Belonging means something different to everyone. Although academics are the most important aspect of your collegiate life, many of your most rewarding experiences will also occur in a variety of student activities outside the classroom. Students who become involved in campus organizations are more likely to continue their education through graduation because they develop ties and friendships which help them “anchor” to the university. Membership in student groups leads to satisfying college experiences and has been found to have a positive impact on grade point averages. In addition, many of these activities play a major role in helping you to develop leadership, communication, interpersonal, and managerial skills. These tools will prove invaluable to your success after graduation. Due to the unique residential nature of the university, there are also numerous opportunities for your participation in the life of both the academic and larger Chico communities.

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE
The Student Activities Office (SAO) assists in the development of the university’s out-of-class learning experiences by direct contact with student organizations and programs, and by advising the Associated Students government, programming boards, and committees. Staff members work with students individually and in groups to produce programs which benefit the entire university community. This work includes developing individual leadership and management skills through a “hands on” approach to learning.

In addition to monitoring the student organizations’ use of university facilities, staff members also sit on university committees to develop policies affecting student activities. One program coordinator works closely with multicultural groups, some of which have offices on campus in the Multicultural Center. Other staff specialize in leadership education and development, Greek letter groups, and alcohol/drug education.

Internships and Course Credit for University and Community Service
Student Activities offers, through the Departments of Education, Health and Community Services, and Political Science, specialized internships which allow you to obtain university credit for extended participation in certain activities and programs (including AS. Government, yearbook production, KCSC, CAVE, CLIC, etc.). Check with the SAO staff about current course offerings, community service, and internship opportunities.

Campus Alcohol and Drug Education Center (CADEC)
CADEC promotes responsible decision-making with respect to alcohol and drug use. The staff is available to provide information to students who are concerned about alcohol and other drugs. CADEC is located in Reynolds Warehouse, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 530-898-6450.
**FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**

Fraternities and sororities have existed nationally for more than 200 years and at CSU, Chico for more than 60 years. Members and friends share their traditions of service to community, activities within the campus environment, and active social lives. Greek organizations stress the value of friendship, a sense of belonging, and worthwhile human experiences.

There are 23 social fraternities and 20 social sororities at CSU, Chico. Each group offers a particular kind of organizational affiliation for its members and extends lifetime membership to its alumnae/alumni. Belonging to a sorority or fraternity sometimes includes sharing a chapter house. Housing is available on a rotating basis each semester to active members so that all who wish to live in the house may do so sometime during their college years.

Fraternities and sororities have established coordinating groups (the Interfraternity, Panhellenic, and Ethnic Greek Councils) which meet regularly to share common interests, coordinate service and social projects, and encourage intergreek programs.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Most student organizations advertise their meetings and events. Some make presentations to classes, while others publish notices in The Orion and the Chico News & Review calendar sections. The Student Activities Web page (www.csuchico.edu/sac) contains information about officers and contact people for those who want to get involved. Your involvement can be from “may be interested” to becoming a leader or officer.

**LEADERSHIP**

The Jackie Faris-Rees Leadership Education and Development Program supports CSU, Chico’s Strategic Priority #1, “Believing in the primacy of student learning, we will continue to develop high-quality learning environments both in and outside of the classroom.” Created to honor the memory of Jackie Faris-Rees, an active student and community leader, the program provides leadership training, education, and development to CSU, Chico students through formal and experiential opportunities in an integrated academic environment.

- Prepares students to be informed, educated leaders on campus, in the community, and in the larger society
- Encourages students to discover their own leadership potential
- Acknowledges and celebrates student leaders’ contributions to university life and the larger community
- Provides leadership opportunities to pre-collegiate students, alumni, and other audiences

The program is funded by the Student Activities Office, the Associated Students, and individual donors.

**Weekend Retreat**

The annual Weekend Retreat is an intense leadership experience designed to maximize abilities and effectiveness in leadership roles. The workshops cover a wide range of areas, including leadership skills, professional growth, and personal growth.

The retreat, one of the program’s most popular offerings, is a unique and inexpensive opportunity for student leaders to get energized with fresh ideas which will help them improve their groups and enhance their own leadership potential.

**Internships**

Paid internships are available to students who assist in the delivery of leadership programs for the entire campus community. The interns are instrumental in planning, developing, and implementing the various components of the program.

