News

Sac State’s food drive is a spectacular success
Thank you, Sac State! This season’s food drive is officially over, and it was our best effort yet. Your donations totaled a whopping 9,279 pounds, nearly 3,000 pounds beyond our original goal. That generosity will help feed the thousands of local families who depend on the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services for warm and healthy meals.

This year, a friendly competition was held during the food drive, based on the campus department with the most contributions by weight. The weight was calculated two ways: actual food pounds collected and a credit of 2 ½ pounds for every dollar collected or donated by the department. The top five finishers:

- Facilities Management – 1,753 pounds
- College of Arts and Letters collaboration (seven boxes total) – 1,289 pounds
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dean’s Office – 533 pounds
- ROTC/Veterans Affairs (two boxes total) – 462 pounds
- University Enterprises Inc. offices – 412 pounds

Thank you for proving that true Hornet Pride stems from a spirit of compassion and generosity.
Submitted by Sustainability at Sac State

Services for Emeritus Professor Victor Comerchero are Saturday
Professor Victor Comerchero, who taught in the English Department from 1963 until 2002, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21. Dr. Comerchero was a notable teacher and scholar known for the intensity and rigor of his classes. He was actively involved in the University and was faculty advisor for The State Hornet. Some of his many passions and achievements are mentioned in his Sacramento Bee obituary (www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=victor-comerchero&pid=173798722).

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Mosaic Law Congregation on Sierra Boulevard. Please RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memorial-service-for-victor-comerchero-tickets-15222135818.
Submitted by the English Department

Services for Emeritus Professor Ken Kerri are Feb. 17
Dr. Ken Kerri, founder of the Office of Water Programs and emeritus professor of civil engineering, passed away Monday, Dec. 15. The Office of Water Programs, the Department of Civil Engineering and the Kerri family invite the campus community to join us for a celebration of his life from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Alumni Center.

Professor Kerri was a faculty member in the Department of Civil Engineering for almost 40 years before he retired from teaching in 1997. In 1972, he established the Office of Water Programs, recognized as the leading national training program for operators and managers of drinking water and wastewater plants and facilities. Part of his legacy to the Sacramento
State community is the Ken Kerri Endowment Fund, which will continue to honor his lifetime of achievement and contribution to the field of civil engineering.

Submitted by the Office of Water Programs and the Department of Civil Engineering

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month
The Financial Aid Office will offer drop-in workshops in February to assist students in filling out their 2015-16 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application. Staff will be available in the Mendocino 2007 computer lab from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, and Tuesday, Feb. 17. An evening workshop will be held in Mendocino 2007 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. For more workshop information, including what to bring, visit www.csus.edu/faid/events/FA_Awareness.html.

Submitted by the Financial Aid Office

Capital Fellows application deadline is Feb. 9
The application deadline for the Capital Fellows Programs is Monday, Feb. 9. Applications can be found at www.csus.edu/calst/programs. Please share this information with students, staff and faculty.

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

Call for participants and jurors: Student Research Symposium 2015
The annual Student Research Symposium, an occasion to celebrate and recognize the outstanding scholarly accomplishments of our students, provides them the opportunity to present their research, scholarly and creative activities to the campus community in both oral and poster presentation format. The top two undergraduate and graduate presenters (individuals or student teams) in each category will be honored with the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, which includes both a monetary award for the students and development funds for their faculty mentors. Up to 10 students making oral presentations will be selected to compete in May at the 29th annual California State University Student Research Competition at CSU San Bernardino.

Online registration is now open to all current undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Alumni who received their degrees in 2014 also are eligible to participate. All disciplines are welcome, and those who participate may choose to be judged (to be eligible for awards and consideration for the statewide competition) or not (to gain and enhance presentation skills without the pressure of being formally assessed).

Are you a faculty member interested in supporting the Student Research Symposium? Along with encouraging your students’ involvement and attending the event, we invite you to volunteer as a juror for either the oral or poster presentations. The registration deadline for student participants and faculty jurors is Monday, Feb. 9. Both registration forms are online at http://bit.ly/sympORA. Further details and the event schedule will continue to be updated online as well. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the various student presentations and the awards reception Friday, March 6, at the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu.

