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Welcome!

Whether you’re a high school student, a current college student interested in transferring, or a graduate who wants to come back to earn a master’s degree, California State University, Chico is the right place for you. We’re glad you’re here.

CSU, Chico places an emphasis on academic excellence and personal interaction between students, faculty, and staff. With a passion for teamwork and community service, our students routinely earn top honors nationally in journalism, engineering, business, speech, and charity fundraising competitions. Our sports teams and athletes continue to earn honors and awards too numerous to mention. We offer a vast array of affordable cocurricular activities (such as volunteer opportunities, internships, and recreational activities).

CSU, Chico’s outstanding academics, facilities, and activities outside the classroom continuously enrich the campus environment by providing new opportunities for learning and growth. In short, we provide one of the most exceptional values for higher education in the state, and our graduates are highly recruited by industries and agencies — both small and large.

Visitors are always welcome in Chico. You will quickly learn that people are friendly and genuinely happy to live here. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, please enjoy the beauty of our location and learn what a true college town offers. We call it the Chico Experience — visitors call it scenic, memorable, and fun.

Once you finish this guide, you will have a better understanding of why Sunset magazine called Chico “The Hidden Gem Up North.” You will learn why generations of CSU, Chico grads hesitate to leave and can’t wait to come back and visit — often bringing their children with them to continue our proud Wildcat tradition.

Barbara Fortin
Associate Vice President
for Enrollment Management

Welcome from the Parent Advisory Council

Dear Chico State Parents
and Family Members:

On behalf of the Chico State Parent Advisory Council, I welcome you to Chico State. We are proud to have an active council in which parents can participate and contribute to the education, health, and safety of Chico State students.

The Parent Advisory Council was started in fall 2007, and has made a real impact on campus. Just one example of this is parent involvement in the Ready, Set, Chico events held throughout the State in August of each year (check the calendar for the 2015 dates and locations). Ready, Set, Chico events bring together parents, students, and alumni of the University to celebrate students’ decision to attend Chico State. Parents residing in the locations of these events work hard to organize the events and arrange the venue and food. These events are incredibly upbeat and fun! Alumni are energized by their contact with the University through their interactions with new students. Parents are calmed by the knowledge that Chico State is a wonderful place that has a reputation for turning out great people.

The Parent Advisory Council holds two meetings per year; one meeting is held in October (Saturday, October 10, 2015) in conjunction with the Chico Experience.

Barbara Fortin
Associate Vice President
for Enrollment Management
The University is working hard to provide the tools necessary to ensure student success, and we all realize that parents are an important part of the education process for students.

Week (October 9–18, 2015), and one is held the last weekend in February. Parent Advisory Council members are responsible for helping out at two campus events per year; events include Ready, Set, Chico events, Wildcat Welcome Week events (the fall new student orientation), and Chico Experience Week. Helping out generally means being on hand to meet and greet other parents, letting parents know about the Parent Advisory Council, and helping them find answers to their questions.

The University is working hard to provide the tools necessary to ensure student success, and we all realize that parents are an important part of the education process for students. I invite you to put your energy to work for not only your son or daughter, but for all Chico State students. For more information on how you can become a part of the Parent Advisory Council, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (530) 898-6472. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Lisa Chock, President
CSU, Chico Parent Advisory Council

CSU, Chico’s History

The Mechoopda Maidu Indians were the original inhabitants of the area issued as the Rancho Arroyo Chico land grant to William Dickey in 1845. General John Bidwell, pioneer, statesman, and founder of Chico, subsequently bought the grant. In 1887, Bidwell donated eight acres of cherry orchard, and construction began on Chico Normal School. The campus opened in 1889 with 90 students and five faculty members. The first class of teachers graduated in June 1891. Chico Normal School became Chico State Teachers College in 1921. The state legislature converted its teachers colleges to state colleges in 1935, and Chico State Teachers College became Chico State College. In 1972, the college became California State University, Chico.
Students (Fall 2014)

Freshman Profile
Average High School GPA: 3.39 (admits) / 3.26 (enrolled)
Mean SAT Scores (composite: math and verbal): 1042 (admits) / 1014 (enrolled)

Full-Time Equivalent students: 16,251
(FTE: total number of course hours enrolled in during a particular semester, divided by 15 for undergraduates; divided by 12 for graduate students)

