

**To:** ASI Board of Directors

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## **General Information**

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## **News**

Greetings Hornets!

As this is my first report for the 2021 season, I want to wish each of you back for what I am sure will be an incredible semester. While I have not had the opportunity to spend any actual face-to-face time with any of you due to the pandemic, I wanted to convey to all of you how impressed I am at your ability to focus on the tasks of ASI and how you have supported a virtual student body. Your passion for our students and the responsibilities of your roles has been an uplifting example of a caring campus. Thank you all for the great work you do!

### **CARES Office Support for Students – Featured Area**

The Crisis Assistant & Resource Education Support (CARES) office has a number of resources available to help our students during this unprecedented pandemic. While the office provides support for students in crisis or experiencing unique challenges to their education, I wanted to focus on their emergency services today. Below is a brief list of some of the resources available to our students who have emergency need:

#### **Emergency Funds**

Emergency grants are available to eligible students who have experienced a loss of income or added expenses because of the pandemic or are experiencing a one-time crisis that is financially affecting their education. More information about this program and the application is on our HEERF Emergency Grants page (<https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/emergency-student-information/heerf-emergency-grants.html>). The page is

expected to be updated in the next few weeks with updated information as it becomes available.

**Emergency Housing Support (short-term emergency housing)**

This service offers up to 30 days of housing on campus for students experiencing a brief, unexpected housing crisis. Students will have weekly case management appointments to support them with establishing long-term housing. The application link can be found at: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/student-emergency-services.html>.

**Student Affordable Housing (Rapid Rehousing)**

Academic year-long support for students experiencing homelessness. Sac State Student Affordable Housing, or officially known as Rapid Rehousing (RRH) is reserved for students who are homeless (living in their cars, staying temporarily on a friend or relative's couch, or staying somewhere not normally meant for dwelling). This program is designed to quickly house a student whether or not they are able to pay rent or a deposit and support the student with a lease and affordable housing (\$400-\$500/month). This is a program (and includes case management services contracted by community agencies) to help a student stabilize their housing, academics, and holistic wellness. The application link can be found at: <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/student-emergency-services.html>.

Again, while these are just a small sample of the services available to our students, I would encourage each of you to go to: [www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/](http://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/crisis-assistance-resource-education-support/) to learn about all the additional areas of support the CARES office supplies each and every day.

**Spring 2021 Weeks of Welcome**

We have added a spring semester Weeks of Welcome that began on Feb. 8 and will promote events across campus through March 5. In all, 63 virtual events have been posted on the WOW website and we will also be promoting some of the larger events (and the website) on social media. The full list of events can be found at: [www.csus.edu/student-affairs/spotlights/hornet-wow.html](http://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/spotlights/hornet-wow.html). The Weeks of Welcome events can also be found on social media at: <https://www.instagram.com/hornetwow/> and <https://twitter.com/hornetwow/>.

**JCPenny Suit-Up Event**

The Career Center will be hosting the fourth-annual JCPenny Suit-Up Event in a virtual environment again this spring. The annual event, scheduled to take place from Friday, Feb. 19, to Sunday, February 21, provides Sacramento State students a chance to purchase attire at a discounted rate (30% off on all professional wear). To find out more about this great event, please go to: [https://csus.joinhandshake.com/events/667553/share\\_preview](https://csus.joinhandshake.com/events/667553/share_preview). Students will need to log into Handshake to register for this year's event.