CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
LONG BEACH
Student Affairs

STUDENT AFFAIRS IMPACT REPORT

Academic Year
2025-2026



Our Mission
We shape an inclusive and affirming experience for students to grow, thrive, and succeed.

Our Vision
Transform the lives of students, their families, and our communities.

Our Values
Support • Equity • Well-being • Collaboration • Joy



MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

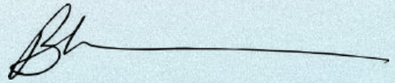
This academic year brought both unparalleled challenge and tremendous joy.

It's safe to say the biggest disruption for us and our students has been the closure of the nearly sixty-year-old University Student Union (USU), for its transformative renovation and expansion. This has meant the temporary relocation of key offices and student support services and the loss of a centralized campus landmark for students to eat, study and connect. I have been truly blown away by how our division handled both the expected and unexpected. I found myself saying many times this year - what anchors us during times of tremendous challenge is working together, supporting each other, and staying grounded in our mission. And I can't wait to see this work complete in 2028!

What has brought me heartfelt joy is being named one of the 2026 Most Promising Places to Work in Student Affairs by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) - for the second time in three years! This highlights what I've always known: Student Affairs is here to support our students in ways that are impactful, innovative and compassionate – and we do it together.

I encourage you to see for yourself over the next few pages how we have enacted our values this year: supporting our students and each other, working to include all voices and experiences, promoting well-being and finding and celebrating joy. We have much to be proud and exiting work ahead!





Beth Lesen, Ph.D.
Vice President of Student Affairs

By the Numbers

67k
impactful, 1:1 student interations

265
events focused on mental health with a total attendance of **37k**

576
events focused on celebrating campus diversity with a total attendace of **63k**

12,600
attendees turned out for campus events hosted by Beach Pride, setting a new post-pandemic record.



SUPPORT

Throughout the year, Student Affairs provided the guidance and resources students needed to overcome barriers, navigate university life, and pursue their highest aspirations. From enrollment and financial assistance to basic needs, leadership development, and student services, we met students where they were and helped them take the next step toward achieving their goals.

Student Life and Development
Provided leadership training - including an emerging leaders training for incoming students and a full day leadership conference - to more than 370 students.

ASI Isabel Patterson Child Development Center
IPDCD continued to offer grants, subsiding the cost of childcare on campus for 46 CSULB student parents.

Financial Aid & Scholarships
Continues to prioritize student support, redesigning award letters to help students better understand their personalized financial aid package and reorganizing their counseling team to reduce student wait times.

Student Housing
Invested tens of millions of dollars in capital improvements, including expansions to dining facilities, upgrades to key safety equipment and improvements to key infrastructure.

Admissions
Worked to align enrollment with institutional capacity, student success goals, and resource allocation with almost 90,000 first time applicants in fall 2025.

Basic Needs
Launched new programs, like Financial Literacy Month, to support students' financial wellbeing, including peer-mentors to help develop financial literacy skills.

The Math Collaborative
Received a $45,000 grant from Edison International to support basic needs, encourage timely graduation, and help with college application fees for 180 local students who might otherwise not be prepared to attend college.

