News

New Sacramento State home page debuts
We are pleased to announce the launch of a newly redesigned home page for Sacramento State: www.csus.edu. The redesign updates the “look and feel” of the home page through a more efficient use of space to better promote the University, our achievements and our many wonderful events.

Specifically, the new home page highlights Sacramento State’s academic excellence and our vibrant campus life; makes it easier for our core audiences and constituencies to find our web resources and information; and highlights key programs, events and communications, such as the “Made at Sac State” marketing campaign.

For details on the redesign, please visit www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/08/university-homepage.html. Feedback on the changes is welcomed at http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/08/university-homepage.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

13th annual Phlagleblast coming this week
Wednesday, Sept. 5, will mark the 13th anniversary of Phlagleblast, the University Union’s annual open house and welcoming celebration. The free event will feature entertainment, food samples, giveaways and discounted services, plus a prize drawing for Sac State students who complete the Phlagleblast game card. Phlagleblast will take place from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. throughout the University Union.

Live entertainment will be hosted by Unique Programs in the main lobby:
- 9 a.m.: KSSU
- 10 a.m.: Zorelli, Caribbean jazz
- 11 a.m.: Street Urchin, reggae rock
- Noon: Exquisite Corps, orchestral rock

Also available throughout the Union:
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Quick Draw Karen and Rene Pulido, caricature artists
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Body and face painting
- 9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Richard Jimenez, balloon artist

Submitted by the University Union

New passenger drop-off area near Lot 1
The campus has designated a passenger drop-off area at the north end of campus. Please go to www.csus.edu/aba/utaps/images/lot1dropoffzone.pdf to see the drop-off area highlighted in yellow. A second drop-off area in front of the Athletics Building will be added in the near future. The area highlighted in red near Sacramento Hall is not to be used for dropping off passengers; this area should be kept clear at all times as the signage indicates. Please be aware that those who continue to stop or drop off passengers in this area may be issued a citation. If you have any questions, please direct them to parking@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Volunteers sought for Great American River Clean-Up
Volunteers are wanted from 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 15, for the Great American River Clean-Up, co-sponsored by Sac State Serves, a community service program open to the campus community.
Faculty, staff, students and alumni are asked to help remove trash and other debris to keep pollutants from entering the watershed; volunteers of all ages (with an accompanying adult Sac State sponsor for minors) are welcome. Pre-registration is required. For more information, to register or join the mailing list, visit www.csus.edu/cec/volunteer.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Food Day seeks participants
Food Day organizers are looking for staff, faculty, students and student organizations to participate in this year’s observance on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Modeled after Earth Day, Food Day seeks to improve health, the environment and America’s food system. The agenda includes three speaker panels, poster sessions and a possible film/media festival. Organizers also are asking faculty to incorporate the themes and events into their course work. For more information, visit www.foodday.org. To participate, contact Kristin Kiesel at kiesel@saclink.csus.edu or Lynn Hanna at ljhanna@csus.edu.

Submitted by Family and Consumer Sciences

Exciting changes to campus dining
University Enterprises, Inc. (UEI) has kicked off the new semester with exciting changes to the campus dining scene. In addition to adding two new eateries – Good Eats! and Epicure Restaurant at Sacramento State – updates have been made at the River Front Center and Round Table Pizza.

At the River Front Center, a new, relaxed and contemporary design features updated lighting, flooring and seating. Finishing touches are still in progress, and additional booth seating will be installed in the coming weeks. Be sure to check back on the progress!

At Round Table Pizza, floor-to-ceiling updates were completed featuring a new bar, flooring, lighting and seating areas to give a fresh, inviting and comfortable feel.

UEI also invites the campus community to visit the new Campus Dining website, featuring easy-to-navigate menus and optimization for mobile devices. Complementing UEI’s new website is the Sac State Campus Dining Facebook page featuring meal specials and dining updates. Visit the Campus Dining page at www.dining.csus.edu; to “like” us on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com/uei.SacStateDining.

