Application goes LIVE

Borrowers can now apply for student debt relief

- The Student Loan Debt Relief application officially opened on Monday.

- The application will remain open until Dec. 31, 2023.

- There are still some legal challenges awaiting judgment and the upcoming midterm elections could potentially add more delays.

- Borrowers who earn less than $125,000 a year can apply for relief up to $20,000 if they received a Pell Grant and up to $10,000 if they didn’t.

- The application is available at studentaid.gov – it takes less than five minutes and there is no log in or supporting documents required.

- The Education Department, which directly holds $1.6 trillion in federal student loan debt owed by 45 million borrowers, said it had begun “beta testing the student debt relief website” on Friday.

- The agency said it hoped the test would reveal any problems before the site publicly opened.

- On Monday, Biden said more than eight million people applied during the beta-test period. Those people do not need to resubmit.

University receives funding for new public track & field

San Jose State officials, along with city and state leaders hold up a check for $9 million, which is funding for the construction of a new track & field facility, in front of the Olympic Black Power Statue on Thursday morning.

By Brandon Twomey

San Jose State announced in a news conference Thursday that it will be building a new Track & Field facility at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, about two miles south of campus.

SJSU signed an exclusive contract with Santa Clara County in April to discuss the feasibility of building the Speed City Legacy Center and Track and Field Facility on a nine-acre piece of land located in the fairgrounds.

In front of the Olympic Black Power Statue, members from the university administration and athletics thanked those who helped gather $9 million in funds to develop the facility.

The announcement comes 54 years after Tommie Smith and John Carlos made the salute to racism and injustice against Black people in the United States at the Mexico City Olympics, which is depicted in the Olympic Black Power Statue.

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The “Smith-Carlos Day,” an annual event but was not held in the last two years because of the coronavirus pandemic, featured speakers who talked about the meanings of Smith and Carlos’ historic action, illuminating the importance of social justice movements.

Speakers included sociology professor Scott Myers-Lipton, Interim President Steve Perez and Diana Vicin, Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center department manager.

Tommie Smith and John Carlos: honored in 54th anniversary

By Sheldon Cervala

San Jose State community members gathered Thursday in front of the Olympic Black Power Statue, which depicts track and field athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos, to celebrate their legacy.

In the 1968 Olympic Games, Smith won the 200-meters race while Carlos finished third. During the medal ceremony on Oct. 16, Smith and Carlos each raised a black-gloved fist while the U.S. national anthem was playing, in protest of racial segregation in the U.S. at the Estadio Olimpico Universitario in Mexico City.
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 Myers-Lipton said by prohibiting against racial segregation in the U.S. and racism in sport during the medal ceremony, the two athletes taught the world an important lesson as they faced serious consequences after their actions.

“They received repeated death threats, they were denied jobs and they were vilified by the press as anti-Americans,” Myers-Lipton said. He said the lesson Smith and Carlos presented to society is that people must be willing to sacrifice to create a “more just” society.

After Myers-Lipton and other organizers concluded their welcome speeches, Ken Noel, event keynote speaker and Olympic Project for Human Rights co-founder, recounted the important steps that his organization took during those years.

“The Olympic Project for Human Rights was an organization framing the possibility that Black Olympians can have great power and influence their societies, because they are the ones who control the money for propaganda against other nations,” Noel said.

The organization was founded in 1967 at San Jose State by Noel and Harry Edwards with the participation of different athletes when they were students. Noel said its goal was to stand up and oppose against racial discrimination in the U.S. and athletics.

“In this day and age, students remain in their position and have the obligation to be agents for change,” he said. “Tomorrow belongs to you and it should take shape the way you want it.”

Noel also said when U.S. housing Muhammad Ali was stripped of his heavyweight title for refusing to be drafted into the military during the Vietnam War, the organization started developing the idea of a protest by Black athletes to voice their opinion on racial discrimination and inequalities.

