



# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### Welcome and welcome back to another school year!

It is my honor to serve as the president of CSF and CJSF. This organization has been a steady, comforting, supportive influence in my life from my graduation from Merced High School (Go Bears!) to my current advisorship of the chapter at Sierra Pacific High School (Go Golden Bears!) Moreover, I am frankly overwhelmed at the amazing abundance of intellect and innovation among our hundreds of chapters, run by impassioned student leaders and guided by devoted advisers. I find all your work so remarkable and inspiring! Thank you all so much!

As the first days and weeks bring us back to our school routines and the excitement and stress levels climb, I am truly thrilled to be able to collaborate with all the many advisers – brand new and veteran – as well as the CSF/CJSF state board – to serve the thousands of students, from our newest associate members to our potential Sealbearers.

One of my goals for this coming year is to maximize our communication and networking throughout the organization. By centering on connections and reconnections, from encouraging more regional collaborations between advisers and chapters, to increased attendance at our workshops and conferences, to even greater participation in our fundraisers and award nominations, we will strengthen our mission of scholarship and service. Please review the upcoming sessions announced below in this newsletter. Consider all the ways you can play a leading role in CSF, by joining us at a workshop, hosting a conference, nominating an outstanding student, volunteering as a reader, or becoming a member of the state board.

Brian Dull, CSF/CJSF President brian.dull@csf-cjsf.org

## **REGION CONFERENCE HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR SPRING 2024**

Hosting a Spring Region Conference is a great way to support CSF/CJSF and for you and your members to get involved in the greater CSF/CJSF experience by meeting advisers and members from other chapters in your region. You may want to consider co-hosting with a nearby CSF/CJSF chapter to share the responsibilities.

If you and your chapter are interested in knowing more, check out the Spring Conferences handbook on <u>https://csf-cjsf.org/csf-chapter-resources/</u>. Please contact your region VP or President-Elect Erin Woodward for more information <u>erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org</u>

## Are you interested in getting more involved in the CSF state organization?

We are looking for a experienced advisers to join the state board and be a part of supporting chapter advisers, student members, and guiding the future of CSF/CJSF.

Currently recruiting:

- CJSF Registrars
- CJSF Region Vice Presidents

All board members serve as volunteers and must attend two board meetings each year. Travel expenses are reimbursed by CSF. For more information, or to volunteer, contact CSF President Brian Dull brian@csf-cjsf.org

# 2023-2024 Calendar

## **CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS**

November 1, 2023 Dues are due

## CSF ADVISERS VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

August 30, 2023 | 5pm- Course Lists, Membership Drives, Dues, New Advisers January 18, 2024 | 6pm Awards, Conferences Workshop registration on <u>csf-cjsf.org</u>

## SUMMITS

Fall Advisers' Summit "Ignite the Light" October 21, 2023 Wine & Roses, Lodi

Student Summit February date TBA Virtual

## **SPRING CONFERENCES 2024**

Host chapters are needed. Contact your region VP - see pg 5.

- March 9
- March 16
- March 23
- April 6
- April 12-13 Southern California

## AWARDS

Michelson Award Essay Contest November 1 - December 22, 2023

Seymour Memorial Award January 1, 2024- February 18, 2024 Finalist Interviews (details to follow) March 9, 16, 23, April 6, 12-13, 2024

## **FUNDRAISERS**

Panda Express Virtual Fundraisers November 9, 2023 April 19, 2024



## **Fall Advisers' Summit**

*Ignite the Light* October 21, 2023, 9:30am-2pm Wine & Roses 2505 W Turner Rd Lodi, CA 95242

Cost: \$20 includes lunch

Additional Information and Registration here: <u>https://csf-cjsf.org/fall-advisers-conference/</u>

It's not too early to get your members thinking about making a presentation at the **Virtual Student Leadership Conference** in February. <u>https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conference/</u>

# Why participate in a CSF - Panda Express virtual fundraiser?

Participation allows your chapter to **earn 10%** of Panda Express net sales by *your supporters from all over the U.S.* 

More info and register on our website: https://csf-cjsf.org/panda-express-virtualfundraiser

# **Awards**

CJSF 7th and 8th graders are eligible for two financial awards.

The DiGiovanna Memorial Award is an essay contest open to all 7th and 8th grade members of a CJSF chapter in good standing. There will be one award recipient in each region receiving a \$100 award.

• Student application and essay submission form will available on November 1st on <a href="https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/">https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/</a>

The Marian Huhn Memorial Awards

A total of \$6,250 is awarded annually, with five students from each region receiving a \$250 award.

- Students must be nominated by their CJSF Adviser.
- Nominations are open from November 15th to February 25th.
- Advisers should read all of the requirements and information available on our website before nominating. <u>https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/</u>
- Student finalists must attend the Huhn Workshop in his or her region.

2024 Adviser password for the Huhn nomination form-email patricia@csf-cjsf.org

# CSF Trademarks CSF Store



CSF has registered trademarks in the State of California. To protect the ownership of our trademarks, we have one exclusive, licensed distributor of all CSF/CJSF products, Grad Awards.

**Purchase CJSF items through Grad Awards:** All chapters are required to purchase CSF graduation regalia (pins, cords, sashes, etc.) awards, and clothing through Grad Awards.

ORDERING SUPPLIES FROM GRAD AWARDS STORE Request the password for the CJSF adviser store here: https://csf-cjsf.org/store | Main Menu > STORE

**Do not print CSF/CJSF logos:** While chapters can make their own tee-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. they are not permitted to use the CSF/CJSF logo or marks on the items.

**Get personalized items:** For personalized clothing or other items with the CSF logo (e.g. your school name with the CSF/CJSF logo), contact Ken Bowen of Grad Awards by phone: 949-426-6789 or email: <u>csf@gradawards.com</u> for competitive pricing.

You may use CSF/CJSF logos on websites and stationery. Email <u>office@csf-cjsf.org</u> to request logos for use on your website or stationery.

## Communication is a two way bridge.

- **Read and save this newsletter** for reference throughout the year.
- Bookmark our website for the latest news and information https://csf-cjsf.org
- Email us with your questions and concerns.
- Make sure we have your email address that can receive our emails!
- Have a student member register as Communications Representative <u>https://csf-cjsf.org/stay-informed/</u>

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**IT Director:** Patricia Gill <u>patricia@csf-cjsf.org</u> Website, communications, email, online forms, applications. Each semester assign or elect a **STUDENT MEMBER to handle Communications** with CSF and disseminate information to members.

ALL student members may register to receive emails from CSF about events, awards, and the Student Advisory Council.

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