

Dear Otters,

As our Cal State Monterey Bay community reflects on the 2024 Presidential Election results, your student leaders and representatives in Associated Students (AS) understand the significance and impact of our country's new leadership.

Regardless of political views, we all are experiencing a multitude of emotions, questions, and curiosities at this time. All of these feelings are valid, and we know there are many concerns about the protection of our rights and freedoms in the years to come.

Associated Students will always be committed to our mission to serve, empower, and represent students in all areas of concern. We will continue to elevate student voices and advocate for the communities and identities that make up our diverse student body. While we do not know what the future holds, our dedication to combating inequities and supporting student success remains unchanged.

Our diversity is our power. Our education is our power. Our stories are our power. We must continue to strengthen ourselves with knowledge and empathy, as students have done before us, and begin to pave the way for those who will come after us.

We understand that it can be challenging to navigate these uncertain times and encourage students to take advantage of resources offered both on-campus and off-campus. Below are a few of the available resources:

On-Campus	Off-Campus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Growth and Counseling Center (PGCC) • Basic Needs • Dean of Students Office • Student Engagement and Leadership Development (SELD) <p><i>*ongoing support will be provided during the academic year</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monterey County Crisis Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ contact (888) 258-6029 • National Suicide Prevention Lifeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ text/call 988 • The Trevor Project TrevorLifeline (LGBTQ+ Support) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ (866)-488-7386

Go to tinyurl.com/csumbresourcelist for a more expansive list of resources provided by our AS Basic Needs Senator, Jasmine Torres.

Your voice matters. We will continue to build a campus environment that fosters respect, understanding, and collaboration. The future is something we create, together.

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