



March 27, 2017

Mark Orr named Sacramento State's new Director of Athletics

President Robert S. Nelsen announced today that Mark Orr has been named Director of Athletics at Sacramento State. A native of Sacramento, Orr has served as the Director of Athletics and Recreational Sports at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga since March 28, 2006. With the Gaels, he has overseen 17 intercollegiate athletics programs as well as the college's recreational sports programs.

Under his leadership, Saint Mary's teams have qualified 17 times for the NCAA postseason, including the men's basketball team advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2010, men's soccer advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals in 2011, and the men's golf team's qualification to the NCAA Championships in 2008 and 2013. Seven programs have won conference titles during Orr's tenure, and Saint Mary's annually ranks among the leaders in the West Coast Conference Commissioner's Cup, including a second-place finish a year ago.

Orr will officially begin his post April 17. Read about the new Director of Athletics and watch this morning's news conference at <http://bit.ly/2o2L5JI>.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Join us in April for Sac State's Earth Day festivities

Come celebrate Earth from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Main Quad, adjacent to River Front Center and Shasta Hall. This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about campus sustainability and what you can do to make a difference. Highlights of the campus Earth Day celebration include:

- Educational booths
- Food trucks from 11 a.m. to noon
- Live band: Petting Zoo, a sustainable dumpster funk band, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Sustainable vehicles display
- Recycling collection of electronic waste, batteries, light bulbs, bottles and cans, ink and toner, cartridges, and select medications

And so much more! For more information, email sustainability@csus.edu.

Submitted by Sac State Sustainability

Film screening, director Q&A for *Kisses to the Children* is Tuesday

The Hellenic Studies Program will screen *Kisses to the Children* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in the Sen. Nicholas Petris Room, Tsakopoulos Collection, University Library. The film documents the lives of five Jewish children who were hidden in Greece during the Holocaust. It follows them from childhood to the present, revealing their hidden stories and invaluable personal documents. It also depicts the life of the Greek Jewish communities before World War II, complemented by rare images of occupied Greece from archival material, as well as amateur films by German soldiers and illegal footage shot by Greek patriots. The film's director, Vasileios Loules, will be on hand to answer questions after the screening.

Submitted by the Department of History/Hellenic Studies

Open forums for associate dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

The campus community is invited to meet the candidates for associate dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

- Dr. Martina Ramirez, special assistant to the provost for Technology-Enhanced Learning and professor of biology, Loyola Marymount University; 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 30, University Union, Orchard Suite
- Dr. William DeGraffenreid, chair, Department of Physics and Astronomy, and professor of physics, Sacramento State; 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, University Union, Foothill Suite
- Dr. Lisa Hammersley, interim associate dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Sacramento State; 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 6, University Union, Orchard Suite
- Dr. S. Jeffrey Underwood, chair, Department of Geology and Geography, professor of geography, Georgia Southern University; 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, April 7, Sequoia Hall 105

Comments and feedback from these open forums may be submitted to jill.trainer@csus.edu by Wednesday, April 12.

Submitted by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Northern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education

We invite you to encourage underrepresented students (including low-income and first-generation students) to participate in the 2017 Northern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education. The forum will be Saturday, April 8, at UC Merced. Students will explore graduate opportunities and resources by participating in workshops throughout the day. In addition, a graduate fair hosting more than 150 recruiters from across the nation will be held to answer questions.

Bus transportation and lunch are free. The reservation deadline is Saturday, April 1, or until capacity is reached. For more information and to make a reservation, visit csus.edu/graddiv. If you have questions, please contact the Graduate Diversity office at 278-3834 or graddiversity@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Graduate Studies

Enter the 2017 Homecoming theme and design contest

Calling all faculty and staff: The Office of University Advancement and the Sacramento State Alumni Association encourage you to use your creativity and school spirit to develop a Homecoming mark and theme that showcase Hornet pride! The winner will receive free entry in the annual golf cart parade (includes free golf cart rental and \$75 to use toward decorations), a \$40 gift card to the Hornet Bookstore, and Sac State promotional items. All entrants will receive a Homecoming 2017 T-shirt for participating.

Contest rules and requirements are at csus.edu/homecoming/2017design_contest.pdf. Submit your entry to homecoming@csus.edu. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, April 17.

Submitted by University Advancement

DEGREES recognition ceremony coming May 1

The DEGREES Project will host its annual recognition of students, faculty, staff, and community members on Monday, May 1. Join us for this celebratory occasion as we seek to

promote the importance of degree completion while honoring those who make it possible. The event is from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the University Union Ballroom. To reserve your space, please see the registration website at csus.edu/degreesproject/recognition.

