

# Guardian Scholars Program

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## Who We Are:

The [Guardian Scholars Program](#) is designed to support current and former foster youth students by increasing graduation rates and their overall success. The GSP program offers various services, such as academic/general advising; financial support; priority registration and priority housing; referrals to other programs and offices, as well as connections to other GSP students; the building a sense of community; employment and job opportunities; and scholarships, to help support their journey at Sac State. Being a part of the program means more than just a resource, you are a part of a family.

## Points of Pride

- Graduation counts are increasing every academic year.
- Enrollment counts are increasing every academic year.
- Trying to find innovative ways to reach out to our scholars.
  - What are some creative ways to keep students engaged?
  - Offering biweekly check-ins with students (group and individual meetings).
  - Staying communicative with students via phone calls, email, social media platforms, etc.
  - Offer additional support during COVID.

## Data Outcomes

- We served 106 GSP scholars fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters.
  - Fall 2021: 20 new incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year and transfer students
  - Spring 2022: 6 new, continuing or returning students
- 2021-2022 graduates: 13 total (5 students graduating with a master's degree).
- Our enrollment has increased every year, over the past academic years.
  - We started the program with 12 GSP scholars in 2006.
  - We have never enrolled anything lower than 100 since.