

IMAGINE THE  
POSSIBILITIES

**CAL STATE**  
**SAN MARCOS**

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY



# Just Right

**Where's San Marcos?** We're located in northern San Diego County, in a vibrant community that's home to the conveniences of Southern California without the stresses and hassles of bigger cities.


The beach? It's 20 minutes away—you can take the train right from campus. Things to do? There's shopping, restaurants, mountain biking, paddle-boarding and surfing just minutes from school. Weather? It's amazing—all 280 sunny days a year of it.

And while our corner of California is renowned for its laid back attitude, we're also surrounded by a host of Fortune 500 companies and a thriving bio-tech sector that provide you with unrivaled access to internships and job opportunities.



  
**280**  
DAYS OF SUNSHINE  
PER YEAR



 **NO CAR? NO PROBLEM!**  
*We have an excellent public transportation system in San Marcos, including the Breeze bus system and the Sprinter light-rail train, which takes you right to the beach.*

**NORTH  
SAN DIEGO  
COUNTY**





## State of the Art **by Design**

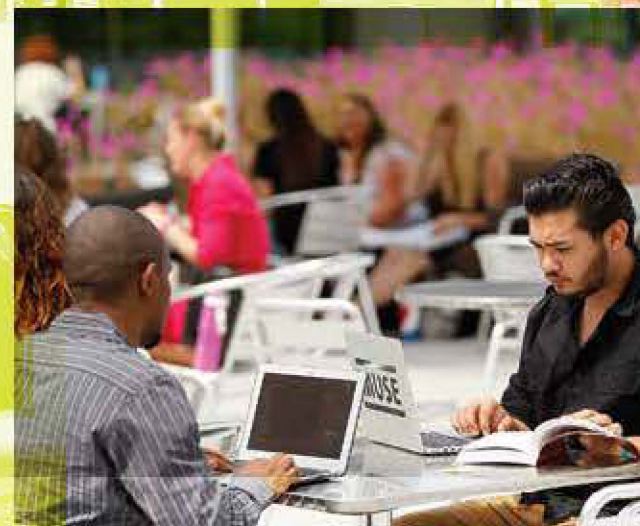
*Cal State San Marcos was designed*, from the ground up, to provide you with the most technologically advanced classrooms, labs and living spaces possible. It's one of the many advantages of being a young campus.

Our university boasts art studios, digital media labs, industry-grade video and music recording studios, a brand-new athletic center, 150 teaching and research labs and one of the most modern libraries in the entire Cal State University system.



*NO LIMITS. We have our share of desks and whiteboards, but with Wi-Fi available everywhere on campus, you choose where and how you study.*

# STUDY WHERE AND HOW YOU CHOOSE





## It's Your Turn To Change the World

*Who are you going to become?* What kind of impact are you going to have on this world?

Exciting questions, right? And daunting ones as well. We know. We've been there. When we founded Cal State University San Marcos in 1989, we asked ourselves similar things. What could we bring to the table? What would set us apart?

We decided to change lives—our students' lives and lives throughout this community. You can do the same.

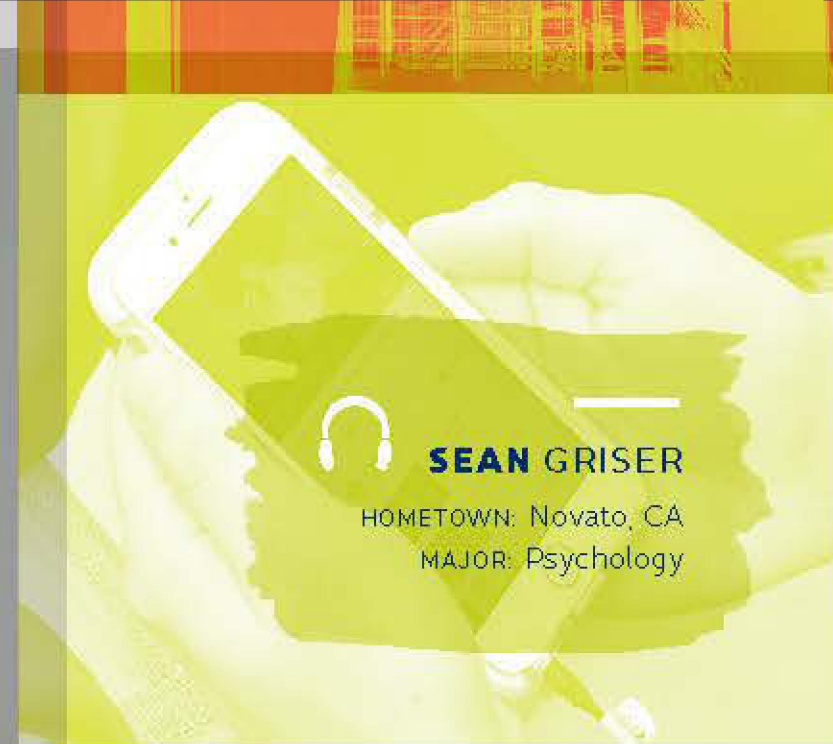
As a student at Cal State San Marcos, you have the opportunity to not only gain a world-class education. You can make a real difference by taking the principles and skills you've learned here on campus, and using them to better the world and, in the process, better yourself.

