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To: ASI Board of Directors

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A Special Note to Our Hornets

Greetings Graduate Hornets,

We are now about eight weeks into the Spring 2026 semester, and I hope the term has been going well for everyone. As midterms approach, I wish you all the best of luck. Stay organized, pace yourselves, and keep pushing toward the goals you set at the start of the semester.

With early summer temperatures arriving, remember to take breaks, stay hydrated, and take care of your well-being during this busy time.

Wishing you continued success through midterms and the rest of the semester.

Stingers Up.

Sincerely,

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Events Calendar

February 2026

- 18 *Board Meeting*
- 24 *networking mocktail Party*
- 25 *Working Board Meeting*
- 25 *Holi Video shoot with Board and Hornet HeartBeat*
- 27 *1:1 with Hoan*
- 27 *meeting with Dr. Storms (interim dean of undergraduate and graduate studies)*

March 2026

- 3 *IEEE Young Professionals event*
- 4 *Board meeting*
- 5 *Holi Event*
- 11 *Working Board Meeting*

Committee Updates

GSAC Updates:

- **Hornet Weekly – Graduate Corner:** Office of Graduate Studies requests submissions of graduate student events and opportunities to feature in the Graduate Corner section of the Hornet Weekly newsletter.
https://surveys.csus.edu/jfe/form/SV_0Vut3eMI4Dmh85U
- **Outstanding Wisdom and Leadership (O.W.L.) Faculty Awards:** Graduate students may nominate faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional mentorship and leadership. Nomination deadline **March 20**; event on **April 21 (4:00–6:00 PM, Redwood Room, University Union)**.
https://surveys.csus.edu/jfe/form/SV_eu5yOsuiqn9hhMa
- **Graduate Student Spotlight:** Graduate Coordinators are encouraged to submit a graduate student (bio and headshot) to highlight student accomplishments during **Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week**.
gradengagement@csus.edu
- **Graduate Equity Fellowship:** Fellowship program providing **\$500–\$1,500 per semester (up to four semesters)** to support graduate students with demonstrated financial need and commitment to advancing diversity in education. Application deadline **April 10**.
<https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/graduate-excellence-engagement-program/>
- **Graduate Student Research Showcase:** Poster-style research presentation event for graduate students on **April 9 (5:30–7:00 PM, Cottonwood Suite, University Union)**. Application deadline **March 25**.
<https://www.csus.edu/graduate-studies/spotlights/grad-research-showcase.html>
- **Graduate Lounge :** opening on march 30th at 4:00 pm at Library 3520.