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Welcome to University Housing

The student conduct team is made up of four Residence Community Coordinators and myself, the Coordinator for Student Conduct and Community Responsibility. We are dedicated to educating your student outside of the classroom. Transition to college can be very difficult and we recognize that students will make independent decisions as they explore this journey. We talk to your students about their decisions, provide resources, and encourage them to be effective Wildcat community members.

I sent a reminder to students regarding our UH Policy Guide when they applied for housing. This brief document outlines expectations and allows them to ask questions when policies are unclear. In addition, I included a link that takes them to the Student Conduct section of the UH website that provides information regarding our procedures.

As a Chico State Wildcat, your student has chosen to live in a community that promotes the following:

Wisdom
I will put care and thought into the actions I take.

Integrity
I will conduct myself in a manner that represents myself with the highest level of ethics.

Learning
I will learn from both my mistakes and my triumphs.

Diversity
I will respect the backgrounds, stories, and perspectives of all within the Chico State community.

Community
I will value those I interact with including students, staff and faculty.

Accountability
I will hold myself and others accountable for the standards outlined in the Policy Guide.

Transformation
I will commit myself to personal, interpersonal, and academic growth through my time in University Housing.

We are excited for students to embark on a new journey. Please don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns at 530-898-6325 or slasnik@csuchico.edu.

Sarah Beth Lasnik
Coordinator for Student Conduct and Community Responsibility
Primetime Productions (PTP) is a group of student staff and volunteers whose only goal is to help your residents find their “place” at Chico State. This residential programming board provides quality events each week which are free and open to all residents. Each week residents have a variety of programs or events to choose from. Most events are hosted either in the Hub, the Sutter Courtyard or at the University Village Programming Building. PTP events range from purely social to thought provoking and educational.

Sutter Courtyard is located right outside the dining hall and provides a central location for many PTP events and collaborations.

CRAFTY CATS is a great low risk activity for residents who might be a little nervous about venturing out of their room. There is no need to sign up in advance and no talent is required. Each week about 200 students attend at either the Hub (Tuesdays at 6PM) or at the UV Programming Building (Wednesdays at 7PM).

UP LATE events are held every Friday in the Hub from 10PM – 2AM. These alcohol free events provide a great place for students to unwind and engage with peers in a safe way. Every Friday the event is different, ranging from dance parties to Karaoke and mini-golf, to food events like PTP’s award-winning Get Cheezy event where students can enjoy hot grilled cheese sandwiches.
PTP celebrated 10 amazing years with a celebration on Family Weekend. Everyone was invited to attend Despicable Me 3!

Places your resident may hang out outside their community or dining hall include the Hub, Sutter Courtyard or the UV Building.

The Hub is the place to be on campus – day or night there is always something or someone waiting for your resident. The Hub is open seven days a week and provides residents and their friends a place to study, to play games, watch TV or just chill out on the comfy bean bags. The Hub offers a Wii System, multiple board games, coloring pages, a microwave, ice cold water and friendly PTP staff who are always present to help students find what they need.

Sutter Courtyard is located right outside the dining hall and provides a central location for many PTP events and collaborations. During the first few weeks of school residents had the opportunity to attend tabling fairs for the recreation center, learn about faith based organizations as well as meet the students who make up our Greek Life at Chico State. Just last week PTP collaborated with the WREC – our campus recreation center – to host Dogs and Donuts. At this event, residents were invited to pet puppies and enjoy a sweet treat.
For some students, college will be the first time they have had control over personal finances. Often, during the first semester, learning to budget money can be difficult. Common culprits of disorganized student finances include:

**CELL PHONE BILLS**: Many students have never paid for phone calls and the expense of keeping up with long-distance friends and family can be a surprise.

**FAST FOOD**: Pizza deliveries, convenience foods, and other snacks can add to unanticipated expenses.

**ATMS**: An easy way to get into financial trouble is the convenience of using ATMs, especially if withdrawals are not recorded by the student each time an ATM is used.

**ENTERTAINMENT**: While the university offers many free or inexpensive entertainment opportunities, the campus also offers many fee-based events, such as concerts, which can add up quickly.

