News

SacWorldFest will kick off with gala
The Sacramento World Music and Dance Festival (SacWorldFest) is a celebration of cultural diversity through music and dance, and will be hosted on the Sacramento State campus for the first time.

The kickoff event, the SacWorldFest GALA!, will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, in the University Theatre. Tickets are $50 general, $35 for faculty and staff, and $15 for students; they are available in advance at the University Ticket Office, www.csus.edu/hornettickets or 278-4323. They also will be available at the University Theatre box office on the evening of the event.

The SacWorldFest celebration continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5. That event is free to the public. For more information: www.SacWorldFest.org.

Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters

Student Academic Success Day: 'My Degree, My Future'
Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs (SASEEP) will host the DEGREES Project Student Academic Success Day, "My Degree, My Future: Success from Start to Finish." The event, open to the campus community, will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in the University Union Ballroom. Included will be student academic success workshops, a luncheon and keynote address open to faculty and staff, and an information fair. Faculty are encouraged to bring classes to one or multiple sessions. To view the agenda and register for one or more sessions, visit www.csus.edu/degreesproject/SASDay.

Submitted by the DEGREES Project

Serna Center welcomes UCLA professor for two lectures
Sacramento State’s Serna Center is hosting two lectures on Monday, Sept. 29, by Dr. Tyrone Howard, a faculty member in the Division of Urban Schooling in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. Howard, who also directs various equity programs, including Center X, the Black Male Institute and the Academic Advancement Program, is the author of the recently released book Why Race and Culture Matters in Schools: Closing the Achievement Gap in America’s Classrooms. Best known for his scholarship on race, culture and education, Howard is one of the most renowned scholars on educational equity, the African American educational experience, black males and urban schools. Visit http://gseis.ucla.edu/directory/tyrone-howard for a complete biography.

From 10 to 11 a.m., Howard will engage in dialogue with faculty and staff on the topic of “Why Culture Matters in Closing the Achievement Gap: Strategies for Improving Graduation Outcomes,” in the University Union, Valley Suite. From noon to 1 p.m., he will address students on “The Transformation of Higher Education: Why You Must Graduate,” in the University Union Ballroom.
Did you know Sacramento State has its own victim advocate?
In a continuing effort to raise campus awareness of and prevent sexual harassment and sexual violence, this notice reminds you of a valuable campus resource in any matters of sexual harassment and sexual violence, including domestic/dating violence and stalking.

Victim advocate Jessica Heskin works in the Student Health and Counseling Center on campus. She is on call 24/7 to all students, faculty and staff, and is available to provide emotional support, connect victims to needed services, assist with reporting if desired, and explain victims’ rights and options. She also can provide accompaniment for medical exams, reporting and any follow-up proceedings.

While all other employees on campus must report sexual harassment or violence to the Office for Equal Opportunity, Jessica is one of the specified employees in Student Health and Counseling Services to whom victims may make confidential reports. If a victim requests that Jessica not disclose his or her name to the campus, Jessica will not report to the OEO unless the victim consents.

While Jessica is primarily a resource for students, she also can be contacted by employees who have experienced sexual violence. Jessica can provide suggestions on available resources. The Employee Assistance Program can refer employees to additional resources as well.

The California State University system-wide policy addressing matters of sexual violence may be found at www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-1095.html.

Jessica Heskin may be reached at (916) 278-3799; the contact number for the EAP program is (800) 535-4985.

Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

Questions regarding Title IX, and concerns and complaints of noncompliance may be directed to the Sacramento State Office for Equal Opportunity at (916) 278-5770.

Submitted by Human Resources

Capital Public Radio’s curriculum outreach project
CapRadioCurriculum is a new project by Capital Public Radio that connects the award-winning content from CapRadio and National Public Radio with faculty and their students. Under the direction of Communication Studies Professor Nick Burnett, the project creates individual curriculum modules built on stories aired on NPR. Each module contains a link to a story and asks students to complete an assignment, answer a question or write an essay dealing with the linked story. These modules could be used for replacement classes (when, for instance, faculty might be traveling), extra credit or supplements to traditional and hybrid classes. The modules are available free to faculty at www.csus.edu/capradiocurriculum. Just point your students toward a module, specify the assignment and provide a due date. Check out the site – new material is added weekly.

Submitted by Capital Public Radio
Author Kim Bancroft to deliver lecture Tuesday
Kim Bancroft, a great-great-granddaughter of legendary 19th century California historian Hubert Howe Bancroft – and a former professor of teacher education at Sacramento State – will discuss her famous ancestor and her new book, Literary Industries: Chasing a Vanishing West, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the University Library Gallery.

