



Graduates to be honored with new Dean's Award

Seven graduating Sacramento State students have been honored for outstanding achievement with the new Dean's Award. Given for the first time this year, the award recognizes a top student from each of the University's seven colleges.

During upcoming commencement ceremonies at the Sacramento State campus on May 20 and May 21, University President Alexander Gonzalez will award one of these students with the President's Medallion.

Though the seven Dean's

Award recipients are as varied as the colleges where they study, each student balances strong academic performance with community involvement.

Luciano Arce graduates this month with bachelor's degrees in economics and government from the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies 13 years after arriving in the United States from Mexico as an unskilled, undocumented immigrant who spoke no English. While running a grocery store in Winters with

his brother, a naturalized U.S. citizen, and serving as a translator for small ranchers, Arce became a U.S. resident, earned his GED and in fall 2002 transferred to Sacramento State. He plans to enter the University's master's program in economics.

Nikky Chahon earns her bachelor's degree in nursing from the College of Health and Human Services after a 35-year career as a registered nurse, including 19 years as a nurse manager of a local medical center's critical care unit. During her community health nursing clinical rotation, Chahon won praise from the nursing faculty for her sensitive and skillful work with several high-risk families. She also helped organize "Organ Donation Day" on campus and assisted with examinations in the area of critical care for general nursing students at Sacramento State.

Brandon Jackson enrolled in
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Photo by Steve McKay

DIPLOMA DONE—Plenty of happy graduates—and their proud and relieved families—will be on hand for Spring Commencement, Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21. Ceremonies for each of the University's seven Colleges will be held at either Hornet Stadium or the Outdoor Theatre. For a complete schedule see the story at left or visit www.csus.edu/commence.

Friday, May 20

- College of Arts and Letters, 12:30 p.m., Hornet Stadium
- College of Engineering and Computer Science, 5:30 p.m., Outdoor Theatre
- College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, 7 p.m., Hornet Stadium

Details: 278-4724 or www.csus.edu/commence.

Saturday, May 21

- College of Health and Human Services, 8 a.m., Hornet Stadium
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, 10 a.m., Outdoor Theatre
- College of Business Administration, noon, Hornet Stadium
- College of Education: 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium

Campus to add honors program

A new honors program targeting incoming freshmen is scheduled to launch in fall 2006.

Ric Brown, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, says the program is very much in line with the campus' Destination 2010 initiative. "One of the tenets of 2010 is to enhance the excellence of the academic program to meet needs of all students. An honors program serves a segment of that."

Though the specifics are still being ironed out, Brown says it will be a two-year honors program feature a series of courses designed for high-achieving, highly motivated first-time students. Planning for the program will begin this fall to determine the coursework and eligibility requirements.

The Faculty Senate proposal for the program calls for admissions to be open to all freshman applicants with a high school GPA of 3.5 or

higher or a 1200 or higher SAT score. Other students of exceptional ability, enthusiasm and commitment may also apply. They must also have passed or be exempt from the EPT and ELM tests.

The initial group will be a cohort of about 60, Brown says.

Efforts to ensure a diverse program include plans for scholarship support such as a potential Provost Honors Scholarship, Brown says. "We want to be sure funds are available for those who may need assistance." President Alexander Gonzalez, at his recent town hall meeting with the students, also indicated that he plans to seek private funds to endow the program.

The goal of the general education honors program is to provide a challenging liberal arts education in a small class setting—no more than 30 students per course.

The program will be composed of a broad spectrum of courses,

most with an honors designation—either enhanced sections of established GE courses or specially created courses. They will focus on critical thinking and analysis, an interdisciplinary approach, and require active participation, discussion or research. Students in the program will complete 36 lower-division and nine upper-division units.

A faculty Honors Committee, made up of faculty teaching in the program with representation from other Colleges and departments that are not participating directly, will set the curriculum. A program director will supervise student recruitment and administration, faculty recruitment and program development.

While the new program is specifically designed as general education honors program, Brown says it could lead to additional honors programs or even an honors major.

