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News

April will buzz with Alumni Month activity
Sacramento State alumni, students and friends are invited to celebrate with fellow Hornets throughout April during Alumni Month. The University will honor its more than 215,000 alumni with a host of events on campus and around the region.

Highlights of Alumni Month include an Alumni Open House (Thursday, March 28), Grad Fest (Tuesday, April 2), U-Nite at the Crocker Art Museum (Thursday, April 11), a Jazz Ensemble concert featuring alumnus Steve Turre from the Saturday Night Live Band (Wednesday, April 17), the Sac State 5K Fun Run (Thursday, April 18) and the Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration (Thursday, April 25).

A complete calendar of Alumni Month events and more information, including how to RSVP, are available at SacStateAlumni.com/AlumniMonth. Get your free Alumni Month discount card, good for discounts and special offers at many local businesses, at SacStateAlumni.com.

Submitted by Advancement Communications and Stewardship

This week in One World
The Ecology-Geology Colloquium Series will present “Occurrence and Fate of Current-Use Pesticides in Aquatic Environments,” a lecture by Michelle Hladik of the U.S. Geological Survey, at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, in Mendocino Hall 1015. The series is hosted by the Departments of Biological Sciences and Geology, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Iranian & Middle Eastern Studies Center will present “Water Resources Development and Expropriation in Palestine: History and Future Implications,” a lecture by Jamil S. Ibrahim, at noon Wednesday, March 20, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

For more information about Sacramento State’s One World Initiative, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld or email oneworld@csus.edu.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

Campus Earth Day celebration coming April 17
Led by ESO (the Environmental Student Organization) and the efforts of Sac State Sustainability, this year’s campus Earth Day celebration is shaping up to be an exciting and collaborative event. The campus will celebrate Earth Week, April 15-22, with a much bigger, more focused Earth Day celebration from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, in the Library Quad. Watch for more details to come.

Submitted by Facilities Services

Free screening of ‘Bully’ documentary
University Police, Student Health & Counseling Services and University Union UNIQUE Programs are teaming up to screen the documentary film Bully from noon-1:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11, in University Union Ballroom I. The film, which sparked a nationwide movement to stop bullying, offers resources for parents, teachers, kids and communities for dealing with and stopping bullies.

This event is free and open to the campus community. For more information on the film: www.thebullyproject.com. For more information about the event, visit www.SacStateUNIQUE.com or call 278-6997.

Submitted by University Police, Student Health & Counseling Services, and University Union UNIQUE Programs

Smart Grid project power outages
To energize two of four new 12,000-volt electrical switches, there will be power outages on campus from 10 p.m. Saturday, March 23, to 6 a.m. Sunday, March 24. Buildings housing critical functions will experience short outages. To avoid damage from power surges, please be sure to turn off all electronic equipment in the buildings listed when you leave Friday. Please advise those who may not see this announcement.

Buildings off for four hours: Brighton Hall, Calaveras Hall, Douglas Hall, Eureka Hall, Facilities Services, Humboldt Hall, Lassen Hall, the Round House, Shasta Hall, Yosemite Hall.

Buildings off for a short duration: the Central Plant, Desmond Hall, the Hornet Bookstore, Placer Hall, the River Front Center, Riverside Hall, Santa Clara Hall.

Submitted by Facilities Services

UC Merced professor to lecture on recent book
Dr. Tanya Golash Boza, a professor at UC Merced, will give a lecture on her recent book, Immigrant Nation: Raids, Detentions and Deportations in Post 9/11 America, from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 21, in the University Union, Orchard Suite.

Submitted by the Serna Center

‘Myanmar in Transition’ lecture
The Asian Studies Program will host “Myanmar in Transition: Lessons on Reform and Democracy From Across the Region,” a lecture by David Arnold, president of the Asia Foundation and trustee of the World Affairs Council of Northern California. A panel discussion will be moderated by Professors Pat Chirapravati (Asian Studies, Art) and James Rae (Asian Studies, Government).

The event will take place from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in Mariposa Hall 1000. Students and members are free. A $5 donation is suggested for nonmembers. A flier for the event is available at www.csus.edu/asia/documents/world%20affairs%20council.pdf.

Submitted by the Asian Studies Program

Professor Ronald Graham to speak at Sac State
UC San Diego Professor Ronald Graham, a world-renowned expositor of mathematics and perhaps the only living mathematician to be cited both by Ripley’s Believe It or Not! and the Guinness Book of Records, will give a public talk on “Computers and Mathematics: Problems and Prospects” at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. More details can be found at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/bulletin/documents/mathrgtalk.pdf.

Submitted by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics
**Retirement reception for Linda J. Goff**
Please join the University Library in celebrating the 40-year career of Linda J. Goff, head of Instructional Services, at a retirement reception from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in Library Conference Room 5006.

During her 26 years at Sacramento State, the Library Instruction program grew to reach up to 15,000 students annually. Her handbook and video were so prevalent during the 1990s that she often was greeted in stores and restaurants around town by students: “Hey, it’s the library lady!”

