



Stanislaus Family E-News

Stanislaus Parents Association
California State University, Stanislaus
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Important Dates and Information

Spring Break- offices open, no classes
March 24-28

Cesar Chavez Day- campus closed
March 31

Warrior Day
May 9

Memorial Day- campus closed
May 26

Commencement
May 30 & 31

Summer Session A
June 9 – July 18

Summer Session B
July 21 –August 15

FAFSA Website
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Preparing for Finals

May is a busy month for students. Many students are finishing assignments, essays, and projects for their spring classes. In addition, May 22 marks the first day of final exams. It is never too early to start preparing for final exams (also called finals) which typically consist of a comprehensive exam of the material covered throughout the entire semester. The grade a student receives on a final exam can greatly affect the overall grade the student receives for the class. Preparing for finals requires preparation, discipline and organization. Here are a few things that students can do to prepare for finals.

- Make a study schedule. Set aside blocks of time, every day to study. Select times when you are at your best.
- Determine your most effective study space. For some students the best place to study is at home, for others it is the library, in an empty classroom, or a friend's house.
- Fight tiredness & boredom by taking a nap, drinking something with caffeine, turning down the heat, exercising, and/or changing your study schedule.
- Prepare for your study sessions. Gather all the materials you have for the course. Select what you need to study for this test. Spend extra time reviewing difficult material.

- Don't re-read all of the material. Skim the material for a fast overview and scan the material for the important details. Review what you have highlighted in the text and make notes from your notes.
- Make flashcards of important bits of information.
- Form a study group. Study with those at or slightly above your level. Organize the group so that everyone has a section/chapter/lecture to master. Make meeting times and assignments formal and rigorous so that no one takes advantage of your hard work.
- Study your past tests.
- Get to know your professors lecture and testing style. Ask your professors when the test will be, what the test will cover, what format the test will be in, and what percentage of the test will be in which type of format.
- Some professors give study guides with useful information on what may be covered on the test. Beware, material not listed on study guide may still be on the test. Review everything!

*Tips courtesy of Counseling Services.
More tips and resources can be found on
www.csustan.edu/counseling/resources.*

University Way Makes Its Mark on Turlock

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CSU Stanislaus President Ham Shirvani and Turlock Mayor John Lazar celebrate the installation of the new Monte Vista Avenue/University Way street signs on April 4 in a brief gathering with members of the Turlock City Council and Associated Students leaders. The new lighted signs have been installed along Monte Vista Avenue within the Turlock city limits. Smaller "University Way" signs in the University red and gold colors have been installed at each smaller street intersection as well. The signs and the new One University Circle address for the University are part of an ongoing effort to raise the profile of CSU Stanislaus and to build a University community in the City of Turlock.



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Priority Registration Checklist

Priority registration begins May 12. Current students must prepare for their priority registration appointment by:

- 1) Making an appointment to see their academic advisor. Declared majors see an advisor in their department, undeclared students must see an advisor in the Advising Resource Center, MSR 180
- 2) Checking their university email for their registration appointment date
- 3) Planning their classes using the online schedule of classes
- 4) Registering for classes on their registration date.