Program connects students with mentors

Navigating through the complex maze of college life can be tricky, but there is a program that can help students find their way a little easier. The Faculty Student Mentor Program connects faculty and peer mentors with students to help them survive the demands of being a student.

Students are matched with faculty and peer mentors by academic major, with one faculty mentor representing each of the Colleges. The programs are tailored for the needs and culture of each College.

Marie Torregrosa, coordinator of the Faculty Student Mentor Program, says the program helps form communities between the faculty and students, and also increases retention rates for the University.

The program is geared towards low-income and first-generation students, who are generally in their second-year or are new transfer students. Torregrosa says they designed it for second-year students because typically students

that will drop out of college do so in the first few years. The program has had a high success rate, with nearly 80 percent retention rates.

Faculty Student Mentoring offers one-unit classes taught by faculty mentors to help students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to complete their academic goals and enable them to become future peer mentors and leaders. There are about 100 students enrolled in the voluntary program, and organizers are looking to recruit more participants.

Sjeonshal Coleman, a senior recreation and leisure studies major and peer mentor for the College of Health and Human Services was once part of a mentor program at another college and says the class helped her to become a leader.

"We offer advice on how to survive college," Coleman says. "We help them learn about the various opportunities on campus, such as organizations and clubs,

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NCAA Championships return to campus

Sacramento State will again host the 2005 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, to be held June 8-11 at the A.G. Spanos Sports Complex. Sacramento has been chosen by the NCAA committee to host the championships in 2005, 2006 and 2007. It is the first time since 1945 the NCAA has chosen to hold the meet at the same site in successive years.

The meet follows on the heels of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track

and Field Trials, where Sacramento State played host for the second time. The University also hosted the NCAA meet in 2003, which attracted more than 30,000 fans during the four-day competition.

More than 1,000 athletes will compete in Sacramento in June, including several U.S. Olympians. The list of Olympians that are eligible to compete in this year's NCAA meet include Jonathan Johnson of Texas Tech (800 meters), Darold

Williamson of Baylor (400), Bennie Brazell of LSU (400 hurdles), Monique Henderson of UCLA (400) and Chaunte Howard of Georgia Tech (high jump).

Four-day tickets for the NCAA Championships are priced between \$25-\$65, and are available at www.tickets.com or by calling (916) 566-6560. Volunteer applications are available at the Sacramento Sports Commission website at www.sacsports.com.

President's fall address

President Alexander Gonzalez will give his annual fall address to the campus community on Thursday, Aug. 25 in the University Union Ballroom.

The event will begin with coffee at 9 a.m. followed by the speech at 10 a.m. University staff members who wish to attend should secure the permission of their supervisors.

professional activities

The Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities Section from faculty, administration and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words and may be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

student spotlight

ELAINE OLINGER, Biological Sciences student, presented a poster entitled "Transcriptional Regulation of Smooth Muscle Cell Differentiation by Serum Response Factor and Myocyte-specific Enhancer Factor 2b" at the West Coast Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference in Santa Clara on April 30. She was assisted throughout the project by students ALIJANDRA CEZARES and JON-WILBURT CHUAKAY and faculty advisor THOMAS E. LANDERHOLM, Biological Sciences.

grants

CRYSTAL OLSON, education, received a \$40,000 National Endowment for the Arts Teacher Institute Award grant. The grant will help fund a summer arts institute for K-12 teachers

this summer at the Crocker Art Museum. It was one of only 12 such grants awarded nationwide.

DJ EICHENBERGER, Biological Sciences graduate student, RON COLEMAN, Biological Sciences, and LINDA ROBERTS, Chemistry, were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Water Forum to work on the biochemistry of salmon eggs. The project is being funded as part of the CREST, Center for Regional Environmental Science and Technology, initiative.

recognition

JEANETTE NORTON, CMS, has been appointed CMS Project Director. She was previously associate director. Her main responsibility over the next three years will be the implementation of the CMS Student Administration module on our campus, as well as guiding Human Resource and Financial implementations/upgrades.

scholarship

BRUCE BAYLEY, Family and Consumer Sciences, presented a paper, "Perceptions of Law Enforcement Among American Youth: An Ecological Family Perspective" at the 2005 conference of the California Council on Family Relations. The session was sponsored in part by the National Council on Family Relations.

