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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every day at San José State University, I am inspired by the determination and resilience of our students. They arrive on campus with a vision for their future and a desire to make a meaningful impact in the world around them. For many Spartans, especially those who are the first in their families to attend college, a degree from San José State University represents more than personal achievement. It represents a pathway to new possibilities and a brighter future. Their journeys are unique, but they share something in common: the drive to learn, grow and make a difference.

Scholarships do far more than help students afford college. They allow students to fully engage in the experiences that make a San José State education so distinctive, from hands-on classroom learning and research to internships and mentorship. Our students graduate with the skills and confidence to succeed in a rapidly changing global workforce.

This report highlights the extraordinary impact of scholarship support and the lives shaped by your generosity. The pages that follow tell the story of the perseverance and achievement of our students, showing what can happen when opportunity meets talent.

On behalf of our students, faculty and university community, thank you for believing in our Spartans and all they can achieve. Your support is helping launch the next generation of leaders, innovators and changemakers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Nagai".

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Award-Winning Value

Money Magazine awarded SJSU a 5-star ranking for its exceptional value and student outcomes.



Innovation Leader

In 2025, SJSU received an R2 research designation, with nearly 800 students contributing to research projects.



\$2B

Powering California

SJSU adds \$2 billion annually to the regional economy, supporting 9,900 jobs, according to the *2025 CSU Economic Impact Report*.





TOP 5

Opening Doors

Home to nearly 40,000 Spartans, SJSU is ranked among the top 5 largest CSUs by enrollment.

89%

Proving Success

More first-year undergraduates are continuing at SJSU for their second year than ever before.

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Leading the Way

U.S. News & World Report ranked SJSU as the No. 3 best college for veterans in the West.

THE POWER OF YOUR GENEROSITY

\$11.25 MILLION

Awarded to students in the 2025–26 academic year.

By supporting scholarships, you are part of a movement of generosity that powers student success.



4,884

Scholarships awarded



\$2,304

Average scholarship amount



68

New donor-funded scholarships

YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION

Average scholarship

\$2,304

Undergraduate tuition

\$8,846

In 2025–26, the average scholarship covered 26% of undergraduate tuition at SJSU.

Our students are pursuing an education in one of the nation's highest-cost regions. Scholarships help them focus on what brought them here to learn, grow and prepare for what's next.



136
hours

That's how long a student would need to work at a minimum wage job to equal the value of an average scholarship.

For a student, that translates to 9 extra hours each week to focus on classes and campus life rather than a part-time job.



Your generosity inspires student success



Thank you for believing wholeheartedly



You make Spartan dreams possible



Your support changes student lives



Together we create brighter futures



Thank you for empowering Spartans



Your kindness opens new doors



Students thrive because you care



Your generosity fuels student achievement



Thank you for lifting students up

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Scholarship recipients share what your support means to them and their education.



You make education more accessible



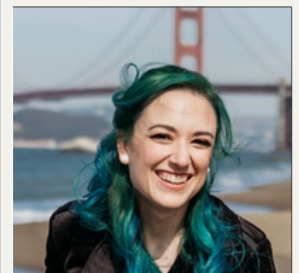
Your support builds lasting impact



You help every dream grow



Because of you students flourish



Your giving creates endless possibilities



Thank you for changing futures



You inspire hope through generosity



You help Spartans achieve greatness



Your kindness makes success possible



We are grateful for you

Alejandra C. G.

'24 Design Studies

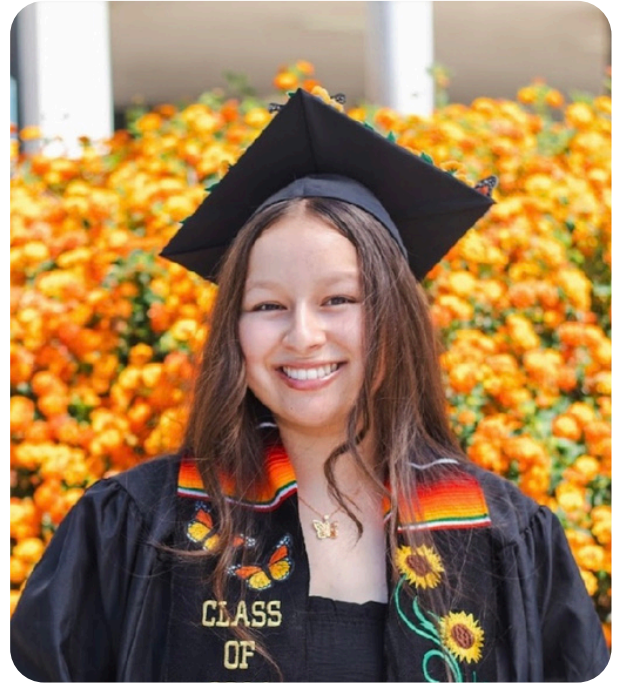
College of Humanities and the Arts

'26 MA Higher Education Leadership

Connie L. Lurie College of Education

“As someone who was born and raised in San José, it was important for me to stay here and give back to my community. Having the privilege to attend SJSU for both of my degrees—alongside my mother—has been deeply meaningful. We are both first-generation Latina students breaking generational cycles.

