



Common themes in 441 comments about **WHAT HAS BEEN GOING BEST** for students at CSULB, collected in November's Campus Pulse survey (10/28-11/3).

## **1. Supportive professors and performing well academically**

- **Examples:**
  - “Great professors, consistency”
  - “My professor makes class enjoyable, relatable and makes you feel welcomed”
  - “I’ve gotten better grades than I thought on most of my midterms and essays.”
  - “Getting good grades on my tests and quizzes.”
  - “Classes have been going well”

## **2. Support services and campus facilities**

- **Examples:**
  - “The library is a good resource for students.”
  - “The DSC has been incredibly supportive and kind.”
  - “Getting the help I needed at Beach Pantry, and the academic and professional support from Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology professors.”
  - “The Career Development Center offering a lot of job events and workshops for students.”

## **3. Social life and friendships including extracurricular clubs and activities**

- **Examples:**
  - “I’m thankful for the close friendship I made on campus. It feels very genuine”
  - “Making new friends and connections through my program and clubs”
  - “The clubs CSULB has to offer.”
  - “Joining the cheer club and making new friends”
  - “Club sports!!! I love rowing!!!”
  - “The events CSULB provides, it gives me a distraction from homework and helps me relieve my stress.”

## **4. Personal Growth and Well-being**

- **Examples:**
  - “I am getting therapy, so I feel like I will start to feel better soon.”
  - “My overall mood and mental health have been going great.”
  - “Standing up for myself and lowering my expectations of others”

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## **1. Parking and transportation**

- **Examples:**
  - “The parking situation is very frustrating. All of my classes are on the south side of campus, but there are no student parking lots on that side.”
  - “The commute.”
  - “Finding parking, areas that are closed for special events when we already have trouble to find a parking spot.”
  - “Parking and walking so far to get to the building where my course is located.”
  - “Long commutes from my car to my classroom.”
  - “Commuting to school, with the gas prices now and days.”

## **2. Difficulties managing academic workloads**

- **Examples:**
  - “Deadlines and schoolwork seem overwhelming.”
  - “The workload in my classes.”
  - “Assignments due all around the same period of time.”
  - “Feel overwhelmed working full time and going to school full time.”
  - “Balancing deadlines and personal obligations.”

## **3. Financial difficulties**

- **Examples:**
  - “Paying for food, rent and transportation.”
  - “Financial aid has not been processed at the slightest and I had to pay my tuition out of pocket.”
  - “Paying for my tuition has been very difficult. I did not receive any financial aid this semester, when I was supposed to.”
  - “Just trying to get money to pay my books, pay back people I owe for my tuition, gas to go to school, monthly parking for school”

## **4. Mental health, including stress and isolation**

- **Examples:**
  - “Stress from external and school related issues.”
  - “Mental health issues, difficulty making friends on campus.”
  - “My depression and anxiety causes me to avoid activities and social interactions with people.”
  - “Lack of social life, and stress from student teaching.”
  - Difficulty making friends on campus.”

## 5. Quality of teaching and level of course difficulty

- **Examples:**
  - “A professor that is not accommodating.”
  - “Professors not being fair for questions/feedback and turning back assignment grades in a timely manner.”
  - “Far below-par social work instructors.”
  - “Level of difficulty in classes.”

## 6. Health Issues

- **Examples:**
  - “My health and working full time.”
  - “Recent surgery.”
  - “Illness and allergies makes me unmotivated to do my work.”