

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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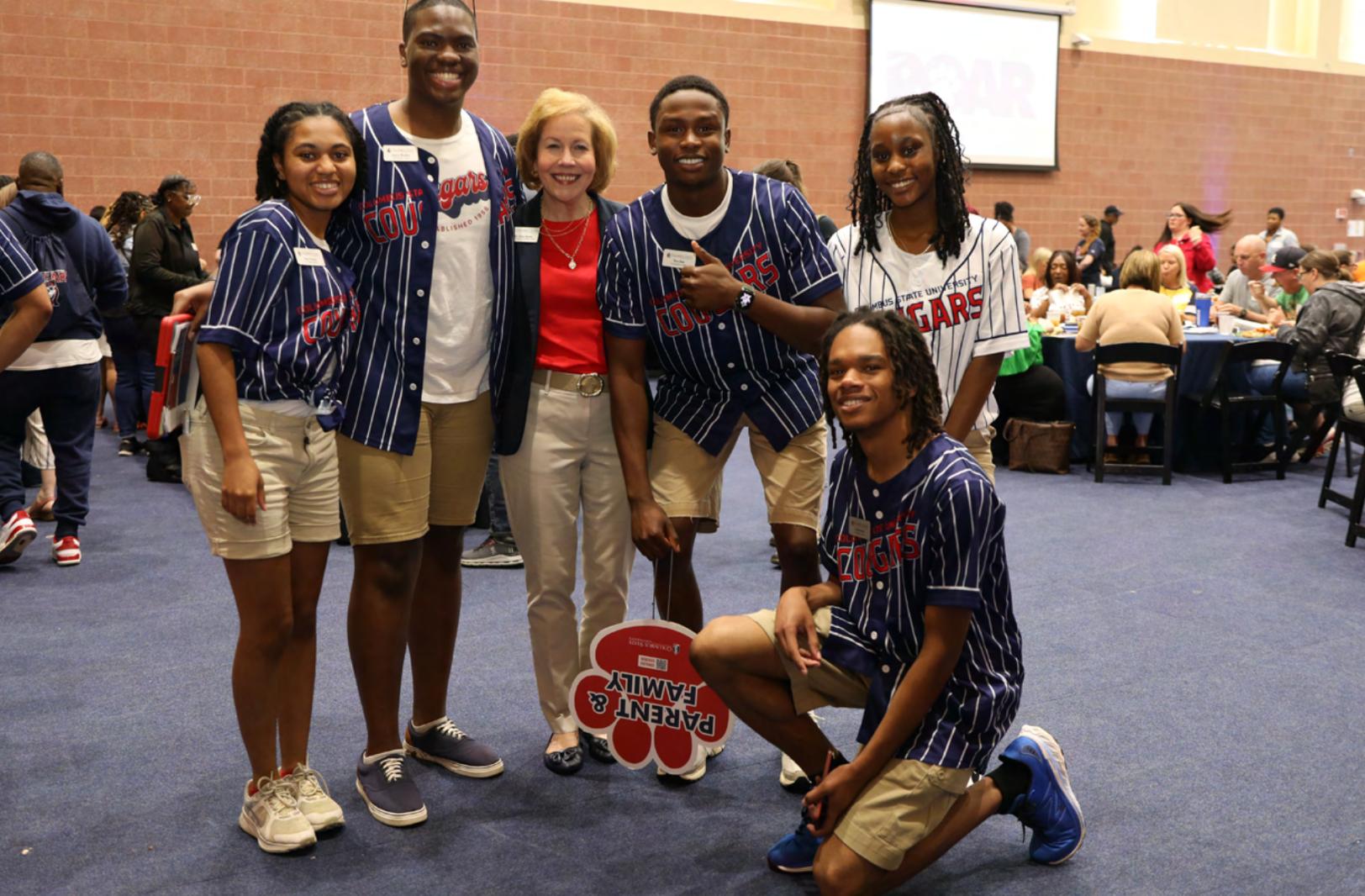
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On behalf of Columbus State University's Student Affairs Division, a Unit of the Student Experience, I am pleased to share our Annual Report for the 2024-2025 academic year. This report reflects the transformative ways our division contributes to student success and showcases how our collective work is deeply aligned with Columbus State University's Core Values.