Submitted by Research Affairs, Academic Affairs, Associated Students Inc., and Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

Deadline to apply for CTL Faculty Learning Community is Feb. 9
The Center for Teaching and Learning is pleased to offer a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) program. All full-time and part-time instructors are invited to apply at http://ctl.csus.edu/?cat=20. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. The FLC titles are:
• Wicked Problems: Innovative Curricular Design
• Grant Writing for the Next Generation Science Standards and the Common Core State Standards
• Program Assessment: Critical Thinking and Global Perspectives
• Teaching and Learning with the iPad.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Application period opens for CTL’s Summer Teaching Institute
The Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Teaching Institute, "Course Redesign for 21st Century Learning,” scheduled for May 26-29.

Why might you be interested?
• You want to learn new ways of engaging students and collecting evidence of their success.
• You want to know what new technologies might improve your teaching and student learning.
• You want to figure out why and how learning happens (or why it isn’t happening).

Apply online at http://ctl.csus.edu/?cat=22. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Student fee proposal forms deadline is Friday
The Student Fee Advisory Committee began accepting 2014-15 Category II and Category III fee proposal forms. Executive Order 1054, governing fees, and the fee proposal form can be found at www.csus.edu/aba/sfac. The Category Fee III (Materials, Service and Course Fee) deadline is Friday, Feb. 6.
Submitted by the Student Financial Services Center

One World Initiative theme for 2014-15: ‘Global Perspectives on Happiness’
What defines happiness, and how do culture, environment and history affect that definition? Is happiness physiological or psychological? How is happiness reflected in a society’s creative output? How important is happiness to society, and what are the consequences of its absence? Studies have shown that happiness has increased in most countries over the past decade, but also that there are great differences between nations. We invite the campus to participate in the One World Initiative through incorporation of the theme into courses and the development of events to be added to the calendar. To submit your course/event, email oneworld@csus.edu. To see our calendar of events, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld.
Submitted by the One World Initiative

Jesse Snow Memorial Fund Grant
The Jesse Snow Memorial Fund Grant application process opens today. Snow, a 20-year-old Sac State student, was fatally injured in October 2001 following an evening of drinking at Chevy’s restaurant on Howe Avenue. At the behest of his parents, Patricia Metzger-Snow and Stephen Snow, Chevy’s made a $50,000 donation available to Sac State. The Snow family established three priorities for the use of these funds by the campus. All proposals should meet one or more of the following funding priorities:
• Alcohol education and prevention programs
• On-campus, non-alcoholic social events that target a general Sac State student audience
• Development of the ASI Safe Rides program (approximately 20 percent of the fund)

The Alcohol Advisory Council Jesse Snow Memorial Fund Subcommittee has recognized a need for late-night, alcohol-free events on campus. Therefore, proposals for this type of activity take priority.

For full details on the Jesse Snow Memorial Fund Grant award criteria and application process, please visit https://shcssacstate.org/wellness-promotion/jesse-snow-grant. Applications will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 27. For more information, please contact Sabrina Word at sabrina.word@csus.edu or 278-6026.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Annual Hornet Crab Feed coming Saturday
The Hornet Crab Feed is the Athletic Department’s premier fundraiser for athletic scholarships, facilities and program needs. Join us Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Citrus Heights Community Center for an evening of fun when your Hornet student-athletes put on their aprons and serve up all-you-can-eat salad, pasta and crab. There will be prize drawings and a live auction with your chance to bid on fabulous trips, events and desserts. Tickets are $60 each or $550 for a table of 10 and can be purchased at www.hornetsports.com/tickets.

Submitted by the Athletic Department

CCE to conduct first ‘Be a Hornet Heartsaver’ event Feb. 9
Join Herky and the College of Continuing Education at the University’s first “Be a Hornet Heartsaver” event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the University Union Ballroom. The event is free.