**Junior High and High School Leadership Conferences**

These programs provide opportunities for local sixth through twelfth graders to gain leadership skills, explore new activities, and share ideas with students from other schools.

**Greek Leadership Conference**

This conference is a collaborative effort with Greek Life. Members of the Interfraternity, Panhellenic, and Ethnic Greek Councils participate in a one-day conference focusing on such topics as motivation and leadership development, particularly as it relates to the Greek community.

**Resources**

This program has compiled and made available to members of student organizations various resources for enhancing organizational effectiveness and leadership skills, as well as providing suggestions for planning group activities. Links are provided to more than 30 leadership topics, including active listening, managing conflict, and parliamentary procedure.
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Annual Reunion
Each year, in cooperation with the Associated Students, the program hosts a leadership reunion for alumni. The event includes a golf tournament and a dinner/auction.

Chico State University Leaders Honor Society
Each spring the leadership honor society inducts about a dozen students from among the best leaders on campus. Alumni who have distinguished themselves as leaders are also inducted at this time.

Leadership Studies Minor
For information on the Leadership Studies minor see "Special Major" in the University Catalog.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
As a CSU, Chico student, you are a member of the Associated Students (AS)—one of the largest non-profit organizations in Northern California. The AS is responsible for operating campus businesses, including the AS. Bookstore and Food Services. It provides many campus programs and services. The AS also plays a significant role in the academic credit is available for your participation in some AS programs.

Information Center—Use the University Information Center in the BMU or call 530-898-INFO for campus information and referrals. This center is your first stop for help with any question pertaining to student life on campus.

Students Make the Difference
The AS’ relationship with its members is unparalleled in the California State University system. The AS. does not receive state funding. Students directly allocate the income from two separate fees paid during registration—the Student Union Fee and the Activity Fee. This income, combined with business revenue, creates the multimillion-dollar budget of the AS.

Students govern the AS, corporation through the AS. Board of Directors (BOD), whose members include elected students and university administrators. Together, they set the goals and policies and are responsible for a budget exceeding $23 million, a full-time professional staff of 100, and 600-900 student employees.

Student Government
Becoming a member of an AS board, council, or committee offers you practical experience in organizational decision-making and the personal satisfaction of knowing that you really can make a difference. Talk to a student director in the AS. Government Office, Bell Memorial Union, or call 530-898-5701.

While the AS is an independent student organization, it serves as an auxiliary to the university, complementing the educational mission by offering out-of-classroom learning experiences. Academic credit is available for your participation in some AS programs.

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Described below are the various components which make the AS. government so vital to you. Activity Fee Council annually allocates more than $50,000 of student fee income to the numerous organizations, programs, and events sponsored by the AS.

Bell Memorial Union Committee (BMUC) controls and plans the programs and services of the Bell Memorial Union (BMU). The BMU is the “living room” of the CSU, Chico campus and the home of the Associated Students.

Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is an eight-member elected student committee that is the nucleus of student advocacy on the university level.

The Associated Students Business Committee (ASBC) plans and performs services offered through the AS. Bookstore and Food Services and establishes yearly operating budgets.

Other AS. Councils and Committees are actively involved in the overall decision-making process and each provides you an opportunity for meaningful participation, thereby gaining relevant out-of-classroom experiences, and making a significant contribution to the university. Your particular interest in student government or an academic degree program might be in any of these areas:

Community Affairs Council
Environmental Affairs Council
Multicultural Affairs Council
University Affairs Council

Recreation and Entertainment
Another service of the Associated Students, as well as other university programs, is providing entertainment and recreation to the campus community. Some of these activities are described below.

AS. Presents sponsors a variety of rock concerts, jazz ensembles, dance performances, feature films, and guest lecturers throughout the school year. By calling 530-898-6005, you can receive information on current events.

Adventure Outings is an outdoor recreation program sponsored by the student union and partially funded by the Student Union Fee and user fees. Exciting outings are planned each season and include snow trips, white-water rafting, hiking, rock climbing, bike tours, and more. Some equipment is available to rent for your own adventures. For information about any of the Adventure Outing programs, call 530-898-4011, or stop by their office in the BMU.

