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"I love the campus life. It makes it easy to transition into my new life." —Female; 18; Caucasian/European
"I enjoy the many free events that CSUS has to offer on campus.
The resources available for the students is what really helped me my first semester." —A First Year Student.
"I like my job and organization here at CSUS. I feel like they both have opened many doors new possibilities which have made me more confident." —Mexican-American, female, 21
"There are numerous opportunities to be engaged within school and become social.
Currently living in the dorms and the environment is accepting and welcoming." —Mixed/Male/19/LGBT
"I am an athlete at Sac State which is new to me, never been on college team. I've had some awesome experiences here. College games are so much better than high school." —a new college student
"Joining a sorority really helped me with getting me to manage my time a little more effectively. It has also given me friends, unforgettable bonds/memories, and support. I like that most of the people I have talked to are nice and understanding." —New to college, mixed, 18, female, living at home & joined a sorority
"(I like) The <u>beauty</u> of the campus! The students and the staff!" —Latino, 19
"For freshman, I feel like the school is very supportive for us just coming into college. Also those in the residence halls are very helpful with the residents." —depressed/anxious
"Jazz band is fun." —American
"There are so many clubs & events that every student is bound to enjoy something." —a 21 year old, female, African American
"The union is an awesome place to do homework and hang out with friends. The well is also a great place to keep in shape.
The resources here are endless and make it possible for anyone to succeed with effort."

—A Human

"It's a very different experience coming straight here out of high school. Making new friends was easy but leaving your old friends behind was not. Joining the cheer team made my transition much better. Its nice to know you belong to a group and that we all care about each other.

I love the community at Sac State. The football games are fun and having people ask to take pictures w/us after the games is flattering. I'm glad I picked this school over others I could have attended.

I like how willing to help everyone here is. You will never ask for help or assistance at Sac State and not find it."

—18 yr old white girl – Sac State cheerleader

"I feel like I am part of the norm because I am involved on campus, and am accepted by many different groups. I am involved in greek life and work at the WELL."

—23 year old transfer student/working

"My first rugby game on campus was very fun and exciting."

—18 years old, White, Male, New to College, and an Athlete

"Joining a fraternity has definitely been the best choice. Joining any club helps acclimate yourself a lot quicker and is a lot better for anyone."

—21, Chinese, Male

"I joined the Ski and Snowboard Team and a fraternity and it really made me feel super involved on campus."

—Culture –Basque, Age – 21, Male

"I would like to share my experience working here. I DJ at sporting events which has been fun."

—white, 19, freshman

"My experience has been that if I wasn't involved with campus clubs that I would have transferred. The campus clubs & greek system. This has kept my interest here. The clubs here offer a better experience. I have a better experience because of the clubs."

—white -22

"I like going to the game room and having a good time playing pool. That they have a oncampus gym (The Well). Also the FYE space has always been a place I like."

-Mexican, 18 yrs old, male

"I am a proud member of the Delta Epsilon Mo fraternity, which is a multicultural fraternity. It means that there is people from different countries and backgrounds.

I am also part of Student Government and I love to work with the CSUS students. They are respectful and hard working students."

-Mexican, 19 years old

"Being Afro-Amer and 18 the diversity here at Sac State has been welcoming and amazing. I like the nature, the feel, the people here because it is an amazing college to go to.

Good experiences! Dorms, classes, events. CSUS is a great, safe college."
—Gay

"(I like) State Hornet, Dorms"

—White Male, 22

"I told myself before coming to CSUS I would join some type of club to be more involved in the school so I joined greek life. Greek life is amazing. It has been one of the best decisions of my life."

—African American/Italian

"I have experienced a lot in this first year. From parties/frat parties/kickbacks/club events/family dinners/visiting capital/Sac river/on campus events and many more. The most memorable is getting to the semi-finals in soccer as the only all freshman team."

—18-year old/Mexican/Male/First Generation/Athlete/with good grades

"I like the quiet, the scenery and just the sense of space to be you."

—New to college, Black, 18, female

"there are many multicultural groups, clubs, and activities."

—19 years of Age, Hispanic Latina

"I actually have not done anything at the school other than enjoy the Well, Union, library. I'm not as involved as I would like to be."

—Female, asian, 2nd year

"I liked the close-knit community feel of the dorms. It really develops relationships and creates good experiences."

—African-American

"I would like to share that being Mexican on campus is really fun because there are many clubs one can be involved in.

I really like the Well. It's my stress reliever."

