

# STUDENT SERVICES CONNECTION



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## DEAR STUDENTS...

As we enter the second half of spring semester, all of us here at Golden West College are so inspired and proud of your perseverance. You have stayed focused and committed to achieving your educational goals during these challenging times. We continue to be encouraged by the decline in COVID-19 cases and movement into less restrictive tiers. As you look and plan ahead, please note, the fall schedule will be published by May 1st - stay tuned for important updates!

## SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

The GWC Title IX Office is hosting a series of district-wide Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) events meant to educate, raise awareness, and demonstrate support for all those affected by sexual assault. We invite you to attend the events by registering here:

[tinyurl.com/SAAMSpring2021](https://tinyurl.com/SAAMSpring2021)

For more information on SAAM's history and purpose, visit: [www.nsvrc.org/saam/history](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/history)

## GUESS WHO'S BACK?

The Student Computer Center and study areas in the Academic Success Center are now open on campus by appointment only. To make your appointment, visit: [gwc.mywconline.net](http://gwc.mywconline.net) Students must have an appointment to access services, as we are unable to accommodate walk-ins. We look forward to seeing you in the Academic Success Center! We're located in the Learning Resources Center (LRC).

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## SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 12TH

April 12th, 2021

Registration appointments for Summer 2021 have been assigned to all students and are now available in your MyGWC/MyCoast Portal. Once you are in the portal, you may view your registration time by clicking on Registration on the left-hand side of the page. Then, in the Registration Tools area, click on Check Registration Status and Date. Remember to Choose GWC First! You can view a how-to video and learn more about registering for Golden West College classes at: [goldenwestcollege.edu/choose-gwc/](https://goldenwestcollege.edu/choose-gwc/)







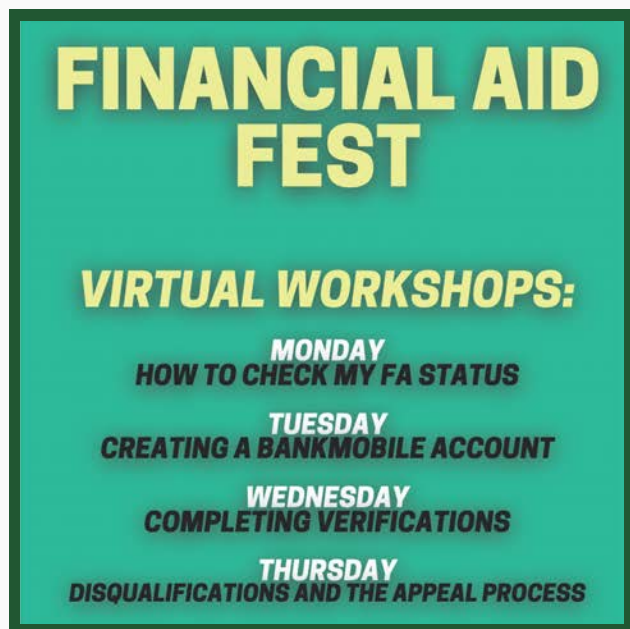
## OUR FINANCIAL AID FEST IS BACK VIRTUALLY!

April 12 - 15, 2021

Learn more about applying for FAFSA, setting up your BankMobile account so you can get your money fast, how to see what you qualified for on MyCoastPortal, *and so much more!* Visit the Financial Aid Office online to register: [goldenwestcollege.edu/gwcfao/](https://goldenwestcollege.edu/gwcfao/)

**QUESTIONS?** Contact the Financial Aid Office:

-  [chat.socialintents.com/c/financial\\_aid](https://chat.socialintents.com/c/financial_aid)
-  [finaid@gwc.cccd.edu](mailto:finaid@gwc.cccd.edu) 
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## BLACK STUDENT SUCCESS WEEK

April 26 - 30, 2021

Join Golden West College, in collaboration with Orange Coast College and Coastline College, for a week of culturally enriched workshops focused on advocacy training, the influences of masculinities on student success for men of color, art as advocacy, and other programs focused on the continued development of raising our collective understanding of the challenges that Black/African American students, faculty, staff and community members experience. Follow the **GWC App** or visit **GWC Student Equity** online for the event calendar.

