News

March for Babies coming this Saturday
Sacramento State is nearing the end of our March for Babies campaign in partnership with the March of Dimes. With less than a week to go, now is the time to give. For example, if everyone on campus contributes at least $1, we will be in a strong position to meet our fundraising goal.

It’s easy to donate at participating dining locations on campus or by giving directly to Team Herky at www.marchforbabies.org/team/teamherky.

The March for Babies will take place Saturday, April 26, at the State Capitol. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.; the walk begins at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/marchforbabies.

Submitted by Sac State March for Babies

Prepare to avoid Fix50 gridlock
It could take a lot longer to get to campus from Tuesday, April 22, through mid-June. That’s when Caltrans is conducting 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 specific dates, updates and more information from Caltrans, as well as commute alternatives as the project moves forward.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

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
This week in the One World Initiative
Today, the One World Initiative (“Global Perspectives on Migration”) is presenting the second annual One World End-of-Year Celebration, featuring a student symposium on migration, a faculty panel discussion and a keynote panel. For a rundown of the day’s events, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld/OneWorld-2014%20Celebration.html.

On Wednesday, April 23, the Asian Studies Program will present “Colonial Cities as European Migration to Southeast Asia” by Michael Vann, Department of History, from 3 to 5:50 p.m. in Amador Hall, Room 250.

Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference this week
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution will hold the 23rd annual Africa/Diaspora Conference from Thursday, April 24, to Saturday, April 26, on 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. 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. Thursday, followed by other panel presenters through Saturday. A welcome reception will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. All conference sessions and related activities are in the University Union. The event is open to the public and free to the campus community. A preliminary program is available at www.csus.edu/org/capcr/2014%20Africa%20Conference%20Preliminary%20Program%20updated%20April%2001.pdf or by contacting Professor Ernest Uwazie at uwazieee@csus.edu or 278-6282.

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 Faith Alive health project in Nigeria. General admission is $50; VIP reserved tables are $650 for 10 people. Tickets can be purchased at https://commerce.cashnet.com/csusacevent; click “Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution.”

Sacramento State to host College Fair in May
Sacramento State will host the annual Western Association for College Admission Counseling Spring College Fair from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4. More than 130 colleges from across the country will be on campus to meet with prospective students. The event will include workshops on issues facing students, including financial aid, NCAA, Dream Act/AB 540 and veteran affairs. The event is free, but preregistration is encouraged. For more information, contact Manuel Lopez at lopezman@csus.edu or 278-2529.

ASI elections kickoff event
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.

University’s Latin Jazz Ensemble is this week’s Wednesday Nooner
Sacramento State’s Department of Music and UNIQUE Programs are pleased to announce a Latin jazz concert featuring Sacramento State’s own Latin Jazz Ensemble. The concert will be at noon Wednesday, April 23, in Serna Plaza. Admission is free, and the event is open to the general public.

This exciting ensemble plays a wide range of Latin musical styles, including merengue, samba, cha-cha, mambo, Afro-Cuban and rumba.

Submitted by the University Union

Library Gallery exhibit spotlights Greeks in World War I
In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, the Hellenic Studies Program has organized an exhibit running through Friday, April 25, in the Library Gallery focusing on this historic conflict. “The Greeks on the Road to World War I” highlights the parallel journey of Greeks in the United States and Greece as their respective countries entered the war. This exhibit begins with images of life in Athens at the turn of the 20th century and ends with the Paris Peace Conference. Topics included in the exhibit are: early 20th century culture, Greek immigration to the United States, the Megali Idea, Balkan Wars, National Schism, Greek and Greek-American participation in World War I, the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Sèvres. This exhibit is free. For more information, call 278-8103.

Submitted by the History Department

Center for Teaching and Learning grant opportunity
The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a faculty work group grant opportunity to complete work on the CSU Chancellor’s Office’s Affordable Learning Solutions initiative. This program will provide support for faculty in the form of $1,000 stipends and for students in the form of jobs as student assistants to develop instructional materials that reduce the cost and/or increase accessibility to students. The application deadline is Monday, May 5. Details about the work to be completed as well as the application can be found at http://ctl.csus.edu/.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

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. The application deadline is Monday, April 28. 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.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program
**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 19 to July 24. 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*

**Estate Planning 101 seminar**
The Office of Planned Giving is hosting an Estate Planning 101 seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, for members of the Sacramento State community. Topics include wills, living trusts, property and inheritance planning, charitable gift annuities, disability planning, estate taxes and probate. RSVP to giving@csus.edu by Tuesday, April 29, if you plan to attend.

If you are interested in making a gift to Sacramento State through your estate plans, or if you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-3922.

*Submitted by University Advancement*

**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/ProfessionalActivities04-14-14.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 very careful of ‘insider-type’ crimes**
A study of criminal prosecutions found an average associated financial loss of $3 million per incident for “social engineering” or “insider-type” crimes. Many institutions, including universities, were targets of these types of crimes. Almost 90 percent of the crimes began with attackers logging onto accounts with IDs they obtained inappropriately. While IDs are sometimes illegally obtained by the use of passwords, such as cracking programs, many are obtained “the old-fashioned way” – by collusion with people within the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.

*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:

Cherish Blattler, CCE–General Administration
Marty Diaz, Graduate Studies
JoAnn Campbell, College of Health and Human Services (Dean’s Office)
Melisa Cervantes, Department of Theatre and Dance