“This idea of negros boycotting the Olympics was becoming a really big deal all over the world,” he said. “We formed our goals. We defined our purpose and we wanted to gain some kind of national recognition for what we were trying to do.”

Noel said through the Olympic Project for Human Rights, they started working with Black athletes, educating them as to what the organization was about and encouraging them to boycott the 1968 games.

“We had no illusions about what might happen in Mexico City in 1968 because we knew that the track athletes really wanted to participate, that was their life dream,” he said. “In 2022, 54 years after the 1968 Olympics, the legacy of Smith, Carlos and the Olympic Project for Human Rights is a part of the SJUU community and the city of San Jose.”

Senthil said that people in San Jose tackling issues surrounding homelessness, food insecurity, wage issues and racial injustices, continuing the paths traced by Smith and Carlos’ social justice legacy.

“Those people who are standing with the community everyday are alums of this institution, are committed to the city, committed to this work and committed to leaving a legacy of change to make San Jose better,” Williams said.

"I left with a big sense of hope because San Jose is in a very unique location where, in between high-tech companies and billions of dollars, there are also children that don’t even think college is an option for them,” Senthil said. “But this whole project helps bring so many people together and uplift communities.”

Left: The Olympic Black Power Statue depicting the moment when track and field athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos each raised a black-gloved fist while the U.S. national anthem played during their medal ceremony in the Olympic Stadium in Mexico City on Oct. 19, 1968. (Abbie Janel Williams, SJUU director of advocacy for racial justice, talks about their legacy in the 54th anniversary celebration Thursday.)
## Menu

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Ofrendas, decorated in vibrant colors may include photos, candles and incense, filled Cesar Chavez park on Oct. 15 to celebrate the Mexican holiday of Día de los Muertos.

While the event is usually celebrated annually on Nov. 1-2 to honor the dead, the holiday came earlier to San Jose.

The event is a joyous celebration of life with plenty of color rather than mourning. The dead are remembered through ofrendas, also known as altars, to honor their ancestors.

Those paying their respects to the dead may bring the deceased’s favorite food and items to place on the ofrenda.

Stands were full of people waiting in line for traditional Mexican food that ranged from tamales, a dish made from corn dough and various fillings, and mariscos, seafood dishes.

Some of the food was from Super Tamales, a Mexican restaurant located in San Jose, and food truck Pacifico Shrimp.

The event also featured a performance by The Calpulli Tonalehqueh group, an Aztec dance group that focuses on wisdom, harmony and culture.

Many Aztecs dominated the Northern region of Mexico, and their culture and rituals are standard practices to many Chicanos.

The traditional headpieces and body suits were made of feathers and other colorful patterns that created beautiful looks. The group wore layers of rattles around their ankles that made sound as they danced to the drumming of the leading chief.

Alongside tents full of gifts, there were colorful hand-painted skulls from Mexico at the stall of the local San Jose artist Francisco Ramirez. His work includes realism, hyperrealism, abstract and surrealism.

Ramirez found his love for drawing and became a self-taught artist who graduated from James Lick High School in 1999 and has worked on over 15 large murals across San Jose.

Attendee Teodora Carrera had a “lively” time being surrounded by her culture at the event. Born in Durango, Mexico in the 1950s, Carrera hasn’t been there in a while.

“It has been a few years since I have been to Mexico, but family is forever and today feels amazing to be surrounded by life and good food,” Carrera shared.

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Story and photos by Adrian Pereda
STAFF WRITER
Pedestrians are fully capable of determining when it is safe to cross the street and should be able to do so without a crosswalk.

Police officers are just using jaywalking as a way to criminalize and fine minority residents when they haven’t really done anything wrong. These tickets should not be charged for safely crossing a street in their own neighborhood.

“When expensive tickets and unnecessary confrontations with police impact only certain communities, it’s time to reconsider how we use our law enforcement resources and whether our jaywalking laws really do protect pedestrians,” said Ting according to the same Los Angeles Times article.

