



August 28, 2017

Welcome Dean Joanna Mott to the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

It is with great pleasure that the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics introduces its new dean, Dr. Joanna Mott. Please join us in welcoming her at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at Epicure Restaurant in the University Union. Dean Mott is joining NSM at a time of significant transition as the University moves forward with building the new Science Complex.

Submitted by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Mark your calendars: Science Complex groundbreaking is Sept. 18

President Robert S. Nelsen and Provost Ching-Hua Wang invite you to the Science Complex Ceremonial Groundbreaking at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in Serna Plaza. A Science Showcase featuring demonstrations by our science students will follow the ceremony.

Help us celebrate the University's first new academic building since the Academic Information Resource Center and learn how Sac State is transforming science education in the Sacramento region and beyond. RSVP to Shari Gonzales at 278-4740 or gonzales@csus.edu by Friday, Sept. 8.

Submitted by University Communications

2017-18 Research and Creative Activity Faculty Awards recipients

The Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee and the Office of Research Affairs are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017-18 Research and Creative Activity (RCA) Faculty Awards Program. The RCA program is funded in part through the CSU Chancellor's Office and Academic Affairs, and is administered by the Faculty Senate's Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee with support from the Office of Research Affairs. This year, 37 research proposals from a variety of disciplines were funded at a maximum of \$7,500 per award. Visit csus.edu/dev/managed/academic-affairs-dev/17-18-rca-awardees for the full list of the awards.

Also, there will be a competition this fall for academic year 2018-19. More details will be announced very soon. For questions, please contact rca@csus.edu. Congratulations to all awardees!

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs and the RCA Subcommittee

New group counseling sessions offered to students

Student Health and Counseling Services at The WELL is offering new group counseling sessions at the request of University faculty and staff. Group counseling is a great way for students to get support and help with finding their voice to become aware of their feelings. New counseling topics include:

- Anger Management
- Intuitive Art
- Dynamic Self
- Self-Care for Emerging Health Professionals

Students can register by visiting sacstateshcs.wufoo.com. For more information, visit csus.edu/shcs/counseling-services/groupsandworkshops or contact Jason Cataldo at 278-6043 or jason.cataldo@csus.edu.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

UNIQUE's first Wednesday Nooner of the semester features Latin reggae

University Union UNIQUE Programs is pleased to announce a Wednesday Nooner concert featuring Latin reggae group Sol Peligro at noon Wednesday, Aug. 30, in Serna Plaza. This event is free for students and the public.

The name Sol Peligro translates to "the sun that people feel threatened by." The nine-piece Sacramento band, formed in 2005, is led by founder and lead vocalist Sam Miranda. Curtis Blankenship (drums), Ken Rego (percussion), Cesar Mena (bass), Todd Perez (guitar), Richard Gonzalez (trumpet), Marti Sarigul-Klijn (saxophone), Tim Weiss (trumpet), and Will Scharff (keyboard) round out the band, which combines Mexican, cumbia, and reggae with a hint of alternative rock. The Nooner is funded by Associated Students Inc. and co-sponsored by First Year Experience and Round Table Pizza.

Submitted by the University Union

On-Campus Student Employment Fair is Thursday

The Career Center will host an On-Campus Student Employment Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the University Union, Redwood Room, for students to connect with employers for on-campus jobs, federal work study jobs, and part-time and off-campus jobs. Students who attend and participate in the fair will be given free Leatherby's ice cream.

For more information, contact the Career Center at 278-6231 or careercenter@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Career Center

College to Career (C2C) Career Readiness Internship Academy for Fall 2017

The C2C Career Readiness Internship Academy provides students and recent college graduates with essential career readiness training and the possibility of an internship placement upon completion. It connects students and graduates with a variety of Sacramento-area employers who are seeking the next generation of employee talent. Visit csus.edu/careercenter/c2c-academy for more information. Students must apply no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29. Direct questions to Candace McGee at cmcgee@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Career Center

Join us for a screening of *Baywatch* on Thursday

UNIQUE Programs is pleased to announce a special screening of *Baywatch* at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, in the University Union Ballroom. This event is free for students and the public. In addition, parking is free on the top floor of Parking Structure III after 7 p.m.

