Sac State students bring home honors from CSU Research Competition
Three Sacramento State presenters received top awards at the 29th annual CSU Student Research Competition hosted May 1-2 by CSU San Bernardino. Nyree Hall (Education, Undergraduate Division) and Terra Thorne (Business, Economics, and Public Administration, Graduate Division) won first place. Wyatt Anderson earned second place in the Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Undergraduate Division.

The awards honored the students for both the written summaries and oral presentations of their research: Hall (Ethnic Studies) for "Still a Minority: Exploring Black Student Enrollment Decline in the California State University System"; Thorne (Public Policy and Administration) for "Immigrants and Health Insurance Enrollment: Identifying Factors that Influence Coverage"; and Anderson (Kinesiology and Health Science) for "The Anterolateral Ligament of the Knee: A Case Study."

Eleven Sac State representatives – nine individual students and one student team – presented their research at the event. Twenty-two CSU campuses and more than 260 students participated. The Sac State students were selected for their top presentations in March at our annual Student Research Symposium.

Students will be selected for the 2016 statewide competition at the next Sac State Student Research Symposium in February. Undergraduate or graduate students currently enrolled, as well as alums graduating this spring, summer or fall are eligible to apply. Please visit csus.edu/research/studentresearch/studentresearchsymposium.html for more information.

Foreign Languages chair receives gubernatorial appointment
Professor Bernice Bass de Martinez, chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, has been appointed to the state Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians by Gov. Jerry Brown.

During her time at Sacramento State, Bass de Martinez has served in a variety of leadership roles, including provost, special assistant to the president, and chair of the University’s Special Education, Rehabilitation, School Psychology, and Deaf Studies departments. She has chaired the Department of Foreign Languages since 2009. Read our full story: www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/05/MartinezAppointment05-11-15.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Student Affairs forums for AVP candidates begin today
The campus community is invited to forums with candidates for Student Affairs’ associate vice president for Enrollment and Student Services, who will be on campus for full-day visits. The forums will take place in the American River Courtyard, Large Conference Room:
• 2 to 3 p.m. today: Jill Orcutt, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management/director of Admissions, University of Washington, Bothell.
• 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 18: Dr. Kevin Williams, vice president for Enrollment Management and Retention, Talladega College.
• 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 21: Dr. Ronald Brown, executive director/assistant dean of Undergraduate and Graduate School, Texas Southern University.

Please provide your feedback at www.surveymonkey.com/s/QGJCY6Z.
Submitted by Student Affairs

Testing Center deadline is today for finals registration
With the spring semester coming to an end, the Testing Center would like to remind students, faculty, and staff about how the Testing Center may be utilized to its fullest potential. Our business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The deadline for students to register for finals is today. We strongly encourage faculty to pick up completed final exams (May 18-22) during regular office hours to ensure that exams are received before grades are due.

Also, here is a Writing Placement for Juniors (WPJ) exam reminder: The next test is Saturday, May 30. Students may register at www.csus.edu/testing through Friday, May 22.

For more information about the Testing Center and/or using our services: www.csus.edu/testing. You may also contact the Testing Center, located in Lassen Hall 2302, at 278-6296 or testingcenter@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Testing Center

University Library will close for re-carpeting
The University Library will be closed May 24-31, the week between the spring semester and summer session, so the first floor can be re-carpeted. There will be no access to the University Library from the front doors off the breezeway.

During that week, the Library Receiving Room doors on the east lower level will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday for access to the following services:

• Current faculty, staff, and students will be able to request books through OneSearch http://library.csus.edu (you must sign in using your SacLink login) and will be notified via email when the materials are available for pickup at the Library Receiving Room door.
• InterLibrary loan materials can be picked up and dropped off at the Library Receiving Room door.
• Books can be returned to the Library Receiving Room or at the 24-hour drive-up book return at the corner of Sinclair and Moraga, just past the tennis courts.

Course reserve materials for summer session need to be submitted to the library by Friday, May 15, via the Course Reserves Book Submission Form (apps.lib.csus.edu/ocls/crbookrequest.php). Reference service will be available at 278-5673 or library.csus.edu/content2.asp?pageID=74. Contact University Library User Services during that week at lib-userservices@csus.edu or 278-6171.

