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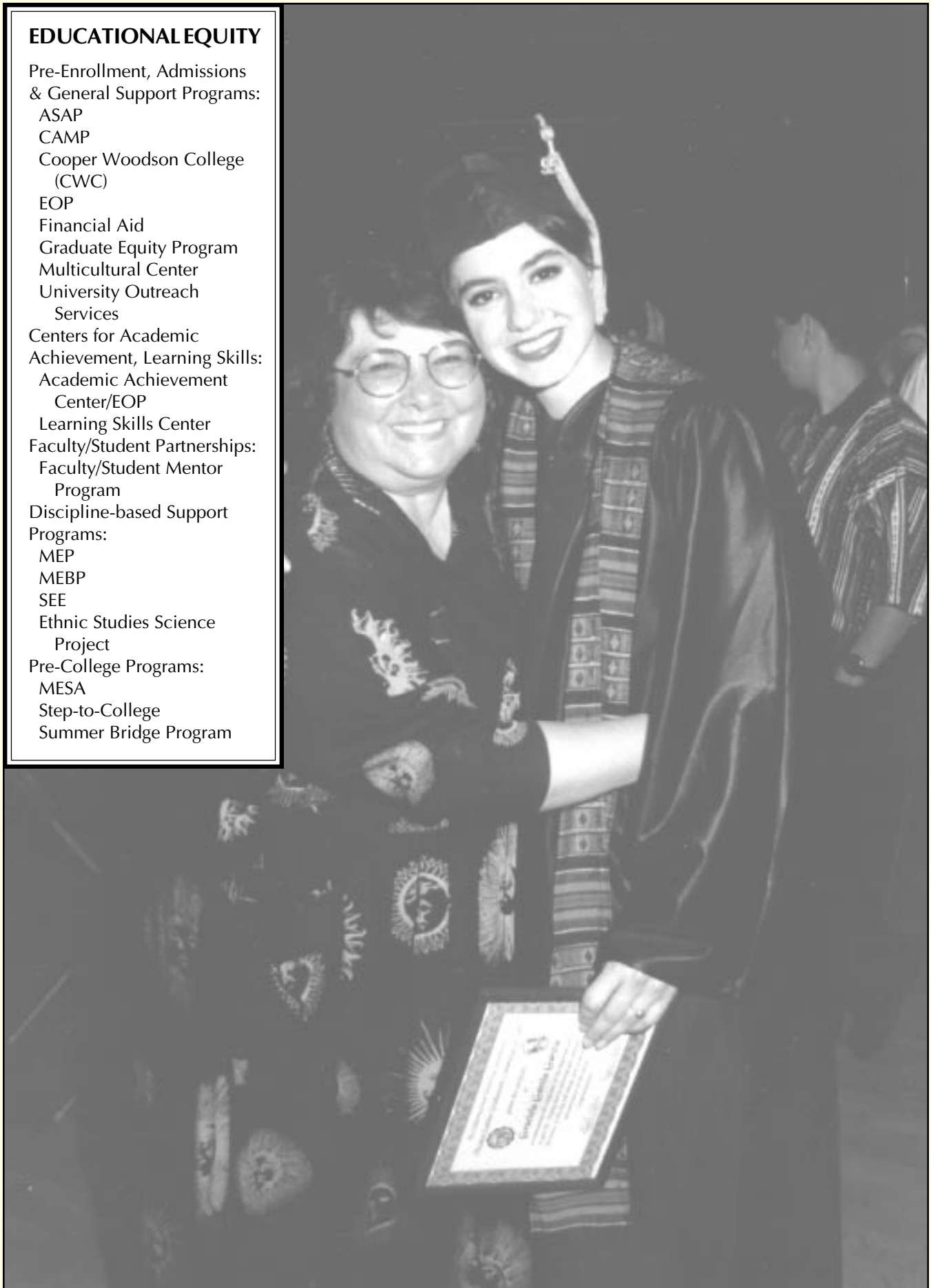
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CSUS has a strong commitment to helping underrepresented ethnic students achieve their goals of academic and career success. A variety of programs and services are offered with these goals in mind. Many of them are briefly described below. You'll find out about other programs by talking to your advisor and professors.

PRE-ENROLLMENT, ADMISSIONS AND GENERAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Admissions Support for Academic Persistence (ASAP)

The ASAP program expedites the admission application process for underrepresented ethnic students, serving as a "one-stop shop" for admission to the University. Once students are admitted, they are then referred to University support services and/or school based educational equity programs. Call (916) 278-6433 for more information.

College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP)

The College Assistance Migrant Program, a unique educational program, is one of only six such programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to help students from migrant and seasonal farm worker backgrounds during the first year at CSUS. The program helps students make the transition to college life develop the skills needed to stay in and successfully graduate from college.

