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News

Just two weeks left to raise funds for the March for Babies
Last week’s campus-wide fundraising efforts for the 2014 March for Babies resulted in a 5 percent increase in donations in just one week! But we still have work to do to meet our goal. There are many ways you can help Sacramento State be a leading contributor to the cause – it can be a lot or a little, but every bit counts. Now is the time to make your donations.

- Want to contribute but can’t be at the walk?
  - Donate to "Team Herky" at www.marchforbabies.org/team/teamherky
  - Donate at these eateries on campus through Wednesday, April 30: www.csus.edu/marchforbabies/documents/POS_flier.pdf

- Walk on Saturday, April 26, and help raise funds.
  - Join a Sacramento State team. Find instructions on signing up: www.csus.edu/marchforbabies/documents/signupflier.pdf
  - There is still time to start your own Sacramento State team: www.csus.edu/marchforbabies/documents/createteam.pdf

- Show your support and help spread the word.
  - “Like” the Sac State March for Babies Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sacstatemarchforbabies
  - Follow Sac State March for Babies on Instagram (http://instagram.com/sacstatem4b#) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/sacstatem4b)

- Volunteer.
  - Help out at the event or the day before. The March of Dimes has many volunteer opportunities. Email bpagel@marchofdimes.com or call (916) 922-1913.

- Check out the matching funds.
  - For the first $10,000 raised by students, Western Health Advantage will match funds dollar for dollar.
  - If your family or friends are making donations, have them check whether their employers support matching-funds programs.

Submitted by Sac State March for Babies

Apply for the Provost’s Research Incentive Fund for summer 2014
Academic Affairs is pleased to announce that funding has been set aside for faculty research and scholarly activity for tenured or tenure-track faculty, with a subset of funds specifically for tenure-track faculty in the first three full years of employment in a tenure-track position (began Fall 2011). Tenure-track faculty hired for the 2014-15 academic year are eligible for this program.
Successful applicants will receive $5,000 in summer salary, less taxes, pending confirmation of appropriate progress toward one of the two fund objectives: either submission of a peer-reviewed article or manuscript, which is either completed or substantially completed over the summer; or development and submission of a grant proposal to a federal or state agency, with a minimum project total of $300,000. Preference will be given to applications that incorporate student involvement into the research design, methodology and outcome. Applications must be emailed by 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, to research@csus.edu. For additional information: www.csus.edu/research/funding/Provosts-Research-Incentive-Fund.pdf.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

Apply for the 2014 Research and Creative Activity Mini-Grant Program
For academic year 2014-15, approximately $138,000 has been received from the Chancellor’s Office in support of research, scholarly and creative activity. These funds will be distributed via the Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, in collaboration with Academic Affairs and the Office of Research Administration. The purpose of the Research and Creative Activity Mini-Grant Program is to support faculty research and scholarly and creative activity, as well as to encourage faculty contributions to their disciplines. Recipients must produce a deliverable such as a paper, grant proposal, performance, etc. The Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee is responsible for managing the peer-review process. Faculty may apply for one of the following types of awards: three units of assigned time to be used in fall 2014 or spring 2015, $5,000 for summer salary during 2015 (through Aug. 31, 2015) or up to $5,000 for research support expenses (travel, student assistants, supplies, equipment, other).

Applications must be emailed by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 15, to research@csus.edu. Proposal reviews take place in June with decisions announced by Tuesday, July 15. For additional information: www.csus.edu/research/funding/RCA-Mini-Grant-Program.pdf. For questions, please contact Vicki Pearson-Rounds at 278-4918 or pearson_rounds@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

Prepare to avoid Fix50 gridlock
It could take a lot longer to get to campus from late April through mid-June. That’s when Caltrans will conduct a massive repair project on Highway 50 through downtown Sacramento, likely causing backups in each direction and jamming many side streets and alternate routes. This will have an impact on Sac State during the last weeks of instruction and finals. Continue to monitor the University’s web page, www.csus.edu/Fix50, for more information from Caltrans.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

2014 McNair Research Symposium
Please join the McNair Scholars Program from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the University Union, Redwood Room, to celebrate the research, scholarship and creative activity of its scholars and their faculty mentors. This year’s symposium 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.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

