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News

Annual budget report available
President Alexander Gonzalez has shared Sacramento State’s Annual Report for Budget, Expenditures and Financial Information at [www.csus.edu/aba/Budget/annual-report-13-14.html](http://www.csus.edu/aba/Budget/annual-report-13-14.html). The report follows the President’s commitment to provide transparent budget information to the campus community. It features information on the current fiscal year along with details for the 2012-13 fiscal year. It includes breakdowns for campus divisions, all University expenses and other restricted funds. You also can find some previous facts and figures on campus budgets and enrollment, along with a report of our needs for deferred maintenance and capital projects.

The report is put together by the Budget Planning and Administration unit. This year’s version is available in chapters so that you can quickly view the portions in which you are most interested.

Submitted by the Office of the President

Lecture by recipient of President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity
History Professor Rebecca Kluchin is the 2013-14 recipient of the President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity. She will receive the award and give a lecture, “Pregnancy and Personhood: The Maternal-Fetal Relationship in American Society, 1850-Present,” from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the University Union, Summit Room. In her lecture, she will discuss the public and private relationship between a woman and her fetus, and changing notions of fetal personhood and maternal responsibility in American history. The campus community is invited. A reception will follow in the California Suite at the Union.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

Sacramento State’s March for Babies on Facebook, web page
President Alexander Gonzalez is the chairman of this year’s March for Babies, the largest annual fundraiser for the March of Dimes, which takes place Saturday, April 26. He is encouraging everyone to get involved to make Sacramento State a leading contributor to this cause. The March of Dimes helps expectant families and researches the problems that threaten the health of babies.

To help with the cause and to get the word out, the public relations program under Professor Tim Howard is taking a significant role in the promotion of this partnership. To start, they have launched Sac State’s March for Babies Facebook page. Check it out to find more about the event and how to participate: [www.facebook.com/SacStateMarchforBabies](http://www.facebook.com/SacStateMarchforBabies). For an overview of the Sac State March for Babies and key links, go to [www.csus.edu/marchforbabies](http://www.csus.edu/marchforbabies).

Submitted by Sacramento State’s March for Babies

‘Made at Sac State’: Cate Dyer, biotech entrepreneur
Cate Dyer, a 2005 Sacramento State sociology graduate who is the founder and CEO of the successful StemExpress biotechnology firm, is featured in the latest “Made at Sac State” profile and video. View it at http://bit.ly/1kBqHqO.

In February, both the “Made at Sac State” campaign and a Sac State TV commercial were honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), District VII, as outstanding marketing communications. “Made at Sac State” received a Gold Award of Excellence for 2013 in the Advertising Campaign category while the 30-second commercial “Going All the Way” earned Silver in the PSAs and Commercial Spots category. You can view the commercial at http://youtu.be/nolQpNbfA_s. For a full list of CASE District VII winners: www.casevii.org/dvii_awards/awards_of_excellence.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Columnist, radio personality and author Marcos Bretón to present lecture
Marcos Breton, a columnist for The Sacramento Bee as well as an author and radio personality, will deliver a lecture to students from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in University Union Ballroom II. A meet-and-greet will be held from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the University Union, Lobby Suite.

As a reporter for The Bee since 1989 and a columnist since 2001, Breton has written about a wide variety of issues facing the Sacramento region, focusing on politics and sports. His work on radio includes being a monthly guest on Capital Public Radio’s Insight, a daily, in-depth interview program.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Emmy-nominated producer and director to speak
John Valadez, producer and director of award-winning, nationally broadcast documentaries for PBS and CNN, will deliver a lecture to students from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 20, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. A meet-and-greet will begin at 10 a.m. Seating is limited to 140 people.

In 2010, Valadez received an Emmy nomination for his film The Longoria Affair, which aired on the PBS series Independent Lens. He also produced, directed and co-wrote the film The Chicano Wave as part of the PBS/BBC series Latin Music USA. It follows the lives of south Texas musical artists who reached stardom. Valadez is currently directing two new films for PBS: American Exile and The Head of Joaquin Murrieta.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Housing and Residential Life announces Women of Influence Awards Ceremony
The fifth annual Women of Influence Awards Ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of our female students, staff and faculty. The ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the American River Courtyard Conference Room. All members of the University community are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life

This week in the One World Initiative
On Wednesday, March 12, the Asian Studies Program will present “Creating, Integrating, and Harmonizing Ethnicity: China’s 56 Nationalities” by James Rae, Department of Government, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Amador 250.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

One World student symposium: Call for presenters
As part of its second end-of-year celebration, the One World Initiative is organizing a student symposium on migration from 10 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Students from all majors are invited to present their perspectives on migration as an issue of global importance. Presentations may be given via whatever format best fits the material. Our goal is to bring together a group of students with diverse points of view to share their perspectives. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 21. Information about the event and the application form can be found at www.csus.edu/oneworld/OneWorld-2014%20Celebration.html.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

Meet candidates for associate director of Academic Advising
The Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs invites the campus community to attend open forums for candidates for associate director of Academic Advising. All meetings will take place in Lassen Hall 1100, the Admissions and Outreach Welcome Center.

