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## Spring Events

*March 18-22nd  
Spring Break*

*April 1st  
Cats in the Community*

*April 4th  
AS Election*

*April 6th  
Choose Chico*

*April 22th  
Earth Day*

*April 27th  
International Fest*

*April 30th  
VIP Celebration*

*May 23rd  
Staff Awards Luncheon*

*August 8th  
CORE*



## 2023 Highlights

### GIVING BACK: LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST

University Housing hosted their Late Night Breakfast for their residents and the Associated Students career staff were there to help make it happen! It was all-hands-on-deck for our dining crew, who made the food, refilled stations, and helped serve food. We had several other staff members join in, who also served food, bussed tables, and welcomed students.

This event is a great opportunity to give back to our campus community, and support our students. Huge thank you to all that volunteered their time and brought the energy and excitement, making it a super fun night for all! Keep a look out for your opportunity to volunteer in May 2024!

### PANTRY DRIVE - JANUARY 12-26

In line with our commitment to the value of Service, we have organized a Pantry Drive from January 12th to 26th!

Collaborating with the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry on campus, our Service Committee aims to make a direct impact on our students through your generous donations. You can find satellite bins conveniently placed in each building (WREC, CDL, BMU, and Éstom Jámani).

We welcome donations of hygiene products such as diapers, soaps, deodorant, hand sanitizer, feminine products, and more. Stay tuned for another Pantry Drive in April! A big thank you to our dedicated Service Committee!

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# AS Government: The Student Voice at Work

By Eliza Miller & Kendra Wright

“The Associated Students enriches campus life at California State University, Chico, by complementing the educational mission through student governance, facilities, programs, and integral services.”

As declared in our mission statement above, our organization supports the students of Chico State through various means, a critical one being student governance. With AS elections on the horizon this April now feels like a great time to talk about how we achieve that component of our mission through AS Government Affairs and how the work done in Government Affairs impacts the entire organization.

Each spring, the AS hosts a general election. This election gives any regularly enrolled

student at Chico State the opportunity to campaign to serve as one of our 17 elected representative roles for the upcoming academic year.

These roles not only offer students a way to represent student interests within the AS but also opportunities to serve on committees across campus as an advocate in meaningful conversations around the student

Other committees are more directly integral to daily AS operations. Our four standing committees, comprised of the AS Business Committee, AS Facilities Committee, Government Affairs Committee, and AS Board of Directors, spend their meetings reviewing and approving business decisions like, but not limited to, proposed AS facility remodels, HR policies, contracts, pay schedules, and



Photo (above): 2023 election day event on campus.

Photo (right): President Perez joins in on Government Affairs summer training.

experience at Chico State. From the Academic Senate to the Facilities Use Committee, the mission is to ensure the student voice is represented across all areas of campus.

Another critical role filled by our elected student representatives falls within the AS, where many of the elected roles chair an AS committee with a mixed membership of staff and students.

Some committees focus on advocacy and policy around specific topics like Sustainability or Social Justice and Equity.

the overarching AS budget. This student oversight of our policies and finances ensures that the organization upholds its mission and fiduciary responsibility to the students on this campus.

All of the meetings of these standing committees are held publicly, with most offering a Zoom option for folks to view from wherever they may be. If you are ever curious about what kinds of topics are being discussed at these meetings, you can always take a look at the agendas posted 72 business hours before each meeting on the AS website and

outside of the Maggie Pattison Board Room in BMU 205. Minutes for past meetings are also available if you couldn't make it to a meeting but want a quick rundown of what happened.

If you have questions about AS Government Affairs, its councils and committees, or the spring elections, please get in touch with Kendra or Eliza:

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## Safety Topic: How to Submit a Workplace Safety Concern



AS employees now have another method available to submit a safety concern. This new method is a web form linked from the [AS Risk Management web page \(as.csuchico.edu/risk\)](https://as.csuchico.edu/risk). The intent of this form is to collect information related to physical safety concerns found in your work environment. Concerns related to harassment, inappropriate conduct, or similar should be reported directly to AS HR. Submissions will be sent to the AS Risk Manager, reviewed, and shared with other appropriate parties. Please contact Keith for details:

**Keith Crawford**  
Risk Manager  
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You are also encouraged to report safety concerns to your supervisor if you are comfortable doing so.

*This form may be submitted anonymously.*

## New Hires

BEGINNING AFTER  
OCTOBER 4, 2023

**Craig Clavano**  
Accounting Technician

**Nate Farrington**  
Adventure Outings  
Program Director

**Crystal Huynh**  
Residential Dining Cook

**Christina Jewell \***  
Accounting Technician

**Carmen Llamas**  
Residential Dining  
Operations

**Chela Mendoza  
Patterson**  
Interim Executive  
Director

**Jon Simmons \***  
Associate Executive  
Director

**Ingrid Wagner**  
Procurement Assistant

## Promotions

AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2023

**Kristina Barger \***  
Equity Leadership  
Coordinator

**Claudia Cano \***  
CDL Family  
Service Worker

**Eliza Miller \***  
Government Affairs  
Coordinator

**Richard Oliver \***  
CAVE Program  
Coordinator

*\* Chico State Alumni*



New AS Dining signage for Éstom Jámani Hall.



Customize your fitness routines with a personal trainer.

## Did You Know?

### Renaming of Sutter Dining Hall to Éstom Jámani Hall

Éstom Jámani Hall (formally known as Sutter Dining) was renamed in 2023 after the “Middle Mountains,” the buttes rising from the valley floor south of Chico. The phrase reflects what the area was known by the Mechoopda and other surrounding Maidu tribes prior to colonial contact.

*Pronunciation: Es-tohm Yo-mah-ni.*

### Fit Cat Consultations

You have access to the best fitness facility in Chico! All AS career staff get a free membership at the WREC, and discounted personal training. In addition, you have access to Fit Cat Consultations with our very own Fitness Coordinator, Kristen Fisher. She can help you map out a plan that will work for your schedule and fitness level.

#### Kristen Fisher

Fitness Coordinator

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### Hazardous Waste Disposal

To align with our value of sustainability, you can recycle batteries, light bulbs, and electronic components in the Sustainability Office, BMU Room 220. The AS Sustainability office has 2 white buckets with red lids. Please ask the WLC Front Desk for assistance or additional information.

### Core Values Committee Updates

Would you like to be a committee member for one of our core values? The 2024/2025 term is now open, and accepting applications until February 29th, 2024.

#### Apply Online:

<https://forms.office.com/r/g8G2duaj7E>

Please contact Amanda Dubner with any questions!

#### Amanda Dubner

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## Fall 2023: By The Numbers

*CAVE: 5,566 Volunteer hours*

*CDL: 1,261.5 Childcare Hours*

*Dining: 157,275 Meal Swipes*

*WELL: 9,099 Visits*

*WREC: 150,253 Visits*

*- Based on collected information*



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