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News

It’s Constitution and Civic Engagement Week on campus
The Community Engagement Center is coordinating a weeklong celebration of the U.S. Constitution with a newly expanded Constitution and Civic Engagement Week, today through Saturday, Sept. 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](http://www.csus.edu/cec/Engaging%20Students/2015_Constitution_Week.html).

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

One World Initiative’s kickoff is Thursday
Join us for the One World Initiative Kickoff Event from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Learn how you can get involved in this year’s One World Initiative. This year, the theme is “Power!” We will discuss ways to integrate this year’s theme into your classes, research, and other campus activities.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

RSVP deadline extended for this week’s HSI Unity Summit
It’s not too late to RSVP for the Hispanic-Serving Institution Unity Summit. President Robert S. Nelsen cordially invites you to the 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 the community at large in discussions regarding the University’s status as an HSI. This event will bring together partners from all sectors of the community invested in student success and college completion.

Send your RSVP to saseep-01@csus.edu. To view the agenda at a glance, visit www.csus.edu/PAA/HSI.

Submitted by the HSI Taskforce

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” program (and maybe even a doughnut – go figure!) 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

Student Academic Success Day coming Sept. 21
Student Academic Success Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the University Union Ballroom. The event brings together the entire campus for the common cause of student success. This year’s theme is “Taking Graduation by Storm.”

The day will include a panel discussion on the additional steps Sacramento State should take to improve graduation rates, success workshops for students, inspirational talks on graduation success, college sessions for success in the major, and a resource fair. Please attend any portion of the day that your schedule allows. We have something for everyone, so reserve your space for a session today. If you are a faculty member, you also can bring and RSVP for your class. The website for this event can be accessed at www.csus.edu/saseep/sasday.

A special session on strategies for graduation success for the campus will be held from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in the University Union, Redwood Room. Please come out and share in the discussion.

Submitted by Student Academic Success & Educational Equity Programs

WASC Steering Committee forum to address reaccreditation
The WASC Steering Committee will host a campus-wide forum as we prepare for the University’s reaccreditation process. Please join us for this important dialogue with the theme of “Highlighting Institutional Success: Charting a Bright Course for the Future.” The event is from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, in the University Union, Orchard Suites II and III (second floor). To reserve your space, please email saseep-persist3@csus.edu. The featured guest speaker is Christopher Oberg, vice president of the WASC Senior College and University Commission. Lunch will be provided.

Submitted by the WASC Steering Committee

Send Silence Packing: Suicide awareness tour coming to Library Quad
The Active Minds Send Silence Packing Tour, a nationally recognized public education exhibit of 1,100 backpacks, representing the number of students who die by suicide every year, will be on display from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, in the Library Quad.

This powerful exhibit sheds light on college student suicide and promotes a healthy dialogue around mental health. To give a “face” to the lives lost, personal stories and testimonies written by families and friends accompany the backpacks. Passers-by will be invited to walk
among the backpacks and read the stories of those who have died. Student Health and Counseling Services, Active Minds Peer Health Educators, and campus and community partners will hand out literature on mental health, suicide prevention, and where to seek help.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please contact Student Health and Counseling Services at 278-2618 or call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at (800) 273-TALK. Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Transportation Advisory Committee staff vacancy
There will be a staff vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), effective Friday, Oct. 30. This committee addresses parking, traffic management, and campus shuttle service issues, as well as other alternative transportation matters. The committee meets once a month from February through May and September through December. Anyone interested in serving on this committee must secure their supervisor’s permission and forward their contact information (name, department, email, phone) to Kem Gravenberg, on behalf of Vice President Mike Lee, at kem@csus.edu by Wednesday, Sept. 30.

