



# Family Newsletter

## Financial Aid Season Is Here

What does that mean? It means that, starting Oct. 1, you could:

- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) or the [California Dream Act financial aid application](#). The sooner that these are completed and submitted, the sooner the financial aid office can provide an award estimate.
- Encourage your student to start the CSUSM scholarship application. It only takes about 20 minutes to complete and it applies to a variety of scholarships available to CSUSM students.

Get those applications submitted as soon as possible!



## Director's Note

Thank you to all the families that joined us for Family Weekend! It was so nice to jump out of the Zoom box and meet so many of you in person. I am sure your students appreciated the support, too. Nudge your student to get involved at CSUSM and join the Orientation Team. Remember, we are always looking for families to volunteer as family ambassadors. If you would like to connect further, email me at [families@csusm.edu](mailto:families@csusm.edu).

Christiana Moen, director, New Student & Family Programs



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**Carlos Patino Santarosa**, third-year transfer student

**Major:** Human development

**Minor:** Spanish and psychology

**Activities:** [Orientation Team](#), student assistant for [CAMP](#), [Ballet Folklorico](#)

[club](#)

**Advice to students:** Learn more about your interests. Ask questions, reach out and, most importantly, make your college experience worth your while.

**Advice to families of students:** Work with your students; they will go through a roller coaster of emotions and events that will help them experience life. Encourage them to be courageous.

**Why I love CSUSM:** It feels like home. Everyone is so welcoming, and they have built such a strong community here.

## Did you know?

- Help your student learn about exciting upcoming events by checking out the [student events calendar](#).
- [CSUSM as One](#) provides helpful information and links regarding COVID-19 updates and protocols.
- Encourage your student to apply for [Orientation Team](#). The application priority deadline is Nov. 1.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Family Webinar Series

- Midterms Resources: Proper Planning, Health and Wellness, Oct. 13
- Prepping for Spring Enrollment, Nov. 3

[RSVP](#) online

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Opened Oct. 1:** Reapply for [financial aid](#) for the next school year (2022-2023).
- **Opened Oct. 1:** Apply for a [CSUSM scholarship](#) for the next school year.
- **Nov. 1:** Priority deadline to apply for [Orientation Team](#). Encourage your student to apply.

## FAMILY RESOURCES

- Our [Parents/Families website](#) offers helpful links and information to keep you in the loop with your students.
- The [CSUSM Family Handbook](#) contains information about the many resources CSUSM offers.
- The [Cougar Care Network](#) provides information and connection to resources, advocacy and support for students experiencing challenges.
- The [2021-22 academic calendar](#) highlights key dates throughout the fall and spring semesters.

We'd love to hear from you. Feel free to email us your comments, questions and suggestions at [families@csusm.edu](mailto:families@csusm.edu) or [familia@csusm.edu](mailto:familia@csusm.edu).

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