



# Celebrating at the Finish Line

## A Decade of Measurable Progress

San Diego State University exceeded systemwide goals under the CSU Graduation Initiative 2025, increasing graduation rates, reducing time to degree and strengthening support for all students. At the same time, SDSU continues to rank among the nation's top value universities, combining academic excellence, affordability and strong career outcomes.

**25%**  
point increase in  
4-year graduation  
rates

### First-Time Freshmen

- 25 percentage point increase in 4-year graduation rates
  - 37% to 62.2%
- 3 percentage point increase in 6-year graduation rates
  - 75% to 78%
- 2 point increase in first-year continuation
  - 89.1% to 91.2%
- 3 point increase in second-year continuation
  - 80.0% to 83.3%
- Time to degree reduced by one semester
  - 4.7 to 4.2 years

### Upper Division Transfers

- 17 percentage point increase in 2-year graduation rates
  - 45.2% to 62.0%
- 3 percentage point increase in 4-year graduation rates
  - 85.2% to 88.5%
- Time to degree reduced by half a semester
  - 2.58 to 2.36 years

Time to Degree:  
**one**  
Semester  
Faster



## SDSU Graduation Initiative 2025 Results

### A Campuswide Commitment

Student success was driven by coordinated action across the university:

- Stronger college-based advising and proactive outreach
- Expanded Student Success Centers and academic support
- Policy updates to improve registration, grading flexibility and course access
- Modernized systems through my.SDSU
- Expanded scholarships and emergency financial support
- Growth in research opportunities and external funding



### Strong Return on Investment

- SDSU combines student success with powerful career outcomes:
- 500,000+ alumni worldwide
- 60,000+ industry partners
- Top employers include Amazon, Google, Meta, Microsoft, Qualcomm, Salesforce, ServiceNow and the City of San Diego

**SDSU's Graduation Initiative outcomes reflect a clear commitment to academic excellence, access and social mobility for the communities we serve.**