Total Number of Students 17,287
Freshmen: 4,091 (2,945 first-time; 1,146 transfer or continuing) (24%)
Sophomores: 2,378 (14%)
Juniors: 4,208 (24%)
Seniors: 5,374 (31%)
Postbaccalaureate Students: 1,236 (7%)

Age
CSU, Chico Average (undergraduate and graduate): 23
Undergraduate Average: 22

Ethnicity
American Indian: 0.6%
Asian: 5.6%
Black/African American: 2.0%
Hispanic/Latino: 25.0%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%
White: 49.0%
Two or More Races/Ethnicities: 4.9%
Declined to State: 8.1%
Nonresident Alien: 4.7%

Gender
Female: 53%
Male: 47%

Quick Facts
- California State University, Chico (popularly called “Chico State”)
- Founded: 1887
- President: Paul J. Zingg
- Student/Faculty ratio: 23.9 to 1
- Average Undergraduate Class Size: 30
- Campus Acreage: Main campus 119 acres; University Farm 800 acres; Ecological Reserves 2,330 acres
- Total General Fund Budget, including revenue: $190,408,534
- Location: 90 miles north of Sacramento; 174 miles northeast of San Francisco
- Service Counties: Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba
- School Mascot: Wildcat
- School Colors: Cardinal and White
- Alumni/ae: 131,505

Admissions

APPLICATION INFORMATION

When and How to Apply
Application priority filing periods
Fall semester: Oct. 1–Nov. 30
Spring semester: Aug. 1–31

Our preference is for you to apply online at www.csumentor.edu. It’s quick and easy, and it also expedites the processing of your application. We do, however, still accept paper applications if you are unable to apply online. You can download a PDF version of the application at our website, www.csuchico.edu/admissions, or you can contact the Office of Admissions via email at info@csuchico.edu or by phone at 1(800) 542-4426.

What Do I Send?
Once you apply, be sure to follow up by sending the necessary documents for an admission decision.

Freshmen: Send SAT or ACT test scores (completed by December prior to enrollment).

Upper-division transfers: Send official transcripts from each college you’ve attended.

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
California State University, Chico is a popular campus and is impacted at the first-time freshman level, so we will use
**College Preparatory Coursework**

You must complete the following pattern of college preparatory subject requirements with a C or better prior to high school graduation. We do not accept summer work after graduation to meet admission requirements.

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<th>Social science (including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government)</th>
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<td>English</td>
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<td>Mathematics (algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra)</td>
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<td>Visual and performing arts (one single yearlong course)</td>
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<td>College preparatory elective</td>
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A course must be designated by your high school as meeting a University of California A–G subject requirement to be considered college preparatory (www.ucop.edu/agguide).

**Eligibility Index**

The eligibility index will be calculated using a combination of high school GPA and SAT Reasoning Test score or ACT composite score.

**To calculate your eligibility index for CSU, Chico freshman admission:**

Using SAT Reasoning Test scores: 

\[
(\text{Your GPA} \times 800) + \text{SAT Reasoning Test score} = \text{Your Index}
\]

Using ACT scores: 

\[
(\text{Your GPA} \times 200) + (10 \times \text{ACT Composite}) = \text{Your Index}
\]

**English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry Level Math Test (ELM)**

As a first-time freshman, you will be required to take the EPT and/or ELM for placement purposes, unless exempt. You can take these tests at the CSU, Chico campus or at the CSU nearest you, and we strongly recommend that you take the EPT/ELM by March for fall admission. You can get further information at the ETS website, www.ets.org. If you live outside of the state of California, please call (925) 808-2142 or email csuout-of-state@ets.org. Out-of-state testing is arranged for the second week of the month. There is an additional fee of $50 for testing outside of the state of California.

**Early Start Program (ESP)**

New freshmen who are deemed not ready for college-level English and/or math after taking the EPT/ELM will need to start the remediation process no later than the summer before their first term. If it is determined that you need remediation in either area, you must take extra steps to address this requirement through the Early Start Program (ESP). Students will be notified throughout the process of application, admission, and registration about this requirement. Please visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/admissions/earlystart.shtml for further details.
New college students have a lot to learn about life on their own. They face many challenges, learning to live independently as they adjust to new lifestyles and patterns of living and learning.