It's time to change the world. It's your turn.



**240,000**

HOURS OUR STUDENTS DEDICATE TO SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS EACH YEAR.



**SEAN GRISER**

HOMETOWN: Novato, CA

MAJOR: Psychology



*It seems so simple—an iPod full of songs.* But Sean Griser knows simple things can change peoples' lives in complex ways. Last fall Sean began his service-learning project at Cal State San Marcos. He wasn't expecting a lot. "I started out thinking this would look good on my resume," he admits, "but it was so much bigger than that."

Sean and psychology professor Dr. Lori Montross were looking for ways to improve the experience of people in palliative care homes suffering from dementia. "It's a hard place to be for both the patients and for their families," says Griser.

Sean began interviewing patients and their families—What were the patient's favorite songs from the past? Sean compiled 77 different playlists—each one customized for an individual patient.

Then he pushed play...

"It was amazing," says Sean. "When you see someone who is unresponsive—in an almost unresponsive state—and then they suddenly come alive! We videotaped it a few times for patients' families to see and people were floored to see the person they knew and loved, light up again and come back—if even only for a little bit. It was so powerful."

"What we are doing here is so much more than adding another line on your resume," says Sean. "To have that kind of an impact on someone else? It's amazing."

We couldn't agree more.

## “Sat Quietly in Class” Won’t Be On Your Resume

When you *step into that first job interview*, no one will ask you how many hours you spent sitting in class. No prospective employer will grade the quality of your doodles. They’ll want to see experience. At Cal State San Marcos, you gain the kind of real-world experience that can take you anywhere. Our students are conducting critical research in our laboratories, creating their own films in our Video in the Community program and improving our local community through service-learning projects. No matter what you choose to study, you’ll put your knowledge to work in ways that strengthen both you and our community.



*The science of surfing. Cal State San Marcos kinesiology majors are researching the physiological and biomechanical benefits of catching the perfect wave.*



**ROBERT MENDEZ**

HOMETOWN: Los Angeles, CA

MAJOR: Biological Sciences



*One day you’re jumping from a helicopter* into the ocean, the next you’re analyzing microscopic algae from the same ocean, performing the kind of research that could reduce humanity’s carbon footprint. You know what that’s like, right? Well, frankly, neither do we, but Robert Mendez does. The former Navy Search and Rescue swimmer used to train every day to pull downed pilots out of the sea. It’s one of the military’s most physically demanding jobs. Today, you can find Robert here on campus, doing the kind of innovative research usually reserved for people earning their Ph.D.

“I think what drew me to research was that it was so different from everything I had done. For nine years my life was all physical

hurdles. This was an entirely different challenge. I guess I wanted to prove to myself that, as long as I apply myself, I can accomplish whatever I set out to do.”

Robert has done that and more, though where he finds the time is anyone’s guess. In addition to his research, Mendez also works as a tutor and has been accepted to the University of Minnesota’s prestigious summer research program. Next stop? Ph.D.

“I have to admit, I was surprised when I got here and realized that we could do actual research as students. And not just basic research, but absolutely cutting-edge techniques. There are a lot of bigger universities where that’s impossible.”