For more information, email kem@csus.edu or call 278-5809. Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Seven spots available for the Sacramento State Promise Zone Internship Corps
The Office of Research Affairs and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) are pleased to announce the establishment of the Sacramento State Promise Zone Internship Corps. To serve the residents of the Sacramento Promise Zone, SHRA seeks interns in the following areas: communications; development finance; GIS; housing development; youth development mentor; and video production/broadcast (two internships available). All internships are 10 to 15 hours per week and are flexible to accommodate students’ course schedules.

Each intern will receive $500 from the Office of Research Affairs, as well as a joint certificate from Sacramento State and SHRA, upon successful completion of the internship.

For further information and the internship descriptions, please contact Jana Noel, director of Educational and Community Research Partnerships, at noelj@csus.edu or 278-5514. Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Campus drinking water taste, odor issues
Domestic water for the Sacramento State campus and adjacent areas of Sacramento is provided by the E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant, located on the American River at the southeast corner of campus. After treatment, the water is tested to assure that it meets state and federal standards for drinking water. Occasionally, there are variations in taste and odor that are related to the quality of the source.

Over the past few weeks, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety has received reports of unusual-tasting water from some campus drinking fountains. The Fairbairn plant also has received complaints from customers and has determined that the cause is an increase in a type of bacteria in the water. Chlorine used in the treatment process kills the bacteria, but the organism produces a chemical compound that is responsible for the odor and taste. As indicated in the information sheet provided by the Fairbairn plant (www.csus.edu/aba/ehs/documents/FairbairnWaterQuality.pdf), there are no health effects known to be associated with the chemical compound.
If you have additional concerns about campus water quality, please call the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 278-5174.
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Sabrina Watts is keynote speaker for Cooper-Woodson’s Anna J. Cooper Lecture
The Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program, in collaboration with Pan African Studies, will present keynote speaker Sabrina Watts for the annual Anna J. Cooper Lecture from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the University Union, Forest Suite. Watts’ topic, “Seize the Opportunity and Surge ahead,” will inspire students to be ready for the 21st century workforce.

Watts is the chief of Caltrans Information Technology’s (IT) Resource Management and Workforce Support branches. She leads and manages a staff of professionals responsible for IT’s budget, personnel management, recruitment, retention, facilities, safety, professional development, and training. She graduated with honors from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, with a bachelor of administration degree in human resources. She earned a certificate in strategic planning and performance measure from Rutgers University, and received SacCultural Hub’s prestigious Exceptional Woman of Color Excellence Award.
Submitted by Ethnic Studies

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. today.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

UEI Campus Grant Program invites applications
University Enterprises Inc. (UEI) is inviting applications for grants under its 2016 Campus Grant Program for projects that are innovative, have a demonstrable need, and clearly benefit the Sacramento State community. Of particular interest are projects that advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, research, and campus engagement. The award maximum is $5,000. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend an information session in the UEI Board Room on the third floor of the Hornet Bookstore building. Sessions will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and noon Friday, Oct. 2.

For more information, visit the UEI Campus Grant Program website at www.enterprises.csus.edu/campusgrantprogram or email campusgrants@uei.csus.edu.
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. 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

Hornet Bookstore’s annual anniversary sale is Thursday
Shop the Hornet Bookstore’s annual anniversary sale Thursday, Sept. 17. Receive 20 percent off logo apparel, hats, and gifts. Enjoy free popcorn and games, and enter to win raffles. Shop the technology department for the latest software applications, computers, and tablets. Students receive an academic discount on computer hardware purchases.
Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at
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: Should I click on security pop-ups?
You are on the Internet reviewing a website when a pop-up appears on your screen, informing you that your computer has been infected with spyware. It instructs you to click on the popup to download anti-spyware software. Should you do it? No.

Spyware sometimes poses as anti-spyware software. That sort of pop-up may link to software that does not actually eliminate spyware – or even infects your computer with spyware. Alert the Information Security Office about the pop-up message, as it’s often an indication of an infection on your computer. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its webpage at www.csus.edu/irt/is.
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)
- Brian Sarantopulos, Reprographics