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News

Welcome to Fall 2015: A new semester, a new president
Kicking off the fall semester, President Robert S. Nelsen laid out a bold, student-centered vision for the University in his first Fall Address to the campus community on Thursday, Aug. 27. Among his goals are to improve graduation rates, retention rates, and the time it takes for students to graduate. He wants to ensure that students get the courses they need when they need them, and he promised to work to create internships and job opportunities for them.

You can watch a recording of the Fall Address and read our story on the President’s nine key priorities for the University at www.csus.edu/news/articles/2015/8/31/President-Nelsen-champions-students-in-his-Fall-Address-.shtml.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Our Promise: California State Employees giving at work
Since 1957, the California State Employee Charitable Campaign (CSECC) has shown commitment and dedication to our communities. Its impact has been historic, and it is the single largest effort among state employees to support charitable programs. This is our promise to California.

Today we launch the 2015 campaign for Our Promise on the Sacramento State campus. Key connectors have been identified in each unit and will provide you with your pledge form and instructions. Forms are due to your key connector by Friday, Oct. 30.

This is truly a donor-advised campaign. The Our Promise Donor Resource Guide (www.ourpromiseca.org/post/donor-resource-guide) can help you find a cause that aligns with your charitable priorities. If you are unable to locate a charity of interest – with 501(c)(3) status – you can utilize the write-in portion of the pledge form. Gifts also can be spread throughout the year with the option of payroll deduction.

"As California’s capital university, we can take the lead in doing even more,” says University President Robert S. Nelsen. “I ask you to join me in my personal goal to double the amount we raised last year. We can do it. I am not asking you to give a lot. I am asking that each of us pitches in and gives what we can afford.”

Go to www.csus.edu/al/Our-Promise/index.html to learn more about the campaign at Sacramento State and how the community has been touched by our employees’ generosity.
Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters

Hornet Weeks of Welcome features a wide array of engaging events
Hornet WOW (Weeks of Welcome) is the fall kickoff celebration for incoming and returning students to meet new friends and find ways to get involved on campus. Continuing through Monday, Sept. 28, this year’s calendar includes athletic events, movie nights, recreation events, comedy shows, open houses, workshops, concerts, and much more. Most events
are free or discounted for students, and many welcome the general public as well. For the full list of events and for those interested in volunteering, visit www.csus.edu/hornetwow or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter for chances to win prizes.  
Submitted by Hornet WOW

One World theme for 2015-16 is ‘Power’
This year’s One World Initiative theme is “Power.” Does your teaching, research, or other campus activity deal with questions of power? Go to www.csus.edu/oneworld for more information and to remain posted on campus One World activities.  
Submitted by One World

Campus eateries’ fall semester hours
All campus eateries have reopened for the fall semester; hours of operation are posted at each eatery and on the Sac State Campus Dining website at www.dining.csus.edu. Also, the Campus Eateries page at www.dining.csus.edu/campus-eateries includes a detailed map with eatery locations and filters to help you search eateries by food type, cuisine, dietary options, location, payment type, and price range. 
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Constitution and Civic Engagement Week coming in September
The Community Engagement Center will coordinate a weeklong celebration of the U.S. Constitution with a newly expanded Constitution and Civic Engagement Week, Sept. 14-19, using the theme “Constitution Matters.” Speakers and events will address issues that relate to the Constitution and why it matters so much to us in so many ways. Here are some of the week’s highlights:

- ASI Voter Registration Drive (Sept. 14-18): Associated Students Inc.’s Office of Governmental Affairs will staff tables at the University Union and the University Library to register individuals to vote.
- “The Challenges of Being a California Voter” (noon Tuesday, Sept. 15; Multi-Cultural Center, Library 1010): A talk by election reform advocate Kim Alexander.
- Constitution Quiz Bowl (noon Wednesday, Sept. 16; Hinde Auditorium, University Union).
- “Raising Issues About Citizens, Activism and the Constitution” (3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; University Union, Orchard Suite): A talk by Sac State Professor Emeritus Duane Campbell.
- Days of Service (Friday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Sept. 19; South Oak Park neighborhood): A volunteer effort that will include painting, landscaping, minor home repairs, and more.