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CLUBS, GREEK LIFE  
ORGANIZATIONS, &  
INTRAMURAL TEAMS  
ON CAMPUS

## A Place Where You Can Be Yourself

*College isn't just four years* spent poring over books and enduring all-night study sessions. This is also a time when you'll meet the people who broaden your worldview and help you grow as an individual—it's one of the greatest gifts of a diverse college experience. Take a stroll through campus and there's no mistaking it: Fitting in here is just a matter of being yourself.

CAMPUS CENTERS. *Campus is also home to the California Indian Culture & Sovereignty Center, Gender Equity Center, Cross-Cultural Center, Latin@ Center, LGBTQA Pride Center, Veteran's Center and, soon, a Black Student Center.*

*Sometimes the things we want the most* also have a way of intimidating us the most. Daniesha and Darniesha Thornton can attest to that. They wanted to go to college, sure, but blazing that trail when you are the first members of your family to attend college? That's easier said than done, particularly when it also means leaving your hometown, your family and everything you know.

"We're not going to lie—we were a little scared," says Darniesha, with a laugh, looking back on it now. "We'd never even visited Southern California before. Coming here? It was a really big deal for us."

"But the thing is," says Daniesha, who like so many twins, has a way of completing her sibling's thoughts, "the people here go out of their way to make you comfortable. There are all these student

support services on campus to help you make that transition." "And it's such a great community here on campus," adds Darniesha. "Really friendly. Really accepting."

Fitting in wasn't a problem for the Thornton twins. At all. Daniesha and Darniesha are, respectively, the President and Vice President of the Black Student Union. You'll also find them showing groups of new students around campus—dispensing advice, laughs and wisdom about the college experience.

"It's kind of funny looking back and thinking about it now—how overwhelming it all seemed when we got that acceptance letter and were wondering where this place was and whether it would work out for us here...because now this place just feels like home."



**DANIESHA &  
DARNIESHA  
THORNTON**

HOMETOWN: Benicia, CA  
MAJORS: Nursing

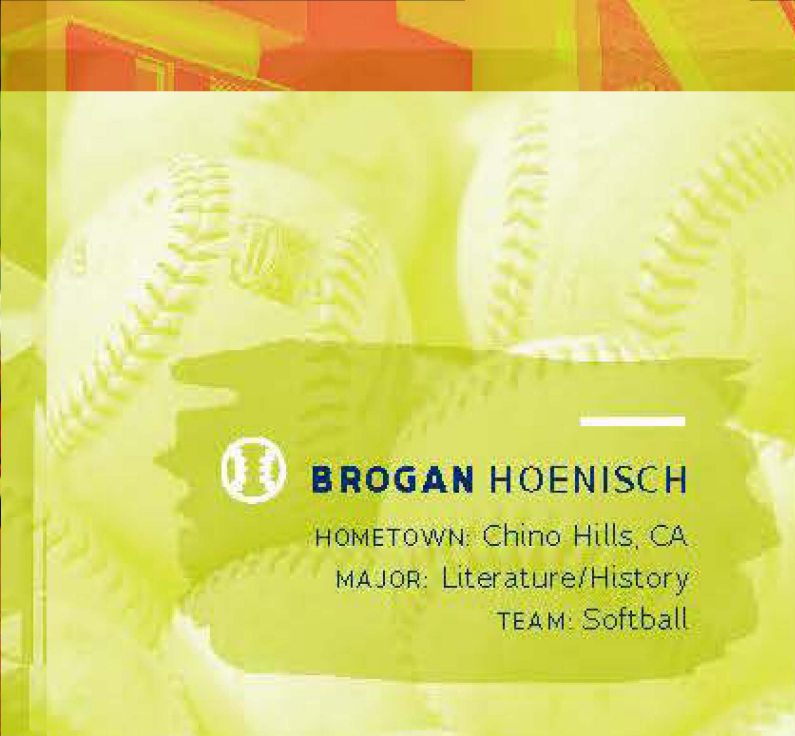


# Together We Win

Over the years, our 13 teams have racked up their fair share of wins: 32 Conference Coaches of the year, 3 National Championships, 31 Conference Championships, 158 All-Americans.

All that success didn't go unnoticed. We've just become a member of NCAA Division II and the nation's most successful conference, the CCAA. The stakes just got higher...and we're ready for it.

[csusmcougars.com](http://csusmcougars.com)



## BROGAN HOENISCH

HOMETOWN: Chino Hills, CA

MAJOR: Literature/History

TEAM: Softball



**New Sports Center.** 25,000 square feet of gym, locker rooms, training facilities, concession stands and seating for you and 1,399 other fans has just opened on campus. Welcome to our new, state-of-the-art home for sports on campus.

