News

Data Center schedules yearly summer maintenance
IRT plans a shutdown of the campus Data Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, to perform yearly planned maintenance on key systems. This outage will affect most campus technology services. There is no good time to shut down systems for maintenance, but IRT tries to pick the lowest usage times twice a year – once in summer and once during winter break. Affected systems include:

- Email
- The University website
- The My Sac State portal
- Student, faculty and employee centers
- SacCT (old and new learning management systems)
- SacVault (data warehouse)
- Internet access and wireless access
- NetApp file services (N:, P: and U: drives)
- VMware infrastructure and virtual servers

If you have questions or concerns, please call the service desk at 278-7337.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Sonia Ortiz-Mercado appointed Director of State and Federal Relations
Sonia Ortiz-Mercado has joined the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy as Director of State and Federal Relations, after serving for more than two decades in state higher education and student services positions. She comes to the University from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, where she worked for more than 12 years in student service programs and governmental relations. In her most recent position, she served as dean of Matriculation, Early Assessment, Student Leadership and Administration.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and is a former Executive Fellow of Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies. She earned a master’s degree in higher education leadership from Sacramento State.

Ortiz-Mercado can be reached at (916) 278-3725 or sonia.ortiz-mercado@csus.edu.
Submitted by Public Affairs and Advocacy

President Gonzalez to deliver Fall Address
President Alexander Gonzalez’ Fall Address will be held from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will begin with coffee and conversation at 9 a.m. The President’s address will follow at 10 a.m.
Submitted by the Office of the President

Conference offers a chance to impart leadership lessons
The office of Student Organizations & Leadership invites faculty and staff to share their knowledge about leadership with our students at the “Fall in Love with Leadership”
conference from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28, in the University Union. The primary objectives of this conference are to provide opportunities for students to enhance their organizational leadership skills, and to provide opportunities for emerging leaders to build and enhance their individual leadership skills.

If you are interested in presenting a session, please submit a Leadership Conference Session Proposal form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/74486 by Wednesday, July 31. If your students are interested in attending, please have them complete the conference registration form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/74405 by Friday, Aug. 16. Please contact Mai Nguyen at mtnguyen@csus.edu with any inquiries.

Submitted by Student Organizations & Leadership

Reserve a spot at the third annual WELLcome Back
The WELL will host the third annual WELLcome Back open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5. The event will highlight the programs and services of Campus Recreation, Peak Adventures, and Student Health and Counseling Services.

Other departments or organizations that are interested in a table at the event should email The WELL by Friday, Aug. 9, at reservations@thewellatsacstate.com. Please include whether you plan to bring giveaways or provide an activity. The WELL will provide one table and two chairs only. If you have special requests for space, please include that in the email.

Submitted by The WELL

Peak Adventures Youth Camps
There are only two weeks left of Peak Adventures’ weeklong, action-packed youth camps. Activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, water activities, backpacking, a ropes course, outdoor rock-climbing and whitewater rafting, tailored to each camper’s age. Camp fees include transportation, entry fees and friendly, qualified staff. The following camps have spots available:

- July 29-Aug. 2: Green & Gold Camp, Expedition Camp
- Aug. 5-9: Expedition Camp

To register your child and get more details, visit www.peakadventures.org/youth_camp/index.php.

Submitted by Peak Adventures/ASI

Faculty and staff ticket discounts for Hornet football
As Sacramento State faculty and staff, you can purchase discounted football season tickets for $50 in Reserve Section 215 of Hornet Stadium. This special offer includes all six home games, which include the contests against Montana and rival UC Davis in the 60th Causeway Classic. To purchase a faculty and staff season ticket online, please follow the directions below:

1. Click here to purchase tickets online
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and find the “Group Sales” section
3. Type in the promo code “Hornets” in the “Group Sales Password/Promo Code” box
4. Buy your tickets (Visa or MasterCard accepted)

To choose your seats or if you have questions, please call T’Ante Sims at 278-2222 or visit www.hornetsports.com. For all sports except football and men’s basketball, faculty and staff also can receive free admission for their immediate family by using their OneCard.

Submitted by Intercollegiate Athletics
Sac State faculty and staff Summer Golf League
For a fifth consecutive summer, The WELL is coordinating a 12-week, fun and dynamic Summer Golf League for Sac State faculty and staff. If you would like more information or wish to register for the league, please visit http://sacstategolfleague.wufoo.com/forms/z7x3p3/. If you have questions, please contact Sean Basso at basso@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by The WELL

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/07/ProfessionalActivities07-08-13.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 quick tip: Choose passwords carefully
Choose passwords that are difficult to compromise or access. Failure to do so can jeopardize CSU systems and information. For example, words found in a dictionary, birthdays or anything related to the user’s personal life should not be used. This does not rule out passwords that are easy to remember; for example, combining numbers or punctuation with one or more words could produce an easy-to-remember but hard-to-guess password.
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 following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Carlyn Ster, College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Office
Chris Wessendorf, Procurement & Contract Services
Darlene Monroe, Teacher Education Department