



Family Newsletter

A Message from Dr. Chun, Interim Medical Director, Student Health and Counseling Services

Happy September, Cougar family! Alas, uncertainty always seems to be around the corner. We entered the summer with so much hope that we were finally emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, only to take several steps back with the emergence of the delta variant, a novel coronavirus strain that has shown to be more contagious and impacts more severely children, teens and young adults than earlier variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Even more worrisome is the presence of breakthrough infections in some individuals who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. [Read more](#)



Director's Note

It was wonderful to meet many of you in person during New Student & Family Convocation and move-in. I am loving the energy – let's keep the momentum of family support year-round! Join us for [Family Weekend](#), Oct. 1-3: Connect with CSUSM, show your support to your Cougar, and explore San Marcos. Check out the schedule on our website and be sure to RSVP by Sept. 20 – space is limited and will fill fast!

Christiana Moen, director, New Student & Family Programs



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Cristhian Lezama-Ramos,
second year

Major: Marketing

Minor: Video/film production

Activities: [Student employee](#), [Orientation Team](#), [VEST](#), [resident advisor](#)

Advice to students: Don't be afraid to reach out and get involved in school activities. The best way to make connections is through involvement.

Advice to families of students: Help your students grow by providing them with support in whatever interests and ambitions they may have.

Why I love CSUSM: Because of all of the opportunities available to students. Whether academically, personally or professionally, I feel like CSUSM has helped me grow in so many aspects.

Did you know?

- Here's a rundown of fall 2021 [class formats and instruction modules](#).
- [CSUSM as One](#) provides helpful information and links regarding COVID-19 updates and protocols.
- [Encourage your students to get involved](#) and tell them about the Student Organization Fair on Sept. 9 at the USU Ballroom.

UPCOMING EVENT

Family Webinar Series: Critical 6 Week Check-In

Wednesday, Sept. 29

[RSVP](#) online

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Family Weekend

Friday-Sunday,
Oct. 1-3

[RSVP](#) online

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Sept. 13:** Last day for students to add/drop courses without receiving a "withdrawal."
- **Sept. 30:** Deadline to [submit exemption or vaccination proof](#)
- **Oct. 1:** [Financial aid applications](#) open

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 or familia@csusm.edu.

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