

# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON A.S.

**ON MARCH 17, 2020, A SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDER** WAS ANNOUNCED FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**A.S. QUICKLY TRANSITIONED** TO A VIRTUAL MODE BY **SWITCHING TO ONLINE MEETINGS, EVENTS** AND SERVICES.

A.S. MAINTAINS ESSENTIAL **FUNCTIONS AND CONTINUES** TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS, **SERVICES AND EVENTS ADDRESSING THE NEEDS TO** THE OPTIMAL BENEFIT OF SJSU STUDENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC.

## **Estimated Financial Impact**

COVID-19 will account for a \$1,200,000 reduction in revenues to A.S. in 2020-2021.

#### A.S. Events

 Virtual events were moved online to build continued engagement with students. Virtual events included: e-Sport tournament, Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest, themed trivia, Paint Night, Comedy Night, and the Spartan TikTok Challenge, among others.

## Cesar Chavez Community Action Center (CCCAC)

- Social justice programming continued virtually with campaigns such as Legacy Month and Hella Resist, workshops from the Spartan Legacy Training Academy (SLTA) and the In Solidarity program.
- CCCAC enhanced K-12 partnerships by offering online mentoring activities for students in the community.
- The community garden operated year-long in a safe and efficient manner. Fresh produce was sent to the Child Development Center and the SJSU Food Pantry.

## **Child Development Center (CDC)**

- In the months following shelter-in-place, the CDC conducted distance learning sessions with families to engage the children and to provide learning resources
- Re-opened in July 2020 to provide childcare for children of SJSU students, staff and faculty.

## **Corporate Operations**

- Accounting, Administration, Human Resources, IT, and Marketing virtually provided essential functions.
- Limited front desk services (5 hours a day: 3 days a week), when allowed by safety guidelines, in the Diaz Compean Student Union, were provided to students by the General Services Center, **Transportation Solutions and the Print & Technology Center.**
- Continued financial services support to student clubs and organizations, with free accounting services valued at \$200,000.

 Implemented an A.S. online store to process transactions for the Child Development Center, **General Services Center, Print & Technology** Center, and Transportation Solutions.

### **Student Government**

- Transitioned work virtually: advocacy for all SJSU students, committee opportunities, leadership programs and recognition, scholarships, Student Organization Funding, Spartan Community Fund, among others.
- Board of Directors' individual office hours and unique Zoom links keep communication lines open to students.
- Board of Directors meetings and A.S. Committee meetings, open to the public, are now held on Zoom.
- A Google Form, "Your Voice Matters" was created to allow students to voice concerns and issues.
- Events transitioned virtually, including the annual scholarship banquet, CSU Ballot Bowl, Post-Election Decompression Space, and the Programming Board's Spartan Rhythm Festival.
- The Board allocated funds in support of DACA application renewal fees (\$15,000), and in partnership with SJSU Cares, assistance for students experiencing housing insecurities (\$15,000), and undocumented and international students (\$20,000).

#### **Transportation Solutions (T.S.)**

- Negotiated a 50% reduction on the VTA. Smartpass Contract due to classes moving online and a decrease in ridership.
- Made changes to the SmartPass program and reimbursed student VTA transfer fees as a result of changes.
- Waived student SmartPass Clipper replacement fees beginning Fall.
- Created bike reimbursement program up to \$50 for students commuting to campus.
- Partnered with Waze carpool to offer various carpool incentives.