The program offers:

- pre-admission services
- assistance with financial aid, housing and University services
- academic advising
- career exploration
- personal counseling
- referrals to career-related and other job opportunities
- tutors in basic skills and subject area courses
- financial assistance with books and supplies, health insurance, transportation, relocation and

monthly living allotment awarded on the basis of financial need.

To be eligible for CAMP, you must be a migrant or seasonal farm worker or a dependent; qualify for enrollment as a full-time student at CSUS; and be in need of academic and support services and financial assistance. For more information, call (916) 278-7241.

Cooper Woodson College (CWC)

Cooper Woodson College is an association of faculty, staff, students and community members who are committed to recognizing and upholding the tradition represented in African American culture which is best expressed in the relationships between traditional African American colleges and students. It involves adults in the community assuming responsibility for shaping and guiding a learning environment supportive of, responsive to, and nurturing of African American students.

A key objective of CWC is the development of leaders. For more information, call (916) 278-5363.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program provides California residents who have historically experienced economic and educational barriers to higher education, access to University special admission and retention services. A special orientation to the University and assessment of personal and study skill needs are provided by EOP and are followed by an appropriate assignment to program retention services. Individual tutoring, advocacy, peer advising, workshops and Strategies of Learning courses are offered. Faculty counselors also are available to help you adjust to the University setting. Assistance is provided for personal, financial and situational problems. EOP state grants are available from the Financial Aid Office for eligible students. For more information, call (916) 278-6183.

Financial Aid Programs

CSUS offers financial assistance in the form of scholarships, grants, loans and work-study employment. Awarding of these programs is based on financial need and/or eligibility requirements, in addition to availability of funds. Eligible students should apply by March 2 for the following academic year. For more information, see page 60. The CSUS Financial Aid Office can be reached at (916) 278-6554.

Graduate Equity Programs

The Graduate Equity Program provides individual and group advising and counseling services for students who plan to enter master's, doctoral and professional programs. Services are open to all students, with a particular focus on providing services to students underrepresented in graduate programs: ethnic minority students, women in science, math and engineering, and students with disabilities.

Program events include an annual Graduate Information Day, a bi-annual Minority Graduate Forum, and workshops on topics including:

- applying to M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. programs;
- financial aid for graduate school;
- writing the statement of purpose;
- preparing for graduate entrance exams;
- thesis writing;
- and teaching at community colleges.

The program coordinates three graduate diversity scholarships:

- the CSUS Graduate Equity Fellowship which provides \$1,500 grants to underrepresented students who are classified in graduate programs at CSUS and who have financial need (application deadline is March 31);
- the Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, which provides up to \$3,000 for underrepresented seniors

and graduate students at CSUS to visit Ph.D. granting institutions, attend conferences, conduct research and prepare themselves for applying to Ph.D. programs (apply during February and March); and

- the Forgivable Loan Program, which provides up to \$10,000

- the SAA Capital Internship Program, through which underrepresented community college students earn academic credit and gain experience in state government;
- Project 21, which is designed to introduce underrepresented students, specifically African American students from the San Francisco Bay area and the Stockton area, to the college experience, with the goal of motivating them to pursue a University degree; and
- Project 100, which helps vocational students at American River, Cosumnes River and Sacramento City Colleges learn about transfer opportunities from CSUS student interns.

Other SAA services include visits to high schools and community colleges which have large enrollments of underrepresented students; conducting campus tours; providing admissions, financial aid, housing and testing counseling; hosting leadership conferences for groups of underrepresented students; and providing information and guidance to underrepresented

CSUS students who are planning to continue their education with graduate work. For more information on SAA, call (916) 278-7362.

High School and General Outreach Programs

Services offered by High School and General Outreach Programs are designed to provide information and guidance on higher education opportunities in general, and CSUS opportunities in particular, to prospective students, parents, guidance personnel, and other interested persons. The staff also assists students in completion of the matriculation process and articulates University programs, policies and procedures with other educational institutions and agencies.

High School and General Outreach services include CSUS Private and Parochial College Night, Priority Admission Days and application follow-up, on-site On-the-Spot Admission Days at out-of-area high schools, Regional/Pre-Matriculation Workshops, River City Days Open House Enrollment Planning Workshops, CSUS and CSU Counselor Conferences and Lifesaver Stations.

In addition, this segment of University Outreach Services also encompasses programs such as:

- high school liaison, designed to provide extensive outreach visits and activities at high schools in the CSUS service area and throughout the state;
- campus tours for individuals and groups;
- response to inquiries from prospective students and others on University enrollment opportunities;
- distribution of complimentary copies of the University Catalog and related CSU/CSUS materials to schools, colleges and related agencies;
- the CSUS Ambassador Program, with CSUS students representing the University in their hometown and at their former high school while encouraging students to stay in school and attend college;
- outreach to prospective undergraduate and graduate students through service-area churches, businesses, community agencies and other organizations;
- consultation to University departments in planning articulation conferences, and
- assistance to students in completing the matriculation process.

