

These involvement opportunities are designed for students to begin to find a place for themselves at CSUN. These require a commitment that is much more than those found in the Appetizer section. Most involvement is open to all students beginning at the freshmen level and will allow for the balance of other activities.

University Ambassadors

The University Outreach and Recruitment Office seek talented students who love CSUN to represent the students and university Community to interested students by giving tours and valuable information about CSUN. These students are the first introduction to CSUN to anyone who is interested in coming here. (Selection usually occurs in Spring semester)

Clubs & Organizations Membership

There are over 200 clubs and organizations recognized at CSUN which offer a wide array of involvement. There are religious, athletic, special interest, academic, honorary, skill-based, cultural, and environmental organizations. (An interest fair showcasing these groups happens at the beginning of each semester. Additional recruitment by most groups also occurs through the year)

CSUN Spirit Squad

CSUN spirit is epitomized by the CSUN Spirit Squad by representing athletic teams throughout the year. (Tryouts occur in early summer)

Intramurals Participant

Intramurals sports department offer competitive team play throughout the year. (Team organization by sport happens at the beginning of each semester)

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Volunteer Program Council

This council organizes all volunteer and community service events throughout the year. (Membership in the council is ongoing)

Athletic Events

There are numerous athletic events that occur throughout the academic year. Whether it is basketball, soccer, volleyball, etc, there is always a need for CSUN spirit. (Sports game schedules are available across campus at the beginning of each semester)

Homecoming Court

Students may choose to run for the positions of prince and princess and king and queen during the Associated Students elections process and thus represent CSUN for an entire year. (Usually occurs during Fall Elections)



This category contains final involvement opportunities for students who are polishing their experience at CSUN. They require a very minimal commitment other than an application or interview process and will assist any student in serving as a greater role model to other students.

Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities Applicant

Students may apply for a special distinction in the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities publication. (Application process begins in mid-Spring)

Order of Omega Greek Leadership Society

Order of Omega consists of the top 3% of all fraternity and sorority members on campus. Membership is based on leadership, academics, and community service. (Selection occurs each semester depending on available positions)

Honor Societies

There are numerous academic honor societies on campus including: National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key, Psi Chi, Phi Beta Delta, Sigma Tau Delta, Tau Beta Pi, and other academic related societies. (Membership usually requires an application and occurs throughout the year)

Clubs & Organizations Awards Reception

In recognizing the outstanding contributions of students and all that clubs & organizations provide CSUN, an awards program is offered to showcase and celebrate the year's accomplishments. (The reception occurs in early May with applications available beginning in March)

Leadership Institute Certificate

A student who has attended over 18 workshops and has completed a community service project is eligible to receive a leadership certificate and attend a special reception in their honor. (Occurs each May)

Year-End Banquets & Receptions

Numerous organizational year-end banquets are held to celebrate the year's accomplishments. These events include: Associated Students, USU Board of Directors, Intramurals, academic departments, clubs & organizations, and Commencement! (Receptions begin in early May)

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Matador Involvement Center Involvement & Leadership Menu

Le Matador Dujour

Appetizers



These involvement opportunities are designed for the new student or student who may not be able to commit to a lengthy involvement schedule. These events provide a great way to meet others on and off campus, assess future involvement opportunities, get a feel for the campus, and/or get involved at minimal yet important ways.

Club Fairs & One Day Involvement Events

Numerous events occur on campus including: Vendor Fairs, Clubs & Organizations Fairs, Health Fairs, Major Fairs, Career Fairs, Travel Abroad Fairs, etc. (These occur throughout the year)

One Day Volunteer Events

Various one-day service events include: AIDS Walk, Heart Walks, Diabetes walks, Breast Cancer Awareness, MEND Program events, Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, etc. (These events also occur throughout the year)

Welcome Back Celebration

This campus wide event occurs during the first month of classes and is free to all students. Free food, entertainment, campus clubs & organizations, new friends, old friends, faculty, and staff will all be there!