As I pursued my degree in Higher Education Leadership, I found a sense of belonging through the ¡Adelante! program, built a community at Centro and developed a sisterhood on the Women's Club Lacrosse team. This scholarship supported me in expanding my educational pathways and encouraged me to put that education back into my community. I am forever grateful.”



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CHICANX/LATINX STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER (CENTRO)

SJSU's ChicanaX/LatinX Student Success Center, known as Centro, is a culturally sustaining, academically affirming space supporting Latinx student success and welcoming all Spartans. Centro provides community building, peer support, mentorship, leadership development and connections to campus and community resources. Through its programs, Centro helps students build belonging, navigate college and graduate.



Erianna S.

'27 Theatre Arts
College of Humanities and the Arts

“The most meaningful part of my time at SJSU has been the opportunity to study abroad. I never thought that I would do so, and I am so thankful to learn from real industry professionals and grow as an actor, intellectual and person. **Receiving a scholarship helped me pursue my dreams and make studying theatre in London a reality.** I've grown so much, and I can't wait to continue learning new things and exploring more countries, cultures and art forms.”



Lucas P.

'27 Meteorology
College of Science

“Serving as President of the Meteorology Club, conducting independent research and working as a fire weather research assistant has given me a chance to apply what I have learned and see what my life after college will look like. These experiences have helped me grow professionally, build relationships and gain confidence in my ability to contribute to my field. **Your investment in me not only helps me succeed at SJSU, but also motivates me to work hard and pay your kindness forward.** I'm truly grateful for your generosity and the opportunities it has made possible.”

Aleah C.

'28 MS Marine Science
College of Science
Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

"In the tough transition to graduate school, SJSU faculty at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories made all the difference. From the beginning, the professors and advisors were patient, supportive and encouraging. I can say confidently that they are helping me become the best researcher I can be, and I am proud to be part of this community.

As a student working two jobs to cover my living expenses, receiving this scholarship has been an incredible relief, giving me more time to focus on my academic and research goals. My research involves time-sensitive fieldwork that must be conducted under specific environmental conditions, and this scholarship contributes directly to the quality and thoroughness of that research. Thank you so much for your generous contribution; it truly makes a difference!"



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MOSS LANDING MARINE LABORATORIES

Moss Landing Marine Laboratories is a marine science research and CSU systemwide education hub in Monterey Bay, giving students direct access to one of the world's most dynamic coastal ecosystems. Donor support helps Spartans gain hands-on experience in field research, marine operations, conservation and ocean science, preparing them to address real-world environmental challenges.

Leul Z.

'29 Mechanical Engineering
Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering

"This scholarship came at a time when I was navigating a lot of uncertainty and transition. It gave me the opportunity to participate in projects that have strengthened my skills as an aspiring engineer while also helping me feel supported and connected within the engineering community. I have found a plethora of accepting, like-minded people that I enjoy working with as fellow engineers through clubs like Spartan Racing Baja.

I've been able to apply my knowledge and skills in a collaborative setting on a professional scale, with valuable mentorship from team leads. I also look forward to contributing to the Rocket Club to prepare for a career in the automotive industry. I'm extremely grateful for your generosity and belief in me!"



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SPARTAN RACING BAJA STUDENT CLUB

SJSU Spartan Racing Baja is a student-led engineering team where Spartans design, build, test and race a rugged off-road vehicle for the national Baja SAE competition. Donor support helps students turn classroom knowledge into hands-on experience in design, fabrication, project management, teamwork and real-world problem solving.

Rothar L.

'25 Business Administration
Lucas College and Graduate
School of Business

“ As a Management Information Systems grad at SJSU, I aimed to merge my passion for technology with business strategy. The most meaningful part of my SJSU journey was doing my capstone projects with my classmates. I collaborated with peers on group projects to refine my teamwork skills and overcome my fear of public speaking. **This scholarship supported my academic journey and helped relieve the financial uncertainty of bills and rent.** Thank you for supporting me!”