## GWC SWAG! STUDENT SUCCESS BAGS

### March, April, & May 2021

The Associated Students of Golden West College (ASGWC) and Campus Life office offer Golden West College students the opportunity to receive a Student Success Bag in March, April, and May. These Student Success Bags include ASGWC-branded items, including reusable water bottles, notebooks, highlighters, pens, and pencils, to contribute to the overall academic success of our students.

The Student Success Bags are themed to match a special ASGWC or Campus Life program from each month. In April, students who sign up will receive reusable items to use during the "21 Days of Sustainability" hosted by the ASGWC Sustainability Committee and the Peace & Leadership Club. To request your bag, sign up at: <https://bit.ly/3dTpk6C>

## PREPARE TO GRADUATE!

If your educational goals included obtaining an Associate of Arts (AA) degree, Associate of Science (AS) degree, Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) and/or a Certificate, there are a few steps you need to take to ensure you're on the right track:

- 1 Meet with a counselor to create a Student Education Plan (SEP). Contact the Counseling Office at: [goldenwestcollege.edu/counseling/](https://goldenwestcollege.edu/counseling/)
- 2 If you plan to transfer to a four-year university, let the Transfer Center help. [goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/](https://goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/)



If this is your final semester do not forget to petition for Spring graduation! The deadline is April 15th! You can find the petition here: [goldenwestcollege.edu/graduation](https://goldenwestcollege.edu/graduation)

Once you have submitted, you can check on the status at any time by viewing your unofficial transcripts in MyGWC. Simply click on the "My Records" tab on the left navigation bar, then click on "Unofficial Transcripts." Due to the volume of graduation petitions received (especially during Spring semester) please also allow between 4-8 weeks for processing.

Graduation Period	AA/AS Filing Period	ADT Filing Period
Summer	Jul 1 - Aug 1	Jul 1 - Aug 1
Fall	Aug 15 - Nov 15	Aug 15 - Sept 15
Spring	Jan 15 - Apr 15	Jan 15 - Feb 15

## 2021 COMMENCEMENT

Although current circumstances prevent us from holding a traditional in-person Commencement Ceremony this spring, our enthusiasm to celebrate the achievements of our students has never been more inspired, and we encourage you to join us! GWC will be holding a virtual ceremony on Thursday, May 27th at 5:30pm to commemorate and celebrate our graduates. All eligible Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 graduates will receive an invitation to participate and information to share with their family and friends. Diplomas and certificates will be mailed to students after the semester has ended and the college has verified all graduation requirements. Graduates will also receive information by GWC email.

## STUDENT SERVICES – DIRECT STUDENT AID RELATED TO COVID-19



\$2,159,071 of CARES Act emergency funds have been disbursed to over 1,000 students



\$900,000 has been disbursed to students through the Golden Promise Program for 2019-20



\$87,440 in categorical grants and outside aid has been disbursed to students in need



2,053 food requests have been fulfilled.



335 Chromebooks are currently on loan to students



\$870 in VISA and restaurant gift cards have been given to homeless students

### FINANCIAL AID

✓ \$2,159,071 of CARES Act emergency funds has been disbursed to over 1,000 students

✓ \$900,000 has been disbursed to students through the Golden Promise Program for 2019-20



- ✓ 20 Visa gift cards of \$50 each have been given to homeless students
- ✓ Restaurant gift cards have been provided to homeless students
- ✓ Computer keyboard provided to student in need
- ✓ The GWC Patrons donated \$2,000 for homeless students



### STUDENT EQUITY & ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (SEAP)

✓ 142 special holiday meals were distributed during Thanksgiving and December holidays

- ✓ \$5,100 in equity emergency grants have been disbursed to 48 students
- ✓ \$2,300 in school supplies and emotional support items have been distributed to veteran and military connected students

### CENTER FOR GLOBAL & CULTURAL PROGRAMS (CGCP)

✓ 20 grants of \$250 (total \$5,000) of direct aid was disbursed to international students in need from a Wellness Grant from AETNA Health Insurance

✓ Two GWC ISP students received a \$2,500 grant from Institute for International Education (IIE) based on a competitive process and a college nomination



### EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP/GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

✓ \$111,550 disbursed to 575 EOPS students. Graphing calculators, Chromebooks, access to wifi hotspots and food provided to students

✓ \$54,976 disbursed to 15 foster youth students

✓ \$7,062 disbursed to 12 of our single parents. Books, Del Taco cards, and other needed resources have been dispersed to single parents in coordination with our community partners