*Earning straight As* is an achievement in its own right. Maintaining a 4.0 GPA while also starting all 48 games at first base, notching a team-high 401 putouts, reaching base in 20 consecutive games and posting a 13-game hitting streak...? That's an entirely different level of difficult. Brogan Hoenisch, however, manages to pull it all off; demanding as much of herself in class as she does out on the field.

"It can get pretty hectic," Brogan admits. "But being here, at a smaller Division II school, has also allowed me to balance my academic, athletic and social life. I knew coming in, that I wanted all three of those things from my college experience."

"San Marcos, really, has been the perfect fit for me," says Brogan. "I'm usually in a class of 25 to 30 students and my teachers know me on a first-name basis. You have access to your professors. That's a huge benefit for any student."



### MEN'S SPORTS

BASEBALL  
BASKETBALL  
CROSS COUNTRY  
GOLF  
SOCCER  
TRACK & FIELD

### WOMEN'S SPORTS

BASKETBALL  
CROSS COUNTRY  
GOLF  
SOCCER  
SOFTBALL  
VOLLEYBALL  
TRACK & FIELD



## Your Friends

*Friends, study partners, confidantes...* your roommates matter. But how do you find the perfect roommates? We have an app for that—it's like Facebook for future roomies and it works brilliantly. RoomSync lets you sift through potential roommates to find people who share your interests and who'll be the perfect match for you. Who are you going to room with next year? That's one less question to worry about.



## Your Place

At *Cal State San Marcos*, you can choose from either one of two modern apartment-style housing options—The University Village Apartments or The QUAD. Both residences are close to the heart of campus and offer fully furnished apartments (including flat-screen TVs at The QUAD), as well as amenities such as swimming pools, workout rooms, indoor and outdoor study lounges, game rooms and more. It's the best of both worlds; your chance to live on your own terms while still enjoying the benefits and convenience of life on campus.

[csusm.edu/housing](http://csusm.edu/housing)

## Your Choice

*What's for dinner? Or lunch?* Or whatever you want to call coffee and a bagel at 2:30 in the afternoon? Living in our apartment housing, you can easily walk to the neighborhood supermarket. We also offer meal-plan cards that you can use at any of our eight on-campus eateries, which include a Starbucks, Jamba Juice and Panda Express. It's your choice.





**Fallbrook Winery** general manager (and Cal State San Marcos alumnus), Izaac Villalobos (left), knew that creating a public tasting room would boost the winery's profile, but where should they set up shop? Five students in our Senior Experience program wielded their knowledge of GIS technology, legal analysis and marketing research to pinpoint the perfect spot.

Senior Experience team member Gregory Vaughn (right) sums it up well. "This is an experience I never could have gotten in a classroom. This is the real world. It's been incredible."

**Lily Nguyen** lost count of the times she almost pinched herself. Just a few months earlier she'd been studying at Cal State San Marcos. And yet here she was, talking to White House staffers from her office on Capitol Hill, attending hearings...working in the very heart of it.

"There were so many times that I just had to sit back and wonder if it all was really happening," says Lily. "There I was in DC—literally in the place where laws are made. It was surreal, but it also was a chance to put everything I learned in college into context."

Lily, it turns out, has had plenty of chances to put her education to the test; there was the fellowship at the Panetta Institute for Public Policy, a stint in Congressman Xavier Becerra's office in Washington, D.C., and today she's heading on to law school.




"The thing is," says Lily. "I don't think I would have had the opportunities and the support I've experienced if I hadn't gone to Cal State San Marcos. There's a genuine care for you to succeed here."

"I have friends at the bigger universities," says Lily, "where they are just one of a thousand students in a lecture hall. It's so hard to differentiate yourself in a place like that. You get lost. But I never had that problem at Cal State San Marcos. Here, it's so easy to meet and talk to your professors. Those connections were really important for me as a student and when I began preparing for my life outside of the university."



## The Future. Your Future. Starts Here

**Your career begins** long before you receive your diploma, which is why an education at Cal State San Marcos goes well beyond merely taking classes. Hands-on learning is a critical element in many of our majors. Campus programs, such as our Tukwut Leadership Circle, also hone your leadership, professional and interpersonal skills. Finally, many of our students take advantage of our proximity to, and close working relationships with, some of the nation's leading companies in biotechnology, medical devices, defense, education and clean technology.

