News

First Student Success Chat of the semester coming Wednesday
The President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity and the Serna Center are introducing Student Success Chats, which will take place throughout the spring semester at the Hornet Bookstore coffee shop. They are informal meetings with students, University faculty and staff, alumni and community leaders on topics connected to academic success. The chats will provide a space for thought-provoking conversation that brings forth common perils of being a student and provides insight, tools for success, and a positive community to support growth and development.

Join us from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, for our first chat, “Navigating Multiple Worlds.” The Hornet Bookstore will supply a coupon for a free coffee and pastry to all who attend.

Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

Housing and Residential Life announces Women of Influence Awards Ceremony
The sixth annual Women of Influence Awards Ceremony will celebrate and honor the accomplishments of our female students, staff and faculty. The ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the University Union, Redwood Room. The University community is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Nominate a deserving female faculty or staff member and/or current Sacramento State student who exhibits professional and/or academic excellence and dedication to her community. The awards will recognize one female faculty member, one female staff member, one female student leader and one female residential student leader. Nominations close Monday, March 2. The nomination form can be found at https://orgsync.com/6852Feb.forms/96560.

For more information, please contact Michael Wagner, graduate assistant for Housing and Residential Life, at michaelwagner@csus.edu or 278-6655.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life

EDD Brown Bag Lunch Series focuses on charter schools
The EDD Brown Bag Lunch Series invites the campus community to a talk on “The Effect of Charter Schools on the Academic Performance of African American and Latino Students” by Michael Lynch from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in Eureka Hall, Room 223.

Submitted by the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program

First Year Experience program seeks student leaders for fall peer mentor team
First Year Experience (FYE) is seeking talented student leaders to apply for peer mentor positions. In partnership with their assigned faculty member, peer mentors assist first-year students by serving as academic peer advisors, a resource to the campus and community, and mentors to assist with the transition to Sacramento State. Applications and informational session dates are available at www.csus.edu/acad/advising-
Applications must be received by noon Friday, March 6, in Lassen Hall, Room 1013.

FYE is a consortium of campus-wide programs administered by representatives from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs. If you have any student recommendations (applicants must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA) or questions, please email peermentor@csus.edu.

Submitted by First Year Experience

Retirement reception for Financial Services AVP Justine Heartt is Wednesday

Justine Heartt, associate vice president for Financial Services, has announced her intention to retire after 25-plus years of service at Sacramento State.

Due to her imminent departure and the need to maintain the quality operation now in place, Ming-Tung “Mike” Lee, vice president and CFO for Administration and Business Affairs, has asked Gina Curry, the current director and University bursar in the Student Financial Services Center, to step in as interim associate vice president for Financial Services. This appointment is effective from Sunday, March 1, until a permanent associate vice president is in place.

Please join us for a retirement celebration to say thanks for Heartt’s leadership, dedication, professionalism and loyalty to the University, and to acknowledge her accomplishments and excellent work on behalf of the ABA division and the University. The reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Alumni Center. For additional information, please contact Priscilla at 278-5992 or ilamaspl@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Reminder: Services for Emeritus Professor Ken Kerri are Tuesday

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

Recipients of Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships Awards announced

The Faculty Senate is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2014-15 Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships Awards.

- Post-Baccalaureate Awards: Peter Lindbeck, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services; and Alisa Simonoff-Smith, Biological Sciences, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.
- Undergraduate Awards: Jennifer Blair, Psychology, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies; Melissa Byrne, Nursing, College of Health and Human Services; Jayla Lee, Communication Studies, College of Arts and Letters; Teresa Sy, Kinesiology and Health Science, College of Health and Human Services; and Lynne Zhang, Accounting and Finance, College of Business Administration.
Recipients are recognized for their academic achievement and promise of continued academic success, service and contributions to the student’s major department, college, the University and/or the community at-large, and articulation of future educational/career goals. We extend our warmest congratulations to this year’s recipients. Please join us to honor the recipients at a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the University Union, Foothill Suite.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Love Your Body Week coming Feb. 23-27

Student Health and Counseling Services will host a weeklong program promoting positive body image, eating disorder awareness and healthy lifestyles for the Sac State community. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Events are as follows:

- Tuesday, Feb. 24: "Making Peace with Your Body," 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Meadow/Vineyard Suite, The WELL; "Beautiful Body of Food" (cooking demonstration), 1 to 2 p.m., The Cove at The WELL.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25: Yoga and mindfulness workshop, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Terrace Suite, The WELL.
- Friday, Feb. 27: "Love Your Body Pledge!” 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Library Quad.

For more information, please visit Student Health and Counseling: www.csus.edu/shcs.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

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

Violence in the Workplace Prevention Training

This is a one-hour presentation with additional time for questions on information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention information, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas as it pertains to violence in the workplace or unacceptable behavior. Materials will be provided. Class participation every three years is required of all faculty, staff and student employees by Cal-OSHA and Sacramento State. Training is in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:

- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19; Monday, Feb. 23; Monday, April 20; Monday, May 4; and Tuesday, May 19
- 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety
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: Don’t share passwords
A study of criminal prosecutions found an average associated financial loss of $3 million per incident for “social engineering” or insider-type crimes. Many institutions have been targets of these types of crimes, including universities. Almost 90 percent of the crimes began with attackers logging onto accounts with IDs they obtained inappropriately. While IDs are sometimes illegally obtained by the use of passwords, such as cracking programs, many are obtained “the old-fashioned way” – by collusion with people in the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.
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)