She was a long-serving member of the Faculty Policies Committee, serving as chair, and was on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in 2007-08. She also has served on the Japanese American Archival Collection Advisory Committee for many years. She has held offices in local, state, national and international library associations, serving four years on the International Federation of Library Associations’ Information Literacy Standing Committee. She received an Outstanding Teacher Award from the library for 2005-06.

For more information, contact Charleen Faggella at 278-5679 or faggella@csus.edu.

*Submitted by the University Library*

**Technology Day at the Hornet Bookstore**
The Hornet Bookstore will stage Technology Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19. Visit the newly remodeled technology department and see demonstrations of the products and services available. You can enter a prize drawing for a $25 iTunes gift card.

*Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore*

**Associated Students, Inc., has a new website**
Associated Students, Inc., is pleased to announce the release of its new website, designed with a fresh look and user-friendly navigation, and updated with the latest information about ASI’s programs and services for the Sac State community. Check out www.asi.csus.edu for more information.

*Submitted by Associated Students, Inc.*

**University Staff Assembly seeking nominations**
The University Staff Assembly is seeking nominations for election/appointment to several campus committees that have openings for staff representation. For the complete list, please visit www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/election.html.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving on one of these committees, please submit the following to usa@csus.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, March 25:

- Name
- Phone extension
- Department
- Email address
- The committee for which you are submitting a nomination
- A brief statement outlining why you wish to serve or why you are recommending someone

If you are nominating someone, please obtain the person’s permission and the permission of his or her supervisor and HEERA designee before submitting the name. If you are nominating yourself, please obtain permission from your supervisor and HEERA designee.
Permission via email is acceptable. Elections will commence once all nominees have been confirmed.  
*Submitted by University Staff Assembly*

**Testing of campus Emergency Notification System (audible component)**
To ensure the campus’s current Emergency Notification System’s capabilities continue to function properly, testing of the audible alert system (Visiplex) will be performed from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at various locations. This system allows the campus to send audible messages to the exterior portion of the campus or to selected/impacted areas in an emergency. This will be only a test, requiring no action from campus entities.  
*Submitted by Public Safety*

**CSU travel updates: Effective April 1**
The California State University standard mileage rate for business travel will increase April 1 from 50 cents to 56.5 cents per mile. Miles driven for moving purposes will be reimbursed at 24 cents per mile, increased from 19 cents per mile. The CSU is also announcing a maximum lodging rate for in-state and out-of-state travel, including Alaska, Hawaii and U.S. possessions, of $175 per night, excluding taxes.

For more information, please visit the Travel section of the Accounts Payable website at [www.csus.edu/aba/accounts-payable/Travel/index.html](http://www.csus.edu/aba/accounts-payable/Travel/index.html). If you have any questions or concerns about this notice, please contact Susan Johnson, director of Accounts Payable and Travel, at sjohns@csus.edu or 278-6476.  
*Submitted by Financial Services/Accounts Payable and Travel*

**FAct Chat Sessions hosted by Financial Aid**
The Financial Aid Office in April will host FAct Chat Sessions to help students learn what is next after filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). These sessions are designed to provide students with the knowledge to successfully complete and understand the financial aid process. Each session will be presented by a financial aid professional and will be followed by an opportunity for students to address their concerns and/or ask questions. Light refreshments will be served.

All sessions are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. as follows:
- Tuesday, April 16, University Union, Orchard Suite 1
- Wednesday, April 17, University Union, Walnut Room
- Thursday, April 18, University Union, Walnut Room

For more information on each session, visit the Financial Aid Office’s “Let’s FAct Chat” site at [www.csus.edu/faid/Lets%20FAct%20Chat.html](http://www.csus.edu/faid/Lets%20FAct%20Chat.html).  
*Submitted by Financial Aid*

**Planning for Constitution Week**
Each year, Sacramento State meets our federal mandate to commemorate the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 through a series of Constitution Week events. The success of the week depends on the contributions of campus departments and organizations hosting a range of activities (lectures, film series, hands-on activities, and other direct or indirect civic learning opportunities) exploring constitutional issues and their contemporary relevance. If you or your department or campus organization is interested in contributing an activity for Constitution Week and would like to join the planning committee supporting its overall success, please join us for our first meeting from 9-10 a.m. Friday, March 22, in the Aspen Room on the second floor of The WELL.
For more information about Constitution Week, planning committee roles and responsibilities, or to RSVP for the meeting, please email Misty at mgarcia@csus.edu. For a list of past Constitution Week events and sponsors, please visit www.csus.edu/cec/constitutionweek/. 
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Sac State Serves at Chili Festival
Sac State Serves invites faculty, staff, students and alumni to volunteer Saturday, April 6, at the Sacramento Artists Council’s Chili Festival fundraiser to keep art and music in public schools. Volunteers ages 18 and older will help with the bicycle valet, kids zone, info booth and more. This event is off campus; two shift times are available, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to sign up, visit www.csus.edu/cec/volunteer/. 
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

American Heart Association courses offered by CCE
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid classes are offered monthly by the College of Continuing Education, an American Heart Association-authorized training center. Basic and advanced life-support courses are available for health care providers in addition to basic heart-saver courses designed for the general public.