  
**95%**  
OF GRADUATES SAY  
THAT CAL STATE  
SAN MARCOS WAS  
THE RIGHT CHOICE  
FOR THEM

# Applying is Easy

We accept applications each year between October 1 and November 30 for admission to the following fall term. Apply online at [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu)

## If You're a Freshman Applicant

Complete the CSUMentor online application by November 30, pay the \$55\* application fee at that time and be sure to take your SAT/ACT no later than December of your senior year.

To be eligible, you must also possess a high school diploma or equivalent, including at least:

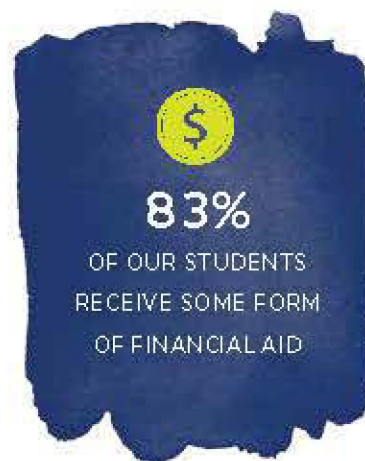
- History and Social Science, 2 years
- English, 4 years
- Math, 3 years (including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher mathematics)
- Laboratory Science, 2 years (including a Biological and Physical Science)
- Language other than English, 2 years of the same language
- Visual and Performing Arts, 1 year (Dance, Drama/Theater, Music or Visual Arts)
- College preparatory elective, 1 year

\*Fee waiver available for qualified California residents.

## If You're a Transfer Student

To be eligible for admission you must be in good standing at the last institution you attended and have completed 60 transferable semester units, 30 of which are units of general education courses, with a grade of C or higher, including:

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Quantitative Reasoning/Mathematics



## Helping You Pay for College

College is a major investment. We're here to help make that investment more affordable. Eighty-three percent of our students receive some form of financial aid, including scholarships, grants and loans. For more information, visit [csusm.edu/ftnaid](http://csusm.edu/ftnaid).

If you're not a California resident, but you hail from a state that's a member of the WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange) program, you may be eligible to save up to \$6,000 on tuition at Cal State San Marcos. Visit [csusm.edu/go/wue](http://csusm.edu/go/wue).

### TUITION & FEES 2016/2017

RESIDENT	\$7,264
WUE* STUDENT	\$9,900
NON-RESIDENT	\$16,092

All CSU fees listed are estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the CSU Board of Trustees.

\*Western Undergraduate Exchange

### OTHER ESTIMATED EXPENSES

BOOKS	\$1,764
ROOM & BOARD	\$13,240
TRANSPORTATION	\$862
PERSONAL/MISC.	\$1,392

# A Wide Range of Majors

We're home to 31 bachelor degree programs, 37 minors, 11 master's programs, eight credential programs and a joint doctoral program with UC San Diego.

Our most popular areas of study include Business Administration, Psychology, Nursing, Kinesiology, Biological Sciences, Human Development, Criminology, Computer Science, Communication and Liberal Studies.

Anthropology, B.A.

Applied Physics, B.S.

Biochemistry, B.S.

Biological Sciences, B.S./M.S.

Biotechnology, B.S.

Business Administration, B.S., M.B.A.

Chemistry, B.S.

Child and Adolescent Development, B.A.

Communication, B.A.

Computer Science, B.S., M.S.

Criminology and Justice Studies, B.A.

Economics, B.A.

Education, M.A.

Environmental Studies, B.A.

Global Studies, B.A.

History, B.A., M.A.

Human Development, B.A.

Kinesiology, B.S., M.S.

Liberal Studies, B.A.

Literature and Writing Studies, B.A., M.A.

Mass Media, B.A.

Mathematics, B.S., M.S.

Music, B.A.

Nursing, B.S.

Political Science, B.A.

Psychology, B.A., M.A.

Social Sciences, B.A.

Sociology, B.A.

Sociological Practice, M.A.

Spanish, B.A., M.A.

Special Major, B.A.

Visual and Performing Arts, B.A.

Women's Studies, B.A.





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