

# UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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## **Alumni Association**

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**DIRECTOR OF SSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
Laurie Ogg

The Sonoma State University Alumni Association develops and maintains interaction with alumni, students, faculty, staff, and the community. The association provides membership services, programs, and special events for its alumni, and supports the University through direct contributions and the resources of its broad network of alumni. The association awards the Ambrose R. Nichols Scholarship and the Ronald O. Logsdon Jr. Scholarships. In addition, the association sponsors the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Membership in the Alumni Association is open to any individual who has attended Sonoma State University. New graduates receive two years of membership for the price of one or 50% off lifetime membership. Membership benefits include: access to group medical, dental, and vision insurance; library borrowing privileges at SSU and all 23 CSU campuses; discounts for auto and home insurance; SSU Alumni Link, an on-line networking community; discounts for SSU athletics and performing arts events; discounts on Lifelong Learning and Excel youth program courses; Alumnotes and E-Connection newsletters; special rates at the campus Recreation Center and select Green Music Center events; access and discounted annual fee for Career Services; and much more. Individual and family Life memberships are available. Please visit our website at [www.ssualumni.org](http://www.ssualumni.org)

## **University Advancement**

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**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Peter Smits

The role of University Development is to facilitate and coordinate all private philanthropic support for the University.

Private philanthropy is essential for sustaining quality education for Sonoma State University students — now and in the future. Each generation benefits from the generosity of our alumni, parents, and friends. Donors can give outright or make a planned gift for current or future University priorities. Many donors choose to give unrestricted funds but gifts can also be designated to a specific endowment, campaign, school, department, or program.  
[www.sonoma.edu/development/](http://www.sonoma.edu/development/)

## **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs**

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Schulz 1105  
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**ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT**  
Matthew Benney

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs provides assistance and resources to SSU faculty and staff pursuing internal and external funding for academic research and creative activities. The office also provides guidance on University policies and handles all aspects of the internal endorsement process. Specific services include the following:

- Conduct faculty workshops on grant prospecting, proposal preparation, and grant submission;
- Provide technical assistance in developing projects, writing proposals, and formulating budgets;
- Manage the campus approval process to ensure compliance with University policies related to grants;
- Update and monitor internal policies and procedures regarding research misconduct, grant-related intellectual property issues, and faculty ethics training requirements;
- Assist the Faculty Subcommittee on Sponsored Programs, including preparation of internal grant applications and administration for internal grant award programs; and
- Assist the Institutional Review Board (IRB), including support for review of submissions requiring IRB approval and ensuring that all SSU IRB policies are updated in compliance with applicable federal, state, and institutional requirements.

## **Sonoma State Enterprises, Inc.**

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(707) 664-4068

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**  
Neil Markley

Sonoma State Enterprises, Inc., is a not-for-profit, auxiliary corporation of Sonoma State University, established to provide services that are not eligible for state funding, but are nonetheless crucial to the life of the campus. Sonoma State Enterprises operates retail and dining functions on the campus. Enterprises' net proceeds, after establishment of appropriate reserves, are provided to support the University. The corporation is governed by a policy-making board of directors comprised of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community members.

## **Sonoma State University Academic Foundation**

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### **CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**

Judy K. Sakaki

### **PRESIDENT**

Peter Smits

### **SECRETARY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Amanda Visser

### **VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Ian Hannah

The Sonoma State University Academic Foundation, Inc., is a public service, not-for-profit corporation established in 1974 to support the development programs of the University. The foundation's principal mission is to receive and administer endowment gifts and planned giving that enhance and promote Sonoma State University's educational mission. The activities of the foundation are directed by a board of community, student, faculty, and administrative representatives. The foundation is a CSU auxiliary organization, as defined in Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

## **Strategic Communications**

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Stevenson Hall 1062

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The Strategic Communications Office coordinates the public, media, and government relations functions for the University. It provides communications, marketing, web, creative, and event services to the campus community. One of its primary functions is to communicate information about the University to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community. The office responds to media inquiries and actively works to place stories about the University in local, regional, and national media. It also oversees the University's online News Center, an experts guide used as a resource for media and other groups, the online employee newsletter, the University magazine Insights, WorkPlace, the Schedule of Classes, and the University catalog, as well as various special communications projects for academic and administrative areas. In conjunction with Information Technology, staff members develop content and design for the SSU website. Additional responsibilities include maintaining relations with government leaders and public agencies, maintaining several websites for the campus, and working closely with the Development Office and the Alumni Association in support of University advancement and community outreach efforts.