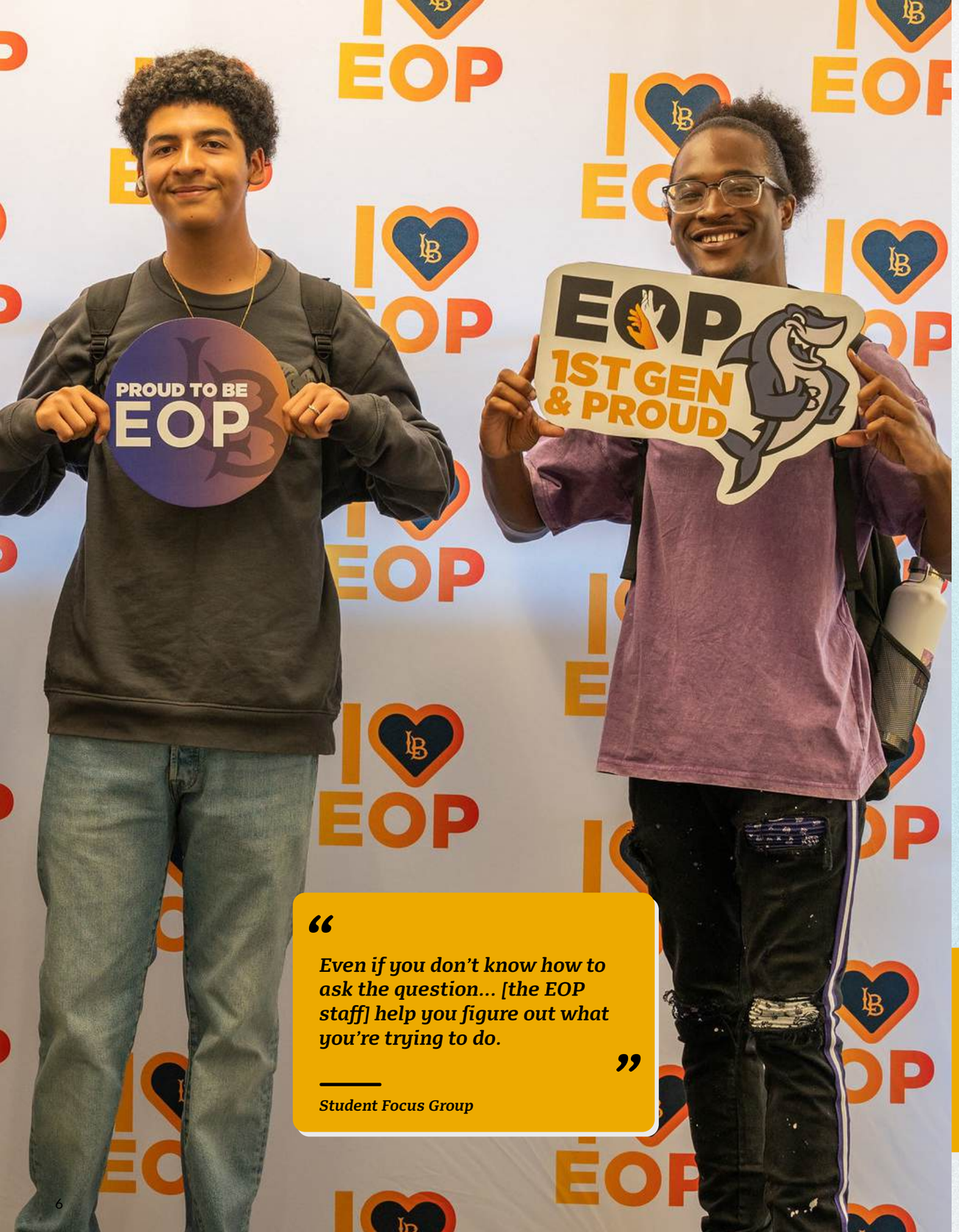
Assessment and Evaluation
Expanded the Student Experience Assessment (SEA) Survey to seven units, providing timely student feedback and revealing how each unit makes a distinct contribution to student success.

Beach Central

3,880
walk up appointments

20,184
admissions phone calls

69,039
Elbee Chatbot conversations



> *Even if you don't know how to ask the question… [the EOP staff] help you figure out what you're trying to do.*
>
> *Student Focus Group*

EQUITY

Student Affairs advanced equity by creating environments where students of every background, identity, ability, and lived experience could fully participate and thrive. Through intentional programs, inclusive practices, and student-centered support, we worked to ensure every student had the opportunity to succeed.

The Registrar's Office
Piloted an Extended Academic Warning policy, allowing about 1,600 undergraduate students who would have been disqualified after their first fall term to continue on Extended Academic Warning, ensuring they have access to advising and other tools needed to plan their return to good academic standing.

University Student Union
The University Student Union renovations reached a key milestone of opening the fully ADA compliant version of the Friendship Stairs.

Bob Murphy Access Center
Expanded support for students with ADHD by launching the ADHD Ally Training and a new Minds in Motion (MIM) learning community.

