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News

Test of campus-wide Emergency Notification System (ENS) this week
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

Doug Rice to receive Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award
Professor Doug Rice of the Department of English is the 2014-15 recipient of Sacramento State’s Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award. He will receive the award and give a lecture, “The Sweet, Sweet Ecstasy of Desire’s Broken Breath,” from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. He will discuss the nature of desire and intimacy, and what such ways for seeing do to the ways we live our daily lives. He will also talk about the people who have inspired and influenced his work, and read from Here Lies Memory, his new novel, which explores the themes of desire, gentrification and interracial love.

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

Third Student Success Chat of the semester coming Wednesday
The President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity and the Serna Center are hosting Student Success Chats 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 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, March 18, for our third chat, “Building a Strategic Network of Mentors & Supporters.” The Hornet Bookstore will provide lunch to all who attend.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Feminist, author, activist is Serna Center Speaker Series guest
The Serna Center Speaker Series will present Dr. Vandana Shiva, speaking on “Cultivating Diversity, Freedom and Hope,” from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in University Union Ballroom I. A feminist, author, environmentalist and activist, she combines sharp intellectual inquiry with courageous activism. Her work ranges from teaching at universities worldwide to working with peasants in rural India. She is the author of many books contributing to fundamental ways of changing the practice and paradigms of agriculture and food.

Shiva will address the value of diversity in nature and in society. Her message of local ownership and self-sufficiency in the production and distribution of food offers a powerful case for the development of urban and local food systems. Her deep understanding of sustainability challenges us to keep reaching across sectors, disciplines and communities as we grow our regional food system.

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

Submitted by the Serna Center

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

Third annual Mulching Mania coming Thursday
In keeping with water conservation efforts on campus, a spring tree-mulching event called Mulching Mania will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19, in the Main Quad near Lassen Hall. Volunteers from Circle K, Alpha Phi Omega: Kappa Sigma chapter and the Full Circle Project will partner with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to spread mulch around trees in an effort to conserve water.
With the ongoing drought, it is more important than ever to take measures to conserve water. Tree mulch made of leaves, finely chopped bark and wood is ideal; it creates nutrient-rich compost that will keep soil evenly moist, reducing the need for added watering while providing trees essential nutrients. For more information, please visit Sac State Sustainability’s webpage at www.csus.edu/sustainability or email sustainability@csus.edu. 

Submitted by Facilities Management

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

OWP Water Seminar Series starts April 3
Join the Office of Water Programs (OWP) for our inaugural series of seminars bringing water community professionals in and around the Sacramento region together with the Sacramento State community to educate, collaborate and expand on the broad topics of water use, management and protection in California.

Our first seminar will be on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, presented by David Gutierrez, chief of the Division of Safety of Dams and program manager for the Groundwater Sustainability Program with the Department of Water Resources.

The seminar will run from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, April 3, in Santa Clara Hall, Room 1207. Food will be provided for the first 20 to 25 people to arrive, starting at 11:30. Seating is limited; RSVP at www.owp.csus.edu/water-seminars/index.php.

Submitted by the Office of Water Programs

State Politics and Policy Conference coming to campus
The Center for California Studies is bringing the American Political Science Association’s annual State Politics and Policy Conference to Sacramento State, May 28-30 in the University Union. This is the first time this conference has been held in California and the first time it has been hosted anywhere other than a Research 1 university.

The conference will bring together researchers on state politics from all over the country. The theme for this year’s conference is "Reform: Salvation or Cycle?" It will include panel presentations, keynote talks, displays, a panel of government reform advocates and a reception at the State Capitol. All are welcome to attend. Registration is free. Further information is available at www.csus.edu/calst/spp_conference.html.

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

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

One World Initiative: Call for student proposals

The One World Initiative is hosting an end-of-year campus symposium to celebrate and reflect upon what we as a campus have learned from the 2014-15 theme, “Global Perspectives on Happiness.” Students are invited to submit proposals for papers, posters, presentations, installations and performances to be showcased at a Student Symposium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the University Union.

The symposium will take place in two or three sessions. Proposals should describe the work to be presented, how it relates to the theme of happiness, and your preferred session. The goal of the Student Symposium is to encourage interaction and exchange of ideas among students from a diverse set of disciplines, and to include a broad range of global perspectives on the theme of happiness. We encourage you to present work in whatever format best fits your discipline. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Friday, March 20.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

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. 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.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

**Student Purchase Awards at the Union**
The University Union Gallery is pleased to announce the Student Purchase Awards, an annual exhibit that features artwork submitted by current Sac State students. The exhibit will be on display Monday, March 30, through Thursday, April 23, with a special free-admission reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the gallery. Entries will be accepted from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today through Wednesday, March 18, and from 5 to 8 p.m. March 18.

Three Best of Show awards (in addition to Purchase Awards) are selected solely on the basis of artistic quality and are awarded a cash prize. The works selected for Purchase Awards are chosen using the following criteria: artistic quality and adaptability into the University Union’s permanent collection. For more information: [http://theuniversityunion.com/gallery/show/student-purchase-awards](http://theuniversityunion.com/gallery/show/student-purchase-awards).

Submitted by the University Union

**Don’t miss the Sac State 5K**
The Sac State 5K Fun Run is an event for everyone! Join us at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 30, for our best 5K yet. To register: [http://thewell.csus.edu/5k/register](http://thewell.csus.edu/5k/register).


Submitted by The WELL

**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 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: Tax season and protecting your privacy
A growing phenomenon has taken root in America: preparing and submitting your taxes on your home computer. While this has helped many of us, it also creates a risk to our personal information. Tax-preparing applications retain our Social Security numbers (SSNs), dates of birth, names and addresses of our closest family members – all in one place. This makes the application and any saved PDF of your tax return a target for data theft.

To protect yourself, you should remove SSNs and dates of birth from the application after you confirm your e-file or print out your filed tax return. This may require you to overwrite the data with bogus data. Also, do not save unencrypted PDF versions of your tax return on your computer. If you are unable to encrypt the PDF, move it to a USB memory device or print it out and secure it with your other sensitive paperwork.
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:
• Venesha Rosseau – Graduate & Professional Studies in Education (vacation only)
• Monica Patterson – Mail Services
• Noreen James – Center for Collaborative Policy