**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.

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GrADEATION 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 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.

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.
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 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.”

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Caring Culture

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

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.
Sacramento State looks beyond the books to help students succeed. Whether it’s providing meals 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 nearly $350,000 in grants to keep Sac State’s most vulnerable students enrolled and working toward their educational goals.
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.”
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).
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.

“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.
$225 MILLION
IS SACRAMENTO STATE'S FUNDRAISING GOAL

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 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.

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.
IN THE COMMUNITY

$50^+M
IN DONATIONS WERE MADE TO SAC STATE, AN ALL-TIME RECORD

$370K
RAISED FOR STUDENT EMERGENCY FUNDS

300
ACRES PLEDGED FOR PLACER CENTER

$1.9^+M
IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

$213K
RAISED ON GIVE SAC STATE DAY

$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.

LISTED DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-20.
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.
Professor Katrin Mattern-Baxter ordered 32 BABY DOLLS for her students to support virtual Physical Therapy education.

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

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

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


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

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.
• 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.
SACRAMENTO STATE AT A GLANCE

--- COLLEGES ---

Arts & Letters  
Business  
Continuing Education  
Education  

Engineering & Computer Science  
Health & Human Services  
Natural Sciences & Mathematics  
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 |  
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