For the full schedule of events and opportunities, please visit www.csus.edu/cec/Engaging%20Students/2015_Constitution_Week.html.  
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center
Student Organizations and Leadership celebrates move
SOAL has moved! We would like to invite the campus community to view our new space and learn more about the services we have to offer. We now are located on the second floor of the University Union, right above The Store. Join us for some light refreshments between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8.
Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership

Phlagleblast is coming Sept. 9
The University Union is pleased to announce the 16th annual Phlagleblast open house and welcoming celebration for students, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. The event is designed to acquaint students with the facility and the other programs and services offered. Students are encouraged to participate by visiting 26 locations around the building to complete a game card and submit it for a prize drawing. Large prizes include a Surface 3, an Xbox One, a Schwinn folding bike, Beats by Dre headphones, Apple TV, and gift cards. The event also will feature giveaways and prizes at various locations, free food samples and live performances by KSSU, Big Sticky Mess, Dank Ocean, and Lucid; plus a balloon artist, caricature artists, a roving magician, a face painter and photo ops.
Submitted by the University Union

Enjoy free coffee and doughnuts with your Sac State Police
Have you ever wanted to ask a police officer a question but didn’t know how to go about it? Sacramento State Police officers will be available to answer questions from the campus community from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at The WELL. The Coffee with a Cop (and maybe even a doughnut – go figure!) program is a unique way to strengthen the partnership between the Sacramento State Police Department and the campus community.
Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Hispanic-Serving Institution Summit is Sept. 16
Save the date for the Hispanic-Serving Institution Summit, “Celebrating Diversity: Equity and Inclusive Excellence,” scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, in University Union Ballroom III. The summit will provide an opportunity to engage the campus and community at large in the process of emerging as an HSI. The event will bring together partners from all sectors of the community invested in student success and college completion: K-12, community colleges, public, nonprofit, and private sectors and students. More to come in the weeks to follow.
Submitted by the HSI Task Force

University Union Gallery exhibit explores rich Sac State collection
The “Treasure Revealed” exhibit in the University Union Gallery is open through Thursday, Sept. 24, with a special reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Union Gallery. A Collections Panel discussion also is scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the University Union, Orchard Suite.

“Treasure Revealed” displays only a handful of the many hundreds of jewels in the rich and extensive Sacramento State art collection, almost all gifted to the University over nearly seven decades. The works on view in this exhibition represent five campus collections, and they have been selected and prepared for display by the managers of those collections. The show is thus a unique interdepartmental effort with the University Library Archive and Special Collections, the Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection, the University Union, the School of the Arts, and the Departments of Anthropology and Art. The Union Gallery is open 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, with additional evening hours (5 to 8 p.m.) Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Submitted by the University Union Gallery
C-SPAN Cities Tour: Classroom visits and interview opportunities

The C-SPAN Cities Tour will be in town Sept. 8-13, and is partnering with Sacramento State on programming and educational opportunities. The programming, which will focus on the history and literary life of Sacramento, will air throughout the weekend of Nov. 7-8. They are currently looking for local archivists, Sacramento/California historians, and nonfiction authors. The history segments will air on American History TV (AHTV) on C-SPAN3, and the literary events/nonfiction author segments will air on BookTV on C-SPAN2. C-SPAN also is offering Sac State faculty the opportunity to have the C-SPAN team come speak to video production, political science, journalism, and public policy majors; as well as to College Democrats, Republicans, and student government leaders to learn about C-SPAN’s programming and resources.

For more information on the Cities Tour, please visit the Cities Tour website at www.c-span.org/lcv/ and the Cities Tour Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/cspan_citiestour/sets. If you have a recommendation for an interview expert or would like a classroom visit, please contact Elisa Smith in Public Affairs by Thursday afternoon at elisa.smith@csus.edu or 278-4016.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Capital Public Radio co-hosts radio training, mentorship week Oct. 4-9

Capital Public Radio is partnering with NPR to host the inaugural Next Generation Radio Training and Mentorship Week at Sacramento State, Oct. 4-9.

Sac State seeks five students (undergraduate or graduate) with a passion for covering diverse communities to participate in the program. Each participant will earn a $500 stipend for the week. Participants will work one-on-one with professional mentors from NPR, PRI, the New York Times, public radio stations, and other media entities from around the country to develop multimedia content. Teams will conceive, develop, report, write, edit, and produce multimedia segments for broadcast and online distribution.

Interested students should have demonstrated skills in journalism, film, or digital video and must be able to participate during the entire program dates.

The online application period continues through the end of day Tuesday, Sept. 8. Apply at www.capradio.org/nextgen. Send questions to Catherine Stifter at catherine.stifter@csus.edu.