This year, our team has embraced **Excellence** by creating engaging programs, services, and experiences that elevate student learning and leadership development. We have leaned into **Creativity** by piloting new initiatives, approaching challenges with innovative solutions, and amplifying the CSU experience in bold and meaningful ways. Our commitment to **Engagement** has been evident in the vibrant student life opportunities, traditions, and partnerships that connect our students more closely to their peers, faculty, alumni, and the wider community.

We have also strengthened our focus on **Sustainability** by fostering lifelong learning, promoting well-being, and ensuring that our services reflect responsible stewardship of resources. Through **Inclusion**, we have continued to champion a welcoming environment where every student feels seen, valued, and empowered to succeed. And, at the heart of all we do, our team has practiced **Servant Leadership**—putting students first and leading with purpose, empathy, and integrity.

The successes of this past year are measured not just in programs delivered, but in the growth, resilience, and achievements of our students. It is their accomplishments that inspire us daily, and it is our privilege to walk alongside them in their journey.

As you read this report, I hope you gain a sense of the energy, care, and intentionality that guides our work in Student Affairs. On behalf of our students, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we sustain the vibrant community that makes Columbus State University such a remarkable institution.

Bina Sheeke



Campus Recreation

RECREATION CENTER VISITS:

45,530

TOTAL UNIQUE PATRONS:

3,609

ROCKWALL FACILITY USAGE:

173

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Sports • **5**

Teams • **28**

Participants • **389**

GROUP FITNESS

Participants • **2,594**

Classes Offered • **488**

AQUATICS

Total participants in the Aquatics area • **14,056**

PERSONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

One-on-One Sessions • **131**

CLUB SPORTS

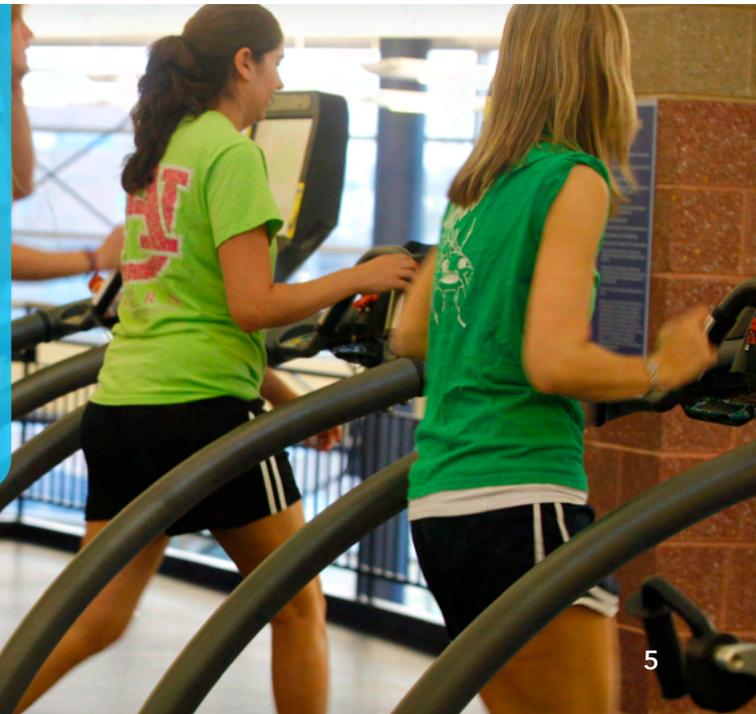
Teams • **7**

Participants • **165**

Highlights

Renovated and repurposed two tennis courts into six pickleball courts with new surfacing, nets, poles, cameras, and access control; ribbon cutting held Nov. 22. Courts now open to students, faculty, and staff.

Lashica Thomas, director of Campus Recreation, serving as president of National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA). The collegiate recreation organization is a community of nearly 5,000 campuses representing more than eight million college students.



