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To: The Campus Community

Putting the budget blues on hold for a moment, I want to let you know about our recent successes on the fundraising side. Our University Development team (within the Office of Advancement) has been working hard to foster stronger connections with potential donors in our region and beyond.

Our outreach efforts to alumni are increasing by the day. We believe that if CSU Stanislaus is able to tell its story – highlighting our employee, student, and alumni successes – people will be inspired. In fact, we have many success stories to tell. We now are getting the word out. And people indeed are responding positively.

For the first quarter of FY 2012-13 (i.e., July 1 through Sept. 30), our university has received more than \$1.1 million in gifts and pledges. Among the gifts:

- The family of the late Dr. U. Rao Cherukuri, a founding faculty member of the College of Business Administration, has established a \$100,000 scholarship endowment for first-generation students studying finance. A lecture hall will be dedicated in his honor on Oct. 11 – one year to the date of his passing.
- The Bernard Osher Foundation has established a \$500,000 scholarship endowment that will support community college transfer students who attend CSU Stanislaus.
- Members of the CSU Stanislaus Foundation Board and their families and friends have contributed nearly \$250,000 in cash and in-kind services to the Department of Athletics to enhance facilities for student athletes and community visitors. This includes a renovation of the men's and women's basketball locker rooms and a state-of-the-art, all-weather baseball batting cage.

We view these gifts as statements of pride and confidence in our campus and its students, faculty, and staff. Our Foundation Board has set as foci for this year's fundraising efforts the arts, athletics, student success, and campus academic ties to the Community. My thanks to the Foundation Board and the folks on our development team, and, of course, to our many donors who make yet more successes possible at CSU Stanislaus.

Sincerely,

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