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Student Aid Congratulates New CSU Chancellor Joseph I. Castro

SACRAMENTO, Calif., September 23, 2020 – The California State University (CSU), the nation’s largest public university has selected Joseph I. Castro as their new chancellor. Joseph is currently the President of CSU Fresno.

“This appointment is exciting and historic news for CSU students and the state of California. President Castro is an incredible leader. He is a true advocate of access, equity, and financial aid, making him the right person for the job during this crucial time we live in,” stated Marlene Garcia, Executive Director of the California Student Aid Commission.

Castro will be the first ever California native and Mexican American appointed to the role of CSU Chancellor. This truly is a historic day for the CSU and the state of California. “It is exciting to see someone who represents the mission of the commission, emphasizing that all students regardless of their economic or social background should be allowed access to higher education. Castro is a fierce advocate for our students, and we are eager to get to work with him in supporting them,” said Commission Chair Catalina Cifuentes.

Castro is someone that is known for his student-centered approach and we are excited to work with him and the rest of the CSU system to make college affordable for all students. Now more than ever, we need leadership across the state to work together to make student’s dreams of graduating from college with little to no debt a reality. Castro is set to begin his duties in January of 2021.

The California Student Aid Commission administers the state’s \$2.8 billion portfolio of student financial aid programs and services, including the Cal Grant, the Middle Class Scholarship, and the California Dream Act Application. The Commission serves as a resource for policymakers and the public on college affordability and financing issues, and advocates for policy changes to eliminate cost as a barrier to any qualified California student pursuing a higher education. Please visit our website at <https://www.csac.ca.gov> or follow us on Twitter @castudentaid.