Submitted by Capital Public Radio

Protected Writing Time for faculty

Need time for research? Would you like a supportive, structured environment for writing? Then the Protected Writing Time program from the Office of Research Affairs is for you.

Research Affairs is pleased to announce that the Protected Writing Time program from the Office of Research Affairs is for you.

Research Affairs is pleased to announce that the Protected Writing Time program will continue during the fall semester. Join faculty colleagues in a quiet, secluded space to work on your research, writing, planning, and editing. Past participants have used the time to work on articles, grant proposals, research plans, book chapters, etc.

These sessions will be held on select Tuesdays and Fridays starting Sept. 1 in the boardroom on the third floor of the Hornet Bookstore. Please follow the posted signs to the room, which is on the east side of the building at the very end of the hallway. Refreshments/beverages (coffee, water) will be provided throughout the sessions. There will be a printer available for your use.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Applications now accepted for CTL’s Faculty and Professional Learning Community
The Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting applications for its Faculty and Professional Learning Community program. The titles are: Learning and Student Success Analytics; New Millennial Learning Materials; Active Learning, Metacognition and the E-Portfolio; Teaching and Learning with Tablets (Fall 2015 only); and Service Learning. For more information on how to apply, visit www.csus.edu/ctl. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Testing Center hours and deadlines for Fall 2015
With the fall semester underway, the Testing Center would like to remind faculty and staff how the center may be utilized to its fullest potential. Our business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For details, visit www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Briefing/documents/TestingCenterFall2015.pdf. For more information about the Testing Center and/or using our services, please visit 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

Instructional Personnel Cost Report’s Annual Report now available
The Office of Institutional Research compiles special reports each year to show information on faculty workload during the fall and spring terms. These reports are based on the Academic Planning Data Base, which is submitted to and approved by the Chancellor’s Office.

The Instructional Cost Personnel Report, combined with information from Human Resources, calculates the personnel costs directly associated with instruction. For a detailed look at the reports, please visit www.csus.edu/oir/Data%20Center/Faculty%20Special%20Reports/Faculty%20Special%20Reports.html. Summary tables will be for Academic Year Fall 2014/Spring 2015. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Research at 278-6566.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

New Flex Plan meal option now available for everyone
Sac State Campus Dining is pleased to offer a new meal plan, the Flex Plan. This economical plan is available to all members of the Sac State community.

The initial cost is $225, but you receive $250 in Flex$. Every time you reload your Flex Plan meal card, you’ll save 10 percent (e.g., add $50, and $55 in Flex$ will be loaded on your card; add $100, and $110 in Flex$ will be loaded). Students living on campus receive Flex$ with their meal plans but will save with the Flex Plan if they need additional Flex$.

For more information, visit www.dining.csus.edu/meal-plans/flex-plan. To buy the Flex Plan or to reload the Flex Plan meal card, visit Dining Services in the River Front Center or call the Meal Card Office in the Dining Commons at 278-7502.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.
Watch Hornet football at The WELLZONE
The WELLZONE is back by popular demand and is now accepting group reservations for the 2015 Hornet football season. The WELLZONE is the best place for your group to cheer for the Hornets. It features exclusive terrace patio seating, adjoining luxury suites, and indoor restrooms for each home football game. The WELLZONE is great for department team-building, faculty socials, student/club gatherings, or Greek life activities. Dates available during the football season are:

- Sept. 5 vs. Eastern Oregon
- Sept. 26 vs. Eastern Washington
- Oct. 3 vs. Northern Colorado
- Oct. 24 vs. Idaho State (Homecoming)
- Nov. 21 vs. UC Davis

Reserve your spot today, as these dates are filling up fast. For more information, please contact Krista Bloom at 278-7904 or Todd Sebastian at 278-1786, or email reservations@thewellatsacstate.com.

Submitted by The WELL

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/news/articles/2015/8/18/Professional-activities,-August-September-2015.shtml.

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: Safeguard passwords
Ideally, passwords are never written down, especially not in a readily decipherable form or stored in a clear or unencrypted format and left in a place (such as under a keyboard or phone) where an unauthorized person might discover them. Be sure you safeguard your passwords at all times.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Quarterly Human Resources Spotlight is Sept. 24
The next quarterly Human Resources Spotlight is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 24, in the University Union, Redwood Room. 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:

- Florence Jackson, UTAPS (vacation only)
- Ronna Crews, Academic Affairs
- Lisa Collins, CCE (General Administration)
- Brian Sarantopulos, Reprographics