



Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

I know it is a stressful time for many families as a result of the recent changes to the 2024-2025 FAFSA, and I understand how integral financial aid might be to the process of deciding which college is right for your student. While I cannot alleviate all of your concerns, please rest assured in knowing that Stockton University is here to assist your family, and we will work diligently to ensure that the most up-to-date information is shared with you in a timely and consistent manner.

The most recent update we received from the U.S. Department of Education announced that they will not begin sending student FAFSA data to colleges **until mid-March at the earliest**. This will result in a delay of students' financial aid offers, as it typically takes several weeks to upload, process, and finalize offers prior to releasing them to students and families. Once our Office of Financial Aid begins receiving FAFSA data, they will work on processing your student's aid offer as quickly and accurately as possible. Students will be notified via email when their offer is available to be viewed in their goStockton portal.

In light of this delay, we are **extending our enrollment deposit deadline beyond May 1<sup>st</sup>** to make sure all families have the opportunity to receive and review their financial aid offer prior to committing to the University. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, I encourage you to request an Enrollment Confirmation Waiver by visiting [stockton.edu/accepted](http://stockton.edu/accepted).

If your family has not yet submitted the 2024-2025 FAFSA, please note that Stockton's **priority filing deadline has been extended to April 1<sup>st</sup>**. More information on how to complete the FAFSA and the changes to the 2024-25 form can be found at [stockton.edu/fafsa](http://stockton.edu/fafsa).

We are all in this together, and on behalf of the Division of Enrollment Management, I appreciate your patience as we work to provide your family with the best service and most accurate information. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions; visit [stockton.edu/contactfinancialaid](http://stockton.edu/contactfinancialaid) to email or schedule a phone appointment with the Office of Financial Aid.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert R. Heinrich

Vice President for Enrollment Management