Center for Accommodation & Access

SERVICES

CAA REGISTERED STUDENTS

488

CAA NEW REGISTERED STUDENTS

181

Exams Administered • **1,729**

Letters of Accommodation • **2,071**

Bi-weekly DEAL Meetings • **89**

*(Disability, Education,
awareness and Leadership)*

Highlights

Enhanced partnership with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation to include direct referrals for financial assistance for disability assessment, tuition assistance, and support services.



Counseling Center

SERVICES

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

716

MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY STUDENTS WHO WERE RETAINED BY CSU

79%

TOTAL NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS

7,308

LEARNING DISABILITY ASSESSMENTS

66

EVENTS

TOTAL EVENTS

105

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

3,668

Highlights

Promoted mental health and wellbeing through high-impact programs: 100 attended Difficult Journeys of Mental Health Through the Arts; Fresh Check Day engaged 276 participants across fall and spring; Suicide Prevention Walk involved 75 students, faculty, and staff; 143 staff and students received suicide prevention training.



Dean of Students

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING

An education program on how to be proactive in helping others. The total number of students that received StepUp! Bystander Intervention training.

463

NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT CASES

Number of cases the Dean of Students Office adjudicated over the course of the academic semester and those adjudicated in Residence Life. These cases are related to the alleged violations of the Student Handbook and Housing Community Guide.

1,142

QUESTION, PERSUADE, AND REFER TRAINING (QPR)

QPR is training to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing practical and proven suicide prevention techniques.

316

CREATE CARE

Total Create Care Reports

339



Highlights

Creation of Student Conduct Trends Committee- This committee consists of a cross departmental team, University Police, Campus Recreation, Residence Life, and the Office of the Dean of Students. The committee reviews conduct trends on a monthly basis and identifies proactive steps to address issues. The committee made recommendations for changes in sanctions including a screening of a documentary film on residence hall safety, engaging 181 residential students.



Residence Life

INTENTIONAL
INTERACTIONS
2,570

PROGRAMS
103

Student Employees • **61**
Total Number of First
Year Applications • **679**
Students Living
on Campus Fall 2024 • **1,292**

- Students Living
on Campus Spring 2025 • **1,180**
- Housing Applications
Fall 2024 • **1,619**
- Returning Resident
Applications 2025 • **898**

Highlights

Residence Life hosted 103 programs with 2,561 student participants and coordinated four experiential trips engaging 181 residential students.



Student Health Center

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLINIC VISITS **1,690**

MEDICAL VISITS

MEDICAL PHYSICIAN VISITS

469

NURSE PRACTITIONER VISITS

516

NURSE TRIAGE VISITS

705

GYN VISITS

285

PHYSICALS

142

PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

EXAMS (DEPRESSION SCREENING TOOL)

504



Highlights

Established the SHaW (Student Health and Wellness) Fund to support students with healthcare-related costs, assisting 38 students with prescriptions, lab tests, and medical expenses.

Victoria Roebuck NP, received both the 2024 Presidential Culture Award and the 2025 President's Staff Excellence Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions to student health and campus wellbeing.



Student Life & Development

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

90+

(14 new or reactivated)

EVENTS REGISTERED
ON CSU INVOLVE

800+

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COUNCIL

TOTAL EVENTS

23

OVERALL EVENT ATTENDANCE

3,307

ESPORTS

During the Fall 2024 semester, CSU competed in both the Valorant and Rocket League season sponsored by the Peach Belt Conference. Ten students went on to compete in the Peach Belt Championship Tournament.

During the Spring 2025 semester, the eSports program competed in the League of Legends and Overwatch seasons, taking 12 students to the Peach Belt Championship.