JIM HERNANDEZ, Criminal Justice, spoke on "The California Gang Laws, A Preview of the Patriot Act" at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists in Nashville, Tenn., May 6.

EDWARD BARANOWSKI, Foreign Languages, presented a paper at the 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, entitled "The Spanish Future Perfect *habré cantado*: From Subjunctive to Indicative?"

in the news

AMY LIU, Sociology, has her survey on housing in the region featured in an April 22 *Sacramento Bee* article. She was also interviewed by KCRA Channel 3 and Fox 40.

MARK LUDWIG, Communication Studies, was quoted in the May 8 *Lodi News-Sentinel* in a column about the way news media are covering the war in Iraq.

TIMOTHY HODSON, Center for California Studies, was quoted in a March 2 *New York Times* article about the governor's use of ballot measures, a March 6 *Sacramento Bee* article about the special congressional election and an article about Elk Grove, a March 13 *Sacramento Bee* article about Phil Angelides, March 14 *San Ramon Valley Times* and *Contra Costa Times* articles about the cost of special elections, a March 28 *San Diego Union Tribune* article about Schwarzenegger's use of initiatives, and a March 18 *Alameda Journal* article about the public's reaction to a possible special election.

TED LASCHER, Public Policy and Administration, was quoted in a March 8 *Sacramento Bee* article about campaigns for school districts.

JIM CHOPYAK, Music, was quoted in a March 10 *Sacramento Bee* article about the national anthem.

SANJAY VARSHNEY, Dean of the College of Business Administration, was quoted in a March 13 *Sacramento Bee* article about the retirement of the CEO of Sure West.

BOB WASTE, Public Policy, was quoted in a March 27 *Sacramento Bee* article about law enforcement for new cities.

BARBARA O'CONNOR, Institute for the Study of Politics and Media, was quoted in a Feb. 12 *Sacramento Bee* article about firefighter's wages, a Feb. 15 *San Francisco Chronicle* article about media agenda-setting, a Feb. 6 *San Francisco Chronicle* article about the same-sex marriage issue, a Feb. 2 *San Francisco Chronicle* article about Bush's likeability, a March 28 *San Diego Union Tribune* article about Gov. Schwarzenegger's use of initiatives, a March 30 *Sacramento Bee* article about Air America and a March 16 *Los Angeles Times* article about Phil Angelides,

BRUCE BIKLE, Criminal Justice, was quoted in a March 24 *Valley Times* article about the killing of a California prison guard and need for reform in the prison system.

KRISTEN ALEXANDER, Child Development, was quoted in a March 26 *Daily Democrat* and *Davis Enterprise* article about a new educational program for young children.

NANCY KALISH, Psychology, was quoted in a March 27 *Daily Breeze* article about long-lost loves.

SUZANNE O'KEEFE, Economics, was quoted in an April 10 *Contra Costa Times* article about her research on job growth in enterprise zones.

TIMOTHY FONG, Ethnic Studies, was cited in a Feb. 6 *Sacramento Bee* article about Asian holidays.

KEN DEBOW, Government, was quoted in a Feb. 11 *San Francisco Chronicle* article about the governor's options in replacing Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

LINDY VALDEZ, Physical Education, was quoted in a Feb. 6 *Sacramento Bee* story about using physical activity to keep students on track academically.

MARK BROWN, government, and business major RAMSHIN DANESHI, had an opinion piece on the politics of California stem cell research published in the *Sacramento Bee* on May 1.

DENNIS TOOTELIAN, Management, was featured in a Feb. 13 *Sacramento Bee* article about niche marketing for sensual chocolate products, a March 9 *Sacramento Bee* article about his role in analyzing data for the California Grown campaign, a March 15 *Sacramento Bee* article about California stereotypes, and a May 4 *Sacramento Bee* article about a pricing study he did for Raley's supermarkets.

Alternative transportation options available

There is an option to the morning rush for campus parking: the bus and light rail system.

