News

Caroline Turner to receive University Award for Research and Creative Activity
Dr. Caroline S. Turner of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program is the 2014-15 recipient of the University Award (formerly the President’s Award) for Research and Creative Activity. She will receive the award and give a lecture, “Lessons from the Field: Cultivating Nurturing Environments in Higher Education,” from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the University Union, Forest Suite. She will discuss how a scholarly learning journey, as a student and faculty member, brings one back to an understanding of the value of knowledge gained in one’s home community, and how to foster settings for others to cultivate knowledge as well.

The campus community is invited to this event. A reception will follow in the University Union, Lobby Suite.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Student Research Symposium coming March 6
The Office of Research Affairs invites faculty, staff and students to attend the annual Student Research Symposium on Friday, March 6. The symposium celebrates and recognizes outstanding scholarly accomplishments by providing our students with an opportunity to present their research, and their 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 both oral and poster divisions will be honored with the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, which includes a monetary award for students and professional development funds for 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.

The symposium’s schedule and other information will continue to be updated on our website (http://bit.ly/sympASI) once participant details have been received and confirmed. All presentational activities will take place on the first and second floors of the University Union from 9 a.m. to noon. The symposium will close in the University Union Ballroom with a luncheon for participants and audience members at noon, followed by an awards ceremony at 12:45 p.m. This event is open to the public.

For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Announcing the Crisis Intervention Team
Have you ever seen another member of the campus community acting in a way that caused you concern? Has the person written or said something that makes you feel that the person may harm himself or herself, or is a danger to others?
The University now has a direct resource for you to contact if you are concerned about the health or safety of a campus community member. It is the Crisis Intervention Team, located within Student Affairs. The CIT is composed of campus professionals from the Sacramento State Police Department, Student Affairs – including Student Engagement, Student Conduct, and Student Health and Counseling Services – and Human Resources. You can contact the CIT directly through its coordinator at 278-6060, and the team will assess the nature of the issue and provide intervention resources, if appropriate.

Remember: You can be the key to keeping that person or others safe. Step up and make the call.

Submitted by Student Affairs

CCE earns high honor for Proyecta 100K program
The College of Continuing Education will receive one of the University Professional and Continuing Education Association’s (UPCEA) highest distinctions at UPCEA’s 100th annual conference Tuesday, March 31. CCE will be presented with the International Program of Excellence Award for the Proyecta 100K program.

Under the Proyecta 100K initiative, students and professors from Mexico received customized English as a second language curriculum from CCE, with particular attention to underserved groups such as women as well as students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. The initiative is supported by both the Mexican and U.S. governments to promote educational and cultural exchanges and workforce development.

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Spring blood drive begins Tuesday
BloodSource, Associated Students Inc., CAMP, the Hornet Bookstore, Green Army, the University Union and The WELL are pleased to announce a campus-wide spring blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, and Wednesday, Feb. 25. This blood drive will be hosted in the University Union Ballroom in honor of Cesar Chavez. Participants in the blood drive will receive MyBloodSource Rewards and a $5 Togo’s gift card.

Blood donations save the lives of accident victims, surgery patients, cancer patients and many others in need. Donating blood is safe, easy and takes about an hour. Sacramento State faculty and staff members are eligible for a “Fast Track” pass, which expedites the check-in process. Blood donors must weigh 110 pounds or more, be in overall good health and 17 years old or older (16 with a signed BloodSource parental consent form).

Submitted by the University Union

Novelist Fausto Avendaño to visit campus, read from latest work
The Department of Foreign Languages, the Foreign Languages Alumni Chapter, the University Library and the Hornet Bookstore invite you to attend Dr. Fausto Avendaño’s presentation/reading of his latest book, Paola and Raymond, a satirical love story, from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Library Gallery.

If you love a love story, you’ll want to read Paola and Raymond, but this novel is more than a regular love story. While quashing clichés and stereotypes, the novel goes beyond the coming together of two people. Love is not the only thing that counts – there also are commitment, faithfulness, sex, constancy, culture, ideology, family, etc. Paola and Raymond
can be considered a romantic comedy, but unlike the genre, it contains ample doses of realism and satire.

Submitted by the Department of Foreign Languages

Celebrate ’Sac State CommUNITY’ on March 9
The President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity invites the campus community to its culminating event, “Sac State CommUNITY: And Still We Rise,” to be held from noon to 1:15 p.m. Monday, March 9, in the University Union Ballroom.

Students, faculty and staff will present creative works of poetry, spoken word, dance, film, music and other forms of expression in a celebration of community designed to inspire our diverse campus.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Lunch will be available for the first 300 attendees. RSVPs are encouraged: email rsvp@csus.edu. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/ua/pbcu.

Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

Farmworker-to-astronaut story will be told at guest lecture
Astronaut José M. Hernández will deliver a lecture, “Reaching for the Stars,” from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Monday, March 2, in University Union Ballroom III.

In 2004, Hernández became the first former migrant farmworker to be selected as a NASA astronaut. An impressive achievement in itself, his accomplishment is even more amazing when you realize the journey he took to get there.

Determined to fulfill his dream of reaching the stars, José obtained his undergraduate and graduate degrees in electrical engineering. He started his career as an engineer and scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where he worked on the development of an X-ray laser, helped to develop the first full-field digital mammography system for the early detection of breast cancer, and worked in the nuclear nonproliferation arena. In 2004, he was selected as part of the 19th class of U.S. astronauts. His inspiring journey of perseverance and hard work is a true fulfillment of the American dream.

To bring a class to the lecture, RSVP to the Serna Center at serna-05@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Serna Center Speaker Series to present documentary, lecture
The Serna Center Speaker Series will present a documentary film viewing and lecture, The Way Back to Yarasquin, from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The Way Back to Yarasquin captures Sacramento State alumna Mayra Orellana-Powell, whose vision of coffee has made her an incredible leader in her rural village in Honduras and a dedicated advocate for its future.

Growing up in the village of Santa Elena, Mayra experienced coffee as a way of life, underlying in community, relationships and gratitude. These cornerstones never left her as she went on to pursue an education in the United States and, most recently, to start a coffee business, Catracha Coffee Co. The film follows Mayra’s journey to starting a small coffee business and her journey back home with several coffee professionals in pursuit of the truly great coffee that is calling attention to Honduras, an emerging coffee leader. Ultimately, this story is about the human, relational side of coffee, because coffee is about people. A photography exhibition will follow in the Lobby Suite with the filmmakers.
To bring a class to the lecture, RSVP at serna-05@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Serna Center

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

Julia Morgan House Event and Conference Center now open
University Enterprises Inc. is pleased to announce that a historic mansion, the Julia Morgan House, is newly renovated and available for the University’s use.

While the elegant home and garden offer exceptional facilities for special events, the house now includes four new, handsomely appointed executive conference rooms, suitable for your next department meeting, training session or retreat. The conference rooms seat from 10 to 40 people and feature large flat-screen displays.

To book a meeting or event at the Julia Morgan House, please email juliamorganhouse@csus.edu or, for more information, visit www.juliamorganhouse.com.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Limited copies of the One Book available
In cooperation with the One Book Program, the University Staff Assembly makes a limited number of copies of the current One Book available to staff through the USA One Book Lending Program. This year’s selection is Blasphemy by Sherman Alexie. For more information about the book and upcoming campus events related to the book, please visit the One Book Program website at www.csus.edu/onebook.

To borrow a copy, please contact one of the following USA representatives: Aaron Eichenberger, Calaveras Hall 104, 278-5745, aeichenb@csus.edu; Carolann Forseth, Mariposa Hall 3000, 278-6177, carolann@csus.edu; Catherine Davis, Yosemite Hall 122, 278-7315, davisc@skymail.csus.edu; Kristina Cullen, Folsom Hall 1000B, 278-7603, kristina.cullen@csus.edu; LindaKay Soriano, Sacramento Hall 162, 278-2569, lks28@saclink.csus.edu; Michelle Bianco, Sequoia Hall 320, 278-8607, biancom@csus.edu.
Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

Collaborative effort produces anti-fraud document
Auditing Services, Financial Services and University Enterprises Inc. have worked together to produce a document called "Top Ten Practices to Avoid Fraud." We believe these best practices will help our campus avoid fraud, financial losses and negative publicity. Please
take some time to review and follow this document. Questions can be forwarded to Kaye Milburn at 278-7439 or Kaye.milburn@csus.edu.

Submitted by Auditing 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. Monday, April 20; Monday, May 4; and Tuesday, May 19
• 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 25

Submitted by 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: Beware of ‘phishing’
You receive an email from “CSUHelpDesk@gmail.com” late Friday afternoon, stating that there is an issue with the email system and that your password must be reset or you will be unable to check your email over the weekend. The email asks you to click on the “reset password” link. Should you do this? Never. Disregard the email as a “phishing” attack. Phishing is a technique in which attackers attempt to fraudulently acquire protected information, such as passwords or credit card details, by masquerading as a trustworthy source in an electronic communication. If you received an email such as this, do not reply. Please forward this and any other suspicious emails to abuse@csus.edu. For more on phishing, www.csus.edu/irt/is/phishing.

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)
- Venesha Rosseau, Graduate & Professional Studies in Education (vacation only)