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Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award 2025-26

About the Award
The Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award is an annual award that bestows the highest level of recognition to a CSUSM student or student organization for significant achievements in advancing the culture of philanthropy at CSUSM.

Who is Eligible
All current CSUSM students or student organizations in good standing with the Dean of Students are eligible for nomination, including graduate and undergraduate students who graduated in December 2025 or will graduate in May 2026.

Nomination Timeline
Nominations open in February 2026 and close March 20 at 11:59pm.
Recipient awarded in April at the Tukwut Leadership Awards Night (TLAN).

Nomination Application
Nominations should be emailed to Sean Briner, Director of Annual Giving, at sbriner@csusm.edu, and must include the following three items:

- *Prepared by the student nominee (no length requirement or limit)*: Campus involvement resume detailing campus activities and accomplishments that contribute to philanthropy as described in the selection criteria section below.
- *Prepared by the student nominee (no length requirement or limit)*: Personal statement regarding the significance of personal involvement in philanthropy.
- *Prepared by CSUSM faculty or staff (no length requirement or limit)*: A letter of recommendation citing contributions made to philanthropy must include at least selection criteria number 1 below.

Selection Criteria
1, Goals/Creativity**:** How has the nominee demonstrated significant achievement in creating and/or advancing the culture of philanthropy at CSUSM?
2, Leadership: How has the nominee demonstrated superior leadership and commitment to creating a culture of philanthropy at CSUSM?
3, Impact: What has been the impact or results of their efforts at CSUSM?

Selection Process
The Selection Committee will be comprised of the following:

- Director of Annual Giving Programs (Chair), Foundation Board Faculty Representative Director, Recipient from a past Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award; Student Representative selected by the Dean of Students, and the Secretary to the Foundation Board.

Past Recipients
Visit The Cathy Baur Student Philanthropy Award at https://www.csusm.edu/giving/csusm-foundation/