Project Rebound
Saw the largest number of graduates – 57, including their second doctoral graduate – of any CSU campus, helping formerly incarcerated students transform their lives through the power of education.

Women's and Gender Equity Center
Launched WISE (Women Inspiring Strength and Empowerment), a new peer mentor program focused on building community, strengthening leadership skills, and fostering meaningful peer-to-peer support.

Student Recreation and Wellness Center
Increased participation in inclusive programs, with almost 100 attendees at the Mario Kart Wheelchair Race and the first ever Women's Flag Football Tournament.

Cultural Graduation Celebrations
Increased graduate participation in Beyond Borders Cultural Graduation Celebration from 35 to 57 in one year.

Educational Opportunity Program
Launched the Leading Educational Access for Diverse Students (LEADS) Ambassadors, sending current EOP students to area high schools to inspire and empower prospective students and families to pursue higher education.

> *[Project Rebound] welcome's everybody here. And they give an opening… to where you can study, where you feel like you belong.*
>
> *Jesse Marroquin Quinquileria, Project Rebound Doctoral Graduate*





> *I really enjoyed this student led conference for allowing students to learn and participate about different emotional wellness and wellbeing.*
>
> *All Hearts Heard Conference Participant*

WELL-BEING

Student Affairs invested in students' physical health, mental health, and overall well-being by expanding access to essential resources, fostering meaningful connections, and creating opportunities that help students flourish both inside and outside the classroom.

Laurén Chalmers '83 Beach Pantry
Locations saw more than 50,000 visits from students and launched the new Mini Pantry on upper campus, expanding the availability of essential resources during hours when the main pantry location is closed.

Beach Shops
Revamped its Community Meal Bundle in Residential Dining, inviting more commuter students to dining options in the residence halls. Program participation increased by 78%, and expanded options while the USU is closed.

Counseling and Psychological Services
Rebranded and relaunched their peer support initiative as Rising Tides (formerly Project Ocean). The kickoff event "Are you Ok? Day" brought more than 300 students together for suicide awareness and prevention training, wellness activities and making connections to various campus resources.

Student Health Services
Launched All Hearts Heard, the first student-led mental health conference. This event provided 50 students with inclusive spaces to learn about wellness, reduce stigma associated with seeking help, and increase awareness of campus resources.

Men's Success Initiative
Hosted the first ever Men of Color Summit, to support the academic success, leadership development, and holistic well-being of more than 40 men of color.

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development
Recognized as a CSU-wide model for Hazing Prevention and Education initiatives.

CARES
Continued to increase visibility and reached an all-time high of 42 student self-referrals.

> *[MSI] is kind of like a brotherhood, you kind of learn from your peers, and it allows you to guide the people that's coming after you.*
>
> *Student Focus Group*



> *Before joining the Dream Success Center, I considered leaving my master's program… Their encouragement helped me secure four scholarships that supported both my tuition and basic needs. … The DSC didn't just open doors, it created opportunities when I felt there were none.*
>
> *Beyond Borders Graduate*

COLLABORATION

Student Affairs strengthened relationships within and outside the division to deliver more comprehensive support for students. By working together, we amplified our collective impact and created experiences that no single department could achieve alone.

Latiné Resource Center
The Latiné Resource Center's Noche de Banda – a collaboration with multiple Student Affairs offices - brought more than 850+ students together to celebrate, dance and build community.

Asian, Pacific Islander and Desi Resource Center
Collaborated with more than a dozen other campus groups for APID Heritage Month events, highlighting the histories, experiences, and contributions of Asian, Pacific Islander, and Desi (APID) communities.

Enrollment Services Systems
Continued improvements to key data infrastructure used across the campus by updating over 250 CS Link reports and the online schedule of classes.

Veterans Services
Started a new initiative that helped student veterans understand and take full advantage of their health and educational benefits by bringing a Veterans Affairs (VA) representative to CSULB once per month.

Dream Success Center
The Dream Success Center's Dream Service Incentive Grant Partnership helped more than 100 students participate in on- and off-campus internships, the most of any campus in California.