Academic Technology and Creative Services, located on the south lower level, will be open for business as usual.
We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.
Submitted by the University Library

Vocally Devoted concert coming Tuesday
The members of Vocally Devoted invite you to our free semiannual concert, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 12, at the University Library Gallery. Vocally Devoted is a choir for adults living with acquired neurogenic communication disorders, their spouses or significant others, and students in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.
Submitted by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Reception for Communicating Through Art exhibit
The Communicating Through Art program’s exhibit opening and reception will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in Folsom Hall 2085. Communicating Through Art is a unique art program that purposefully integrates trained student communication partners and adults with acquired communication disorders such as aphasia and apraxia of speech.
Submitted by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology

Guardian Scholars to offer personal stories at forum
Guardian Scholars will discuss their personal experiences transitioning from foster care to college, their personal successes and challenges experienced in higher education, and how others can help eliminate stereotypes regarding former or current foster youth at a forum from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. Refreshments will be provided.
Submitted by the Guardian Scholars Program

Celebrate the career of Professor Andonia Cakouros on May 20; RSVP by Tuesday
The University, the University Library, and the Office of University Development cordially invite you and a guest to a reception celebrating the career of Professor Andonia Cakouros from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, in the University Library, Special Collections and University Archives. Please join us as we honor her retirement after 38 years in the Department of Theatre and Dance. To confirm your attendance, please respond by Tuesday, May 12, to 278-4361 or paganelis@csus.edu.
Submitted by the University Library

Library research fellow presentation on ‘The Greek Genocide’
The Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection invites you to join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in University Library 3023 for “The Greek Genocide: Pontus and Smyrna and the Resettlement of Asia Minor Refugees, 1916-1925,” a lecture by 2014-15 Library Research Fellow Stavros Stavridis, a historical consultant and independent scholar from Melbourne, Australia.

The talk will investigate the Greek genocide of 1916 through 1925 with an emphasis on two regions of Asia Minor: Pontus and Smyrna. These two places contained large Greek populations who had lived there for nearly 3,000 years; many were massacred by the Ottoman government and Turkish nationalists. In the end, many were uprooted, never to return to their ancestral homelands. For more information: library.csus.edu/tsakopoulos/news.asp.
Submitted by the University Library

Leaders in Education Speaker Series to welcome former CCC chancellor
As a part of our Leaders in Education Speaker Series, the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program is pleased to welcome former California Community Colleges Chancellor
Dr. Jack Scott. He will address our community from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S St., first floor.

As chancellor of the nation’s largest system of higher education, Scott led the 112 colleges through sweeping reforms. His legacy includes his work on the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force and the Associate Degree for Transfer program.

*Submitted by the Department of Public Policy and Administration*

**Geography Department plans Posterpalooza, Map-a-palooza**

The Department of Geography will hold its annual Posterpalooza and Map-a-palooza from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the Alumni Center. Thirty-nine posters produced by geography majors taking the Senior Research Seminar in Geography will be on display, and each poster will present original undergraduate research undertaken locally. Topics are drawn from both human and physical geography. Also displayed will be pages from the Sacramento Food Atlas produced by students in Professor Michael Schmandt’s Applied GIS course. Geography alumni have been invited this year, and the event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

*Submitted by the Department of Geography*

**Center for Teaching and Learning grant opportunity: Deadline is May 29**

The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering two faculty grant opportunities to complete work on the Affordable Learning Solutions initiative of the CSU Chancellor’s Office. This program will provide support for faculty in the form of $1,000 stipends to pilot adoption of Open Textbooks or to develop instructional materials that reduce the cost of materials to students. The application deadline is Friday, May 29. Details about the work to be completed as well as the application can be found at [ctl.csus.edu](http://ctl.csus.edu).

*Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning*

**Staff Appreciation Picnic coming June 5**

This year’s Staff Appreciation Picnic is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 5, in the River Front Center Quad. Contact your University Staff Assembly representative for complementary tickets. Tickets for non-staff are $10 and are available from any USA representative. For more information: [www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/Staff%20Picnic.html](http://www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/Staff%20Picnic.html). If you would like to sign up to volunteer to help before, during, or after the event: [www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/PicnicVolunteerSignUp.html](http://www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/PicnicVolunteerSignUp.html).

