March 9, 2015

News

Celebrate ‘Sac State CommUNITY’ today
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. today 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/pcbcu.
Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity

Second Student Success Chat of the semester coming Tuesday
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 in the Hornet Bookstore conference room. 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 noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, for our second chat, “Sensible Judgment: Negotiating Between Family & College.” The Hornet Bookstore coffee shop will supply free coffee and pastries to all who attend.
Submitted by the Serna Center

Test of campus-wide Emergency Notification System (ENS)
Campus officials will conduct a test at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, March 19, of multiple components of Sacramento State’s notification system for use in emergencies or other critical events where life and safety are at risk.

The test will include text messages, emails, campus digital signs, the University website’s home page, classroom telephones, loudspeakers and desktop alerts on some University-owned computers, as well as social networks such as Facebook and Twitter.

Students are already signed up to receive Emergency Notification System messages on their cellphones and via email, but should use this test to confirm that their devices are registered correctly. Faculty and staff must register themselves at www.csus.edu/ens/signup.html if they have not done so previously.
The campus community will be receiving a short follow-up survey on the test. If you are registered on the system but do not receive a test ENS message at 11:15 a.m. March 19, please provide feedback on the survey so that any system issues can be resolved.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

This week in the One World Initiative

The Department of Psychology will present a showing and discussion of the documentary film HAPPY from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Does money make you happy? Kids and family? Your work? Do you live in a world that values and promotes happiness and well-being? HAPPY, a film from director Roko Belic, sets out to answer these questions and more. Taking us from the bayous of Louisiana to the deserts of Namibia, from the beaches of Brazil to the villages of Okinawa, the film explores the secrets behind one of our most valued emotions. Professor Rebecca Cameron will moderate an after-film question-and-answer/discussion session about the film. All are welcome. For more information and a preview of the film, visit http://www.thehappymovie.com.

To see a full list of One World events, go to www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

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 Union’s Lobby Suite with the filmmakers.

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

Submitted by the Serna Center

ECS Career Day is March 13

The College of Engineering and Computer Science’s annual Career Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 13, in the University Union Ballroom. A job fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring 88 engineering and computer employers hiring for career and student jobs. Seminars, information on which can be found at http://career.ecs.csus.edu/career-day/seminars.php, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science

Engineering Expo coming Saturday

The Engineering and Computer Science Joint Council (of Student Organizations) will host an Engineering Expo from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will comprise clubs, senior projects, research and engineering major/student representation, and is for people of all ages.
Attractions and representation will include the Robot Rumble, Hornet Racing with its Formula SAE car, senior projects, the Society of Hispanic Engineers, 3D printers, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the Construction Management Build Competition, a coil gun, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Computer Science game programming 3D graphics and artificial intelligence, Kavert Motorsports, the Solar Regatta Team, the Tiny House Project and much more.

Submitted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science

ABA Speaker Series to welcome Kings executive
The Division of Administration and Business Affairs will host its spring 2015 speaker series from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. This series provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and brings intellectual enrichment to the campus community.

This semester’s featured speaker is Kunal Merchant, vice president of strategic initiatives for the Sacramento Kings. Merchant has a special focus on the new downtown entertainment and sports center scheduled to open in fall 2016. In previous roles, he has served as executive director of Think BIG Sacramento and as Mayor Kevin Johnson’s chief of staff. Merchant graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a bachelor’s in economics and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School.

RSVP for this event by calling 278-6312 or emailing mh227@csus.edu by Monday, March 16.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO

Housing and Residential Life plans 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 Awards Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, in the University Union, Redwood Room. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life

Speech pathology group to host mixer
The Speech Pathology Multicultural Group (SPMG) will host its ASL Spring Break Mixer from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, March 20, on the lawn in front of the River Front Center. The event has been planned as a way for individuals of all levels to practice their American Sign Language skills in a safe and comfortable setting. We encourage those who are still learning all the way to those who are fluent to join us.

SPMG is a newly founded club on campus. Our mission is to provide our students access to and information on different cultures and communities that they may serve in their careers as speech-language pathologists.

Submitted by Speech Pathology and Audiology

Call for presenters: Graduate Research Interaction Day 2015
To showcase the emerging excellence of graduate education at Sacramento State, as a part of Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (April 6-10), on Wednesday, April 8, the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Affairs will hold Graduate Research Interaction Day, an opportunity for graduate students to present their work in oral or poster format to obtain feedback from a diverse audience (peers, faculty, community members, etc.).
Online registration is now open to current master's and doctoral students (all disciplines are welcome). Register at [www.csus.edu/gradstudies](http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies). The registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 20. 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 reception at the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (916) 278-6470.

