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Bulldog Newsletter

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FRESNO STATE PARENTS ASSOCIATION



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IMPORTANT DATES

- NOV 4** Spring 2020 Semester class registration begins
- NOV 14** Choosing a Major Workshop - HML 2206
- NOV 18** Post-Bachelors: Job Market or Grad School? Workshop - Thomas 103
- NOV 19** **Parents Association Workshop - How to pay for this college thing? - ED 140**
- NOV 24** International Culture Night
- NOV 27-29** Thanksgiving Break
- DEC 9** Dog Days: New Student Orientation - Spring 2020 Transfer Students

Dear Families,

The fall 2019 semester is almost complete and students will only get busier and more stressed as finals approach. The upcoming Thanksgiving break will be a welcome respite knowing that when your students return they will have less than two weeks of classes before finals arrive.

The break is a great time to discuss the upcoming spring semester and beyond. Hopefully your student has done a bit of exploration to determine if the major they have chosen is the field of study they would like to continue. If not, the Career Development Center is available to all students to help them explore through career assessments. The University Advising Center is also available for students who are Undeclared or need help finding the right major.

It is an exciting time at the university and we want to make sure to give families the resources you need to effectively support your student. You can call or email our office for questions and we will continue to post a Bulldog Family Insights video early in the month, a Facebook Live video late in the month, and have a monthly in-person workshop. This month we'll explore the topic of finances and help answer questions regarding a variety of topics from Financial Aid to on-campus jobs. The workshop is free and dinner will be provided.

We're excited to serve families and are always available to assist you. Go Dogs!

Kenneth Ternate
Coordinator, Office of New Student and Parent Programs

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLASHIPS

The Fresno State Financial Aid and Scholarship Office is in charge to administer most of the programs regarding financial aid for Fresno State students. Students must fill out the FAFSA and the California Dream Act Application every year to be able to receive financial aid if eligible. Funding from the Fresno State Scholarship Application, mentioned in our October Newsletter, is also administered by the same office.

Some of the most common forms of financial aid this office administers come as: grants, loans, work study, scholarships and other sources that support students. Some of this come mainly from federal and state government funding including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Direct Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized); and the State grants include the Cal Grants and Middle Class Scholarship. Another grants by the CSU system are the State University Grant (SUG), Doctoral Grants, and EOP Grant.

When official documents are requested by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, the students have to turn them in as soon as possible, Documents are not accepted when sent through email. The primary way the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office contacts your student is through the Fresno State email and student portal, so advise your student to regularly check both of these sites. If your student has any question regarding financial aid or scholarships, this office is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and it is located in the North Wing of the Joyal Building.

For more information visit fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/financialaid/

MONEY MANAGEMENT CENTER

The mission of the Money Management Center is to improve the financial well-being of students by providing education, financial counseling, tools, and solutions to achieve greater financial independence, which leads to student success. The Money Management Center holds regular events to help students understand how to efficiently manage their finances. They also have Financial Coaches available for one-on-one financial wellness appointments with one of their Bulldog Financial Coaches. The Financial Coaches are Fresno State students who will help students plan for their specific goals while keeping their values in mind. Students can email moneycenter@csufresno.edu or call 559.278.2381 to schedule a FREE appointment with a Financial Coach. Furthermore, every Tuesday night from 5pm until 8pm, the Money Management Center holds a Money Lab, where students can get a free financial “check-up” and even get a free cup of noodles! More information about events can be found on the Money Management Instagram page, [@fresnostatemoney](https://www.instagram.com/fresnostatemoney) or on Twitter [@FS_MoneyCenter](https://twitter.com/FS_MoneyCenter). Visit the website for more information: fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/moneycenter.

BULLDOG TESTING CENTER

Here at Fresno State, we have multiple resources available to assist students with testing. One of these resources is the Bulldog Testing Center (BTC). This is a facility on campus that helps both faculty and students with their testing needs. The BTC provides a secure, quiet, and relaxing environment for test takers. The BTC administers early take, make-up, full class, and computer based exams. The BTC also provides an excellent testing environment for department exams such as the ALEKS, Calculus Readiness Test (CRT), US Constitution Test, and the Upper Division Writing Exam (UDWE). Students who plan to take a test in the BTC must have their active Fresno State student ID. The BTC is open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. The main office is located on the second floor of the University Center, room 201. Students can contact the Bulldog Testing Center by calling 559-278-2229, or emailing at testcenters@csufresno.edu.



Another great resource that Fresno State provides is Professional Examination Services. This office administers computer based required exams, professional placement exams, and certification exams to current and prospective students. Accommodations can be provided for students with special needs and proctoring services are offered for distance learning students. All scheduling for this resource is done online. Furthermore, all missed appointments will result in the forfeiture of the student's \$43.50 sitting fee. This fee is non transferable and non refundable. Please note that students cannot reschedule or cancel appointments. Students must arrive 15 minutes prior to their appointment. Students can contact the Professional Examination Services office by calling 559-278-2457.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Jennifer Phan is a child of Vietnamese immigrant parents. Phan graduated high school as valedictorian and obtained a full-ride Smittcamp Scholarship to attend California State University Fresno. During her time here at Fresno State, Phan has been working on prostate cancer research in a chemistry lab and breast cancer research in a biology lab. Phan has also conducted clinical research at USCF Fresno.



Jennifer Phan

Phan is a senior in the Smittcamp Family Honors College majoring in biochemistry and minoring in mathematics. She plans on applying to medical school in June 2020 in hopes of attending the following year. During her gap year, Phan plans on either obtaining her masters, joining Americorps, or continuing to work at the Cardiovascular Consultants Heart Center as a medical assistant/scribe and her cancer research at Fresno State. After medical school, Phan plans to become a pediatric oncologist.

Jennifer Phan received the CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, which is the CSU systems' highest recognition of student achievement. The CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement is a merit based award that recognizes one CSU student from each of the 23 campuses who have overcome adversity, have demonstrable financial need, and attributes of merit including superior academic performance, significant personal achievements, and exemplary community service.

Did you know?

Beginning in the Fall 2020 any freshmen interested in pursuing Nursing, Social Work, Public Health: Community Health, and Kinesiology: Exercise Science will have to apply as Pre-Health and enter a three semester program before being allowed to apply to their prospective major.

Is your student thinking about one of these majors? Another great reason to meet with an advisor.

Want to know more?

If you would like to be involved, continue to receive communication, or would simply like to give some feedback complete the online survey at fresnostate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enfTI-yeYhQt9LZb or use the QR code below.

Your feedback will help determine what services and programs we offer in the future.

Go Dogs!



The Fresno State Parents Association cordially invites you to...

FINANCE WORKSHOP: HOW TO PAY FOR THIS COLLEGE THING

This is a free workshop available to current and future Fresno State families. We will discuss topics like financial aid, scholarships, and money management. Dinner will be provided.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
5:30PM-6:30PM
KREMEN EDUCATION ROOM 140**

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