All Sacramento State students and employees are eligible for a free-for-all pass to use Sacramento Regional Transit light rail and bus lines for six months. Students have already paid for it through \$7 from their student fees, while employees pay \$10 for the same benefit.

The student or employee need only show the bus driver their fee sticker or transit sticker affixed to the back of their OneCard when boarding.

The contract between Sacramento State and Regional Transit has been in place for nine years. Students and employees use the

system more than 800,000 times each year. Ridership has increased in recent years.

"It's a great form of alternate transportation," says Nancy Fox, manager of University Transportation and Parking Services. "The Sacramento Regional Transit buses and Hornet Express shuttle buses are also equipped with bicycle racks, which go a long way toward encouraging the use of multi-modal alternative transportation."

Light rail connections are accessible from campus, with route numbers 34, 82 and 87 stopping at the 65th and Folsom light rail station.

As the price of gas continues to nose upward, public transporta-

tion sounds like an even sweeter deal. "Just think about the cost of driving a single occupant vehicle for six months," Fox says.

This option will be even more important to use during the construction of Parking Structure III, set for completion in 2007, when parking inventory will be reduced. Construction should start in summer 2005.

"If everyone participates in the use of alternate transportation at least some of the time, we can probably weather the reduction in parking spaces," Fox says.

Several other modes of alternate transportation are available to students and employees, including carpooling and vanpooling

with preferential parking, in which the cost of a permit can be shared.

Cyclists may park their bikes for free in a staffed bicycle compound near the University Union, or use bicycle lockers for \$30 per semester.

The use of alternative transportation has been encouraged to alleviate air pollution in the Sacramento region. "The Sacramento region's air quality currently ranks as the seventh worst in the U.S.," Fox says.

Information on alternate transportation is available at the UTAPS web site at www.csus.edu/utaps.

—Jaclyn Schultz

Mentors

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to help them make connections outside of class. Each peer mentor has different experiences and perspectives about college that students can relate to. We give them the tools to create good habits and stay involved, and become leaders themselves."

Peer mentor Benicia Williams, a senior kinesiology major, says

that sometimes the students come by just to talk about problems, both personal and academic. Both Williams and Coleman consider themselves to be "big sisters" to the students they mentor. "We're not just mentors, we're friends," Williams says.

The students meet with their mentors on a regular basis and

participate in workshops and activities planned by their mentors. Torregrosa says it is not unusual for students to establish a connection with their faculty mentor and continue to work with them after their participation in the program ends.

Kathy Martinez, the faculty mentor from the College of Health

and Human Services, tries to vary the curriculum in her class because she has had students choose to take it more than once. In her classes, she incorporates topics such as information about financial aid, career advice, stress management, personality assessments and how to manage a budget.



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STUDY GROUP—With finals at hand, students Kathleen Prout and Nick Hawkins take advantage of the wireless capabilities in the Library/CCMS Collaborative or COLLAB. Besides having technology available to students, faculty, and staff, the COLLAB is designed for group projects and collaborative work. It is located next to the Reserve Book Room in Library 1 North, across the Breezeway from the main Library entrance. For hours, call 278-3689.

news digest

■ LAST BULLETIN

This is the last edition of the *Bulletin* for the academic year. Keep an eye out for our new look at the start of the fall semester.

■ CAMPUS LOGO

Sacramento State's new identity package, including logo and use guidelines, will debut at the beginning of the Fall 2005 semester. New supplies such as letterhead and business cards may be ordered at that time, though campus units are encouraged to deplete current stock before ordering. New website templates will also be available in the fall.

The firm working on the identity package, Osaki Design, has met with more than 300 members of the campus community and residents of the Sacramento area. The firm has also reviewed hundreds of pages of campus-generated research and documents.

Details: www.csus.edu/pa/identity.

■ GET YOUR NEW ONECARD

To comply with a recently enacted law, SB25, the campus is issuing new OneCards to all faculty, staff, auxiliary staff and student cardholders. There will be no cost to cardholders.

