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Office of Student Life and Development, Office of Residence Life, Center for Career Development

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

15 STUDENT EVENTS
1250 VOTES FOR HOMECOMING KING/QUEEN

43 organizations participated
32 organizations participated in Paint the Paws
23 organizations participated in Paint the Town

36 TOTAL EVENTS
5,600 IN ATTENDANCE

700 STUDENT EVENTS
115 STUDENT LIFE SPONSORED EVENTS
11 STUDENT BOARDS
115 REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

WinterFest 2017
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY

250 Student, Faculty and Staff Volunteers
23 Sponsored Booths
7 Large Attractions
4,800 Community and Campus attendees
HOSTED **32** STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING HURRICANE IRMA

221 students participated in seven different Experience Trips during the 2017-2018 Academic Year. These trips included Behind the Scenes at the Georgia Aquarium, Divine Dinners Cooking Instruction, Horseback Riding, Medieval Times, Wild Animal Safari, Netherworld, and a three-day trip to Universal Studios with a Behind the Scenes Park Tour.

**25** STUDENT EVENTS

**12** CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

**9** NEW Ministries attended the Interfaith Fair

**2** NEW EVENTS Pancakes with the President Challenge Accepted: Academic partnership with QEP

**4,500** STUDENTS Participated in Fall and Spring Cougar Kickoff

FALL 2017 OCCUPANCY
1,246 STUDENTS

SPRING 2018 OCCUPANCY
1,207 STUDENTS

**45** RESIDENT ADVISORS

**91** RESIDENT ADVISOR-LED PROGRAMS

$1,000 PROGRAMMING GRANT RECEIVED from the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers

71.5% STUDENTS REAPPLIED Of those students who participated in the Residence Life Experience Trips, 71.5% reapplied for 2018-2019 on-campus housing
Campus Trainings on Diversity: 24
Serving over 1,550 students with Diversity Education

20 TOTAL EVENTS
+20% STUDENT PARTICIPATION

HIGHLIGHTS
Offered Courageous Conversations series: Diversify Your Problem-Solving, Anti-Discrimination Response Training, & LGBTQ 101 Workshop

Benchmarked Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) and assisted with the implementation of their first Diversity Peer Education Program.

Conferences attended: USG Diversity and Inclusion Summit Conference, LGBT 2018 Connect Conference, Cougar Leadership Conference, and the Accelerating Diversity in Dynamic Environments Conference

TWO NEW EVENTS
Collegiate Day of Prayer Courageous Conversations

6 TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERED
for RSO leaders and developed a leadership program for current student leaders called T.R.A.C.K.

OFFERED FIRST
RSO ON-CAMPUS ADVISOR MEETING

2 NEW TRACKS INTRODUCED
during the 2018 Cougar Leadership Conference

6 LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
offered to the student body

6 NEW AWARDS CREATED
for the Student Leadership Awards & Recognition Reception

15 TOTAL EVENTS

DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Currently 7.1% of Columbus State University students are members of a fraternity or sorority, up 7.5% from fall 2017.

The Fraternity and Sorority Community has a 3.01 GPA. This is an increase of 8.9% from the spring 2017 GPA of 2.70.

38.7% of fraternity and sorority members performed above a 3.50 GPA.

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

25
AVERAGE SORORITY SIZE

13
AVERAGE FRATERNITY SIZE

3.01 GPA

3.50 GPA

57 SOCIAL EVENTS

24 ACADEMIC EVENTS

38 COMMUNITY SERVICE & PHILANTHROPIC EVENTS
iLEAD is a new campus-wide student leadership program that launched fall 2017 with a total participation of sixty-six (66) students.

The iLEAD program is a conduit for students to engage in multiple leadership experiences occurring on campus.

**ILEAD LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**Students who participate in iLEAD:**
- Develop stronger communication skills
- Gain hands-on leadership practice
- Develop conflict management skills
- Refine listening and problem-solving skills
- Improve their ability to work on teams
- Expand their knowledge of diversity and inclusion topics

**ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS**
- 20 educational workshops
- Offered 2 semester retreats
- 100% of the participants stated they would recommend iLEAD to a friend.
- 90% of the participants stated that the leadership knowledge they received in iLEAD will assist them in their college and future career experiences.
- 95% agree that after participating in the iLEAD retreats they know how to build a productive team.