Week-long and Month-long Activities

Various week-long events happen including: welcome week, Carnival, homecoming, alcohol awareness week, and finals week. Month-long programming includes: black history month and women's history month. (Programs vary depending on time of year)

Noon-time Concerts

Almost every week throughout the semester a concert brings together the campus community. These concerts include a wide variety of styles, music, and performances. (Concerts occur each Wednesday at noon throughout the semester)

Clubs & Organizations Sponsored Events Attendance

With over 200 clubs & organizations chartered at CSUN, there is always something to do on and off campus. You don't need to be a member to enjoy some of the greatest programming throughout the year. (Happens always)

University Student Union & Satellite Student Union Hang Outs

There are numerous locations throughout the USU and SSU to hang out. Sometimes just being there means that you are involved and supporting various activities that take place. (All year)

The Big Show (concert)

Now in its 7th year, the campus collaborates and brings you a large concert and fair. What's great is its free! (Concert is held in Fall Semester)

Matador Involvement Center Workshops (getting involved)

The Matador Involvement Center hosts workshops for new students on all involvement opportunities both on and off campus. (These workshops are offered at the beginning of Fall and Spring semesters)

Lectures, Art Shows, & Movies

Numerous academic lectures, arts shows, concerts, and movies occur throughout the year. Many are offered as extra credit for classes. (Schedules are available across campus at the beginning of each semester)

Leadership Institute Workshops

The leadership institute offers 10-30 leadership development workshops per year that any student can register for. Workshops cover topics such as time management and conflict resolution and even yoga. (Workshop registration takes place in both Fall and Spring)

Side Items

These involvement programs are designed to coincide and supplement other areas of involvement on this menu.

Leadership Conferences

Numerous campus conferences take place at CSUN that are open to students. Presenting workshops is also an option for a few of these conferences. (Conferences occur throughout the academic year)

Associated Student Assistants (employment)

Associated Student employ many students in a variety of areas including referees, lifeguards, office assistants, recycling coordinators, etc. (Applications are taken on an ongoing basis)

University Student Union Student Assistants (employment)

The University Student Union employs over a hundred student assistants each year in many of the following areas: business, meeting, food, maintenance, and design services. (Hiring occurs on an ongoing basis)

Campus-wide Student Assistant Positions (employment)

Numerous departments across campus hire student assistants to assist in running the office. (Positions are hired as early in the semester as possible and are department based)

Pastas & Veggies

This involvement category is a step above the Soup & Salad section and will require a greater commitment. They are open to all levels beginning at freshmen and will usually require registration, some training and additional meetings and commitments throughout each week and semester.

Fraternity or Sorority Member

CSUN is home to over 40 fraternity and sorority chapters with a combined membership of about 1,400 students. These organizations are constantly looking for students to add to their brotherhood and sisterhood through a recruitment process that varies throughout the year. Although membership seems to begin at CSUN, it lasts a lifetime. (Main recruitment periods are in early Fall and Spring semesters)

Associated Student Committees

Associated Student government hosts a wide variety of committees for students to play an active role. These committees range from campus wide, activity based, legislative, student group, elections, athletic, academic, environmental, etc. just to name a few. (Appointments to committees are available all year)

Residence Hall Association Member/Delegate

The residence life area of campus offers numerous ways to get involved. Residents may choose to serve in a position within the Residence Hall Association representing their floor, building, community or general students. (Selection begins early in the Fall semester after move-in)

Leadership Institute

The leadership institute offers a wide variety of leadership topics for students to attend. They usually last about 90 minutes and are held throughout each semester. Students may choose to attend one or several as their interests dictate. (Workshops begin about the 3rd-4th week of each semester)

Orientation Leader Mentee

Freshmen who attend new student orientation will have the opportunity to continue to gain support from their orientation leader throughout their first year at CSUN. Through email correspondence, meeting up on campus and attending events, the mentee will continue to learn more about succeeding during their first year. (Begins after new student orientation and lasts throughout the year)

Peer Education Programs

There are numerous peer education programs on campus that recruit students to work with other students. These programs include: peer nutrition counselors, JADE, Helpline, Project Act, and EOP Mentors. (Selection occurs on a need basis and usually in late Spring and early Fall)



This involvement area is yet another step and now requires a certain amount of leadership ability and experience. They are available for all students beginning usually at the conclusion of the freshmen level and will require advance planning and possibly interviewing and elections.