The new OneCards for faculty, staff and auxiliary staff are available now at the OneCard office in the Brighton Hall Annex. Student OneCards will begin being distributed on May 26. To pick up the new cards, cardholders will need to show a picture ID, such as a current OneCard or driver's license.

The new cards will not be activated until June 11. The old OneCards will be valid through June 10. The replacement OneCards will no longer have

the cardholder's Social Security number as the unique identifying number, putting the campus in compliance with the new law. The cards have been preprinted using existing pictures and information.

Details: 278-7878 or OneCard@csus.edu.

■ RAFTING, CAMPING ADVENTURES

Peak Adventures is offering a pre-season discount for whitewater rafting trips. If a trip is booked between now and June 30, the party receives \$10 off the current price of \$70 for students and \$100 for the general public.

This summer Peak Adventures is also holding summer camps for kids 9 to 18 years old with daylong and overnight camping options, and day excursions either on campus or off campus.

- Green and Gold Camp for ages 9 to 12, with on-campus outdoor activities.
- Gold Rush Camp for ages 12 to 15, featuring daily trips to historic Coloma, with rock climbing, hiking, white-water rafting, and an overnight campout.
- Leadership Camp for ages 15 to 18, with a weeklong backpacking trip.

For camp session dates and additional information visit peak-adventures.org or call 278-6321.

■ ACCOUNTING MANAGER SOUGHT

A search is underway to fill the position of manager of Accounting Services. Screening of applications will begin May 20 and the position is expected to be filled by June 13.

Details: Financial Services at 278-5992, or by clicking "Employment" at www.csus.edu.

Student-athlete all-stars chosen

This year's outstanding student-athletes represent four different sports. The Hornet Bookstore Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year are volleyball player Stephanie Gamst and tennis player Warwick Foy. Senior Female and Male Student-Athlete of Year honors went to gymnast Stefanie Aeder and basketball player Jameel Pugh.

The Hornet Bookstore Student-Athlete of the Year award is given for excellence both the in classroom and on the field. Gamst, a senior, helped lead the volleyball team to its eighth-straight Big Sky Conference championship. She posted career highs in virtually every statistical category and was one of three Hornets to start all 33 matches. The Los Alamitos, Calif., native was a second team all-Big Sky selection, a four-time Big Sky All-Academic selection and 2004 academic and an all-district selection. Gamst graduated in December as a liberal studies major.

Foy, a sophomore, helped lead the men's tennis team to the Big Sky Tournament championship match. Foy posted a team-high 13-11 singles record to go along with an 11-9 doubles record. A Big Sky Conference All-Academic selection last year as a freshman, Foy played in the No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles spots in the Hornets' lineup this season. During his two-year Hornet career, the Wellington, New Zealand, native has combined for a 24-20 singles record and has never missed a match.

The Senior Student-Athlete of the Year award, which is given to one male and one female athlete who have reached senior status in eligibility, is voted on by the entire Sacramento State coaching staff.

Aeder saved the best year of her gymnastics career for her final season. The floor exercise specialist captured her first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship and earned a spot at the NCAA West Regional for the second-straight year. During the season, she tied her own school record with a 9.950 on floor and finished first in nine of the team's 13 regular-season meets. Away from the floor, Aeder was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and was also a two-time MPSF all-academic selection. The Portland, Ore., native is majoring in kinesiology.

Pugh received first team all-Big Sky Conference honors this past season averaging 15.0 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.4 steals per game for a Hornet team which improved its conference record for the fifth-consecutive season. He finished runner-up in ESPN's national slam dunk competition in March. A native of Sacramento, Pugh averaged 21.5 points and 4.7 three-pointers per game over his final 10 contests of the season, including a Sacramento State Div. I record 40 points on Jan. 25. Pugh will graduate this month with a degree in child development.



JAMEEL PUGH



STEPHANIE GAMST



STEFANIE AEDER



WARWICK FOY

30-YEAR PROFILE

Marcie Scherer



Marcie Scherer seems a bit shocked by the length of her stay at Sacramento State—30 years. "It's hard to believe that it has been that long," she says in the warm, gentle tone of a preschool teacher—one of the signs that Scherer is in the correct profession, as she speaks softly about working for the University's Children's Center.