—Mexican American, Male, New to College

"Starting as an incoming freshman, it was a bit daunting. By now, at least I am integrated into two on campus organizations.... Coming from Sacramento, I didn't have much of a reason to stay on campus other than my own venture into networking and meeting new people. Not all people are like that. The challenge for me is being a leader of my peers to support the campus and bring students together.

I benefitted greatly from joining Sig Ep. My fraternity allowed me to meet more people than I already was, learn about the past of Sac State."

—Asian American, 22, fifth year, local to Sacramento

"The greek community is something I would share with everyone. You meet new people, help your community and its also open to everyone.

All my teachers have been amazing. The campus housing was a great experience, greek life, the friends I've made."

—a 19 year old Female, Hispanic Freshman

"Although it is expensive, I made the decision to live on campus for my 1st year of college. It has been a great experience. You make friends."

—18 years old, Mexican, Native American & White heritage

"(I like) getting experience in Radio via KSSU.com"

-latino

"(I like) The trees, the people, my caring/helpful professors. The environment is very home like."

-Mexican/18

"I do okay in classes, being 21 has affected my school work because I have an active social life. I am a member/officer of our wakeboard team, and it's awesome we have so many cool organizations like that on campus."

—an all American, 21 yr old girl

"I've lived in the dorms for my first year and it was a great experience. Definitely recommend it to first years because you meet a whole lot of new people"

—No student specifics given

"(I like) playing with the hockey team, finding the perfect major, friends."

—Male, 21, white

"It is fun. A little difficult to handle school, two jobs, and sorority, but I make it work.

I like the WELL, greek life. For the most part, I have had really great professors."

—white, 21 year old, female

"I like the learning campus events and friendships. I like everything but mostly the ability to do more on my own in classes, extracurriculars."

—White, 20 year old male

"I am pledging a fraternity which is also odd but they are a very accepting group and it has made my time here easier."

—White, male, 41 years old, First Time College Jr.

"I enjoy the landscape of the school, with active members of society. Everyone has a place @"—a 20-year old white female

"I enjoy events in the quad, sleeping on the lawn in the sun, watching the squirrels, going to the well.

I joined a club and met wonderful people."

—a 20 year old female

"I really enjoy the University Union. It's a great place to study and hang out."

—Latino

"The library always seems to be a great place to study, but there are many places to study. I cannot study as peaceful as I do here. On a nice sunny day, I like to sit in the benches under the trees and do my work while listening to music. I do not get bugged much. It helps me relax and distracts me from my problems back home."

—Mexican American 22 y.o. male

"The dorm is great, love meeting new people (they are all friendly)."

—a first year freshman

"It seems like a 'normal' college life, with friends, fellow classmates who are interested in my major, and plenty of work.

I frequently visit the union or AIRC during times between classes, and purchase my books from the bookstore successfully each semester."

—21 year old, half-mexican, half-white, male

"I like the AIRC, Student Athlete Resource Center, the Well, the union, riverfront."

—An athlete

"I love the well and the activities it offers."

—a 19 year old freshman first year Hispanic

"My first year living in the dorms was the best experience."

—3rd year Black & Filipino Female from Santa Clara

"I am involved with an LGBT fraternity on campus. Delta Lambda Phi which has been amazing."

—LGBT

"The free events that Sacramento State offers are pretty great from live comedy to music."
—25 year old, white, male, transfer student

"(I like) The students and awesome professors I've had. I also like that there are many places on campus where one can just hang around, whether alone or w/someone. I also like the opportunities for different types of recreation (eg the Union, the Well)."

—Filipino, 19 yrs, CA native, female, freshman

"(I like) All of the help I've gotten through financial aid. Excellent teaching staff. Plenty of events for students specific to their interests" —Caucasian 20 yr old Nursing major "Being a part of a fraternity & the dorms, I really enjoy the atmosphere. Everyone that I have met has been extremely inviting." —Asian, 20, Male "I really enjoy the simple relaxing setting of the Union as well as the close-by gym and academic resources." —Cambodian/Laocean, 19 "I like the environment. It is peaceful to just roam in after a long, tiring day." —Psychologically/Physically challenged "Intramural activities at the Well has been my best experience. Very diverse and fun." —White, male, 25, Straight, Single, Senior at CSUS, Christian, Athlete "being a CSUS student is very exciting and am great full for being part of this community. I love the campus and love to hang out with my old friends from high school and the new friends I made on campus. Also the teachers are very nice and helpful. I love spending my time in the AIRC and the Union Game Room." —Ukrainian, new college, is 18 years old male "Hanging out in the Union or at the Well is fun." "Very calm atmosphere—everyone is doing their own thing and are focusing on their own lives and goals. (I like) The openness to do what you want/engage in everything." —new to college "There are many clubs and activities/sports to join." —Latino, first year "I like the campus itself. It makes me feel really peaceful. The services and professors are all so nice and helpful as well." —Asian "Great staff/faculty that are always willing to help. A ton of extra curricular activities to participate in. A ton of assistance for students who need it such as tutoring. So many opportunities!" —First Generation, Low-Income, Asian-American, Vietnamese, Female, 18