Hailey R.

'26 Political Science
College of Social Sciences

“ Receiving this scholarship meant a lot to me, especially as someone who had to take on a lot of responsibility growing up. It has been meaningful to use my life experience to help others. Through my internship at San José City Hall, my involvement with Delta Gamma and volunteer work, I've seen how even small actions, if done consistently, can help real people get through challenges. Now that I have graduated, I plan to attend law school and advocate for communities that are often overlooked. **Your support helped me build toward becoming the person I'm aiming to be.**”





Elena F.

'26 MS Occupational Therapy
College of Health and Human Sciences

“ Studying occupational therapy at SJSU was a dream of mine for many years. I finally made it and tried to enjoy every moment. I was fortunate to be surrounded by the very passionate people who make up my field of study and are as enthused as I am about helping others. These peers are my lifelong colleagues and I hope we stay connected throughout our careers. **Thank you so much for supporting my academic journey through this scholarship.**”



Karthik N.

'25 MS Applied Data Intelligence
College of Information, Data and Society

“ Looking back, what stands out most about my time at San José State is the people I've had the chance to learn with. Coming from a different technical background, I gradually gained confidence by working on real-world projects, participating in hackathons and learning new technologies alongside my peers. **I'm truly thankful for your support through this scholarship.** It helped me focus on my studies and make the most of my experience in the program.”

Elijah R.

'24 Performance

'26 MA Music

College of Humanities and the Arts

“Performing alongside the Echo Saxophone Quartet, a student-run chamber ensemble composed of myself and three other saxophone students, has been incredibly rewarding. Coached by Professor Michael Hernandez, the Echo Quartet enabled me to interact with my music in a deep and meaningful way. The ability to make music alongside my closest friends on an instrument we all admire was a highlight during my time at SJSU. During our four years together, the Echo Quartet represented SJSU at national chamber music competitions, international conferences and workshops.

I am immensely grateful for this scholarship. Your contributions have propelled many students forward in the world of music, creating a bright pathway for the future.”



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SCHOOL OF MUSIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

At the SJSU School of Music, chamber ensembles provide students with immersive, collaborative experiences across brass, percussion, guitar, woodwinds and strings. Donor support empowers these tight-knit groups to master diverse repertoires, perform at national competitions and represent SJSU in the community, fostering deep artistry, leadership and lifelong musical excellence.

EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Whether you are supporting a current use scholarship or growing an endowment, utilize these giving strategies to grow your impact and expand opportunities for students.

Matching Gifts

Many employers offer [matching gift programs](#) that can double or even triple the impact of your scholarship contribution. Some companies also match gifts made by retirees or spouses. A simple check of your employer's policy can help provide additional scholarship support for students who need it most.

Tax-Smart Gifts

Gifts of [appreciated securities](#)—including stocks, bonds and mutual funds—may provide significant tax advantages while supporting student scholarships. [Qualified Charitable Distributions \(QCDs\)](#) from an IRA may also offer tax benefits for eligible donors aged 70½ and older. These giving strategies can help maximize your tax benefits while creating pathways to education for students.

Planned Gifts

By including San José State University in [your estate plans](#), you can help generations of Spartans access education and opportunities that will shape their futures. Planned gifts ensure that your commitment to student success continues for years to come.

Life Income Gifts

Vehicles such as a [Charitable Gift Annuity \(CGA\)](#) or a [Charitable Remainder Trust \(CRT\)](#) can provide income during your lifetime while ultimately providing scholarship funding for students. These arrangements can help you achieve your financial goals while helping fuel futures for Spartans.



Donor Advised Fund

Recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund (DAF) to support scholarships at San José State University. DAF distributions provide a flexible and tax-efficient way to help students access the opportunities that higher education makes possible while allowing you to recommend support on a timeline that works for you.

Cryptocurrency Gifts

A gift of cryptocurrency is a fast and secure way to support student scholarships. Donating appreciated digital assets such as Bitcoin or Ethereum may provide tax advantages. Cryptocurrency gifts are converted to cash upon receipt, allowing your support to make an immediate impact for students.

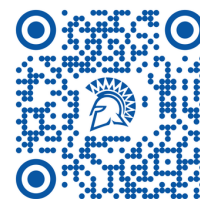
Outright Gifts

Contributions of cash, checks or appreciated securities can provide scholarship funding that helps students focus on their studies, participate in campus life and stay on track to graduation. Make a gift today!



Your passion can become a powerful force for student success. We're here to help you take the next step.

Ready to give to an existing fund or customize your own? Let's explore what's possible.



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