Many college freshmen, and some transfer students as well, will deal with day-to-day costs they never before had to handle themselves. We recommend that students utilize CashCourse (www.cashcourse.org), an online tool available to help build budgeting and money management skills.

Visit Us:
A great way to learn about Chico State is to visit. To find our campus tour schedule and reserve your space online, please go to www.csuchico.edu/admissions/visit-chico/index.shtml.

You can also plan to attend Chico Preview Day, our fall open house for prospective students and their families, on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015. If you are an admitted student for fall 2016 you can attend Choose Chico! on Saturday, April 9, 2016. For further details about admissions events please visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/admissions.

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Money Matters
Fall 2015

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*Nonresident tuition is an additional $372 per unit.

NOTE: The budget listed at left reflects the estimated amount of undergraduate fees/tuition based on full-time attendance during 2015–16. Other costs listed are averaged and will vary by student.
Financial aid and scholarships are disbursed once a week throughout each semester. If the student’s file is complete and there are no items remaining on their “To-Do List,” the first possible disbursement for the fall term is the week of August 20, 2015. Disbursement is contingent on the student’s financial aid file status and enrollment.

Questions
If parents have questions about their student’s financial aid and wish to contact us the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office directly, the student must submit an Authorization to Release Information Form (www.csuchico.edu/sfin/documents/AuthReleaseInfoFillable.pdf). This is an electronic form available through the website to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. This allows our personnel to speak directly to a parent about their student’s financial aid file, and assures compliance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa).

Financial aid advisors are available by appointment (by phone or in person) to help with general financial aid inquiries, questions about loans, special problems, technical questions, appeals, and budgeting. Students may call our office at (530) 898-6451 to set up an appointment. Customer service representatives are available by phone and at our walk-up windows to answer financial aid questions, accept forms and documents, and schedule appointments.

We hope that your student will love Chico State and will have an academically successful and rewarding school year. Congratulations for bringing them this far!
CSU, Chico utilizes a dual advising system in which undergraduate students are provided support through both the undergraduate advising office as well as their academic major department.

Advisors in the office of Academic Advising Programs (AAP) serve as “general practitioners,” providing students with assistance in understanding graduation requirements, general education, major exploration, course selection and registration, university policies and procedures, and strategies for academic success. Academic Advising is also the advising home for undeclared students and the first stop for students with general advising questions. Advisors see students daily on a drop-in basis. Please visit the AAP website for current advising drop-in hours: www.csuchico.edu/aap.

Once a student declares a major, the student will be assigned a major advisor within his or her academic department. (Please note: The method for assigning advisors varies by department. Contact the department for details.) The major advisor is a “specialist,” providing specific advice on program planning and course selection within the major, internships, and other opportunities in the major.

Understanding CSU, Chico’s nine graduation requirements is essential for selecting appropriate courses. Advisors in the office of Academic Advising Programs can help students understand the requirements and monitor their academic progress. Here is a brief explanation of each requirement and a few specific tips about how to pick classes:

1. **Total Units**
   - 120–124 units (BA)
   - 120–128 units (BS)

   Is your student trying to graduate in four years?
   - BA/BS = 15–16 units each semester

   **Question:** How many units is a realistic load?
   - **Answer:** Generally, (units) x (3) + (number hours working, etc.) should total no more than 60 hours.

2. **Upper-Division Units**
   - 40 units

   **Question:** Which courses are upper division?
   - **Answer:** Upper-division courses are ≥ 300.

   - **TIP** Courses numbered ≥ 300 are more advanced. Freshmen should focus on courses numbered 100–200.

3. **Residence Requirement**
   - 30 units must be completed at CSU, Chico:
     - 24 upper-division units
     - 12 major units
     - 9 units of general education

   **Keep in mind:** Non-transfer students attending CSU, Chico will automatically complete the residence requirement within their program. However, transfer students need to be aware of this requirement.

   - **TIP** Transfer students can complete their nine GE units at CSU, Chico by taking their Upper-Division Breadth Pathway courses.