Submitted by the Office of Graduate Studies

**Workshop: 'Finding the Right Grant Funder'**

Join the Office of Research Affairs for an interactive workshop designed to help you identify funders for your research ideas or special projects. You will learn how to identify funding opportunities and use online resources, including the searchable Sponsored Programs Information Network (SPIN) database. We will also discuss basic strategies to help you narrow your search, find the right grant funder and get ready to write. Bring a wi-fi capable laptop or tablet for a hands-on experience.

This workshop will be offered at two different times:
- Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m.-noon, Aspen Suite, The WELL
- Tuesday, April 14, 10 a.m.-noon, University Union, Auburn Suite

Online registration is now open to all faculty and staff at [www.csus.edu/research](http://www.csus.edu/research) under “News & Notices.” For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-6402 or [research@csus.edu](mailto:research@csus.edu).

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

**Educational sessions on human subjects research**

The Office of Research Affairs, with the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the ethical oversight of human subjects research, will host several educational sessions for the campus community, including research investigators, faculty, staff and students. Please RSVP to [leah.vargas@csus.edu](mailto:leah.vargas@csus.edu) with the name and date of the session(s) you would like to attend.

- Changes to Human Subjects Review – Open Forum: Thursday, March 12, 10 to 11 a.m., University Union, Orchard Rooms II and III
- The IRB Process: Thursday, March 12, 11 a.m. to noon, University Union, Delta Room; and Monday, April 6, 2 to 3 p.m., University Union, California Room
- Videocast on “Statistical Methods for Protecting Data Confidentiality” (BSSR Lecture Series) with Dr. Jerome Reiter, Duke University: Friday, April 10, 11 a.m. to noon, University Union, Walnut Room

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

**Social science council’s 40th annual conference to be held at Sac State**

The CSU Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) will hold its 40th annual student research conference, the Social Science Student Symposium, at Sacramento State on Thursday, May 7.

Thanks to the continued generosity of Dr. Gene Geisler, professor emeritus of political science at San Francisco State and a key founding member of SSRIC, the 2015 symposium will include three $5,000 awards for best paper, as well as awards of $75 to $150 for other papers presented. The awards will be for best undergraduate paper, best graduate paper and the paper that demonstrates the best use of quantitative data. Awards will be based only on the written papers submitted, but papers must actually be presented to be eligible for an award.
Students conducting social science research in any field are eligible to present at the conference and compete for an award. Last year, we had almost 100 papers presented, and we hope to continue the strong interest in this symposium.

More information can be found on the conference’s website at http://ssric.org/participate/src. For questions, contact Jennifer Murphy, associate professor of sociology and the event’s organizing chair, at 278-3616 or murphyj@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Department of Sociology

**Hornet Bookstore clearance sale is on through March 22**
The Hornet Bookstore is having an in-store-only clearance event through Sunday, March 22. Receive an extra 30 percent off select clearance items. Get $50 off all current Windows laptops, in store and online, on models $399 and up.

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

**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 the Department of Public Safety

**Faculty professional activities**
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/03/ProfessionalActivities03-09-15.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: Storing passwords**
Is it safe to store your passwords in a password-protected Word document? No. An attacker could easily locate password-protected files on your computer's local drive, circumvent the password protection on the document and have full access to all of your accounts.

Ideally, passwords are never “written down” on paper or electronically. Sometimes writing passwords down cannot be avoided. If passwords must be written down, it is preferable to do so on paper (not electronically) and only when the password list can be physically locked away, with access to the list restricted to the password holder only. Never use the same password for CSU accounts and personal accounts.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

**Human Resources**
New Personnel Transaction Form, Temporary Request Form
The new Personnel Transaction Form (PTF) and Temporary Request Form were introduced at the HR Spotlight meeting on Feb. 18. We are pleased to announce that effective March 5, the new PTF and Temporary Request Form (which was combined from the Emergency 90/180, Retired Annuitant, and Casual Worker/Helper Aid Forms) have been uploaded onto our Human Resources website. Please visit www.csus.edu/hr/ and search under “Announcements” for the link to the new forms, guidelines and matrix.

The month of March will be used as the transition period to both new forms; effective April 1, the old forms will no longer be accepted and will be returned to departments/colleges. If you have any questions regarding the form, please contact Carla Almeida, manager of Employment, Classification, and Compensation, at 278-6076.

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)
- Venesa Rosseau – Graduate & Professional Studies in Education (vacation only)
- Monica Patterson – Mail Services
- Noreen James – Center for Collaborative Policy