Nammour Symposium coming this week
The Philosophy Department’s Nammour Symposium will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15-16, under the theme “The Place of Work.” Full program details can be found at www.csus.edu/phil/Events/Nammour/Nammour%202014.pdf. Of particular note, renowned
Campus Earth Day Celebration
Sac State’s Earth Day Celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the Library Quad. Highlights will include:

- Sustainable/environmental vendors/information booths
- Healthy-food trucks
- Sustainable-campus tours
- Arboretum tour (10 a.m. tour, 45-minute duration; please meet at the Arboretum by 10 a.m. to join)
- Sustainable Technology Outdoor Research Center/aquaponics (The open house is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; please stop by anytime during the open house for a guided and informative tour. The STORC facility is on the east side of campus, just south of the Guy West Bridge and the Non-Destruct Lab.)
- Sustainable campus highlights (Walking tours are at 11 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.; 45 minutes in duration; please meet at the fountain in the Library Quad.)
- Sustainable scavenger hunt
- Keynote speakers
- Electric vehicles

Collections for recycling will include electronic waste; ink and toner cartridges; light bulbs; batteries; gently used clothes; gently used shoes; bottles, cans and plastic; used cooking oil; select expired or unused prescription drugs; used car batteries; and latex paint (in its original can and label). Please feel free to bring all your recyclables from home. For more information, please visit Sac State Sustainability’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SustainabilityatSacState or email sustainability@csus.edu.

Submitted by Facilities Management

Earth Week talks ahead
As a part of Earth Week, the nonprofit Hima Mesopotamia and One World are sponsoring talks by faculty members Michelle Stevens, Kevin Wehr and Tom Krabacher. The talks and music will be held at the University Union, Hinde Auditorium, from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Refreshments and a reception will be in the Orchard Suite from 8 to 9 p.m. Additional information and an event flier can be requested by emailing mjade17@live.com.

Submitted by the Environmental Studies Department

This week in the One World Initiative
On Wednesday, April 16, the Asian Studies Program will present “South Korea’s Politics Towards North Korean Defectors” by Inhje Heo, Asian Studies Program visiting scholar; and “The Aryan Migration Debate” by Joel Dubois, Department of Humanities and Religious Studies. The first talk will be from 3 to 4:15 p.m.; the second talk will be from 4:30 to 5:50 p.m.; both will be in Amador Hall, Room 250.

Submitted by One World

Hmong Heritage Week
The Hmong University Student Association will present the first Hmong Heritage Week, promoting an appreciation for and education about the complex history, culture and tradition of the Hmong people among members of the Sacramento State and greater Sacramento communities. Under the theme “Recognizing Our Legacy. Seizing the Moment.”
Envisioning Our Future,” the events are meant to be impactful and informative for students, staff/faculty and community members. All are free and open to the public.

- 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 21 – Lecture: “History and Diaspora of the Hmong,” University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 – Documentary screening: Witness to a Secret War, University Union, Ballroom II
- 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 – Panel: “Empowering Hmong Women in the 21st Century,” University Union, Hinde Auditorium
- 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24 – Arts and cultural exhibit, University Union, Orchard Suite (second floor)
- 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 25 – Performing arts: “Vitality and Diversity,” University Union, Redwood Room (first floor)
- 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26 – 11th annual HUSA Culture Show, University Union Ballroom

Submitted by the Hmong University Student Association

Community Engagement Center reception will honor retiree, new staff
The Community Engagement Center will host a reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, in the Library Gallery to honor Sheila Macias, the former Community Engagement Center director who retired in December, and to introduce the new CEC staff to our campus and community partners. Hors d’oeuvres and beverages will be served. This event is open to the campus community.

Sheila joined the center, then known as the Office of Community Collaboration, in December 2000 as the community partnership coordinator. She eventually became administrative director. B. Dana Kivel became interim director in January; Francine Redada, the community partnership coordinator, began in mid-April; and Valerie Powell, administrative coordinator, began in mid-March.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Kickoff event for ASI elections
The Associated Students Election Kickoff will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Library Quad. There will be inflatable attractions, music and food to kick off the student government elections, which are April 22-23. This event will feature amplified sound. If the sound disrupts your class or activity, please call Madison Hall at (916) 278-4241, and she will adjust the volume.

Submitted by Associated Students Inc.

Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference is April 24-26
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution will hold the 23rd annual Africa/Diaspora Conference on April 24-26 under the theme “Ethnic and Religious Relations in Africa.” A special student panel, “U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Careers and Internships,” by Ambassador Steven A. Browning of the U.S. Foreign Service Institute, will kick off the conference from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 24. The keynote lecture will be delivered by Vincent Nmehielle, the legal counsel of the African Union based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 24, followed by other panel presenters through April 26. A welcome reception will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. April 24. All conference sessions and related activities are in the University Union. The event is open to the public and free for the campus community. A preliminary program is available at www.csus.edu/org/capcr or by contacting Professor Ernest Uwazie at uwaziee@csus.edu or (916) 278-6282.

Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution
Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution’s annual Peace Awards Dinner
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution’s annual Peace Awards Dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 26, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Awardees are Dr. Ephraim Williams, pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church; Pastor Tim Wulah of the Friends in Jesus International Ministries; Milton “510” Bowens, a Sacramento artist; and the joint partnership of Bayside Church/Granite Bay and the Faith Alive health project in Nigeria. General admission is $50; VIP reserved tables are $650 for 10 persons. Tickets can be purchased at https://commerce.cashnet.com/csusacevent; click on “Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR).”
Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Summer Conflict Resolution workshop is June 23-27
The 18th Summer Conflict Resolution workshop at Sacramento State is scheduled for June 23-27. The training workshop, held daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., aims to build conflict resolution skills in negotiation and mediation, as well as provide basic knowledge on conflict theory and analysis. The training will be led by Ernest Uwazie, professor of criminal justice and director of the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution at Sacramento State; and Attorney Daniel Yamshon, a renowned mediator/arbitrator and conflict resolution trainer. The workshop is organized in cooperation with California Lawyers for the Arts and the Sacramento Mediation Center. Participants will be eligible to receive CEUs and MCLE credits. The fee is $645. Applications can be obtained at www.csus.edu/org/capcr or by contacting Professor Uwazie at uwazievee@csus.edu or (916) 278-6282.
Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Lecture on municipal bankruptcies
Robert Benedetti, the Center for California Studies’ visiting scholar, will present his research on municipal bankruptcies in California from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at The WELL, Terrace Suite. His research focuses on identifying underlying causes of bankruptcy. All faculty, staff and students are welcome to participate.
Submitted by the Center for California Studies

Identity theft seminar
The Office of Planned Giving is partnering with VALIC to offer a free seminar covering various topics related to identity theft. Come to the Alumni Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, and listen to a senior special agent with the U.S. Secret Service speak about the current types of identity theft, how to prevent it and what to do if you are a victim. RSVP to giving@csus.edu by Monday, April 21, if you would like to attend.
Submitted by University Advancement

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/04/ProfessionalActivites04-14-14.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: Be extra-careful at tax time
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 (SSN), dates of birth, names and address 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 birth dates from the application after you confirm your e-file or print out your file 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 and secure it with your other sensitive paperwork.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Part-time faculty vacancies
Applications for part-time faculty positions for the 2014-15 academic year now are being accepted. The deadline for résumé submissions is Friday, April 18. More information is available at www.csus.edu/hr/facultyvacancies/PTFaculty%20ad_Spr14.pdf.

CSU 403(b) TSA program update
On Thursday, May 1, ING U.S. Investment Management, one of the CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) 403(b) Plan fund sponsors, will officially change its name to Voya Investment Management. As a result, the names of any fund options managed by ING U.S. Investment Management and also currently available as an investment option in the CSU TSA Program also will be changed to reflect the new Voya name.

Benefits – did you know?
MyCalPERS is your gateway to access real-time details of your CalPERS medical coverage and balance information for your CalPERS retirement. You can use MyCalPERS to:

- Select mailing preferences for your statements and newsletters
- Confirm which dependents are covered on your health plan and which health plans are available in your area
- Register for online and instructor-led classes
- Order and download publications

Active employees can also:
- View annual member statements
- Estimate future retirement benefits and save to view at a later date
- Apply for service retirement and submit online or save and print

To set up your MyCalPERS account, please review the How to Register for MyCalPERS flier. Registration takes only a few minutes, and then you will have access to your important health and retirement information.

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:

Cherish Blattler, CCE—General Administration
Marty Diaz, Graduate Studies
JoAnn Campbell, College of Health and Human Services (Dean’s Office)
Tamara Dunn, CBA AD-Faculty