Several classes are available in March, with more to come in future months. For a complete list of AHA courses offered, please visit www.cce.csus.edu/AHA. 
Submitted by CCE Marketing

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. Upcoming trainings (all scheduled for 9-10 a.m. in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium):

- Wednesday, March 20
- Thursday, March 28
- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 6
- Thursday, May 16

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu. 
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Building coordinator/floor marshal training
All members of building safety teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibility during building evacuations or emergencies must attend an annual two-hour training course covering the following areas:

- Building the emergency preparedness program and web page
- Duties of building coordinators and floor marshals
- The faculty’s role during an emergency
- Evacuation procedures
- Hazmat incidents and shelter procedures
- Disaster service workers/home preparedness
- ENS (how we will get the message out)
- NIMS/SEMS/ICS and emergency plans

This year’s training will be held from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, and Thursday, May 9, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Please register by logging on to LearnerWeb. The course ID is PS-DPRP. Once you have logged on, select “Schedule” as listed under “My Menu.” When the calendar/schedule pops up, type part or all of the course name into the search window. Once you have located the class you are interested in attending, place your cursor over the course title and left-click your mouse. When the registration window opens, click “Register.” An email will automatically be sent to you confirming your registration.

Submitted by Public Safety

University Foundation training sessions in April
The University Foundation is offering four training/review sessions in April for faculty and staff. The sessions will include the establishment and maintenance of accounts, purchasing policy and procedures, and online financial reporting (Dashboard). Both the training and review sessions are open to all; however, review sessions are designed for those who attended a training workshop in previous years, and a certain amount of knowledge will be assumed. Please register at Register for Training - University Enterprises, Inc. Questions can be directed to Ann Carlson at 278-6025 or annc@uei.csus.edu.

Sessions are 10:30 a.m.-noon (introductory training session) and 1-2:30 p.m. (review session) Wednesday, April 10; and 9-10 a.m. (review session) and 1-2:30 p.m. (introductory training session) Thursday, April 11, in the University Enterprises, Inc., Boardroom in the Bookstore Building, third floor.

Submitted by University Enterprises, Inc.

Continuity of operations/business continuity planning
Risk Management Services is holding training to assist departments in completing or upgrading their continuity of operations/business continuity plans. Training includes instruction on continuity planning in general and on working with Sac State’s unique online application, which allows departments to create, update and store their plans. Training sessions are 2-3 p.m., all in AIRC 3013, on the following Wednesdays: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10 and April 17.

To schedule your training, email Janie Xiong at xiong@csus.edu or log on to Learner Web (www.rms.csus.edu/training/instructions.html) and register. After clicking on the link above, click “Schedule” in the left navigation bar, which will take you to the course calendar. On the calendar, select a course and training date, and click to schedule your training.

Submitted by Risk Management Services

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
On April 9-10, Student Health and Counseling Services will be offering Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). The free two-day training will take place from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at The WELL.

The ASIST workshop is for caregivers who want to feel more comfortable, confident and competent in helping to prevent the immediate risk of suicide. More than 1 million caregivers have participated in this highly interactive, practice-oriented workshop. This training is frequently provided to health and mental health professionals, first responders
such as EMTs and law enforcement, educators and anyone who would like to help prevent suicide. Training is available to University staff, faculty and students.

Participants must attend the entire training to be certified. The training is free, and lunch and light refreshments are provided. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, email Kalyn Coppedge at coppedge@csus.edu.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

IRA budget call available
The 2013-14 Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) call for proposals is now posted at www.csus.edu/aba/admin-ops/ira.html. If you have questions, please call the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at 278-6312, or email kdonavil@csus.edu or kem@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/03/ProfessionalActivities_03-11-13.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedules
The Faculty Senate calendar for the Spring semester is available at www.csus.edu/acse/. On that page, click “Calendar” on the right under “2012-13 Senate Info.”

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security quick tip
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 that you click on the “reset password” link. Should you do this? Never. Disregard the email as a “phishing attack.”

“Phishing” is a technique by 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 any suspicious emails to abuse@csus.edu. For more on phishing, visit www.csus.edu/irt/is/phishing.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Part-time faculty vacancies
Information on part-time faculty vacancies for the 2013-14 Academic Year is available at www.csus.edu/hr/facultyvacancies/vacancies.html.

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 3002, or by calling 278-3522.
The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Sara Henry, Student Organizations and Leadership (vacation donations only)
Jamie Jones, Services to Students with Disabilities (vacation donations only)
Laura O’Neill, Mechanical Engineering
Donna Redman-Fox, Science Educational Equity
Monica Patterson, Mail Services