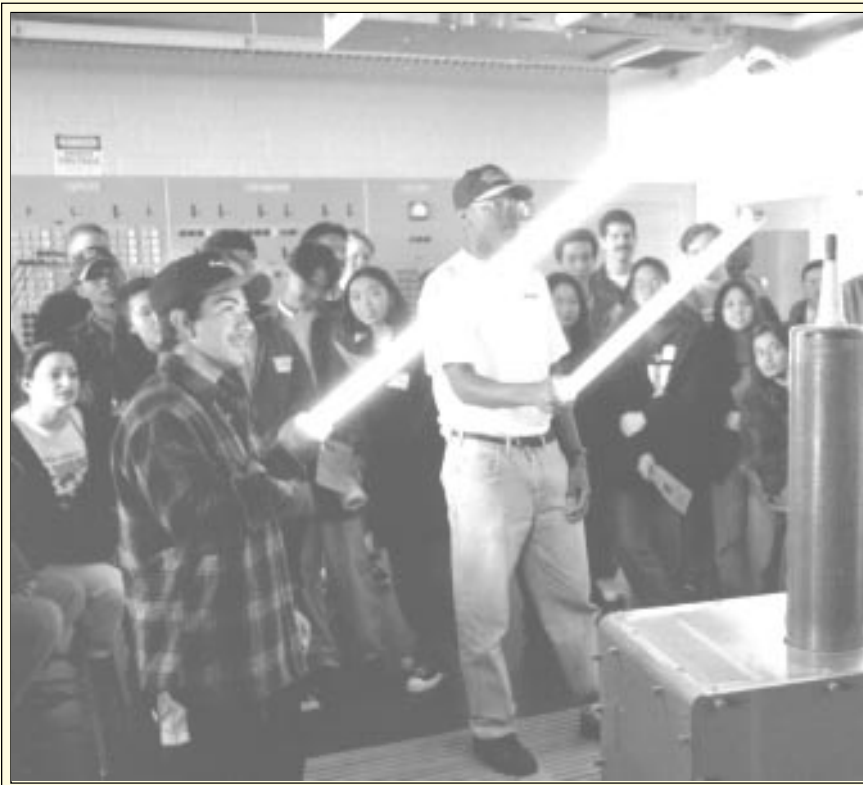
For more information, contact University Outreach Services at (916) 278-7362.

Transfer Services

CSUS works closely with numerous community colleges to help facilitate a smooth transition for transfer students in general, and underrepresented students in particular.

Transfer Services include:

- coordination of establishment of written agreements between CSUS and other colleges which indicate the acceptability of transfer courses toward meeting lower division major preparatory requirements;



- visits to selected community colleges on a regular basis and to other community colleges as needed;
- coordination of University-wide major preparatory course articulation with other colleges;
- response to inquiries concerning transfer credit acceptance policies and procedures;
- coordination of the state-wide California Articulation Number System (CAN);
- coordination of Project Assist;
- scheduling of Northern California Transfer Day and College Night programs.

CSUS continues to be a leader in enrolling the largest number of community college transfers of any California public four-year university. For more information, call 1-800-SAC-IS-IT (1-800-722-4748) or (916) 278-7362.

CENTERS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, LEARNING SKILLS IMPROVEMENT

The Academic Achievement Center/EOP

The Academic Achievement Center/EOP provides academic support to students who need or desire advising, counseling, faculty mentoring, tutoring and social and cultural activities. The Center's efforts are coordinated with academic support programs in the schools. The Educational Opportunity Program and the Summer Bridge Program are part of the Academic Achievement Center. Although services are available to all students, the Center's primary function is to assist students who may need extra academic support in progressing toward their goal of a college degree. Call (916) 278-6183 for more information.

Learning Skills Center

The Learning Skills Center assists students in the development of basic and higher level skills essential to successful learning. See page 27 for a complete description.

Several adjunct courses (LS 55 A - K Academic Strategies) are offered in the College of Arts and Sciences through the Learning Skills Center to strengthen academic skills in selected general education courses. These one-unit courses are designed to promote academic excellence by providing a forum for course topic discussion, problem solving practice and critical reading and writing skills enhancement. Participants also are encouraged to explore advanced learning strategies to improve their study efficiency and test performance. Contact the Learning Skills Center in Lassen Hall for more information.