Making jaywalking illegal has only put people of color in more danger of being fined, meanwhile white people can do it without any regard and are less likely to be given consequences.

“Jaywalking was invented by the auto industry as a way of shifting the blame for traffic crimes off automobile drivers and onto pedestrians,” according to Grunge, a website that offers different news on different topics. Citizens will now be protected by the law when jaywalking safely and minorities will not have to be targeted for a harmless crime, at least this one.

Another California law that can disproportionately affect low-income communities is requiring a license for your dog.

“California state law requires all dogs over 4 months old to be licensed and vaccinated for rabies,” according to the official city of Riverside website. I agree that all dogs should be vaccinated for rabies, but dog licenses should not be required. Adopting a dog already comes with numerous fees and residents should not have to be concerned with also licensing their dog.

Residents are often unaware that this is even a law and end up with extreme fines for simply having a dog. In Sacramento, pet owners who fail to pay the $25 annual fee for neutered dogs have to pay a $300 fine, according to a June 2017 ABC 10 news article. “In a number of cities across the country, animal control agencies are aggressively going after pet owners with big fines for small violations. Some hold people’s pets until they settle their bills, even if it means they end up killed,” according to a 2015 article from CNN Money. A pet is like an additional family member and in some cases people are forced to give up their dogs because they cannot afford this fine.

“My parents were always concerned about the city finding out about our dogs because they were unable to afford licensing fees even though our dogs were vaccinated and neutered. This law only makes it harder for people to adopt and keep their dogs, and forces dogs back into shelters where they may never find homes again.”

The drinking age in the U.S. is another law that sparks debate among people of all ages. You have to be 21 to legally drink alcohol in the U.S., but in many other countries it is anywhere from 18 to 20. Globally, of 194 countries the MELDA (Minimum Legal Drinking Age) is most often 18 (19 countries),“ according to Procon.org, an information source that presents unbiased pros and cons of controversial issues.

Despite this, numerous people begin drinking at ages younger than 21 years old.

In fact, more than 70 percent of teens have consumed at least one alcoholic beverage by the time they reach age 18, which is still under the legal age,” according to American Addiction Centers. Now while I don’t agree that kids should be drinking, the drinking age should be reduced to 18 years old.

It does not make sense that at 18 years old you are considered an adult, able to be drafted for war and vote for the president of the United States, but you cannot buy an alcoholic drink. I also know from personal experience that college students will find ways to participate in underage drinking.

Many college students who are younger than 21 years old are also living on their own and capable of making life decisions like drinking alcohol.

If a person wants to have a drink at 18 years old, they can and will find a way, and it should be legal.

These laws were put into place with the intention of protecting residents from dangers and they might have accomplished that in some ways. However, these laws are also broken every day and enforced at police officers’ discretion.

Laws similar to these need to either be fully and fairly enforced or altered in order to do what they originally set out to protect and provide security to residents.
Junior forward Alani Fluker looks on during a free throw attempt.

The coach was exerted by police. Canterbury is currently on probation, according to a Sunday USA Today article.

SJSU came out of the halftime break flat, putting all of three of its possessions in the third quarter. The Bulldogs found the endzone on a Logan Folel pass to receiver Nikolai Karamag late in the third quarter to tie it at 14-10.

The Spartans had one final chance to take the lead in the fourth quarter, but the building defense held on a crucial 2nd down.

The Spartans were 3-14 on third downs and only managed to roll for 37 yards as a team. Cordeiro had his worst statistical game of the season, completing under 50% of his throws and throwing his first interception of the year.

Defensively, SJSU did a job as it has yet to allow an opponent to score over 20 points for the fourth straight week.

Harmon said he believes the Spartans can bounce back after this heartbreaking loss.

“We have to eliminate mistakes and capitalize on opportunities,” Harmon said. “I’m sure we can correct those. I’m really confident in the guys that we have in the backcourt.”

The Spartans’ next game will away in Las Cruces, New Mexico where they will face New Mexico State on Saturday at 3 p.m.