



Stanislaus Family E-News

Stanislaus Parents Association
California State University, Stanislaus
January/February 2008

Important Dates and Information

Winter Term
Jan. 3-Feb. 4

Martin Luther King Day-
campus closed
Jan. 21

Lincoln's Birthday- offices
open
Feb. 8

Spring Semester
Feb. 13-May 29

President's Day- classes
held
Feb. 19

Financial Aid Priority
Filing Deadline for 2008-09
March 2

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

FAFSA Website
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Apply Now for Financial Aid

Every college student and college parent should start his or her FAFSA (Free application for student aid) this month. Even though the priority financial aid filing deadline for 2008-2009 is March 2nd it is best to start this process as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to reapply every year. It is not necessary to wait until you have filled your taxes to fill out the FAFSA or FAFSA renewal form. We also recommend that you reapply even if you did not get the amount or type of aid you desired last year. Your financial aid award can change from year to year.

Here are some time saving tips from the FAFSA website.

- Gather the [documents](#) you need. Start with your Social Security Number, driver's license, income tax return, bank statements and investment records.
- Print a [FAFSA on the Web Worksheet](#) Write in your answers and gather your parents' information then transfer the data to FAFSA on the Web.
- Plan how to [sign your FAFSA](#) Sign electronically with a Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN) or by mailing in a signature page.

- Apply for a [PIN](#) now! Speed up the process by signing your FAFSA electronically with your PIN. Your parent can sign electronically too.
- Check your [eligibility](#) for federal student aid (on the website).
- Note important [deadlines](#) (on the website).

CSU Stanislaus offers a variety of scholarships for current students. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is March 2nd. Please refer your student to the financial aid website (below) for more information. Students can also apply for scholarships from off-campus agencies. A list of off-campus scholarships and websites is also available at the financial aid website.

Please note that you should never have to pay to file a FAFSA application or to get information regarding scholarships. CSU Stanislaus will be hosting a "Cash for College" workshop on Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00-7:30 in the Mary Stuart Rogers Educational Services Gateway Building, room 130. No advance registration is required.

For more information regarding financial aid and scholarships, please visit www.csustan.edu/financialaid.

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[www.csustan.edu/
parents](http://www.csustan.edu/parents)

University's 50th Anniversary Celebration

California State University, Stanislaus will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a series of activities and special events through 2010. As an initial tribute to its half-century of higher education service, the University launched a commemorative website at www.csustan.edu/50th in December 2007 titled "Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence 1960-2010."

Founded as Stanislaus State College in 1957 as the 15th campus in the California State University system, the new college conducted its first classes at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in 1960 and then moved to the current CSU Stanislaus site in Fall 1965. Since opening in 1960 with 756 students and gaining university status in 1986, CSU Stanislaus has awarded more than 37,000 degrees and seen its enrollment grow to nearly 9,000 students.

"California State University, Stanislaus takes great pride in its rich history and in providing thousands of students with degrees that have helped them realize the American dream," CSU Stanislaus President Dr. Hamid Shirvani said. "Our 50th Anniversary gives us the opportunity to celebrate that history along with our present-day achievements.

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Flu Shots and Flu-Mist Still Available

October or November is the best time to get a flu shot, but getting a shot in January or even later can still be beneficial. In the United States, the peak of flu season can occur anywhere from late December through March.

This year we will be offering two choices to CSU Stanislaus students, Flu-Mist—(for those with a fear of needles!) and the traditional flu vaccine.

Flu shots and Flu-mist is available at the Student Health Center on a first come, first served basis. The cost is \$2.00 for students.

Understanding the CSU Stanislaus Lingo ***What is the Census Date?***

The Census Date is one of the most important deadlines to know on campus. It is the last date that any registration, add, or drop requests may be made for that term. It is also the last date to request the credit/no credit grading option without an instructor signature. Enrollment changes will not be accepted after this date.

It is very important for students to know this date every term that they attend CSU Stanislaus. Many students assume that if they stop attending a class the professor will automatically drop them. This is not true. It is a student's responsibility to make all registration and enrollment changes by the census date. Failure to drop an unattended course will result in a failing grade.