"The dorms are an experience at CSUS. I love/hate the dorms. I love how I've met so many people thanks to the dorms & how easy it is to get to class but I hate sharing a room & bathroom."

—a white female who's new to college

"I've liked a lot. I'm a part of a sorority which I love, I have learned a lot from my classes so far, etc."

—white, 18 yrs old, freshman

"Coming to Sac State has exposed me to many experiences that have helped me feel more accepted. There is such a variety of students here that I feel I have much in common with my newfound friends.

Joining the Leadership Initiative has introduced me to many people and helped me feel more comfortable with the campus."

—I am a Mexican-American woman from a low income household; I am also the first in my family to attend college. I am nineteen years old.

"I live in the dorms which has been great and helped me to meet new people."

—Female, 24, Journalism

"The sound terminal in the Union has proved to be a great place to take either a power nap or to get some speed reading done, especially if you need a quiet place to study."

—I am a first time, female student who is a member of the LGBT community as a bisexual. I am 18, almost 19

"The campus has a varieties of major to choose from. There places on campus that anyone can go to like the Union. This place have many food areas to go to and others are well. The library is a good place to go to."

—I am a Hmong female. Born year 1995. I am new to college as a first-year student.

"The fact that CSUS is trying to add more things to make students active on campus such as the well is a big point for me."

-22 White

"I've been blessed to witness some experiences in the Greek system."

—Asian

"The school has a plethora of opportunities with clubs and events and it has been very exciting.

The school encourages participation in club activities and to added events. This is great and clubs have been a tremendous help in assimilating at CSUS."

—18 yr old, white, male, econ major, 1st year in college.

"You have more of an outlook of Sac State because you are more involved with school activities. One thing I would like to share is our 'Cycle 4 Life' philanthropy, we were outside the well and thanks to everyone, we raised a total of \$10,000" —in a fraternity "I have met many great people. They are all very helpful. I have participated in many on campus activities." -Mexican "I was in a sorority and it has definitely been the most influential/best part of my CSUS experience." —Mexican/Sicilian, Female, 22 years old, Graduating Senior "I like the campus, programs/clubs" —Hispanic/female, 18 yrs/New to College "I like the people, clubs, and other organizations that do events on campus and give opportunity to the students." —19 yrs old first generation student "There are many clubs and organizations at Sacramento State who allow students such as myself to get involved." —a 19 year old Mexican-American Mother "I like the campus and the numerous clubs." —Chinese "Having joined a sorority I feel more involved and more motivated to well. My experiences are awesome." -23 female "I love the atmosphere on campus with all the events and ways to get involved." —Female, African-American & Filipino, 22 & heterosexual

"All the dining places are fun to sit and socialize."

-female, 19, second year

"I enjoy playing intramural soccer and the campus is nice."

—female, 22, filipino-mexican-european American

"I like student organizations like groups, clubs + honor societies.

Writing for the student newspaper has helped better understand the campus at Sac State. I never knew what went on here until I joined the newspaper."

—male, white, 25 years old, christian

"I have had a great time living in the dorms. It has taught me how to live with others in close quarters. I have learned to communicate my needs with strangers and have made really great friends."

—a dorm resident

"Joining greek organizations is a great help and assistance. Socially, personally, and academically."

—Mexican-American, 18

"The KSSU radio station on campus has been a place where I have found a wide array of friends and a 'home' on campus."

-Latino/white, 22, male, LGBT

"There are plenty of resources, benefits, clubs, etc."

—Latino male, mid-twenties, gay

"I gain friends from the union game room/Samahan Filipino Club/classmates I met. Learned many things from school and friends and living in Sacramento."

—(25) American Pilipino "military kid"

"Joined a frat. It was great in terms of socializing and networking but probably held me back in terms of graduating."

—White/filipino, Male, 24

"PRSSA is extremely advantageous in accomplishing my life goals."

—a 22 yr old male

"I believe that CSUS provides a lot of resources, by means of clubs and activities for me."