While she was obtaining her teaching credential from Sacramento State in 1974, Scherer worked in the Children's Center as a preschool teacher. "During that time we were located in the back of the school, where Napa Hall is located now. We were in two portable buildings and just taught children between the ages of two and five," says Scherer.

In 1988, the Children's Center moved to its current location between Parking Structure II and El Dorado Hall. The move to the new building brought more space for the center's growing population of children. Two rooms became eight rooms.

With the move came a new job for Scherer. She moved from teaching preschool children to working with infants

and toddlers, her current position at the Center. Scherer's duties include being responsible for supervising student staff, setting up the room environment and being aware of the each child's emotional, physical and social needs.

Scherer says that a few things have changed since she began teaching children. The center has become more team-oriented over the years and the training that staff undergoes is more vigorous. In addition, the center is now working more closely with professors from the University's Child Development department.

Scherer finds the most rewarding part of her job to be working with students,

both the student volunteers in the Children's Center and the parents whose children she teaches. Scherer has been working with students at the Children's Center for so long, that about three years ago she was able to see her experience come full circle when the Children's Center held an open house anniversary celebration. A family, whose child Scherer used to teach, came by to visit and Scherer was informed that the former student was an incoming freshman at Sacramento State. "The family was so appreciative," says Scherer. "They brought pictures and I was able to actually see just how long I have worked here."

But Scherer's real pride and joy is her family. She has two daughters, 27 and 13 and a husband who is also an alumnus of Sacramento State. "My youngest daughter used to come to the Children's Center with me until she was five years old, now she's 13 and planning to take a boating safety course through Sac State. There's just such a sense of community here," she says. "It's like family."



PICNIC DAY

The Annual USA Staff Appreciation Picnic will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 3 at the Outdoor Theatre.

This year's event will have a fiesta theme with a live Latino band, salsa dancers to give lessons, food catered by Gordito Burrito including all you can eat chips and salsa at every table, and Leatherby's ice cream for dessert. Everyone who attends will receive a door prize and will be entered into a drawing for additional prizes.

President Alexander Gonzalez will pay for tickets for staff members who choose to attend. Individuals can pick up their tickets by contacting their USA Representative by May 20. General tickets for non-staff members can be purchased for \$5 from any University Staff Assembly Representative or at the event.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For a complete events calendar click on www.csus.edu/events.

ongoing

Exhibit, "Bay Area Figuration Show," works by Bay Area artists from the '50s and '60s including David Park, Richard Diebenkorn, Elmer Bischoff and others, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., University Library Gallery. (916) 278-2368. Continues to May 21.

Exhibit, "Serendipity: The Wonderful Things That Happen When You Least Expect Them," works by photographer Louise Scanland, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Fri, Java City Coffee House, University Union. (916) 278-6997. Continues to May 27.

Exhibit, "Guardians," sculpture by professor Anna Wagner-Ott, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., University Union Gallery. (916) 278-6744. Continues to May 19.

Exhibit, Senior Show, works by art department students, noon-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri, Robert Else Gallery, Kadema Hall. (916) 278-6166. Continues to May 19.

Master of Arts Exhibit, works by art department graduate students, call (916) 278-6166 for gallery hours, Raymond Witt Gallery, Kadema Hall and University Library Gallery. (916) 278-6166. Continues to May 20.

Exhibit, "(Visual) Anthropology In Focus," noon-4 p.m., Tues.-Fri, Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall 1000. (916) 278-6067. Continues to May 19.

Exhibit, "Portraits from Journeys Past," photographic works by Biological Sciences staff member Jana Shober, University Library, 2nd floor South. Continues to May 31.

Commencement

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Sacramento State as a single teenage father with no clear academic goal. Encouraged by a classmate and his freshman remedial math instructor, Jackson chose engineering as his major and soon became an honors student, serving as a tutor on campus and as a mentor to middle- and high-school students. Agilent Technologies in Roseville, where Jackson worked as an intern, recently hired Jackson as an engineer and chose him to be one of four engineers nationwide to take part in its new fast-track executive training program.