Baywatch stars Zac Efron and Dwayne Johnson as lifeguards who must solve a crime wave that strikes the beach. This event is in support of Hornet WOW (Weeks of Welcome).

Submitted by the University Union

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Representative training offered for Fall 2017

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Representative (AA/EOR) training sessions for faculty have been scheduled during the Fall 2017 semester for:

- Tuesday, Sept. 12, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 23, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 2, 1-3 p.m. only

All trainings will be held in Library 11. Per the University Appointment, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion (ARTP) policy, training is required at least every three years for each AA/EOR and each department or equivalent unit chair to prepare them for their hiring responsibilities. However, all faculty are encouraged to take the training. The AA/EOR will serve to advise search committees on issues of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, based on training and advice from the Office of Human Resources and the University Counsel. The goals of this training are to raise greater awareness of, and sensitivity to, diversity issues in the hiring process.

To RSVP, please email the Office for Equal Opportunity at equalopportunity@csus.edu and include your name, department, and the training session for which you are registering. If you have questions, you may contact the Office for Equal Opportunity at 278-5770 or equalopportunity@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office for Equal Opportunity

Call for participants: Faculty Scholarship (and Peer Review) Communities

The Office of Research Affairs invites faculty participants for a pilot series of cross-disciplinary Faculty Scholarship (and Peer Review) Communities (FSCs). This pilot initiative is designed to support faculty who are conducting research and scholarly activity by providing venues where faculty can come together across disciplines to engage with a shared topic, interest, or pursuit and to offer peer review and advising on research projects. Each FSC will enroll five to 20 faculty members and meet biweekly or monthly throughout the 2017-18 academic year. The aim of the FSCs is to offer a yearlong collegial atmosphere of mutual professional development and support that will assist members in meeting their individual writing and research goals.

For a detailed list of FSCs, visit csus.edu/dev/managed/academic-affairs-dev. To register, go to csus.infoready4.com. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. For questions, contact Nancy Sweet at nsweet@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Nominations welcomed for honorary doctorate recipients

Sacramento State's honorary degrees selection committee invites nominations for honorary doctorates that will be conferred during the 2018 Spring Commencement ceremonies.

The CSU awards honorary doctorates to individuals who have demonstrated excellence in areas that benefit humanity, CSU campuses, the state, the nation, and/or the world. Recipients serve as examples to be recognized and honored for their exemplary contributions.

Submit a nomination at csus.edu/commencement/honorarydoctorate. The deadline to submit a nomination is Thursday, Sept. 28. The University's selection committee will begin reviewing nominations in early October for the 2017-18 academic year.

Submitted by University Advancement

University Library's new website is online

Thanks to your design feedback, the University Library launched a new website this summer. The site has a look that is brighter and more welcoming. It is responsive for

mobile devices and tablets. The library also has launched an improved search interface. Visit the new website at library.csus.edu.

Submitted by the University Library

Next MBA information session is Oct. 26

Did you know that an undergraduate degree in business is not required to get your MBA? We invite students to join the MBA Program Services Office for an MBA Information Session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in The WELL's Terrace Suite to learn more about Sac State's Master of Business Administration Program. This will be a great opportunity for students to expand their horizons and learn how an MBA could help them advance and excel in their careers. Refreshments will be provided.