Submitted by UEI/Marketing Services

23rd annual Envisioning California Conference
Join the Center for California Studies from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Sacramento Convention Center for the 23rd annual Envisioning California Conference, “Connected (or Disconnected?): California’s Culture, Technology and Politics.” The lunch keynote address will be given by American historian and former State Librarian Kevin Starr, the closing plenary will feature veteran journalist and political commentator Greg Lucas, and the event will celebrate the center’s 30th anniversary.

Please register by Wednesday, Sept. 5, at www.csus.edu/calst/envisioning_california_conference.html. You can visit the Center for California Studies website at www.csus.edu/calst.

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

18th annual California Journalism Awards reception
Please join the Center for California Studies as the recipients of this year’s California Journalism Awards are honored on Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Sacramento Convention Center for excellence in reporting on state government, politics, policies and issues.

Award categories include:
- Print – daily coverage
- Print – special feature or enterprise reporting
- Blog
- Television
- Radio
- Student
- Photojournalism
The late Rex Babin, longtime political cartoonist for the Sacramento Bee, will be honored for career achievement. His contributions will be recognized and his works displayed.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 5, to calstudies@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Center for California Studies

College of Education is building partnerships from within
The College of Education is having a “soft opening” of its new structure. The college’s previous six departments have been consolidated into three educational program areas: Undergraduate Studies in Education; Teaching Credentials; and Graduate and Professional Studies.

All student academic programs and services now are located in the Academic Programs and Services Office in Eureka Hall 401, a one-stop shop. This office will provide greater efficiency in administrative functions as well as access to advising services for students to explore educational opportunities.

A formal grand opening is planned for next year.
Submitted by the College of Education

Center for Teaching and Learning offers new Faculty Learning Community
The Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a new Faculty Learning Community for the 2012-13 academic year. Eight faculty members will meet from 10 a.m.-noon on one Wednesday a month to study the course design principles and methods promoted by experts in Problem-Based Learning (PBL), Case Method Teaching (CMT) and Team-Based Learning (TBL). Each participant will then identify relevant analytical processes for a course to be taught in Spring 2013, and design PBL, CMT and/or TBL assignments to guide students in applying those processes. Participants also will design a critical thinking pre- and post-test to assess student progress in applying the targeted analytical process.

Benefits include $600 in professional development funds and the opportunity to reflect about and refine your teaching in the company of committed colleagues with similar pedagogical interests. Applications and curriculum are available at http://ctl.csus.edu/.
Submitted by Humanities and Religious Studies

CSU Teaching and Learning Conference: Call for Proposals
The 16th annual CSU Teaching Symposium, “Teaching for High Impact: Deep and Engaged Learning,” will be held Feb. 22-23, 2013. The symposium is sponsored by the California State University Institute for Teaching and Learning, and is hosted by the California Maritime Academy. The deadline for proposal submissions is Monday, Nov. 5. Find more information at www.csum.edu/web/teaching-symposium-16/home.

The registration fee of $45 will be paid by the Center for Teaching and Learning for the first 10 presenters whose proposals are accepted. Call 278-5945 for more details.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Environmental Legacy Project launches interactive, mobile online experience
The California Environmental Legacy Project has launched a website, www.calegacy.org, that it hopes will raise awareness and understanding of our rapidly changing environment. The executive director, Sacramento State Biology Professor Jim Baxter, says the new website is part of the project’s pioneering effort to use artful storytelling, digital media and social networking tools to reach a broad and diverse public audience.

The website features links to the project’s Facebook page, YouTube channel and Twitter feed. Plus, it allows visitors to the site to share their personal stories of connection to California. Exciting new content such as videos, news features, interviews, blogs and photos will be posted regularly. Funded in part by the National Science Foundation, the Legacy Project includes major components such as a television documentary, “Becoming California”; short films and web videos created for select state and national parks in California; and the website.
Submitted by the California Environmental Legacy Project
Communication Studies to hold NETS meeting
Communication Studies has scheduled its second NETS (Networking: Extending Teaching and Scholarship) meeting from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in the Epicure Restaurant at the University Union. The meeting is an opportunity for the University community to hear alumni discuss how they apply communication theory professionally; a place for students to see where communication is going and what it is doing; and a chance for alumni, students and faculty to share interests, ideas and connections. All are welcome. Three alumni will speak:

- Lauren Barton, senior business consultant. Topic: “Possessing or Lacking Communication Skills in the Workplace – It Matters!”
- Niko King, assistant chief, Sacramento City Fire Department. Topic: “Media Relations, Social Media and Crisis Communication.”
- Corri Cooper, senior manager, Gap Brand Field Talent Development. Topic: “Effective Training Design and Instruction.”