4. **General Education Pathway Program**
   - 48 units

   The General Education Pathway Program offers students an integrated learning experience across the University’s academic disciplines, and the opportunity to earn an interdisciplinary minor in one of 10 subjects. To learn more, visit the CSU, Chico’s general education website. (http://catalog.csuchico.edu/viewer/14/GENED.html)

   **Four components of general education:**
   - **Foundation** = 18 units
   - **American Institutions** = 6 units
     - (U.S. History, U.S. Constitution, and California State and Local Government)
   - **Lower-Division Breadth Pathway** = 15 units
     - (C1: Arts, C2: Humanities, D1: Individual and Society, D2: Societal Institutions, E: Learning for Life)
   - **Upper-Division Breadth Pathway** = 9 units
     - (an upper-division requirement taken junior/senior years)

   Students will also have opportunities in GE to take several Writing Intensive (WI) courses and a Capstone (C) course.

   - **TIP** Freshmen should complete the Area A courses within their first three semesters. Transfers from community colleges may have completed most, if not all, of the lower-division general education requirement. They will need to complete the Upper-Division Breadth Pathway at CSU, Chico.
Understanding CSU, Chico’s nine graduation requirements is essential for selecting appropriate courses.

5 Diversity Requirement
6 units

US Diversity (USD) = 1 class (study of an ethnic subculture within the United States)
Global Cultures (GC) = 1 class (study of a culture outside of Western Heritage)

- **TIP** Students can complete both diversity courses within general education.

6 American Institutions Requirement
6 units (taken within general education)

- **TIP** Freshmen may want to include one, but not both, of these courses in their first semester. Transfer students from a California community college may have taken classes for this requirement that also count for general education.

7 Skills Requirement
A grade of C- or better is required for the following GE requirements (Core):
A1: Oral Communication = 1 class
A2: Written Communication* = 1 class
A3: Critical Thinking = 1 class
A4: Quantitative Reasoning* = 1 class

*If your student is not exempt, his or her required Entry-Level Math Exam (ELM) and English Placement Test (EPT) scores will determine placement in A2 and A4 courses.

8 Major
Most students change their major at least once during their first year in college—that can be a sign that they are actively exploring their intellectual interests.

- **TIP** Declaring a major is an important decision your student will need to make. There are many ways that students can explore majors.

9 Grade Point Average (GPA)
Students must attain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, which includes both transfer and CSU, Chico work, at least a 2.0 in courses required for the major, and at least 2.0 in all work taken at CSU, Chico. See major department for additional GPA requirements.

- **TIP** Attending college is a big transition for most students; 16–18 percent of new students earn a GPA less than 2.0 in their first semester in college. Academic probation is not something to be taken lightly, and it is a signal that it’s time for your student to meet with an advisor!
Residence Life

The Residence Life program at Chico State encourages personal growth in a student-community setting. The program provides a climate where a community atmosphere complements the educational mission of the University. Each residence community has a professional full-time residential coordinator and assistant coordinator as well as student resident advisors for each living area. There is also a programming and leadership coordinator who initiates educational, social, and athletic activities within all University Housing communities.

On-Campus Residence Halls
Chico State provides five on-campus residence halls reserved for incoming freshmen; the sixth hall, Sutter Hall, is offered to incoming freshmen as well as returning students. Most residence hall rooms are double occupancy, but there are some single and triple rooms in Whitney Hall. Whitney, the largest of the residence halls, accommodates 544 students in a high-rise setting. Lassen Hall and Shasta Hall each accommodate 210 students. At the north end of campus are several smaller residence halls, Esken Hall and Mechoopda Hall, which house 112 and 120 students, respectively. Konkow Hall is made up of six thematic houses and accommodates 78 students in total.

University Apartments
University Village (UV) is the largest residential community at Chico State, the most unique student housing facility in Chico, and the only University-owned apartment-style community. This resident community provides mostly cluster-style living with up to six students sharing a kitchen and two bathrooms per suite.

The Flex Cash program included in the residential dining program allows students to dine at the Marketplace Cafe in the Bell Memorial Union, campus coffee shops, and the campus convenience stores.

Approximately 700 Chico State students will call UV home for the academic year. UV is home to many first-time freshmen, continuing residents, transfer students, and international students. The cluster-style apartments are fully furnished, so UV residency means students do not have to provide furniture or arrange for utilities, cable, and Internet connections.

UV has two pools, a spa, free parking, two community rooms, and a computer lab with printer access. UV is the only University-owned community that remains open during Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break.

