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Resolution in Support of Expanding Access, Investment, and Campus Support for the Cal State DC Scholars Program

WHEREAS, Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) of California State University, East Bay (CSUEB) is the recognized voice of approximately 11,500 students; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the ASI Board of Directors to advocate and provide responsible and effective leadership for a diverse student population in order to make sound decisions for the betterment of CSUEB students; and

WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program is a transformative experiential learning and workforce development opportunity for California State University students, providing academic coursework, professional internships, leadership development, mentorship, and networking opportunities while students live and work in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 2006, the Cal State DC Scholars Program has served nearly 1,000 California State University students, making it the longest-running and largest Washington, D.C.-based experiential learning program within the California State University system; and

WHEREAS, the program serves as a career launchpad by giving students direct exposure to public service, policy, advocacy, nonprofit leadership, and other nationally significant career pathways, including placements in U.S. Congressional offices, federal public agencies, advocacy organizations, nonprofits, and other professional settings; and

WHEREAS, access to professional networks, internships, and experiential learning opportunities is especially meaningful for students from low-income backgrounds, first-generation families, and historically underrepresented racial and ethnic communities who may face additional barriers to entering spaces of influence and leadership; and

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WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program reflects the diversity of the CSU, with its 2025–2026 Impact Report showing that scholars identified as 40.5% Latinx, 9.1% Black, 8.9% Pacific Islander, and 61% female[1]; and

WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program serves students across nearly 20 academic majors, demonstrating its ability to prepare future leaders in fields including political science, healthcare administration, criminal justice, psychology, philosophy, urban planning, business management, finance, human development, economics, communications, and numerous other disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the program continues to show strong signs of growth and expanded reach, with its 2025–2026 Impact Report noting that student opportunities have grown across 11 CSU campuses, student participation has expanded to 15 additional CSU campuses, and collaboration has strengthened with more than 12 campus coordinators across the CSU system; and

WHEREAS, California State University, East Bay has the opportunity to expand student participation in the Cal State DC Scholars Program through increased campus awareness, strengthened institutional partnerships, and efforts to reduce financial barriers to participation; and

WHEREAS, increasing awareness of the Cal State DC Scholars Program at California State University, East Bay will expand opportunities for students who may not otherwise have access to national professional networks, experiential learning opportunities, and careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, the launch of the program's first-ever Fall cohort expanded accessibility by providing an additional opportunity for CSU students to participate, allowing students with varying academic schedules, financial circumstances, work responsibilities, or personal obligations greater flexibility to access the program; and

WHEREAS, alumni of the Cal State DC Scholars Program have gone on to careers in Congress, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, public affairs, law, business, healthcare, technology,

[1] https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XLUUS4jcxPnVgV9uk8LPX6HlEjuGyQq9/view?usp=drive_link

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and graduate education, demonstrating the program's long-term educational and workforce impact; and

WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program has expanded opportunities for students from campuses across the California State University system, demonstrating its growing statewide impact and commitment to serving students beyond its founding campus[2]; and

WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program creates a direct workforce pipeline connecting California students with careers in government, nonprofit organizations, public policy, healthcare, technology, communications, finance, business, and other sectors critical to California's economy; and

WHEREAS, while many DC Scholars are juniors who return to their home campuses after the program to complete their degrees, program information indicates that for Scholars who are seniors, graduating, or actively seeking employment following their internships, approximately 90% have successfully secured employment after completing the program; and

WHEREAS, the program connects college students to civic engagement and helps inform them of the political, social, and policy issues shaping modern society while teaching students how to serve as inclusive, informed, and community-centered leaders in public and professional spaces; and

WHEREAS, participants frequently return to their home campuses as student leaders, mentors, Associated Students officers, and engaged alumni who strengthen their universities and surrounding communities through continued leadership and public service; and

WHEREAS, the Cal State DC Scholars Program directly advances the California State University's commitment to experiential learning, career readiness, workforce development, socioeconomic mobility, and lifelong opportunity by helping students bridge the gap between academic preparation and professional success; and

[2] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qeqvoqHk7a5bIufLzByjtg-RyQqmsrhx/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=105506645062568450302&rtpof=true&sd=true

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WHEREAS, expanding support for the Cal State DC Scholars Program strengthens the California State University's mission of preparing future public servants, nonprofit leaders, and professionals who will contribute to California's civic, economic, governmental, and nonprofit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the 2025–2026 Impact Report found that 100% of surveyed Spring 2026 DC Scholars reported achieving their academic goals, 100% felt confident or very confident in their ability to succeed in future academic endeavors, and 87.5% reported significant growth in their skills and knowledge during the semester; and

