



California State University  
SAN MARCOS

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THE PRESIDENT

**Monday, Oct. 16, 2017**

Our thoughts are with our students, faculty and staff who may have friends, family and loved ones impacted by the devastating wildfires raging in Northern California. In addition, we send thoughts of solidarity to our CSU sister campuses in Northern California – particularly Sonoma State University – where many staff, faculty and students have been evacuated from their homes. Some have tragically lost belongings, homes and possibly even loved ones.

Seeing news images of the smoke, flames and charred ruins of homes and businesses brings back vivid memories from 2014, when the Cocos fire threatened Cal State San Marcos and our surrounding communities. I know we can empathize with what the residents in Northern California are experiencing and feeling.

The Sonoma State Fire Victims Fund has been set up to support Sonoma State students, faculty and staff in their recovery from the fire. This fund will help provide victims with the essentials to get them through this difficult period. If you would like to donate, please follow this link:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/ssugivetodev?itemcode=SSUDEV-HELP>

If you or anyone you know in the CSUSM community could use some assistance at this time, please connect with our campus resources. For students, contact SOAR at 760-750-SOAR. Faculty may call the Office of Faculty Affairs at 760-750-8362. Managers and staff may call the Office of Human Resources at 760-750-4418.

Sincerely,  
Karen S. Haynes, Ph.D.  
President