Meal Plans
The six on-campus residence halls include three meal-plan choices, and each includes a Flex Cash feature for dining in campus restaurants and coffee shops. Students who live in Konkow Hall or University Village have a smaller meal-per-semester plan plus Flex Cash. Students can use meal cards in the all-you-care-to-eat Sutter Residential Dining Center or Sutter Cafe, the late-night grab-and-go eatery. The Flex Cash program included in the residential dining program allows students to dine at the Marketplace Cafe in the Bell Memorial Union, campus coffee shops, and the campus convenience stores.
The University Police Department (UPD) at Chico State is committed to students’ safety and success. UPD officers patrol on and off campus, and comply with the Jeanne Clery Act, a Federal law requiring all college and University campuses to publish crime statistics for specified offenses. To view crime statistics or for more information on UPD’s safety programs please visit our website at www.csuchico.edu/up.

UPD’s Community Service Unit offers the following safety programs to the campus community, at no cost:

- **Freshmen Safe Start** is an interactive safety program for incoming freshmen. Freshmen Safe Start is mandatory for all freshmen who will be living in University Housing, and is open to all new Chico State students.

- **R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense)** is a free self-defense program for women, offered each semester to female students, faculty, and staff.

- **Campus Connection – Safety Shuttle**. UPD offers a safe method of transportation from 6 p.m. until midnight every day when classes are in session. Transportation is provided to and from University buildings, parking lots, and residence halls, including the University Village Apartments on Nord Avenue. Community Service Officers follow an established route and arrive at each designated Campus Connection location approximately every 30 minutes. The Campus Connection route terminates each night at midnight, and Campus Connection operates exclusively from the Meriam Library from midnight until 2 a.m.

Chico State’s Student Health Service is an AAAHC accredited outpatient health center staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and other licensed healthcare personnel. The scope of service includes physical examinations, men’s and women’s reproductive health, health promotion and education, and treatment of acute injuries and illnesses. Student Health Service has a full-service pharmacy, an x-ray department, and a federally certified high-complexity laboratory.

The closest Kaiser facility to Chico is approximately 90 miles away; therefore, please make sure your student has the appropriate health insurance plan and coverage. Please contact your insurance company to verify that your health care coverage extends to Chico. Remind your student to always carry their health insurance card with them to avoid having to pay out-of-pocket.

Enrolled students pay a mandatory health fee that is included in the university fees. This fee provides your student with no-cost, or low-cost access to healthcare.

The student health fee is not a health insurance and does not meet the Affordable Care Act requirements for health insurance coverage. Instead the Student Health Service provides access to urgent care type healthcare during the designated clinic hours:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Wednesdays 9:15 a.m.–5 p.m.

To learn more about the services provided by the Student Health Center including timely and seasonal local health updates you may go directly to the Student Health Center website at www.csuchico.edu/shs or call (530) 898-5241. 

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**Campus Health and Safety**

Students who are using the Library between midnight and 2 a.m. can request transportation to one of the designated locations on the normal Campus Connection route.

- **Blue Light Phones**. There are more than 30 Blue Light Phones on campus. Once the phone is activated, a two-way open line is established between the caller and a UPD Dispatcher. Blue Light Phone calls have priority over routine business calls. Blue Light Phones can be used to report a crime, emergency, or suspicious situation.
Getting Involved

Student life at Chico State doesn’t end in the classroom. The University offers over 240 student clubs and organizations. By becoming involved in cocurricular activities, students can gain a sense of belonging and better enjoy a well-rounded college experience.

Clubs, Organizations, Activities

Clubs on campus are focused on everything from specific majors to religions to athletics, providing an excellent way for students to meet others with similar interests. Most clubs accept students of any class level. Sororities and fraternities provide another opportunity for student involvement at Chico State. www.aschico.com

Community Involvement

Service is an integral part of the Chico Experience—and most student organizations spend time giving back. Community service organizations at Chico State offer yet another way for students to get involved. Students volunteering through the popular Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) contribute over 60,000 volunteer hours each year to the North State. www.csuchico.edu/sll

Broad Horizons

The National Student Exchange and Study Abroad are two exceptional programs offering academic and cultural diversity exposures as part of the Chico Experience at institutions in the United States and around the world. Through National Student Exchange, www.csuchico.edu/nse, students can study at one of 200 institutions within the United States for up to two semesters. FAFSA funding is available to qualifying students. Study Abroad provides opportunities to study at one of 85 programs operated outside of the United States in over 30 countries. www.csuchico.edu/studyabroad

The Wildcat Recreation Center

Opened in August 2009, the Wildcat Recreation Center (WREC) boasts tons of weight and cardio equipment, four group exercise rooms, an indoor running track, a pool and spa, a 35-foot climbing wall and bouldering arch, three basketball courts, and a multi-activity court. The WREC is a program of the Associated Students and funded by student fees. There is no additional membership cost for students.