FACULTY/STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS

Faculty/Student Mentor Program

The Faculty/Student Mentor Program links underrepresented minorities and EOP students, especially second year students in academic difficulty, to both a faculty mentor and an upper division peer mentor. Mentors offer academic and personal advice about a wide range of topics. The entire program acts as an academic, social and cultural support program.

Students may be linked to faculty in their own or related majors. The flexible format includes meetings as a single large group or individual or small group get-togethers.

The faculty mentors assess your academic performance, organize study sessions, engage in social and cultural activities and aid students in need of academic and personal support.

In group and individual meetings, the faculty offer advice and encouragement. Topics discussed in group sessions include test-taking strategies and problem-solving techniques, general education requirements, financial aid, and possible majors and careers. Students also meet with faculty members on a less formal level. Activities include attendance at social and cultural events. Call (916) 278-6859 for details.

DISCIPLINE-BASED SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Minority Engineering Program (MEP)

Participation in the Minority Engineering (MEP) Program doubles the probability that students will be successful in their engineering or



computer science studies. The program focuses on the recruitment, retention and graduation of African American, Chicano-Latino and American Indian students.

The MEP program provides an on-campus “home” for its members with a large 24 hours-a-day study center/computer lab. MEP has taken its successful model of academic excellence workshops, tutoring and study groups and now helps in the coordination of these retention services for all students in the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The MEP offers scholarships, part-time and summer job referrals, a freshman orientation course, academic advising, and co-op placements (financial support and professional development).

MEP also offers a paid internship program to competitively selected students. These Project Success Industry Fellows are offered full-time, paid positions during summers and school breaks from their freshman through senior years. The income students earn, coupled with the financial aid they receive, allows them to attend school full-time and eliminates the need to work when classes are in session. For more details call (916) 278-6699.

Minority Enrichment Business Program (MEBP)

The Minority Enrichment Business Program encourages and supports African American, Chicano, Hispanic, Native American, Filipino, and Pacific Islander students who major in business. The MEBP Professional Development and Career Management course (OBE 9) matches each student’s skills and values with career options. The development of good study and learning habits, skills in time management, job-finding strategies, interview techniques, and resume writing are also explored. Faculty advisors offer academic and career advising; guidance; and tutoring. Study groups are available to all busi-

ness students at the Business Study Center. Assistance in finding summer jobs and internships are additional services.

OBE 9/Professional Development and Career Management is a three unit CR/NC course. Students explore and develop executive skills necessary for upward mobility within the business arena. Major topics are: professional self-assessment, career objectives, planning and implementing strategies, and mastering executive arts and skills-theory and practice. Call (916) 278-7038 for details.

Science Educational Equity (SEE)

The Science Educational Equity (SEE) program is a comprehensive academic support program for underrepresented ethnic students with an interest in pursuing a career in the sciences or health professions. In addition to supplementary, or “adjunct courses” in Biology 10, Chemistry 4, and Chemistry 1A, regular group study sessions are available for many lower and upper division science courses. Science faculty provide individual academic and pre-professional advising for each student and are available for career guidance and assistance with course material. Students attend professional conferences, participate in academic workshops and seminars, and are encouraged to attend summer enrichment programs at universities and laboratories throughout the nation.

The program provides assistance with the application process to graduate programs, health professional schools and summer enrichment programs. In addition to academic services, the SEE program also provides students the opportunity to meet and interact with faculty, community representatives, and other students in an informal setting through participation in a book club, field trips, and social and cultural activities. Call (916) 278-6519 to receive a copy of the program brochure.

PROGRAMS FOR PRE-COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ethnic Studies Science Project

The Ethnic Studies Science Project motivates young children of elementary and junior high school ages to science education in particular and education in general. Call (916) 278-6007 for details.

MESA Pre-College Programs

Students find out about engineering and computer science careers by participating in MESA activities during their pre-college years. Pre-college MESA programs are available to students in 27 area high schools, 20 middle/junior high schools, and 60 elementary schools. National Science Foundation grants provide an extensive summer enrichment program and Saturday Academics. Call (916) 923-0844 for details.

Step-to-College

Step-to-College is a program which allows CSU campuses to waive or reduce registration fees for high school students who enroll in one or two regular university courses. It focuses on promising underrepresented minority students. Call (916) 278-3901 for details.

Summer Bridge Program

Summer Bridge, a four-week summer residential program, provides an academic experience to help students successfully bridge their high school experiences to a four-year institution. The program is primarily directed at minority populations – especially African American, Hispanic, and American Indians – who are underrepresented in higher education.

Summer Bridge offers testing to determine strengths and weaknesses in mathematics, reading, writing, and study skills; information about student support services and academic programs available at CSUS; and a dynamic learning environment shaped by students and faculty from diverse cultural backgrounds. Call (916) 278-6183 for more information.