HOMECOMING

EVENT OVERVIEW

Overall Organizations Registered to Participate

37

Paint the Paws

34

Funds raised for Cougarthon from Midnight Dodgeball

\$1,171

BATTLE FOR THE PANTRY DRIVE

Canned Items Donated

100

(benefitting CSU's pantry)

FEATURED EVENTS

KICKOFF

390+

COMEDIAN

310

BONFIRE

600+

BLOCK PARTY

445+

MIDNIGHT DODGEBALL

14 TEAMS

325

COUGAR KICK OFF

EVENT/ATTENDANCE

Fall Events: • **20+**

Attendance • **3,822**

Spring Events: • **12+**

Attendance • **1,794**

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Active Chapters • **14**

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Fall • **169**

Spring • **180**

NEW MEMBERS

• **76**

All chapters in the Fraternity & Sorority Life community achieved above an 80% retention rate for members Fall 2024-Spring 2025

VOLUNTEER HOURS

• **1,407**

ORIENTATION ATTENDANCE

During Summer 2025, fall-admit first-year incoming students attending Orientation

Students: • **924**

Guests: • **987**

PARENT & FAMILY DAY

Fall: • **80** families

• **360** total people

Spring: • **5** families

• **26** total people



MISS CSU, DAPHNE BRYANT

Daphne Bryant's platform focuses on raising awareness for domestic violence. Daphne represented CSU at the Miss Georgia competition in summer of 2025.



LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Day of Service
Volunteers • **295+**

Funds raised to support
the local Children's
Miracle Network
Hospital • **\$10,334**

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awards • **23**
Attendance • **72**

**PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD**

PVSA Awards • **4**

TOWER TRADITIONS

Tower Traditions
Medal Recipients • **22**
(awarded as Traditions Keepers)

**CONNECTION & ENGAGEMENT
PROGRAMS**

Events • **19**
Participants • **560+**
Featured Event:
Interfaith Fair • **180+**



HOLIDAY TIP-OFF

350+

Featuring a tree lighting, basketball game and festivities for the campus community.



Highlights

Homecoming

- 37% increase in student organization participation, growing from 27 to 37 participating groups.
- Overall attendance across all Homecoming events increased by 10%, rising from approximately 2,270 to 2,484 attendees.

Cougar Kickoff (CKO)

- Day of Service participation during Cougar Kickoff increased by 26%, with attendance rising from 234 to 295 students.
- Total attendance across all Cougar Kickoff events grew by 21%, from approximately 3,205 to 3,892 attendees.

Traditions

- A new athletics-focused event, the Gameday Experience, was introduced during Cougar Kickoff and drew 429 attendees.
- The Traditions Committee supported engagement efforts by investing in inflatables, branded items, and event materials.

Parent & Family Engagement

- Attendance at Fall Parent & Family Day increased by 54%, from 228 to 351 participants.
- The Parent Communication Portal (Campus ESP) was implemented to strengthen outreach and support.
 - As of October 1, over 10,000 emails were delivered through the platform.
 - The portal hosted 1,151 active users with a 92% open or login rate.
 - A total of 280 registered accounts were created.

University Police

SERVICE CALLS

40,000+

PROGRAMS

Featured events include Faith and Blue, National Night Out, Meet the Cops, Blue Lights and Smile, Cougars for Causes Food Drive, Shop with a Cop.

PARTICIPANTS ACROSS EVENTS

500+



Every officer is a community relations officer and is responsible for programming on campus and in the Columbus Community. A few examples of programs conducted throughout the year include:

- **Nerfs and Nugs** partnership with Baptist Collegiate Ministries during the Spring to host and engage with students.
- **Faith and Blue Weekend** a partnership with local faith community leaders to strengthen positive connections that strive to break down divides, decrease biases, and increase familiarity.
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** a fundraising endeavor supporting breast cancer research. Officers design a t-shirt for purchase they can wear in place of the uniform shirt.
- **National Night Out** enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.
- **Cougars for Causes** partnership with athletics is a yearly food drive that benefits the food pantry for CSU students in need.
- **Blue Lights and Smiles** annual initiative where officers visit children in the hospital to share encouragement, spread joy, and strengthen bonds with the community.
- **Shop with a Cop** partnership with the Fraternal Order of Police and holiday shopping with underprivileged youth.



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