Career Development Center
Incorporated career-focused tools into 54 courses across colleges and embedded resources in mandatory academic advising appointments for undeclared undergraduates.

> *The Career Development Center played an important role in helping me transition from student to professional. Through the CDC resources such as … the Spring Career Fair and on-campus interviews … I connected with an employer and was able to interview on campus the very next day…*
>
> *Mesum Abbas Mir, Computer Science '26*



JOY

Student Affairs fostered joy by creating opportunities for students to build community, celebrate milestones, explore their identities, and make lasting memories. These shared experiences remind us that success is measured not only by achievement, but also by the connections we build along the way.

ASI Beach Pride Events
Hosted some of their largest events ever, with 5,000+ students attending Smorgasport and 2,000+ students attending finals week activities in both spring and fall.

ASI Student Government
Hosted the first ever “Home at the Beach” bringing hundreds of students and alumni together at a men’s basketball game for networking, food and fun.

New Student Family Programs
Reimagined Beach Family Night, growing the event to include 700+ family members of current students, creating connections to the university and building a sense of community.

Black Resource Center
The Black Resource Center’s Melanin Brunch, a joint effort with the Black Scholars Association, brought students together for food, games and community building.

Guardian Scholars
Provided caps, gowns and sashes to all 30 graduating students, helping former foster youth celebrate a key life achievement without barriers.

LGBTQ+ Resource Center
Funded six student scholarships to T-Camp, fostering peer connections, identity affirmation, self-advocacy, and a stronger sense of belonging within the trans and gender-expansive community.

> *“I am truly grateful for everything the Guardian Scholars Program has done for me. The support, guidance, and sense of community helped me grow both academically and personally. As I transition out of the program, I carry everything I’ve learned with me, and I appreciate the impact it has had on my journey.”*
>
> — *Guardian Scholars Graduate*



AWARDS & MILESTONES



Student Affairs named Most Promising Place to Work by ACPA



20th Annual Lavendar Graduation Celebration



DSC Human Development Department Award



Anthony Saucedo, Staff Council's Staff Member of the Year



Sandy Jimenez (Student Housing) Employee of the Year for Inclusive Excellence



Michelle Linton (Career Development Center) Employee of the Year for Student Success



Carmen Arredondo (Student Housing) Employee of the Month (November 2025)



Requel Arevalo (New Student & Family Programs) Employee of the Month (August 2025)

Transformational Gifts

Tom '68 & Carrie Corbett Guardian Scholars Resource Center

Tom '68 & Carrie Corbett's generous donation will establish a full-fledged Guardian Scholars Resource Center

$750K
supporting students with disabilities from the Robert Murphy Family Foundation

$300K
supporting Project Rebound and system impacted students from Louise Ukleja & the Ignite Cultural Solutions Foundation

$50K
raised through the Cap & Gown campaign by Basic Needs and URD's Annual Giving Department

EXCITING WORK AHEAD



- Transformation begins on the Tom '68 & Carrie Corbett Guardian Scholars Resource Center
- Opening of La Playa Hall
- Implementation of UAchieve, a new degree audit, degree planner and class scheduler
- CSULB will be featured on Amazon Prime's The College Tour.
- Career Development Center's Integrating Alumni and Employer Engagement in a Regional Recruitment Model for Southern California begins with 5 other CSU campuses
- Student Health Services expanding services to offer dental care.

DEPARTMENT UNITS

22 West Media
ASI Beach Kitchen
ASI Beach Pride Events
ASI Communications
ASI Government
Basic Needs
Beach Shops
Bob Murphy Access Center
Campus Assessment, Response & Evaluation for Students
Campus Assessment & Stabilization Team
Career Development Center
Counseling & Psychological Services
Dream Success Center
Educational Opportunity Program
Enrollment Services – Admissions & Enrollment Management
Enrollment Services – Financial Aid and Scholarships
Enrollment Services – Student Administrative Systems
Enrollment Services – University Registrar
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Student Housing
Student Life & Development
Student Recreation & Wellness Center
University Bookstore
University Outreach & School Relations
University Student Union
Veterans Services
Women's & Gender Equity Center

