PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Greetings.

In this catalog, you will discover a wealth of information about Chico State, an award-winning university and leading institution in inclusion, sustainability, and civic engagement. As you explore this site, you will discover people, programs, advising services, and other resources available at Chico State where we are committed to student success, innovation, academic excellence, and transformative student experiences. Our faculty provide a high-quality, high-value education in a college-town setting. This has been our legacy since our founding 137 years ago.

A comprehensive, four-year university, Chico State embraces the motto "Today Decides Tomorrow" and our students are encouraged to "Do & Dare" in their pursuit of an academic degree, personal discovery, and their own personal calling. We aspire to create a vital and collaborative living and learning experience for our nearly 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students in an environment devoted to reason, respect, civility, and community, as well as an appreciation for our beautiful downtown home in the city of Chico.

Our mission is to serve Northern California, the state, the nation, and the global community by adhering to a set of guiding principles.

Our commitment to community: We hold dear the values of multicultural respect, awareness, and understanding, and we pursue diversity not just as an idea to embrace but as a way of life. Our diversity efforts span more than five decades, but there is always more to be done. Today, we are building momentum to provide an excellent and equitable education for our students and to assemble a more diverse and innovative workforce.

Our focus on the future: We live in an interconnected world and have responsibilities to dwell responsibly in the present and be mindful of the footprint we leave behind. Chico State is frequently recognized for its longstanding commitment to providing leadership toward a more sustainable and resilient future. The choices we make today to maintain a clean environment, a healthy population, and sustainable practices will help decide what tomorrow looks like for future generations.

Our commitment to each other: It is our mission to serve Northern California, the state, the nation, and the global community through excellence in learning, scholarship and creativity, and public engagement. Students at Chico State have opportunities to help meet a broad base of community needs, engaging through curricular and co-curricular experiences that actively involve them in serving the public good. And, as a member of the Wildcat community, they are supported through every step of their academic journey.

It is no secret that Chico State is a top-value school. We pride ourselves on the opportunities we offer, the transformations we witness, and the remarkable success of our students and alumni. *The University Catalog* is a window for you to discover how you might Do & Dare.

We invite you to join us!

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