—Christian/male/athlete

"Joining a sorority benefitted me greatly. I didn't make friends in the dorms, all of my friends I have met are through my sorority."

—white, 18, female, new to college

"I love the beautiful campus and the marching band. I have found a new family here."

—18, female, Hispanic, math major.

"I have attended most of the plays held by the Theater Department. They were great performances and I would greatly recommend for everyone to go. I really like being a part of the EOP program and being engaged with Leadership Initiative."

—Hispanic female age 18.

"I have been able to gain friends through being a journalism student. When I first joined the State Hornet, I became really close to a lot of sports writers as well with athletes of Sacramento State."

—white, male. 25 years old, straight, senior, journalism student

"(I like) Finding a place to fit in and find like minded people. I joined the Ice Hockey Club and that has made my experience so much fun." —White, 21 years old, Middle Class "I like how there's Circle K. Circle K is the college level of Key Club, which is a community service based organization." —18 & chinese "I like it. The game room is Awesome! I like the Union." —18, Indian, male, Sikh "The Black Alumni Chapter is great - very supportive." —African American "I joined a sorority that really allowed me to meet people." —white; 23; female; transfer student "I would like to share my dancing experience because its fun to do, and because I met most of my friends from college on my dance team." —19 years old. "I joined the club Crud. Through this group, I feel like I belong here on campus. I think clubs can offer so much to students and their well-being." —New to College "My fraternity experience, my brothers are all different races but we overlook that and are all very close to each other." —white male "Fun meeting new people at the gym/the well here" -swoll "My experience at Sac State has been very satisfied, for the most part, however I would like more school involvement coming from myself, much like others as well." —No student specifics given "The classes are nice and the extracurricular activities has worked for me." —an 18 year old African-American male "I joined Greek life 2 years into my college career & wish I had sooner. It opened doors for me & gave me a home away from home. I wish the school would promote organizations, not only greek, more to incoming freshman/transfers."

—21 year old female. graduating senior. away from home here for college.

"I've been able to participate in leadership, and fought to have a prayer room here at CSUS. I've been able to seek different areas (study/extracurricular) and have found what works for me." —Arab American/Muslim "Joining leadership initiative enhanced my experience here." —white, female, 25, heterosexual, transfer student, first generation college student "I have met a lot of great people & connected well with other classes and the professors were helpful" —senior, Caucasian, age 22, male "I love my classes and all of my professors are very nice and helpful. Plus there are many fun events on campus." -22 years old "I would say living in the dorms has worked." —New to college, 18, male, Mexican "I like...student organizations such as Greek Life." -22 White "The D.C. and safe rides are so cool." —No student specifics given "My first year I didn't live on campus and I think it factored into me not finding a home at Sac State. Until my second year, where I got involved in a sorority which made coming to campus so much better." -20, female mixed "I like our Unique Program, and the events they provide." -white, female, 22 years old, ADD, straight "I like the gym and the number of 'study nooks' I can find." —white male, 33 years old 1st year transfer student "Getting involved w/ a sorority & club was the best thing I could have done for my education." —Graduating college "What I like about Sac State is the sports where I can relieve my stress." —a low income student and trying to have a proper education that is a first generation college graduate. "I enjoy the tailgates and student concerts." —22 yr old African American male

"Living in the dorms freshman year was one of the most enjoyable experiences at CSUS as I met many of my current friends during this time." —Caucasian, 22 years old, male. "Great campus events that range from all disciplines." —male, Hispanic/Portuguese, 27, straight, transfer student "I want to share my thoughts on PRSSA. I have only just joined this semester but a student organization that is very welcoming has been an amazing experience." —Hmong "I also like the performing arts, like plays. It is educational and entertaining." —male, 33, straight, returning student, psychological depression, anxiety, OCD, physical challenges. A returning student, too. I transferred in from an all-black college, the only white guy. "Today I saw the children center out in the main quad and it brought joy to me." —Full time student & two part-time jobs "Being in a sorority, I believe, has made me gain a really big part of college, branching out." —18, white, female, sorority, athletic "I love the international students and being able to meet these people I would have never met had I not dormed at Sacramento. Now we're so close, we've planned trips for this coming year." —a 22 year old Mexican/American Indian/White Woman, transfer student. "Events are great ways to get to know others and experience college life." —Freshman, Hmong, Male, Christian, 19 years old "the intermural sports make it easy to meet new people and stay active." —21 year old male "It is a great school. I like how they build the 'well.' It is my favorite place on campus." —No student specifics given "I like the environment. There's always events going on and the campus is beautiful." —Persian, female. AD/HD, ADD, transfer "I am also part of the Women's Rugby Club, and I <u>love</u> it! Don't take Rugby away again! I have met lots of new friends and challenge myself and stay healthy! Give us more money so we can practice more with our coach O" —No student specifics given