Presentations will be held from 4:30-5:45 p.m. Refreshments and conversation will be from 6-7 p.m. RSVP to Mark Stoner: stoner1@csus.edu (put “NETS II” in the subject line) or call (916) 307-2926. For those at a distance, a link will be available so you can participate, too.

Submitted by Communication Studies

Violence in the workplace prevention training
This training is a one-hour presentation, with additional time for questions, of information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare for, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas. Materials will be provided. Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University. To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu.

All faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. Upcoming trainings (all 9-10 a.m. in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium):

- Tuesday, Sept. 11
- Monday, Sept. 24
- Thursday, Oct. 11
- Tuesday, Nov. 6
- Tuesday, Dec. 4

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

One World Initiative’s ‘Global Perspectives on Water’ brings courses, events together
Faculty, staff and students from all disciplines are invited to address the inaugural theme of the One World Initiative, “Global Perspectives on Water,” through lecture or film series, college colloquia or performances. The One World Initiative is a new campus-wide framework that brings together and highlights the many global engagement opportunities at Sacramento State, both within the curriculum and in the broader campus environment.

If your course, event or program focuses on – or even has selected components of – this year’s theme, contact the One World Initiative task force to be identified as part of the One World Initiative. For more information or to join the informational email list, please visit csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by University Advancement

September’s Research Funding Update now available
The September Research Funding Update is available online. The update is published monthly to alert the campus community to possible sources of external support for research, scholarly and creative activities. Both an abbreviated listing and a more detailed version are available at
www.csus.edu/research/funding/update. This month’s update features an article on determining which NIH Institute or Study Section is the best fit for research proposals.
Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

President Gonzalez at Move-In Day
President Alexander Gonzalez provides an update on his visit to Move-In Day at the residence halls on his web page, www.csus.edu/President/fromthedeskofthepresident.html. Video of Move-In Day is available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAtISrcQiCk&feature=youtu.be.
Submitted by the Office of the President

Information technology utilization data available online
Comprehensive survey results that assess the uses of, and needs for information technology by faculty, students and staff have been posted at www.csus.edu/itsurveys. The surveys include the Educause Annual Study of Undergraduate Students and IT as well as separate IT needs surveys for the Sacramento State community. The surveys provide data used by IRT and the students, faculty and staff of the IT Steering Committee to inform the strategic planning process.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

University Policy Manual update
Please note the following announcement of a new policy in the University Policy Manual:

“Business Continuity Planning” is a new policy that has been developed to comply with Executive Order 1014. The purpose of the policy is to implement a process for timely completion and annual review of departmental business continuity plans.

ADM 0174 – Business Continuity Planning: www.csus.edu/umanual/admin/ADM0174.html (new)
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Review copyright law
Fair use and photocopying of copyrighted works can be a confusing topic for faculty and staff as a new academic year begins. Reprographics Services has posted the U.S. Copyright Office’s Reproduction of Copyrighted Works by Educators and Librarians on its website: http://www.csus.edu/aba/reprographics/Documents/CopyrightOfficeCircular21excerpts.pdf. The most critical portions of the document have been highlighted to provide you with a quick review of this important topic. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Reprographics Services at 278-6198.
Submitted by Reprographics Services