- 3-4 p.m. Monday, March 17: Jasmine N. Murphy, Student Services (One-Stop) coordinator, Financial Aid Office, Sacramento State
- 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19: Heidi van Beek, interim associate director, Academic Advising Center, Sacramento State
- 3-4 p.m. Friday, March 21: Judith Swartz, advising system analyst, Office of the Registrar, California State University, Monterey Bay

Individuals who attend are encouraged to submit written comments to Dave Evans, interim assistant vice president for Student Affairs, Student Engagement and Success, at dave_evans@csus.edu no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 28.

Submitted by the Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

First Year Experience offers faculty resource workshops
The First Year Experience Programs (FYE) office would like to invite faculty to our two remaining workshops to provide FYE faculty resources. Please join us for one or both of the following:

- "Working With Your LGBTQIA Students": 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, The WELL, Aspen Room (second floor). Presenter: PRIDE panel.
- "Today’s College Students: Who Are They?": 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, The WELL, Aspen Room (second floor). Presenter: Beth Lesen, associate vice president for Student Engagement and Support.

We will provide cookies for a small snack, but feel free to bring your own snack or lunch if you wish.

Submitted by First Year Experience

Alumni Chapter Challenge
Sacramento State’s Alumni Chapter Challenge is a fundraising competition among the Sac State Alumni Association chapters from Feb. 28 to March 31. The challenge raises funds for chapter scholarships and programming. The chapter that collects the most funds by March 31 wins the Alumni Chapter Challenge and will be named the “2014 Sacramento State Alumni Chapter of the Year.” For more information, visit www.SacStateAlumni.com/challenge.

Submitted by the Alumni Association

NETS to host panel discussion on April 3
NETS (Networking: Extending Teaching and Scholarship) and the Communication Studies Alumni Chapter will host an expert panel on “Communication Consulting: What? Why? How?” from 4:30 to 7 p.m Thursday, April 3, at the Epicure restaurant. Alumni and faculty from all departments are welcome.

Four Communication Studies alumni will speak: Rachel Castro Jenkins, The Glass Agency, on how recent grads can enter the consulting profession; Brittany Walters, Essex National Securities, on the roles of consultant and client; Christina Ragsdale, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, on the communication needs of government, nonprofit, philanthropic and professional agencies; and Larry Culler, former Intel project manager, on his experiences in starting an independent communication-consulting business. The presentations will run from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m., refreshments and networking from 6 to 7 p.m. RSVP to Mark Stoner at stoner1@csus.edu with “NETS IV” in the subject line, or call (916) 307-2926.

Submitted by Communication Studies

Student researchers deliver outstanding work
The 2014 Sacramento State Student Research Symposium, held at the University Union, showcased the original scholarly work of 46 students – 27 undergraduates and 19 graduate students – who delivered their findings as a poster or an oral presentation. Symposium winners were awarded the inaugural Provost’s Award for Research Excellence and received $500 for oral presentations, $250 for poster presentations. The four winning oral presenters will join six other top oral competitors from the symposium to represent Sac State at the California State University Student Research Competition on May 2-3 at CSU East Bay. (There is no CSU poster competition.)

“It’s important for the campus and community to celebrate the accomplishments of our students,” says Deidre Sessoms, director of faculty research development. “Whether they are pursuing higher education or moving into the workforce, Sac State students bring top-notch research experiences and skills with them.”

Faculty members who mentored the Provost’s Award winners each received a professional development award. A jury of faculty and staff members from throughout the University judged the students’ work. The 2014 Student Research Symposium was organized by Sac State’s Office of Research Administration. For a complete list of winners: www.csus.edu/sacstatenews//Bulletin/documents/StudentResearchSymposiumWinners.pdf.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

UEI will offer job readiness workshops
University Enterprises Inc. (UEI) is offering two job readiness workshops for students and anyone looking to get an edge on the competition. Part 1 is scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the University Union, Forest Suite. Part 2 will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Participants must attend both workshops to receive a certificate of completion, which can be helpful in obtaining student assistant/intern positions through UEI Jobs. The workshops, which launched last fall, proved to be extremely popular.