Thousands of students compete on intramural sports teams and through sport clubs supported by the Recreational Sports office, located in the WREC. Intramural leagues compete against other Chico State students. Sport clubs are student-run sports teams and operate at either a recreational or competitive level.

History meets Elegance in Downtown Chico!

www.universityparent.com/csuchico
The WREC also works closely with Adventure Outings (AO), which offers more than 40 outdoor recreation and adventure trips each semester in Northern California’s breathtaking wilderness areas. AO also provides equipment rentals for their various trips, as well as rentals for students’ personal adventure needs. www.aschico.com/wrec

**Athletics**

Chico State student-athletes compete at a high level while pursuing a quality education. Their academic success, along with excellent coaching and fine facilities, has contributed to Chico’s reputation as one of the top NCAA Division II athletic programs in the nation. www.chicowildcats.com

California State University, Chico sports include:

- Baseball (Men’s)
- Basketball (Men’s and Women’s)
- Cross Country (Men’s and Women’s)
- Golf (Men’s and Women’s)
- Soccer (Men’s and Women’s)
- Softball (Women’s)
- Track and Field (Men’s and Women’s)
- Volleyball (Women’s)

By becoming involved in activities, students can gain a sense of belonging and better enjoy a well-rounded college experience.
Ready, Set, Chico!

Each August, as new Chico State students prepare to head to Chico for the fall semester, the Chico State Parent Advisory Council hosts a set of ten Ready, Set, Chico! events designed to bring together students, families, and alumni in locations throughout California.

Students are given the opportunity to meet other students heading to Chico from their area. It is a huge relief for students to come to Chico and see familiar faces. Students are encouraged to share contact information with other students they meet at Ready, Set, Chico! When they get to campus, they will already be on their way to making some lifelong connections.

For parents, there is nothing more reassuring than knowing their son or daughter is heading to a good place to get a high-quality college education. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions of parents of returning Chico State students and representatives from the University. Returning Chico State students and alumni also provide perspective on the Chico State experience.

Parents and students who have attended these events in past years are our best endorsement—they say you should go. You and the new Chico State student in your home will not regret it!

2015 Dates and Locations

Friday, July 31
Palm Springs/Coachella Valley area
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Lamppost Pizza, 78-772 Highway 111
La Quinta, CA 92253

Monday, August 3
Los Angeles
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cheviot Hills Park, 2551 Motor Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Tuesday, August 4
Orange County/Irvine
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Heritage Park: Group picnic area,
14301 Yale Ave.
Irvine, CA 92604

Wednesday, August 5
San Diego
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Hospitality Point at Mission Bay Park,
located at the south end of Quivira Way
in 2500 block
San Diego, CA 92109

Thursday, August 6
Citrus Heights/
Northern Sacramento Area
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Rusch Park: 7801 Auburn Boulevard,
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Friday, August 7
Elk Grove/Southern Sacramento Area
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Morse Park, Bellaterra Dr. & Fire Poppy Dr.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Monday, August 10
San Rafael
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
McNears Beach Park, 201 Cantera Way
San Rafael, CA 94901

Tuesday, August 11
Redwood City
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Red Morton Park, 1120 Roosevelt Ave.
Redwood City, CA 94061

Wednesday, August 12
San José
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Almaden Lake Park, Almaden
Expressway
San Jose, CA 95120

Thursday, August 13
Danville
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road
Danville, CA 94506

To RSVP, or for more information on any of these events, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at CSU, Chico at (530) 898-6472 or email parent@csuchico.edu.
### Academic Calendar

#### JULY 2015
- Final document deadline for completion of admission file: July 15
- Registration deadline for fall 2015: July 29
- Registration and tuition fee payment deadline: July 29