Professional activities
The latest professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/08/ProfessionalActivities08-27-12.html.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedules
September’s Faculty Senate schedule is available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/08/FacultySenateSept2012Sked.html.
Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Jeanne Clery Act, fire safety disclosure data available
In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Campus Fire Safety Right-To-Know Act, Sacramento State has made statistics and other information available at www.csus.edu/police/cleryact.htm. The Sacramento State Police Department collects crime statistics from local and other appropriate police agencies, Residence Hall Life, Judicial Affairs, the College of Continuing Education, Athletics and the Division of Student Affairs, and prepares the report. Crimes reported on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or on property owned or controlled by Sacramento State, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus during the last three years is included.
The report includes fire safety statistics and other information; institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol and drug use; crime prevention; the reporting of crimes; and sexual assault and other safety matters. During the Fall semester of every year, information is emailed to all enrolled and prospective students, faculty and staff. In addition, all CSU employees received a notice concerning this information on their Aug. 31 paycheck.

Print copies are available in the University Library and by request from the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Police Department on Facebook and Twitter
Have you checked out the Sacramento State Police Department’s official Facebook and Twitter pages? Managed by the Office of the Chief, the pages offer important news and alerts from Sacramento State, such as emergency notifications, traffic alert updates, alert bulletins, media releases, upcoming training/events, services and safety tips. For the Police Department’s Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/sacstatepolice. To follow the Police Department’s Twitter updates, go to http://twitter.com/sacstatepolice. Email any suggestions or questions to police@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Watch for University news and videos
Public Affairs invites you to keep up with an exciting new school year – from outstanding teaching, learning and research to the arts, wellness activities and Hornet athletics. Stories and videos on University people, events and other news are available on Sacramento State’s news page, www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/. And send your ideas for campus coverage to publicaffairs@csus.edu.

Another option for publicizing an academic event or performance is the University’s digital sign network on campus. Submit your message to www.csus.edu/digitalsigns or www.csus.edu/pa/digitalsign.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Sac State on Facebook and Twitter
Managed by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy, Sacramento State’s official Facebook and Twitter pages offer up-to-the-minute news and information on all things Sac State, from academics to athletics, the arts to student life. For the University’s Facebook page, go to www.facebook.com/sacstate. To follow Sac State’s Twitter updates, go to http://twitter.com/#/sacstate.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Erik Griffin, Comedy Central comedian, to perform at Sac State
University Union Unique Programs is pleased to announce a free comedy show featuring Erik Griffin of the Comedy Central show “Workaholics” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at the University Union, Serna Plaza.

Griffin first gained national exposure performing in the “Payaso Comedy Slam” seen on the Showtime and Comedy Central networks, “Live at Gotham” on Comedy Central, “Last Comic Driving” on NBC, “Comics Without Borders” on Showtime and the nationally syndicated “Comics Unleashed.” Griffin can be seen as a recurring character on “Workaholics” as Montez Walker. Opening for Griffin is Sacramento’s own Keith Lowell Jensen.

Submitted by the University Union

Smart Grid electrical reliability project notice
Clyde G. Steagall Inc. is a contractor working for the University on the Smart Grid project. The contractor will be installing four electrical switches to improve the reliability of the campus electrical distribution system. These switches will allow for alternate routing of electricity to keep critical buildings powered up during planned and unplanned power outages.

Click the following link for the four locations where this work will occur: www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/bulletin/documents/Smart%20Grid%20Reliability%20Notice%20to%20Campus.pdf.

Submitted by Facilities Services
Security quick tip
A study of criminal prosecutions has found an average associated financial loss of $3 million per incident for "social engineering" or insider-type crimes. Many institutions, including universities, have been targets of these types of crimes. Almost 90 percent of the crimes began with attackers logging on to accounts with IDs they obtained inappropriately. While IDs are sometimes illegally obtained by the use of password-cracking programs, many are obtained “the old-fashioned way” – by collusion with people in the institution who share IDs and passwords, sometimes simply for convenience.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Academic promotions
The provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Charles Gossett, is pleased to announce academic promotions effective at the beginning of the 2012-13 academic year. To view the list: www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/bulletin/documents/Promotions%20bulletin%2012-13.pdf.

Congratulations to Sacramento State’s 2011-12 retirees!
President Alexander Gonzalez and senior administrative staff join the campus community in congratulating our retirees. We wish you well in the coming years and offer our sincere appreciation for your contributions to the University.

