

# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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## Welcome to California State University, Sacramento

You are now part of our Hornet Family – a family of over 30,000 students, staff, and faculty. We are in the midst of an exciting and transformational time at Sacramento State. Our University Union expansion is in progress; we have opened new residence halls and a parking garage; our state-of-the-art science complex is rising from the ground; and we have opened a new downtown location. It is truly an exciting time to be a Hornet.

Over the past few years, we have seen numerous accomplishments that are redefining Sacramento State. Our four-year and six-year graduation rates are on the rise. The College of Education received more than \$3 million in grants, which will allow students to graduate with a teaching credential in four years and will help address the shortage of underrepresented, bilingual, and special-education teachers. We are adding new academic programs for the first time in years. The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSAD) has a new home in Folsom Hall with state-of-the-art therapy rooms, teaching and research labs, and a community clinic space. The College of Natural Science and Mathematics launched RISE (Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement) with a \$1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. And International Programs and Global Engagement added six exchange programs with universities in France, Taiwan, China, Japan, and Korea, increasing Sac State's study abroad capacity by more than 33 percent.

Our programs and students would not have these successes without the outstanding faculty and curriculum at Sacramento State. Our faculty spend countless hours developing courses that will give our students the highest-quality and most relevant education for their field. We take pride in the unique experience that our General Education Program offers.

The catalog is designed to help you navigate your academic pathways to success throughout your time here at Sacramento State. It is a resource for courses, programs, and several academically-related policies; following its guidelines will help you graduate on time. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 catalog, and I look forward to seeing you on campus. Stingers Up!

Sincerely,

Robert S. Nelsen  
President