Fairs and Festivals sponsored by multicultural student groups afford an opportunity throughout the year to explore the cuisines, lifestyles, and histories of the diverse ethnic cultures represented at CSU, Chico. Various festivals offer colorful days of dancing, entertainment, costumes, crafts, and food.
LEARN WHILE DOING
The AS. supports the services described below. Your involvement in these can enrich your personally, academically, and professionally.

The Children’s Center has, since 1969, operated low-cost child care and development services for the increasing number of parents returning to college. As a volunteer or paid staff, you are offered the chance for experience in day-to-day operations. The center has an academic affiliation with the Child Development Program and provides various opportunities to earn academic credit.

The Recycling Program has, since 1966, offered recycling services to the university. The program maintains a demonstration compost pile. Student staff collect office paper, newspaper, magazines, aluminum, glass, and plastic from more than 145 locations throughout the campus. On average, the Recycling Program processes more than 17,000 pounds of recyclables each month. An average of 21 program interns gain valuable hands-on educational and professional experience by creating short- and long-term projects that promote awareness and education for students, faculty, staff, and the community about recycling options and composting.

Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE) is an Associated Students Activity Fee Program located on campus. CAVE is a nationally recognized volunteer organization that has been serving the community since 1966. The 83 volunteer student staff administer more than 20 programs that provide volunteer services to children, elderly, special populations, adult non-readers, and other community agencies and state facilities.

CAVE’s goal is to provide students with meaningful, service-learning programs while serving a broad base of real community needs. CAVE’s motto, “Life is for Learning,” supports the philosophy that the community is a valid classroom for hands-on learning. Each year more than 1,400 CAVE volunteers provide more than 50,000 hours of community service. CAVE offers you the opportunity to build valuable skills while exploring special areas of personal or professional interest.

CAVE has an academic affiliation with the Departments of Health and Community Services, Education, Sociology, and Social Work, and thus provides student volunteers with the opportunity to earn university credit. Enrollment in CAVE courses occurs the first three weeks of school and is only conducted at the CAVE office. Stop by CAVE for more information about all of the programs. CAVE is located at the third floor of the BMU in room 309 and is open between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 530-898-5817.

Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) is a student-run legal center that offers free legal information about issues ranging from landlord/tenant agreements to Small Claims Court. Its diverse programs include a consumer protection agency, Disabled and the Law, Environmental Advocates, Women’s Law, Worker’s Rights Project, and Military Information Service. Working experience is available with any of the programs in CLIC.

Environmental Action and Resource Center (EARC) provides a broad-based and comprehensive environmental research and resource library for the student, faculty, and community. EARC’s goals are to promote educational advocacy, environmental programming, and to be a clearinghouse for environmental and social issues.

KCSC Radio, CSU, Chico’s student-owned and operated college radio station since 1951, has offered hands-on experience to any student who has an interest in radio. KCSC interns learn the fundamentals of radio operations through on-air experience, production, and promotion. In the spring of 1999, KCSC switched from its FM cable status to an Internet broadcast format.

The purpose of the association is twofold. It minimizes to the programming needs of its members, and conducts programs and events meant to enhance the quality of life and education for all students. There are approximately 105,000 CSU, Chico alumni throughout the world. More information about the Chico State Alumni Association can be found at www.csuchico.edu/alma or by calling 530-898-6472.

INSTRUCTIONALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES (IRA)
The programs and activities of IRA provide you opportunities to perform in public and translate classroom learning into practical experience. IRA programs are funded partially from a special fee paid by each student at registration. Administered by a joint student/faculty board, the funds support activities such as the business management team, computer programming team, equestrian team, human-powered vehicle team, intercollegiate athletics, livestock judging team, micromouse team, Model UN, National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), The Orion, plant identification team, quadrathlon, student art exhibits, student music concerts, student research competition, student theatre productions, and Watershed.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The Alumni Association (established 1892) provides all former students with a lifelong connection to their alma mater. The association assists the university with funding special projects, scholarships, student loan funds, legislative relations, student recruitment, campus improvements, and many other programs and activities. Alumni volunteers act as the liaison between their communities and the campus, and serve as resources for student recruitment. The purpose of the association is twofold. It minimizes to the programming needs of its members, and conducts programs and events meant to enhance the quality of life and education for all students. There are approximately 105,000 CSU, Chico alumni throughout the world. More information about the Chico State Alumni Association can be found at www.csuchico.edu/alma or by calling 530-898-6472.