Both workshops are structured to be fun, interactive and information-packed, offering tools that job seekers need to be successful in today’s competitive job market. Attendees can expect to learn how to present themselves as the ideal candidate, both in person and on paper; how to interview with confidence; how to use the latest job search strategies to achieve optimum results; and much more. To learn more and to register: www.ueijobs.com. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 1.
Help recruit talented students for McNair Program
The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at Sacramento State is now recruiting students for the 2014-15 cohort that will begin in Fall 2014. The program prepares first-generation, low-income or underrepresented juniors and seniors for admission and studies at the doctoral level. It is a nationwide program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, created in memory of Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D., an African American physicist killed in the space shuttle Challenger accident in 1986.

Students interested in pursuing a career in academic research and/or teaching at the university level should contact the McNair Scholars Program at 278-5118 or mcnair@csus.edu, visit www.csus.edu/mcnair/ or come to the McNair Scholars Office in River Front Center 203. Help us recruit academically promising undergraduate students with an interest in attending graduate school; we are here to motivate, support and help them reach their highest academic goals.

We need the help of faculty, staff and students to help us recruit academically promising undergraduate students with an interest in attending graduate school. The application deadline for the 2014-15 McNair Cohort is Monday, April 28.

2014 McNair Research Symposium
Please join the McNair Scholars Program on Monday, April 14, to celebrate the research, scholarship and creative activity of its scholars and their faculty mentors. This year’s symposium will be held in the University Union, Redwood Room, and will provide a public forum for McNair scholars to share their work and talent. The symposium is open to the campus community and the public. For more information: www.csus.edu/mcnair/symposium.html.

Gerontology Career Fair coming March 17
The seventh annual Gerontology Career Fair: The Future of Careers in Aging will provide opportunities for paid, internship and volunteer positions in the fields of healthy aging and elder care. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend. The fair, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, March 17, in the University Union, Redwood Room, is free and open to the public.

Teach in Thailand program
The Chitratala Royal Palace School in Bangkok, Thailand, invites Sacramento State graduates to teach English in Thailand. Those chosen for the 2014-15 academic year will form the eighth group from Sacramento State since the program was established in 2006. Those selected will receive round-trip airfare, single accommodation, a modest salary, transportation to and from school, and an extensive pre-departure orientation. There is no requirement that guest teachers be able to read, write or speak the Thai language. The deadline for application is Monday, March 24. Further information and application materials are available from Professor Thomas J. Knutson on thomasknutson@comcast.net or knutsontom@hotmail.com.

St. Patrick’s Day sale at the Hornet Bookstore
Wear something green while shopping at the Hornet Bookstore on Monday, March 17, and receive 20 percent off one regularly priced apparel item during the “Wear Green, Save Green” event. Games and free popcorn from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exceptions apply. In-store only; see store for details. Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

**Summer Bowling League**
The Sacramento State Summer Bowling League is coordinated by University Police and will engage staff and faculty in a fun-filled, six-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Thursdays from June 5 to July 10. Practice begins at 4:45 p.m., with the start time at 5 p.m. League play will consist of three games per night. Competing teams will change from week to week. Teams will consist of four players, and substitutes may be used. Sacramento State faculty and staff teams may also include family members or friends. The goal is just to have a great time! The cost is $10 per player per night. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night. Eighteen-team maximum, even number of teams only. The league is expected to fill up fast, so hold your spot ASAP if you plan on bowling. To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfuson@csus.edu. Submitted by University Police

**Peak Adventures Youth Camps**
Peak Adventures offers weeklong outdoor youth camps from Monday, June 16, to Monday, Aug. 4, for ages 9-17. For the younger kids, activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, games, water activities and more. Older kids have the choice to backpack for a week or experience a new activity each day, ranging from the Challenge Center on campus to outdoor rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Youth camps meet at Sac State and include all technical equipment and a camp T-shirt. The cost also includes transportation, entry fees and friendly, qualified staff. Register your child and find out more details at www.peakadventures.org/youth_camp/index.php. Submitted by Peak Adventures/Associated Students Inc.

**Annual training for building coordinators/floor marshals**
There will be a training session from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 20, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. All members of the Building Emergency Preparedness Teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibility during a disaster or emergency should attend. The session will cover:

- 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
- Shelter-in-place?
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and info

Register with an email to Bill Gnagy at gnagywb@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 of 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 Emergency 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. Thursday, April 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Attendance is required at only one session. Register with gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

**Violence in the workplace prevention training**

This training is a one-hour presentation of information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare for, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas. Materials will be provided.

Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University; all faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. All training will take place in University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Upcoming trainings are:

- 9-11 a.m. Thursday, March 27
- 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9
- 9-10 a.m. Thursday, May 8
- 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 12

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu or register on LearnerWeb at https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csus_enterprise/.

Submitted by University Police

**Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) workshops**

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) funds are available for 2014-15. All programs requesting IRA funding should attend the IRA workshops, designed to familiarize program advisors with the process, priorities and criteria for IRA funding.

RSVP to Serena Fuson at sfusion@csus.edu or by calling 278-6312. Questions should be directed to Kem Gravenberg, VP/CFO designee to the IRA Committee, at kem@csus.edu or 278-5809. A choice of two workshops is being offered to accommodate teaching schedules. Choose one.

- 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, March 11, Sacramento Hall Room 161
- 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, Sacramento Hall, Room 161

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

**IRA budget call**

The 2014-15 Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) call for proposals is posted at www.csus.edu/aba/admin-ops/ira.html. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at 278-6312 or via email at
Common Financial System upgrade scheduled for April 17-25
Like all CSU campuses, Sacramento State utilizes the systemwide PeopleSoft Common Financial system (CFS) for financial business processes. It is now necessary for all campuses to upgrade to the most current version. The transition is scheduled for April 17-25, with normal operations resuming Monday, April 28. During this time, CFS and the services it provides will not be available. This means:

- April 10 is the deadline for entering and approving requisitions to allow time for sourcing to POs before the down time.
- No checks or payments will be available during the down time, including travel advances or reimbursements.
- No procurement can be done during this time (other than through the ProCard or OfficeMax).
- No budget or expenditure transfers will be processed.
- ProCard dates have been adjusted for the upgrade (transactions available Monday, April 28; reconciliations, Friday, May 9; and statements due Friday, May 16).
- The Data Warehouse will be available for reporting but will have data as of April 17 until the new system is ready for use.

For these reasons, it is important to plan for your procurement, check and payment needs so as not to be inconvenienced during this time. Please go to www.csus.edu/adminupgrades for further information about administrative systems upgrades.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs

Astra Schedule VII upgrade scheduled for spring break
Astra Schedule, the University’s comprehensive event and room scheduling software tool administered by Space Management, is scheduled for an upgrade during spring break, which is March 24-30. This upgrade will provide a more stable interface for class section facility assignment synchronization between CMS and Astra Schedule, and offer new and enhanced functionality and navigation to view campus activities and search for available facilities. Astra Schedule may be down for several days or the entire week of spring break. This means:

- No space requests for meetings or events will be processed by Space Management during spring break.
- No room transactions for class sections will be permitted in CMS or Astra Schedule during spring break.

For this reason, it is important to submit any space requests for the use of University facilities during spring break to Space Management no later than Friday, March 14. Space request forms are available on the Space Management website at www.csus.edu/aba/space.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/03/ProfessionalActivites03-10-14.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

Benefits workshop
The Office of Human Resources – Benefits is sponsoring the following retirement and financial planning workshop. If you are interested in the workshop, please go to the Benefits Office Workshops website at http://www.csus.edu/hr/departments/benefits/workshops.html to download a copy of the workshop flier. You are required to secure the approval of your supervisor prior to registration.


Managers and supervisors are asked to please distribute this information to employees in your departments who do not have access to email. Please post conspicuously and provide copies in your employees’ mailboxes. For questions or comments, contact the Office of Human Resources – Benefits, Del Norte Hall, Room 3004, or call 278-6213.

VSP benefits
All VSP members and their covered dependents are eligible for VSP’s TruHearing® MemberPlus Program. TruHearing is a medical organization that offers deep discounts on state-of-the-art digital hearing aids and professional services from a nationwide network of audiologists and hearing instrument specialists. There is no charge for joining the program ($108 value). Features of the TruHearing® MemberPlus Program include:

- Savings of up to 50 percent on hearing aids (based on national averages; cost may vary due to type of hearing aid purchased)
- Yearly comprehensive hearing exams for $75
- 48 batteries per purchased hearing aid

In addition, VSP members may add up to four guest members (parents, grandparents, siblings) at no extra charge. Please note that this feature of the TruHearing® MemberPlus Program is not extended to VSP vision coverage. Review the flier for additional details.

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.