**NEW INITIATIVES**
- Greek Programming Board
- Fraternity and Sorority Life 101
- Guide to Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Pillars of Excellence
- Accreditation Program

**4,500 COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
- Clement Arts
- Children’s Miracle Network
- Damascus Way
- American Cancer Society
- CSU Day of Service
- House of Heroes
- Easter Seals West Georgia

**$14,000 RAISED FOR PHILANTHROPY PROGRAMS**
- Children’s Miracle Network
- Damascus Way
- Starky Foundation
- Arthritis Foundation
- March of Dimes
- American Cancer Society
- St. Jude’s Hospital
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**PARTNERSHIPS**
- Coug arthon
- Professional Development Dinner
- Columbus State University Food Pantry

**SPRING ORIENTATION**
- 84 students attended
- 21 guests attended

**SUMMER ORIENTATION**
- 57 students attended
- 13 guests attended

**TRANSFER/NONTRADITIONAL ORIENTATION**
- 53 students attended
- 9 guests attended

**FALL ORIENTATION**
- 944 students attended
- 530 guests attended

**TOTAL 1,138 STUDENTS ATTENDED | 530 GUESTS ATTENDED**

Camp P.R.O.W.L. is four-day transformational leadership experience for incoming students. By participating in Camp P.R.O.W.L., participants gain a strong connection to CSU, learn about their learning styles, and develop soft skills.

MISS CSU, 2018 DANESHA EVANS

Over 15 appearances
Platform: Suicide Prevention
1-800-273-8255
Distributed to students throughout AY 2017–2018. These bags included meal vouchers provided by Campus Dining Services. 56 BAGS

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284 NEW EMPLOYERS were added to the jobs database

1,546 NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES for students were posted in the jobs database

$17,501.68 RAISED FOR THE CHILDREN’S MIRACLE NETWORK

Center for Career Development Impact

The Center for Career Development served 7,146 students through programs, workshops, classroom lectures, one-on-one assistance, and online job databases.

306 STUDENTS RECEIVED individual appointments for career advising, resume critiques, and/or mock interviews.

127 ATTENDEES including students, alumni, and employers attended the Professional Development Dinner.

769 STUDENTS VISITED the Center for Career Development utilizing the new computer stations for resume building, job search assistance, and graduate school preparation.

58 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED in the new Professionalism 101 program. This was a 35% increase in the former internship preparation training.

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Cougar Arthathon
Counseling Center, Student Health Services, and Campus Recreation

TRAINING SITE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 GRADUATE STUDENTS IN COUNSELING

- **621** students scheduled 497 mental therapy appointments
- **137** vaccines administered at the Student Health Center

SEVEN CLUB SPORTS WITH 109 PARTICIPANTS

- Men’s Lacrosse
- Men’s Soccer
- Tackle Football
- Bass Fishing
- Men’s Ultimate Frisbee
- Dance Team
- Equestrian

THREE SPORTS PARTICIPATED IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Bass Club Fishing (Club Sport)
- Women’s Basketball (Intramural)
- Men’s Flag Football (Intramural)

EIGHT INTRAMURAL SPORTS WITH 986 PARTICIPANTS

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Kickball
- Indoor & Outdoor Soccer
- Dodgeball

HOSTED FIRST CAMPUS 2 CAMPUS 8K WITH 114 PARTICIPANTS

- **6,806** fitness class participants
- **20** sessions personal training sessions purchased
- **50** students participated in PEDs classes including Lifeguard Training, Beginning and Intermediate Swimming Lessons, Kayak Classes

Personal Training is offered so that Recreation Center members have an option of finding health and wellness at a more personal level between member and a certified personal trainer. Members have the option of purchasing sessions with the trainers that provide this service, which includes workout and knowledge on overall wellness.
Dean of Students
The Behavioral Assessment and Recommendation Team (BART) is dedicated to a proactive, coordinated and planned approach to the identification, prevention, assessment, management, and reduction of interpersonal and behavioral threats to the safety and well-being of Columbus State University students, faculty, staff and visitors.

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