The list at this link reflects individuals with a retirement date during the 2011-2012 Academic Year (8/24/2011-8/21/2012): http://www.csus.edu/hr/benefits/2011_12%20Retirement%20Listing.pdf

Sabbatical leaves
The provost and vice president for Academic Affairs has approved sabbatical leaves for the 2012-13 academic year. To view the list: www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/bulletin/documents/Sabb%20Leaves%2012-13%20bulletin.pdf.

Fall workshops
The Office of Human Resources – Benefits has announced a set of Fall 2012 retirement and financial planning workshops. If you are interested in attending one of the workshops, please go to the Benefits Office Workshops website at www.csus.edu/hr/benefits/workshopslist.htm to view the schedule, find specific registration information, and download a copy of each workshop flier. Registration for most workshops is available through LearnerWeb. Please review the workshop flier before registering to ensure that the specific workshop fits your needs. You are required to secure the approval of your supervisor prior to registration.

Faculty benefits orientation/review sessions
Benefits orientation sessions for new and newly eligible faculty members will be held from 9-11 a.m. Sept. 5; 2-4 p.m. Sept. 14; 2-4 p.m. Sept. 20; and 9-11 a.m. Sept. 25. All sessions are in Del Norte Hall, Room 3001A. During the benefits orientation, you will receive information regarding the following:

- Rules and regulations that govern CSU benefits programs
- Enrollment and deadline information
- Eligible dependents
- Required certification

Eligible faculty who would like to attend must contact the Office of Human Resources – Benefits at 278-6213 to reserve a space.

Open enrollment and Benefits Faire
The next open enrollment period is Monday, Sept. 10, through Friday, Oct. 5. Changes made during open enrollment take effect Jan. 1, 2013. Additional information will be sent out by the Office of Human Resources – Benefits and CalPERS before the open enrollment period.
The Office of Human Resources – Benefits will hold the annual Open Enrollment Benefits Faire in the University Union, Redwood Room, from noon-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. Representatives and carriers from the CSU benefits programs will be available to answer your questions and provide information regarding their plans. For specific questions regarding the Benefits Faire or open enrollment, visit the Office of Human Resources – Benefits in Del Norte Hall, Room 3004, or call 278-6213.

**Estate Planning 101**
The Office of Planned Giving hosts Estate Planning 101 seminars throughout the year for members of the Sacramento State community considering their estate plans. Topics covered include property and inheritance planning, wills, living trusts, charitable gift annuities, disability planning, estate taxes and probate.

Please visit [www.csusgift.org](http://www.csusgift.org) for more information on Planned Giving, or [www.csus.edu/giving/estateplanning.stm](http://www.csus.edu/giving/estateplanning.stm) for more information on Estate Planning 101. If you are interested in making a gift through your will or estate, or you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, you may call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-3852. Upcoming Estate Planning 101 dates are Wednesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Nov. 14. Reservations are required.

**New tenure-track faculty for 2012-13**
David Barker, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies – Institute for Social Research
Sharon Furtak, Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies – Psychology
Robert Kraemer, Health and Human Services – Speech Pathology
Samuel Larrucea, Health and Human Services – Physical Therapy
Katrin Mattern-Baxter, Health and Human Services – Physical Therapy
Lisa Romero, Education – Educational Leadership

**Tax-sheltered annuity 403(b) vendor sessions**
If you are interested in scheduling a one-on-one, on-campus meeting with a representative to review your current tax-sheltered annuity 403(b) account or help you enroll in a new account, visit the Tax Sheltered Annuity Vendor Sessions page at [www.csus.edu/hr/benefits/tsasessions.htm](http://www.csus.edu/hr/benefits/tsasessions.htm) to view the schedule of vendor representatives on campus.

**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.htm#Disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability), by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Caesar Lawson, Academic Advising Center
Althea Spencer, Accounts Payable Department
Steven Craddock, Facilities Services
Mike West, Engineering Services
*Laurice Young, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
*Monique Morovat, ATCS/eLearning Department

*May only accept vacation leave donations. Employee is on the program due to an ill family member.*