To reserve a seat for the session, RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/MBAOctober26. For more details, please visit csus.edu/cba/graduate/mba. If you have additional questions, please contact MBA Program Services at 278-4501 or cba-MBAadmissions@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Master of Business Administration Program

Applications open for Faculty and Professional Learning Community Program

The Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting applications for the Faculty and Professional Learning Community Program. The titles are:

- Equity and Student Success: Inclusive Teaching for Diverse Learners
- Maker Spaces: Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Action
- Technology and Teaching: Canvas and Beyond
- Course Redesign for "Difficult" Courses: Improving Learning and Pass Rates for Bottleneck and Courses with High DFW Grades
- Service Learning: Novice and Advanced Options

For more, including how to apply, visit bit.ly/ctl-flc-plc.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Journal highlighting best student writing now available online

Writing the University, a journal of Writing Across the Curriculum, is proud to announce the posting of the best of student writing from the 2016-17 school year across disciplines. Professors refer examples of their students' best work to the Academic Senate Subcommittee, where they are recommended as models of good writing, novel and interesting thinking, and a positive reflection on our amazing student body. The journal can be found at csus.edu/acaf/ge/writing. Please share widely.

Submitted by the Writing and Reading Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate

Orthopedic Pro Bono Clinic serves the campus and community on Wednesdays

Did you know that the University offers free orthopedic treatment for students, faculty, staff, and the public? The Orthopedic Pro Bono Clinic is run by students and faculty from the Department of Physical Therapy for people with musculoskeletal injury or pain. Patients are examined and treated by students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The clinic is in Folsom Hall 1066.

Appointments are from 11 a.m. to noon or noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Patients generally are seen for three sessions, including a complete examination, treatment, and home exercise prescription. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Karen Salatti at karen.salatti@csus.edu or 278-6426.

Submitted by the Department of Physical Therapy

Football program seeks student videographers for 2017 season

The Hornet football program is seeking students to film practices and games, beginning immediately. The position is voluntary. This would be a tremendous opportunity for anyone who is interested in sports video or hoping to break into collegiate athletics. Students' primary duties would be to film practices and games, assist with card drops, and occasionally help with input and transfer of video into our computer system.

Interested students need to be reliable and punctual. August camp practice times vary, but most will run from 9 to 11 a.m., with walk-throughs around 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. During the regular season, practices generally run from 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and walk-throughs generally are at 6 p.m. The position begins immediately. Those interested may contact Justin Lantz at (304) 851-2733 or justin.lantz@csus.edu.

Submitted by Sacramento State Football

Results of the Listening to Students Study available online

Student success as a top priority for the campus is about serving students and serving them well. To learn more about the needs of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, the Listening to Students Study was conducted for the past few years. The study examined the educational experiences of Sacramento State students, and its key findings were placed on a website as a vehicle for sharing students' voices about their journeys so that valuable information reaches faculty and staff who work each day to serve the students.

To learn more about the needs of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, please visit csus.edu/saseep/listeningtostudents. You will find updated sections and a List of Campus Resources. Happy 2017-18 school year to you!

Submitted by the Department of Communication Studies

Renaissance Society circulates its annual report

The Sacramento Renaissance Society (RS) has been distributing its 2016-17 annual report to its membership and to offices throughout the University community. The growing learning-in-retirement organization recently marked its 31st year of offering continuing education for older adults, mostly in Sacramento State classrooms. The annual report is available for viewing at csus.edu/org/rensoc.

Several highlights of the report focus on providing additional scholarships to outstanding Sac State students and supporting partnerships with University departments and education units. Members of the RS classical music seminar continued to demonstrate support for the School of Music, donating more than \$3,500 to its programs.

RS also significantly increased its support to Gerontology, with 123 members providing nearly 800 volunteer hours of service to the department's Elder Mentor, Assessment Fair, Chronic Disease, and Physical Therapy Evaluation programs. And students who partnered with RS mentors earned 300 units.

Six \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to outstanding students in the past year. Since the organization's scholarship program began in 1993, 76 Sac State students have received \$143,000 in financial support from RS.

RS also offered 122 on-campus seminars on a wide variety of subjects for its members. In addition, it conducted 15 one-day symposia at three residential communities and 25 seminars at the Asian Community Center in South Sacramento.

Submitted by the Renaissance Society

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at csus.edu/news/articles/Professional-activities.

Submitted by University Communications

Faculty Senate schedule

The Faculty Senate calendar is available at csus.edu/senate.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

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

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 employee on an approved CAT Leave:

- Shene Ogbe, Housing Coordinator's Office (vacation only)