*Submitted by the University Staff Assembly*

**Summer Conflict Resolution workshop begins June 22**

The 19th Summer Conflict Resolution workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 22-26 at Sacramento State. The training workshop aims to build conflict-resolution skills in negotiation and mediation, as well as provide fundamental knowledge of 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 summer workshop is organized in cooperation with the California Lawyers for the Arts/Sacramento Mediation Center and the Sacramento County Bar Association-ADR Section. Participants will be eligible to receive CEUs and MCLE credits. The fee is $655. Applications can be obtained at [www.csus.edu/org/capcr/Conference%20Documents/2015%20Conflict%20Resolution%20Training%20Workshop.pdf](http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr/Conference%20Documents/2015%20Conflict%20Resolution%20Training%20Workshop.pdf) or by contacting Uwazie at Uwaziee@csus.edu or 278-6282.

*Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution*
Faculty Teaching Assignment Report updated for Spring 2015
The Faculty Teaching Assignment Report is available on the Office of Institutional Research website. This report is based on the Academic Planning Data Base submitted to and approved by the Chancellor's Office on the census date of Spring 2015. The report displays detailed information regarding faculty teaching load, such as course sections, student course credits, section enrollment, student FTE, and weighted teaching units (WTU) by individual faculty member and department.

View the report at www.csus.edu/oir. Click on “Data Center,” then “Faculty: Special Reports.” Please contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566 if you have any questions.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Summer Bowling League
The Sacramento State Summer Bowling League is coordinated by the Sacramento State Police and will engage staff and faculty in a fun-filled, eight-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Mondays from June 1 to July 20. 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 $11 per player per night; note that because of peak-season pricing, each team is responsible for a $44 payment nightly, even if fewer than four players show up. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night. The league is expected to fill up fast, so hold your spot ASAP if you plan on bowling; even number of teams only. To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfuson@csus.edu by Friday, May 22.

Submitted by Sacramento State Police

Building coordinator/floor marshal training
An annual two-hour training session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. It will cover the following:

- Program overview and history
- Multi-Hazard Plan/Building Emergency Action Plan
- ICS/interaction with first responders
- Responsibilities of building coordinators, floor marshals, and faculty
- Evacuation procedures/rally areas and evacuation chairs
- Active shooter preparedness
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and information

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 by emailing gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by Sacramento State Police

Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training
During the first year of employment and every three years thereafter, Sacramento State faculty, staff, and student employees must attend a two-hour presentation on what to
expect during a disaster/emergency on campus and how to react to it. The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. Attendees will receive an overview of:

- The campus Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan
- The campus emergency response and management groups
- The important role of faculty in emergency response
- Evacuate or shelter requirements
- The campus Emergency Notification System
- The Disaster Service Worker program
- Active shooter response

The next session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register via the LearnerWeb schedule calendar at https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csus_enterprise/ or with gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by Sacramento State Police

**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. Tuesday, May 19

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police

**Faculty professional activities**

The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2015/05/ProfessionalActivities05-04-15.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

**SacCT rebuild and August downtime**

IRT and ATCS are working on a project to rebuild SacCT. The rebuild will include new application and database servers, an operating system update, and the installation of the latest service pack for Blackboard 9.1. The rebuild also will facilitate enhanced disaster-recovery readiness.

The rebuild will involve a 24-hour downtime from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, to 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2. This downtime will affect some summer session courses, and IRT and ATCS will work closely with the College of Continuing Education to minimize disruption. ATCS will provide information about faculty workshops later this spring. If you have questions or concerns, please call the IRT Service Desk at 278-7337 or email itfeedback@csus.edu.
Security tip: Limit access
Does doing your communication off the computer mean you don’t have to worry so much about information security? No. Information security applies to more than just computer use. You must always secure protected information by limiting its access to those who need to know. When talking on the phone about protected information, be sure unauthorized people cannot overhear the conversation. When sending protected faxes, be sure an authorized person is on the receiving end to pick them up as soon as they are sent. When leaving voice mails about confidential issues, you must be sure the system can’t be accessed by others (it should be password-protected and not a department office voice message box where multiple people can access the message).

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Next Human Resources Spotlight is May 19
The next quarterly Human Resources Spotlight is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to noon in the University Union, Foothill Suite (third floor). We realize all of you are very busy; we hope you will find time to attend, as we will share important information. We would appreciate your sharing this communication with all managers and staff in your office who have ongoing interactions with HR and would have benefited from some of the previous HR Spotlight agenda topics. Please remember that all staff need to obtain their manager’s approval to attend. Thank you.

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:

- Monica Patterson, Mail Services
- Noreen James, Center for Collaborative Policy