WHEREAS, increased funding and institutional resources would allow the Cal State DC Scholars Program to expand access and reach across more CSU campuses, increase student scholarships, strengthen mentorship resources, enhance career coaching, deepen employer partnerships, and continue refining the overall student experience; and

WHEREAS, expanding support for the Cal State DC Scholars Program is an investment in opportunity creation, civic engagement, inclusive leadership, a more diverse public service and workforce pipeline, and California's future; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Associated Students, Incorporated of California State University, East Bay formally supports the continued growth, expansion, and increased investment in the Cal State DC Scholars Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will maintain communication with the Cal State DC Scholars Program and relevant campus partners to identify opportunities to better support, promote, and increase access to the program for Cal State East Bay students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will support recurring marketing and outreach efforts each academic term to increase student awareness of the Cal State DC Scholars Program, including its Fall, Spring, and Summer opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will encourage eligible students from all academic disciplines to apply for the Cal State DC Scholars Program, recognizing that participation and the professional

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opportunities offered through the program extend beyond political science and public policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will collaborate with the Career Empowerment Center, the Department of Political Science, and other relevant campus partners to strengthen the promotion of and student participation in the Cal State DC Scholars Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB recognizes and supports the Career Empowerment Center's efforts to provide mentorship and bi-weekly check-ins with participating Cal State East Bay students during their internships, helping students navigate their professional experiences and connect with career development resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB supports collaboration with the Career Empowerment Center to provide information sessions highlighting the Cal State DC Scholars Program and the Career Empowerment Center resources available to assist students throughout the application and preparation process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will collaborate with the Career Empowerment Center to expand marketing and promotion of the Cal State DC Scholars Program through the Career Empowerment Center website and other appropriate campus communication channels; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB supports the Career Empowerment Center's exploration of potential funding opportunities, including available philanthropic and institutional funds, such as McKenzie Scott funds where applicable, that may help reduce financial barriers for Cal State East Bay students participating in the Cal State DC Scholars Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB will establish and award one scholarship in the amount of $1,000 during each Fall, Spring, and Summer academic term to an eligible Cal State East Bay student participating in the Cal State DC Scholars Program, for a total of three scholarships and up to $3,000 in scholarship funding per academic year, to help offset expenses associated with participation in the program; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB supports collaboration with the Career Empowerment Center to provide prospective applicants with application assistance, career advising, and other relevant professional development resources to strengthen students' preparation for the Cal State DC Scholars Program and related internship opportunities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB encourages the California State University and the CSU Chancellor's Office to provide increased and sustained institutional support for the Cal State DC Scholars Program, including resources for student scholarships, mentorship, staffing, career development, program expansion, and student support services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB encourages campus partners, public agencies, private-sector partners, nonprofit organizations, and philanthropic organizations to identify opportunities to support student participation, mentorship, internship placement, and the continued growth of the program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB recognizes the Cal State DC Scholars Program as a high-impact practice that advances experiential learning, career readiness, workforce development, civic engagement, socioeconomic mobility, and inclusive leadership for CSU students; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB supports future collaboration with other CSU Associated Students and Associated Students, Incorporated organizations and the California State Student Association to encourage broader systemwide awareness, investment, and institutional support for the Cal State DC Scholars Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ASI CSUEB supports continued strategic efforts to expand access to the Cal State DC Scholars Program so that more CSU students, regardless of financial background, race, ethnicity, creed, campus, or community, can access transformational professional experiences that prepare them to lead, serve, and succeed; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of California State University, East Bay; the California State University, East Bay Office of Diversity; the Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs; the Dean of the College of Letters,

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Arts, and Social Sciences; the Chair of the Department of Political Science; the Career Empowerment Center; the Director of the Cal State DC Scholars Program; the Office of the Chancellor of the California State University; the California State Student Association; the Associated Students and Associated Students, Incorporated organizations of all CSU campuses; *The Pioneer*; be distributed digitally to the Cal State East Bay student body; and be published on the ASI CSUEB website, social media platforms, and other official communication channels.

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Approved On: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

ASI President/CEO does hereby [X] *approves* / [ ] *refuses to approve* this resolution.

Matthias Dempsey (Oct 28, 2026 15:34:08 PDT)

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Approved by: ASI Board of Directors (2026)

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