CCE will have tables set up where instructors will demonstrate heart compression techniques. Those who participate in the event – practicing CPR on mannequins, watching video clips on heart health, stopping by the information tables, taking part in trivia contests, even dancing on the dance floor – will “earn” a free sandwich.

Volunteers from The WELL, Student Health and Counseling Services, Associated Students Inc. and other organizations will have information tables on health, nutrition and stress reduction. There will be Zumba sessions, games, music, food and more.

There also will be an opportunity to enroll in CPR and advanced life support classes at special “Hornet pricing.” Students, faculty, staff and all affiliates of Sac State can take a basic CPR class through CCE’s Hornet Heartsaver program for $35. The Feb. 9 event is not a certification class.

“Be a Hornet Heartsaver” is an opportunity to meet new people, have some fun and celebrate Heart Health Month. For more information, please visit www.HornetHeartsaver.com or call 278-4433.

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Annual production of The Vagina Monologues is Feb. 12
University Union UNIQUE Programs, Active Minds, and Student Health and Counseling Services are pleased to announce the 13th annual benefit production of The Vagina Monologues at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the University Union Ballroom. Tickets are $5 for Sac State students, $7 for community college students and $10 for the general public, and are available at www.SacStateUNIQUE.com and the ASI Student Shop on the third floor of the University Union.
Eve Ensler, a playwright and feminist, wrote *The Vagina Monologues*, a compilation of her interviews with women on their views and experiences of sex, relationships and violence, including issues of intimacy, vulnerability and sexual self-discovery. Sac State’s production will include only student actresses reciting the dialogues. Proceeds will go to My Sister’s House, an organization that addresses the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander women affected by domestic violence.

*Submitted by the University Union*

**Building coordinator/floor marshal training**
An annual two-hour training session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. It will cover the following:

- Program overview and history
- Multi-Hazard Plan/Building Emergency Action Plan
- ICS/interaction with first responders
- Responsibilities of building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty
- Evacuation procedures/rally areas and evacuation chairs
- Flood preparedness
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and information

Attendance is mandatory for all members of the building emergency preparedness teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register by emailing gnagygwb@saclink.csus.edu.

*Submitted by University Police*

**Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training**
During the first year of employment and every three years thereafter, Sacramento State faculty, staff and student employees must attend a two-hour presentation on what to expect during a disaster/emergency on campus and how to react to it. The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. Attendees will receive an overview of:

- The campus Multi-Hazard Plan
- The campus emergency response and management groups
- The important role of faculty in emergency response
- Evacuate or shelter requirements
- The campus Emergency Notification System
- The Disaster Service Worker program
- Home emergency preparedness

The next training is from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Attendance is required at only one session. Register by emailing gnagygwb@saclink.csus.edu.

*Submitted by University Police*

**Estate Planning 101 Seminar**
The Office of Planned Giving hosts Estate Planning 101 seminars throughout the year for members of the Sacramento State community who are considering their estate plans. Topics covered include property and inheritance planning, wills, living trusts, charitable gift
annuities, disability planning, estate taxes and probate. Join us for the upcoming seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Alumni Center. RSVP to giving@csus.edu. If you are interested in making a gift through your will or estate, or you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-3922.

Submitted by University Advancement

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/02/ProfessionalActivities02-02-15.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acse.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tip: Misdirected emails
What do you do if you receive a confidential email – for example, from a law firm addressed to the "General Counsel" with attachments – and you believe you have received this email by mistake, and that it contains protected information you are not authorized to possess? You must delete the misdirected email along with its attachments. Do not read, forward, copy or otherwise access the email attachments. If you are unsure whether information is protected, review the CSU’s policy or contact the Information Security Office. Never ask co-workers whether a document is protected because you may be further inappropriately circulating protected information. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its webpage at www.csus.edu/irt/is.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Catastrophic leave donation
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a form can be obtained at www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3004, or by calling 278-3522.

The Benefits Office currently has the following employees on an approved CAT Leave:

- Lisalee Egbert, Teacher Education (Child Development Department)
- Laura Stuebe, University Advancement (Development Department)