We look forward to hosting you for lunch, community-building, and awards and recognition as we advance the theme of "Success Against All Impossibilities!"

Submitted by Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs

Asian Pacific Islander American Graduation Celebration is May 14

Please invite graduates to participate in the following: The Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) Graduation Celebration is an annual celebration for spring and fall graduating students. The event's goal is to provide an intimate setting to celebrate APIA student success and achievement among family and friends.

To make this spring's celebration even more meaningful, we will host the event Sunday, May 14, which is Mother's Day. A \$25 fee pays for graduates to have a unique APIA Cord of Gratitude, a program pamphlet with graduating senior portraits, and light refreshments on the day of the event. Unlike other graduations, invitations to friends and family members are unlimited, and graduates will have an opportunity to walk on stage with friends and peers from different majors.

Register at csus.edu/fcp. For more information, email csus.apiagrad@gmail.com.

Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership

University Staff Assembly seeks committee nominations

The University Staff Assembly is seeking nominations for election/appointment to several campus committees that have openings for staff representation. More information about these committees and positions may be found at 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. Friday, April 21:

- Name
- Phone extension
- Department
- Email address
- A brief explanation of why that person should sit on the committee or why you would like to sit on the committee

If you are nominating someone else, please obtain that person's permission and that 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. The voice of the staff on campus is invaluable. Please consider serving the staff and the University.

Submitted by the USA Election Committee

Epicure Restaurant announces new spring specials

Epicure Restaurant at Sacramento State is pleased to offer three new spring specials, available today through Friday, May 12:

- Cobb salad – Romaine lettuce topped with grilled chicken, bacon, egg, grilled asparagus, roasted tomatoes, and blue cheese with your choice of dressing on the side
- Pancetta grilled cheese – Crispy pancetta, melted cheddar, horseradish-chive jack, and Muenster cheese with chipotle mayonnaise on thick-sliced bread
- Pappardelle – Pappardelle pasta, asparagus, cherry tomatoes, and peas tossed in a lemon-garlic sauce topped with chili flakes, fresh herbs, and shaved Parmesan cheese

The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Reserve a table at dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations or call 278-6786 for same-day reservations.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Results of the Listening to Students Study available online

To learn more about the perspectives of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, including this week's section, "Listening to Students' Thoughts on Gender, Politics, Religion, and More," please visit csus.edu/saseep/listeningtostudents.
Submitted by the Department of Communication Studies

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 for, 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:

- 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, University Union, Foothill Suite
- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, April 27, University Union, Hinde auditorium
- 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 11, University Union, Hinde Auditorium

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettk@skymail.csus.edu.
Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Building coordinator/floor marshal training

Annual two-hour training sessions are scheduled for the following dates/times:

- 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 6, University Union, California Suite
- 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 25, University Union, Hinde Auditorium

Attendance is mandatory for all members of the building emergency preparedness teams, building coordinators, floor marshals, and faculty who have responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register on LearnerWeb at <https://csusac.learnerhall.com/>

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training

Two-hour overviews of disaster preparedness on campus have been scheduled for the following dates/times:

- 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 10 to 12 p.m. Thursday, April 13, University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, University Union, Foothill Suite

The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. All Sacramento State faculty, staff, and student employees must attend during their first year of employment and every three years thereafter. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register on LearnerWeb at csusac.learnerhall.com.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at csus.edu/news/articles/2017/1/3/Professional-activities,-January-March-2017.shtml.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule

The Faculty Senate calendar is available at csus.edu/acse.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Human Resources

Summer hours begin May 30

This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, we will continue the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours are effective Tuesday, May 30, and continue through Friday, Aug. 18. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon hours when energy demand is highest. We hope that this change also permits many of our employees to get the most from the longer summer days.

If you have questions or concerns that cannot be answered by your supervisor or manager, please contact Chela Cholula, employee relations manager in the Office of Human Resources, at 278-6779 or cholula@csus.edu. Thank you.

403(b) one-on-one appointments

Sac State employees who are eligible to participate in the 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) Program have the opportunity to meet with Fidelity, the plan administrator, in one-on-one sessions to review their TSA options, get assistance in rolling over funds to the new lineup, and much more. Fidelity will be providing one-on-one appointments from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in Del Norte 3001A. For planning purposes, an appointment is required. To schedule an appointment, please contact the campus representative, Jeff Geslison, at Jeffrey.Geslison@fmr.com.