"The amount of events at Sac State from sports, music, movies, and exercises. It is great to have a university that promotes students to get out and participate." —21 years old, Black, not from Sacramento, Jr. "I want to share the positive experiences of Greek life with as many people as I can." —White, 19, male, in a fraternity "I love the gym! And free/paid for games." —White & Pacific Islander (50/50) In my 4th year at Sac State, Straight, Female, 21 yo "Living in the dorms freshman year was one of the most enjoyable experiences at CSUS as I met many of my current friends during this time." —Caucasian, 22 years old, male. "I am in a sorority and enjoy all of the events we do on campus with non-members." —a woman, Hispanic, 20 yrs. "I am happy to have joined the marching band!" —new to college "I appreciate the Well (the gym) and the amount of events they have here." —Filipino/male/20 "One of my favorite experiences would have to be living in the dorms. Even though the expense is high I'm glad I am able to live and experience the dorm life. As Mexican Am. we are (for the most part) super attached to family and living in the dorms really helped me not to get homesick." —New to College, Mexican Am., female "Starting at Sac State I didn't know many people, so I joined a sorority, which has given me the opportunity to meet many amazing people." -22 years old "There is a lot of help available. There are many events throughout the year." —Middle eastern, female, 24, lesbian, (her*, she*) "I like meeting new people, the staff, the events, the entire campus as a whole." —African-American male, 28, heterosexual. Married, father, Christian

"My sorority has offered a place of belong that has connected me to people that have shown loyalty and care in a short amount of time. People I know I could trust and confide in."

—Mexican (Catholic) 18

"I don't like how I just can't work up the courage to do more on campus. I like familiar settings and just can't feel comfortable yet as a first year to do more (clubs, the WELL, etc.). Overall though, seeing how alive the campus is makes me feel more comfortable than other new experiences."

—a 19 year old male, Asian

"I like the debate team"

—Latina (F) age 23, 1st to graduate

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—Mexican (Catholic) 18

"I love all the BSU events. I like how they have stands out everyday around campus."

-African American/25 yrs old

"I love how green Sac State is. It's a truly beautiful campus. I also love how diverse it is. I love all the resources it provides for it's students."

—Asian – Chinese, 21

"I love the different cultural clubs on campus. It allows people of like backgrounds and/or interests to gather & become friends."

—Female, 19 y.o., Filipino

"I did the Leadership Initiative Program and I liked that. It kept me motivated, and I get better grades."

—25, male, auditory processing disorder, transfer student, and curler (Olympic sport)

"I have been in a sorority all four years since I have been at Sac State. It has allowed me to feel more involved with my campus."

—(white, 22)

"The dynamic campus. There is <u>always</u> some group of people trying to make some kind of difference on campus. And it seems like every semester I come back and see something different on campus."

—a fifth year senior

"I enjoyed my time in Greek life while it lasted (3 years)...."

—23 years old, 5th year senior, full time worker & student

"I like the fact that Sac State offers so much.... I love the atmosphere. It makes you want to come outside and do your work. I feel safe and healthy at Sac State."

—I am a returning student of age 20. I am married and have a child on the way. I am a hard working student who likes challenges. Getting my degree is my priority right now

"I've performed with the Marching Band for all 4 years so far, which really helped me find a good group of friends, and a good place to escape from the crazy outside world. Also, working on campus has really allowed me to see every type of person on campus.

I enjoy: the calmness of campus, teachers actually caring, the diversity in classes offered, the amount of facilities offered to students on/off campus, getting the majority of my classes offered for my major."

—21, Female, 4th year, ADD, white

"The sports, education, professors, so many achievements one can achieve."

—Hispanic age 23

"I am apart of the Greek like here, and I love the organization. It keeps me involved in school activities + motivates me to finish my degree."

—Black, 20 year old, returning to school, & a girl

"Being a senior, it seemed like time has flown by. I will miss my favorite part of coming back to school is the first two weeks when everyone has their booth in the quad."

—about to graduate with a Coms studies degree

"I worked a lot on the computers, joined clubs until the last year when things get busy. I liked working at the Hornet Bookstore. I went to Java City too much."

—Autism and Bi-Polar, 28

"I think there are lots of extra curricular activities for females to be involved in of they'd like to.

I love my campus."

—Female 20 yrs. 3rd yr.