Orientation Leader

Those students who have experienced at least a year at CSUN can serve as an orientation leader. Training meetings and retreats occur beginning late Spring semester and requires attendance at all summer orientation programs. (Selection begins in February for the next summer's staff...freshman may apply at this time)

Associated Students Senator or Appointed Position

There are numerous senate and appointed positions available for every level of student and declared major. The senate positions require an election win although some appointments are made to fill vacancies. (Elections occur once each semester to begin terms the following semester)

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USU Board of Directors

The University Student Union is run by an elected board of students. This board makes all decisions regarding the student owned facility. (Elections occur in Spring semester)

Fraternity or Sorority Officer

Each fraternity and sorority chapter is led by an elected and appointed group of leaders. Once a member, a student may consider this next step in their fraternal experience. (Elections and appointments vary by organization)

Residence Hall Association Officer

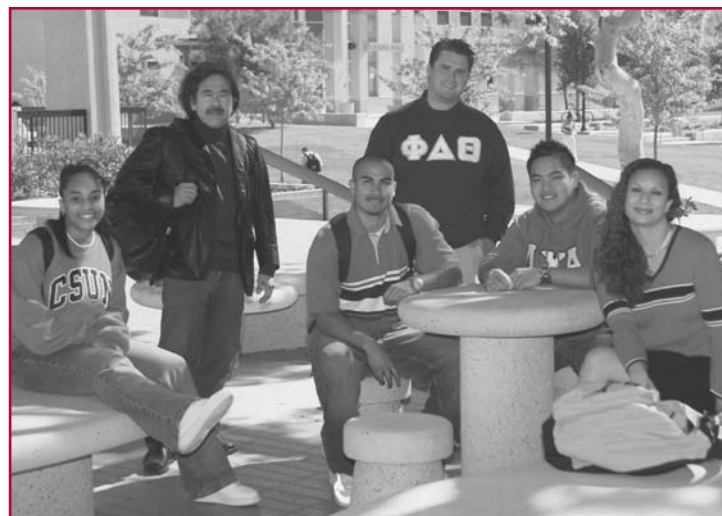
The Residence Hall Association is run by an executive group of student residents. (Elections and appointments vary)

AmeriCorp Service Scholarship

Those students who volunteer in a variety of options can qualify for a scholarship for their service. These scholarships vary depending on how many hours a student chooses to volunteer. (Appointment into this program occurs in early Fall semester and continues as funds are available)

UPC (Union Program Council) Committee Chair

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This involvement grouping is for the more advanced student leader who has already gained leadership experience on and off campus. These areas require a commitment and are usually available for students beginning at the mid-sophomore level and above.

Orientation Coordinator

The new student orientation program is coordinated by 3-4 students who have served previously as an orientation leader. (Selection is made through an interview process and usually occurs in October)

TAKE Cast Member

Each year at New Student Orientation, a select group of students is chosen to write, produce, and perform a set of values, circumstances and experiences of CSUN students to the new incoming class. This cast of students will work all year preparing for their summer performances. (Selection is made through an interview process and usually occurs in late October to November)

Resident Advisor

The residence hall community selects a group of student leaders who will oversee the activities of each floor throughout the year. These students plan activities, build community, and maintain a safe and healthy environment. (Selection is made through an interview process and occurs in early Spring)

Associated Students Executive and Cabinet Members

The Associated Students, Incorporated is led by an elected group of executives who also appoint their cabinet members. (Elections occur in Spring semester for terms beginning on July 1)

USU Board Chair

The University Student Union Board of Directors is led by a chair and vice chair. (Elections occur by the Board at the beginning of their terms usually over the summer)

UPC Chair/Co-Chair

The Union Program Council is run by a chair and vice-chair. (Election by the UPC are held at the conclusion of Spring semester)

Fraternity or Sorority Council Officer

The fraternity and sorority community is led by 5 distinct leadership councils that contain numerous leadership positions. (Elections occur in Spring semester and vary by Council)

