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2026 ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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Abstract Submission Deadline:

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Elk Grove, CA 95757

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RESEARCH UPDATE

The CNU Research Symposium serves as a key platform for our academic and research community, bringing together students and faculty from across our six colleges: Dental Medicine, Graduate Studies, Health Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Psychology. This much-anticipated occasion provides a dynamic platform for students to showcase their research across

diverse disciplines, engage in meaningful academic discussions, and gain valuable feedback from faculty mentors and peers. We take great pride in the leadership and guidance of our Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, Dr. Catherine Yang who also serves as the Vice President of Research, reflecting CNU's deep commitment to advancing scholarly innovation across all disciplines. We are also honored to recognize Dr. Ahmed El-Shamy, Assistant Dean of Research who serves as the Chair of the CNU Research Symposium Committee, for his dedicated efforts in organizing this university-wide event.

We encourage our graduate students to take center stage presenting their original research projects, creative works, and innovative solutions to real world challenges. Their dedication, curiosity, and intellectual rigor lie at the heart of our academic community, and this event stands as a testament to their hard work and scholarly growth. Through poster sessions, oral presentations, and interactive discussions, our students will not only share their findings but also develop essential professional skills for future success in academia, industry, and beyond.

As we prepare for the Annual CNU Research Symposium 2026, we extend this invitation to our university community to join us in celebrating the scholarly contributions of our students. This event embodies our mission to foster a culture of research excellence, collaboration, and discovery.



PUMPKIN SALE FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

The MPS Student Board hosted the first-ever pumpkin fundraiser this semester, bringing together classmates from across CNU for a fun and festive community event. Students tested their math and estimation skills by guessing the weight of the giant pumpkin for a chance to win a **\$10 Dutch Bros** gift card, with some even calculating pumpkin density averages for the most accurate guess.

The big pumpkin weighed **24.4lbs**, and congratulations goes to our winner William Sande (COM), who guessed closest to the exact weight at 24.36lbs. Alvan Cai (COM M4) came in second at 23.81lbs, while Ohm Patel (MPS-OH), Shahadat Hossain (DPS) and Patrick Moreno followed closely with a guess of 25lbs, just 0.6lbs away from the true weight, and Alfred Assaf (MPS-OH) at 23lbs.

It was a wonderful afternoon connecting with fellow MPS classmates, medical and pharmacy students, alumni (Gratiana, Jas and Anagha), and supportive CNU faculty and staff. Thank you to everyone who stopped by, joined the fun, and supported our MPS program. Our first fundraiser was a huge success!





CNU OPEN HOUSE

CNU hosted its Open House event this month which was an overall great success. We had participation from all the colleges, each showcasing their unique programs and academic offerings. The atmosphere was vibrant and engaging, with prospective students and their families exploring the college admission tables, breakout session presentations, student panel discussions and tour of the college campuses. The event not only highlighted the diversity and strengths of our institution but also fostered a sense of unity and collaboration among all departments.

Our MPS program was well represented thanks to the dedication and support from our Dean, faculty, staff and students. Our student volunteers (Alfred, Joshua, Ohm, Orshena and Manvir) played a vital role in greeting the guests, leading campus tours, assisting with admissions table and sharing their personal experiences. Their involvement not only enhanced the overall experience for attendees but also demonstrated the strength of our MPS community and its commitment to fostering a welcoming campus culture.