#### AUGUST 2015
- Ready, Set, Chico! 2015 events:
  - Coachella Valley/Palm Springs: July 3–Aug. 14
  - Los Angeles: July 31
  - Orange County/Irvine: Aug. 3
  - San Diego: Aug. 4
  - Sacramento (North)/Citrus Heights: Aug. 5
  - Sacramento (South)/Elk Grove: Aug. 6
  - San Rafael: Aug. 7
  - Bay Area Peninsula/Redwood City: Aug. 10
  - San José: Aug. 11
  - Danville: Aug. 12
- Registration add/drop period: Aug. 3–Sept. 4
- Wildcat Welcome/Parent’s Reception: Aug. 19–21
- Fall classes begin: Aug. 24

#### SEPTEMBER 2015
- Last day to add or drop classes: Sept. 4
- Labor Day, campus closed: Sept. 7

#### OCTOBER 2015
- Chico Experience Week: Oct. 9–18
- Family Weekend Barbecue: Oct. 10
- Parent Advisory Council meeting: Oct. 10
- Chico Preview Day: Oct. 24

#### NOVEMBER 2015
- Veterans Day, campus closed: Nov. 11
- On-campus residence halls close at 6 p.m. (University Village will stay open through Thanksgiving break): Nov. 20
- Thanksgiving break, no classes: Nov. 23–27
- On-campus residence halls reopen at 2 p.m.: Nov. 29

#### DECEMBER 2015
- Registration deadline for Jan. Intercession and spring 2016 classes: Dec. 4
- Registration and tuition payment deadline for spring 2016 classes: Dec. 10
- Final Exam Week: Dec. 14–18
- On-campus residence halls close at 6 p.m. (University Village will stay open through winter break): Dec. 18
- Winter break: Dec. 21–Jan. 22

#### JANUARY 2016
- 2016–2017 University Scholarship Application available: Jan. 2–Feb. 15
- Fall 2015 grades available: Dec. 31/Jan. 1
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, campus closed: Jan. 18
- On-campus residence halls open at 2 p.m.: Jan. 22
- Spring classes begin: Jan. 25

#### FEBRUARY 2016
- Last day to submit the University Scholarship Application for 2016–2017 academic year: Feb. 15
- Parent Advisory Council meeting on the Chico State campus: Feb. 27

#### MARCH 2016
- On-campus residence halls close at 6 p.m. (University Village will stay open through spring break): March 11
- Spring break, no classes held: March 14–18
- On-campus residence halls open at 2 p.m.: March 20
- Cesar Chavez Day, campus closed: March 31

#### APRIL 2016
- Choose Chico!: April 9

#### MAY 2016
- Final examination week: May 16–20
- All residence halls close at 5 p.m.: May 20
- Commencement (dates subject to change): May 19–22
- Memorial Day, campus closed: May 30
Helpful Websites

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<td>(530) 898-6325 or (800) 730-4243</td>
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<td>(530) 898-6131</td>
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<td>(530) 898-6119</td>
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<td>(530) 898-4444</td>
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For more area resources visit www.universityparent.com/csuchico

Places to Stay

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Chico, CA 95928
(530) 894-6699
www.marriott.com/ciccv
Please see ad on p. 25.

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center Chico
685 Manzanita Ct.
Chico, CA 95926
(530) 345-2491
www.hichicohotel.com
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Hotel Diamond
220 W. 4th St.
Chico, CA 95928
(866) 993-3100
www.hoteldiamondchico.com
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Oxford Suites Chico
2035 Business Ln.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 899-9090
www.oxfordsuiteschico.com
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Quality Inn Chico
715 Main St.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 343-7911
www.qualityinn.com
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Residence Inn Chico
2485 Carmichael Dr.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 894-5500
www.marriott.com/cicri
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Places to Live

Baco Realty and ISM Management
849 Pomano Ave.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 879-9222
www.ismrem.com
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Chico College Apartments
647 W. 4th Ave. #E
Chico, CA 95926
(530) 345-0665
www.chicocollegeapts.com
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Chico College Living
(530) 893-3480
www.ChicocollegeLiving.com
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Craig Student Living
1400 W. 3rd St.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 893-7000
www.ExperienceCSL.com
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Everett Apartments
2165 Nord Ave. #10
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(530) 891-5221
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LivingInChico.com
The Hignell Companies
1750 Humboldt Rd.
Chico, CA 95928
(530) 894-0404
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What to See & Do

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