

# What's your personal motto?

**Asked in downtown Chico**

**Megan Kurtz**  
university employee

Be nice, eat good food and have fun. It's from the philosophy of leisure.



**Austin McClaine**  
construction project engineer

Always do more than people ask you to.



**Anna Diertuemefel**  
student

Every day's a new day. Even if yesterday was bad, I just go in with an open mind.



**J'me Reeves**  
restaurant server

Stay happy!



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afford a degree exacerbates existing equity gaps that plague CSU. Reportedly, 76 percent of Black graduates within the system leave with debt compared to 46 percent for their white peers. Adding this to the reports of Cal State obscuring Black student data to hide the reality that Black graduation rates have maintained a 20 percent gap below white students over a 15-year span begs the question: Why did this year's Black Student Success report fail to reference affordability or transparent data in its recommendations?

The reality is the system is already struggling to substantively support Black students, with Black student enrollment struggling to push past 4 percent. As graduation and retention rates maintain their respective gaps, it's clear that a tuition increase will only place more obstacles in front of Black students.

I have a deep love for Cal State. It's not because of its structure or history or governance, but because of what CSU really is: extraordinary faculty, staff and students collectively committing to the just cause of building educational opportunities for communities where education historically failed.

With this in mind, it's hard to see the direction CSU is going as being aligned with the steps needed to rectify the existing crises, helping create affordable, equitable, quality education.

Like many CSU students, I found myself outside the dated perspective of what a "traditional" student is. And though I am fortunate to come from a family of proud Black Cal State grads, I'm scared I could be the last in my family to call CSU home. □

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listed for video production winner Metric Cosmetics. Their number is 516-316-5182.

The wrong website was posted for second place esthetician/waxing studio winner Skincare by Christan Allison. The address should have been [instagram.com/christan.allison](https://www.instagram.com/christan.allison).

All information has been updated online.

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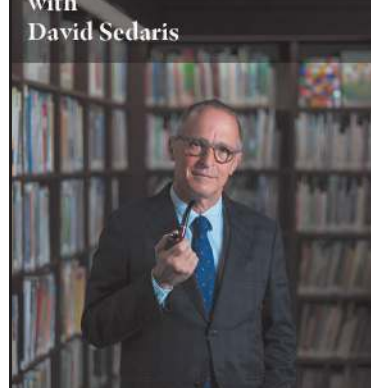
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