Melissa Johnson, a biological sciences major in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, is "the best raw problem-solver I have encountered in the past nine years of teaching at the college level," says biological sciences professor Jennifer Lundmark. Johnson's accomplishments include conducting primary research in the Dominican Republic, and being selected to the University's McNair Scholars program, which aids students from

monday, may 16

Music, Sacramento State String Project Recital, performances by elementary school children, 7 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5155.

wednesday, may 18

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

thursday, may 19

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friday, may 20

Athletics, Baseball vs. Pacific, 2:30 p.m., Hornet Field, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

Spring Commencement, College of Arts and Letters, 12:30 p.m., Hornet Stadium, graduates assemble 30 minutes prior to each ceremony. (916) 278-4724.

Spring Commencement, College of Engineering and Computer Science, 5:30 p.m., Outdoor

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Spring Commencement, College of Education, 6 p.m., Hornet Stadium, graduates assemble 30

minutes prior to each ceremony. State's Child Care Center and at the Discovery Learning Center in Fair Oaks.

Stephanee Ruiz, a summa cum laude graduate in history from the College of Arts and Letters, attracted her professors' attention with her motivation and thorough scholarship. A grader for several lower-division history courses, Ruiz received the Peter H. Shattuck Undergraduate Scholarship and is active in the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society. Ruiz recently took part in evaluating prospective History faculty. She plans to continue her history studies in Sacramento State's master's program.

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sunday, may 22

Athletics, Baseball vs. San Jose State, 1 p.m., Hornet Field, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

friday, may 27

Athletics, Crew, NCAA Championships, 8-11:45 a.m. and 4-5:15 p.m., Lake Natoma. Continues to May 29.

saturday, may 28

Athletics, NCAA Rowing Championships, 9-11:45 a.m., Sacramento State Aquatic Center, Lake Natoma, 1901 Hazel Ave. Rancho Cordova. Continues May 29.

sunday, may 29

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wednesday, june 1

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

Exhibit, Gallery Permanent Collection, highlights from the gallery's collection, 10 a.m.-5 p.m, Tues-Sat, University Library Gallery. (916) 278-4189. Continues to August 13.

thursday, june 2

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

friday, june 3

University Staff Assembly Appreciation Picnic, features live Latino band, salsa dancing, door prizes and food catered by Gordito Burrito and Leatherby's, 11:30 a.m.-1:30

p.m., Outdoor Theatre. Tickets \$5 for non-staff members/free for staff members. Available from USA representatives or at door. (916) 278-7042. Pick up tickets from USA representatives by May 20.

tuesday, june 7

Exhibit, "I Can Do That," featuring art work by children with disabilities, 10 a.m.-5 p.m, Tues.-Sat., University Library Gallery. (916) 278-4189. Continues to June 25. Reception, June 10, 5-7 p.m. in gallery.

wednesday, june 8

Athletics, Track, NCAA Championships, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Hornet Stadium, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-2222. Continues to June 11.

thursday, june 9

Athletics, Track, NCAA Championships, 12:15 p.m.-10 p.m., Hornet Stadium, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-2222. Continues to June 11.

friday, june 10

Athletics, Track, NCAA Championships, noon-10 p.m., Hornet Stadium, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-2222. Continues to June 11.

saturday, june 11

Athletics, Track, NCAA Championships, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Hornet Stadium, \$5 general/\$3 youth ages 2-17. Tickets at (916) 278-2222.

wednesday, june 15

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

thursday, june 16

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

saturday, june 18

Music, Funkengruven, '70s tribute band, Pops in the Park concert series, 6 p.m., Library Quad. (916) 808-5240.

wednesday, july 6

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

thursday, july 7

Friends of the Sacramento State Library book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., University Library Lower Level. (916) 278-5154.

faculty senate

Faculty Senate

Tuesday, May 17
3 p.m., Executive Committee

Wednesday, May 18
1 p.m., Faculty Policies Committee

All meetings are in Sacramento Hall 275 unless otherwise noted.