This may be a good time to discuss budgeting with your student. Maintaining a minimum balance in the bank account may prevent overspending. It is a good idea for a student to have a credit card for emergency purposes, but if you aren’t ready to hand over your own, you may wish to check into a secured credit card. A secured credit card requires a frozen deposit as collateral for any charges made on the account.

Another option might be a part-time job for your student. Students with jobs tend to manage their time and money more effectively. Jobs are available in Dining Services, Res Life, and other university departments. This allows students to work close to where they live. Students interested in seeking employment opportunities with Dining Services should visit the Associated Students Dining Services office located in the UHUB (530-898-5962); for jobs with University Housing, look for job announcements posted in the residence halls; for other university student employment, encourage your student to call the Student Employment Office at (530-898-5256).

**Wildcat Resources**

**ALTERNATIVE TO A CREDIT CARD**: Since our campus no longer accepts cash for payment of copies, labs, etc., most students load funds on their Wildcat Card. How? GET is a web interface application for students and relatives of the student to add currency to the student’s Wildcat Card. The funds added to the card can allow the student to make many types of purchases with their Wildcat Card. For more information, go to https://www.csuchico.edu/idcard/get_funds.shtml
Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

On behalf of the Student Health Center, welcome to Chico State! We are very excited for your student to begin college and experience living on campus. With hundreds of students sharing a living space, we want you to be aware that common illness occurs.

Below are 10 tips on how to stay healthy in the residence halls:

- Eat foods with nutritional value
- Drink plenty of water
- Get at least 6-8 hours of sleep each night
- Exercise regularly
- Relax, de-stress – participate in activities you enjoy
- Limit alcohol consumption and tobacco use
- Frequently wash your hands
- Stay home when you’re sick
- Get a flu shot – the SHC flu clinic starts in September on campus
- Try simple over the counter medications such as ibuprofen, Tylenol, and throat lozenges available for purchase at the SHC pharmacy for a minimal cost

If symptoms persist or progress, please have your student make an appointment to see a provider or use our walk-in clinic. Our hours during the academic year are 8am-5pm Monday through Friday, and 9:15am-5pm on Wednesdays.

The following are dates for our influenza (flu) vaccine shot clinics. The flu vaccines are free to all current CSU, Chico students and the clinics are held at the Meriam Library Breezeway. All of the clinics will be held from 1:00PM-5:00PM on the following dates:

- September 26th
- September 28th
- October 3rd
- October 4th
- October 30th

Visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/shs for more information or call (530)898-5241 with any questions or concerns.

We wish your student a happy and healthy year!

Sincerely,

The Student Health Center
California State University, Chico

**Semester Hours**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
- Wednesday: 9:15AM - 5:00PM
HOUSING CONNECTIONS

I had the pleasure of meeting many of you during summer orientation where we discussed various aspects of off-campus living while attending CSU, Chico.

Over the past 40 years, I have experienced Chico State as an alum, a former off-campus housing provider, and Chico’s mayor, viewing students as they integrate into the local community. While students may face challenges during their transition into the community, typically they are not difficult to overcome with a little guidance and assistance.

As you learned during “Summer O,” a key resource is our off-campus website www.csuchico.edu/offcampus. Encourage your students to access this site for various rental tools and community resources. Ask them to consider taking advantage of the Rental Housing Certification Program which many local property owners assign value to during the application process. This 45-minute web-based instruction and corresponding test will equip them with knowledge of their rights and responsibilities when transitioning to our campus-area neighborhoods. You may want to consider offering your typically required personal guarantee on next year’s lease only after they have successfully completed the program.

Off-Campus Housing Connections, also found on this website, is a valuable tool to identify property owners and managers who historically work closely with the University. This list provides a link to their individual websites where you will find detailed property descriptions and availability lists, a valuable resource when searching for local rental housing.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any aspect of your student’s Chico experience. You can reach me at 530-898-6238 or via email at dpherbert@csuchico.edu.

I am committed to insuring your student’s success as they integrate into the Chico community.

Sincerely,

Dan Herbert
Director Off-Campus Student Services
"WELCOME TO CHICO!"

