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News

Vote for the 2014 Homecoming theme
The 2014 Homecoming Committee invites you to participate in the inaugural “Homecoming Theme” contest. Vote for the theme that best showcases Hornet pride for Sacramento State’s 2014 Homecoming celebration in October. You may cast your vote through Thursday, May 15, at www.surveymonkey.com/s/7QXKHNY.

We look forward to celebrating Homecoming 2014 with everyone. For additional information on Homecoming, visit www.csus.edu/ua/homecoming.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for University Advancement

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, and 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

Fix50 project continues through mid-June
Caltrans is conducting a massive repair project through mid-June on Highway 50 through downtown Sacramento, 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

This week in the One World Initiative
From 6 to 6:45 p.m. today, the Japanese Language Program will present “Knowledge Sharing Beyond Borders: Japan’s Cooperation with the International Community,” by Consul General Masato Watanabe of the Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco, in the Sokiku
Nakatani Tea Room of the University Library. At 5:30 p.m., Julie Thomas, Special Collections and Manuscripts librarian, will present “Japanese Americans’ Immigration to the Sacramento Region and Their Legacy.” This event is supported by the Dean’s Office, College of Arts and Letters. RSVP to Kazue Masuyama at kmasuyama@csus.edu.

For a full list of One World events, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by One World

**Men’s cross country receives NCAA honor for academic performance**

Based on its most recent multiyear NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate (APR), the Sacramento State men’s cross country team has earned an NCAA Public Recognition Award for posting scores in the top 10 percent of the sport.

Men’s cross country is one of the selected Division I programs that the NCAA publicly recognizes for top academic achievement. This is the third year in a row that the men’s cross country program has received this honor and the fourth time it has been recognized for academic excellence since the public recognition program’s inception nearly a decade ago.

The APR provides a real-time look at a program’s academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation, and provides a measure of each program’s academic performance.

Submitted by the Division of Planning, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

**Sac State student takes second place in CSU Research Competition**

Lance Teo Courtney earned second place in the Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Undergraduate Division, at the 28th annual CSU Research Competition held May 2-3 at CSU East Bay.

Courtney was honored for his research and presentation, “Parental Care Investment Confers Resistance to Saprolegniasis in Convict Cichlid Eggs.” He was one of 12 Sac State student participants selected for their top presentations at the Sac State Student Research Symposium in February. Twenty-two CSU campuses were represented at the CSU East Bay event, with 230 student competitors.

Students will be selected for the 2015 statewide competition at the next Sac State Student Research Symposium on Friday, March 6, 2015. Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled, as well as alums graduating this spring, summer or fall are eligible to apply. Please visit www.csus.edu/research/student/researchcomp.htm for more information.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

**Writing Across the Curriculum will hold retreat in August**

Writing Across the Curriculum, a program of the Center for Teaching and Learning, invites teachers in the Sacramento region to attend a free one-day retreat, “Creating Meaningful Writing Assignments.” The retreat will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, in The WELL’s Terrace Suite. RSVP by Sunday, June 1, to Dan Melzer at melzer@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

**The Buzz will remain open during Ecogrounds’ summer closure**

EcoGrounds, the popular campus eatery at the University Union, will close for the summer from Saturday, May 24, to Sunday, Aug. 24. To meet your breakfast and lunchtime needs, The Buzz, also at the Union, will be open all summer.
As at Ecogrounds, The Buzz menu includes your favorite Java City hot and cold coffee beverages, teas, pastries and grab-and-go snacks. For a hearty breakfast, The Buzz offers French toast, pancakes, omelets and breakfast specials. For lunch, The Buzz menu includes burgers – including the new Triple B Buzz Burger – paninis, salads and soups.

For more information about The Buzz and other eateries on campus, visit the Campus Dining website at www.dining.csus.edu. To get the latest dining updates and specials, "like" the Campus Dining Facebook page at www.facebook.com/uei.SacStateDining and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/sacstatedining.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Join The WELL today – non-student membership prices go up July 1
All new non-student memberships at The WELL will increase by $1 per month beginning July 1 to account for the customer price index attached to student fees. If you are interested in renewing with an EFT (electronic funds transfer) membership or transferring to an EFT membership to lock into our lowest rates currently available, you must bring in a voided check before July 1. New EFT and short-term memberships entered into on or after July 1 are subject to the new prices. Current EFT membership prices will remain the same. Go to http://thewell.csus.edu/downloads/newsletters/MEMBERSHIP_RATES_7-1-2014.pdf to view prices for non-student membership types valid July 1. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Roesemann, manager of membership services, at roesemann@csus.edu.

Submitted by The WELL

Peak Adventures Youth Camps
Peak Adventures offers weeklong outdoor youth camps from Monday, June 16, to Monday, Aug. 4, for ages 9-17. For the younger kids, activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, games, water activities and more. Older kids have the choice to backpack for a week or experience a new activity each day, ranging from the Challenge Center on campus to outdoor rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Youth camps meet at Sac State and include all technical equipment and a camp T-shirt. The cost also includes transportation, entry fees and a friendly, qualified staff. Register your child and find out more details at www.peakadventures.org/youth_camp/index.php.

Submitted by Peak Adventures/Associated Students Inc.

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 July 3 to Aug. 7. 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

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](http://www.csus.edu/acse).
*Submitted by the Faculty Senate*

**Security tip: Be very careful with emails**
Email communications – even internal emails – are inherently insecure because they can be readable as they travel over the network. When sending any email, consider how you can keep information from falling into the wrong hands. This can include determining precisely who needs to see the information and sending it only to that person; considering other forms of communication that might be more secure, such as the mail or hand-delivering a paper or electronic copy; or encrypting the email.
*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](http://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:

Marty Diaz, Graduate Studies
Melisa Cervantes, Department of Theatre and Dance