I have heard those words often during the past month. Having just moved here, I have experienced transition issues similar to that of new students. The move has reminded me of how important it is to be a welcoming campus community, certainly to our newest members, but also to every student regardless of when they arrived.

My path to Chico has had several stops across eight areas of the U.S. I am disposed to look for adventure, so when the opportunity arose to move to Northern California, I jumped.

I have worked in collegiate housing my entire career, although admittedly did not know about the profession until becoming a student staff member 40 years ago. Several stops later certainly has given me some perspective on what works, balancing high standards and flexible approaches, and the importance of staying current as a professional. More importantly, I am reminded daily of the brief opportunity I have to positively affect students who might be the answer to the world’s questions. I am a very serious Student Affairs professional, but also constantly look for the humor in a situation as, at the end of the day, it’s those moments of levity that makes for memorable experiences.

My goal for students who attend Chico State is that they look for their own destinations and which opportunities will best take them there. Whether academically, socially, professionally, or if like me, geographically. I am more than happy to have conversations about a variety of topics and look forward to meeting as many students as I can throughout the year.

Have a great beginning of your fall semester and “Welcome to Chico!”

Jeff Hale, Ed.D.,
Associate Director
Housing Administration
The Chico State Experience gives each Wildcat the chance to learn, grow and develop, not only academically, but in all areas. One of the most important elements of self-discovery for each of us is to find our life path, discovering meaningful work that fits our skills, giving us the opportunity for lifelong growth.

The Career Center at Chico State is built around giving each student the skills to forge that path. Advisors meet with students to explore careers related to their interests and course of study, and then help students achieve their desired internships and post-college career roles. For students who have not yet narrowed down a major or a career path, we offer Career Assessments to help students identify key personality and interest preferences as they relate to both majors and careers.

Building foundational, transferable job skills starts with part-time work, and the Career Center is instrumental in linking students with both on-campus and off-campus part-time jobs. In addition to providing a job search database with thousands of part time, internship and career positions, we also help students refine their resumes and cover letters, and provide practice for students to hone their interviewing and job networking skills.

Career Fairs, seminars and information sessions throughout the year provide students with opportunities to connect with employers who are eager to hire Chico State students and alumni. We network with both local and national employers to provide our talented Wildcats with exposure to great opportunities, both while they are students and after they have graduated. In addition, Wildcat alumni have lifelong access to Career Center services, including appointments by phone for those who relocate out of the Chico area.

We encourage all students to stop by the Career Center as early as their Freshman year, to begin their own journey from college to beyond. Whether it is a resume review, help finding a part-time job or internship, or landing that great post-college dream job, we help Wildcats forge a path that is uniquely theirs.
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The AS is one of four employers on the Chico State campus and a great place to work! We employ over 700 students on campus in many different departments. Student employment opportunities are available at Sutter Dining Hall, Marketplace Café, Common Grounds, CAVE, Recycling and Sustainability, the Wildcat Recreation Center (WREC), Adventure Outings and more! Students may only work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week between all jobs on campus, so you can be sure that work will not interfere with school.

To see what job opportunities we are currently offering, please go to our website at www.as.csuchico.edu and hover over “Get a Job” and then select “Student Employment”. Please check back frequently as postings are always changing.

IMPORTANT BEST PRACTICES TO SHARE WITH YOUR STUDENT:

APPLICATION BEST PRACTICES:
• Complete the application thoroughly and review for grammar and spelling
• Highlight relevant experience
• Answer any supplemental questions thoughtfully and thoroughly

INTERVIEWING BEST PRACTICES:
• Prepare for your interview by reading the job posting
• Arrive on time!
• Dress appropriately
• Be prepared to tell the interviewer how your experience has prepared you for the position
• Turn off your cell phone prior to the interview
• Come prepared with questions

AFTER YOU ARE HIRED:
• You will have to complete new hire paperwork. You will be required to provide proof of identity and employment eligibility in order to complete the I-9. The documents most often provided are either a passport or a driver’s license AND social security card. You are required by federal law to provide original documents. Come prepared!
• Students must maintain academic enrollment during the course of employment. Undergrads must be enrolled in at least 6 units.
• Be prepared to complete the Form W-4. Our managers cannot give tax advice.