She is the first speaker in the Friends of the Library’s 2014-15 Author Lecture Series. Her presentation is free and open to the public. A book-signing and reception will follow. Submitted by the University Library

Water Conservation Awareness Day is Wednesday
At the height of the severe California drought, Sac State Sustainability will host Water Conservation Awareness Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, in the Library Quad. The event will feature water-related agencies from on and off campus that will educate the Sac State community about conservation. Table and booth displays will illustrate average water consumption, including how Sac State has worked to reduce its use of water. The event also will feature water-saving pledges made by members of the Sac State community. For more information, contact the Sustainability team at sustainability@csus.edu. Submitted by Facilities Services

Hornet Aluminaries up close
Join the Alumni Association, graduates of the past decade and students at a special networking event from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Alumni Center. The panel discussion will feature three accomplished alumni – all of whom are featured in the upcoming issue of Sac State Magazine – sharing personal and career insight. These Hornet Aluminaries then will be available for one-on-one conversations with attendees. Faculty and staff are our guests as part of a special welcome back to campus from your Alumni Association. Space is limited, so register today with this special link for faculty and staff.

Our featured panelists are Felipe Ortega, MBA ‘95, R&D operations manager at Hewlett-Packard Networking; Erica Taylor, MA ‘11 (Communication Studies), vice president of communications and community relations director for local banking leader Five Star Bank; and Joshua Wood ‘05 (Government), executive director of Region Builders, a trade association focused on creating jobs and maximizing economic growth. Submitted by the Office of University Advancement

Criminal Justice Convocation coming Sept. 30
The Division of Criminal Justice will host its third annual Convocation from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the University Union Ballroom. This year’s theme is “The Future of Justice: The Role of DNA in Criminal Justice.” More information is available at www.csus.edu/hhs/cj/Professional%20Activity/convocation.html. Submitted by the Division of Criminal Justice

UEI Campus Grant Program invites applications
University Enterprises Inc. (UEI) is inviting applications for grants under its 2014-15 Campus Grant Program for projects that are innovative, have a demonstrable need and clearly benefit the Sac State community. Of particular interest are projects that advance discovery and understanding while promoting teaching, research and campus engagement. Awards range from $500 to $5,000. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17.

Interested applicants are encouraged to attend an information session in the UEI Board Room on the third floor of the Hornet Bookstore building. Register at
Sessions will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, and noon Friday, Oct. 3. For more information, visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/campusgrantprogram or email campusgrants@uei.csus.edu.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

**Staff Awards Luncheon coming next month**

The annual Staff Awards Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in the University Union Ballroom. The event will honor University staff and administrators as well as employees of University Enterprises Inc. and Associated Students Inc. for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

Tickets are on sale through Wednesday, Oct. 1, or sooner if they sell out; the price is $10 per person. Individual tickets may be purchased from the following sellers: Denise Anderson, Riverside 2014E, 278-6127; Ashley Ciraulo-Stuart, Eureka 432, 278-5728; Robin Eicher, Facilities 103A, 278-4895; Cossette Leos, Bookstore 3200, 278-7001; LindaKay Soriano, Sacramento 162, 278-2569; Michelle Bianco, Sequoia 320, 278-8607; and Angel Thayer, Sacramento 259, 278-7458. For table purchases (groups of 10), please contact Michelle Williams at mwill@csus.edu or 278-6685.

Award recipients with 10 to 20 years of service will be acknowledged as a group; they will be asked to stand at their tables to be recognized and thanked for their years of service to the University.

The names of award recipients with 25 or more years of service will be announced, and they will be asked to walk across the stage to receive their token of appreciation. The presentation will be the same as the past year: Supervisors will not be providing remarks on stage, but rather, supervisors and/or peers of these recipients will be encouraged to provide a statement for each employee in their department. The statements will be posted on the USA website at www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/lunch.html prior to the event. The statements can be sent to Michelle Williams at mwill@csus.edu.

For additional information about the Staff Awards Luncheon, please visit the University Staff Assembly website at www.csus.edu/usa and click on the “Events & Activities” link.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

**Watch Hornet football at the WELLZONE**

The WELLZONE is accepting group reservations for the 2014 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, indoor restrooms, tailgate games and a live play-by-play broadcast of each game. Only one game date is left: Saturday, Nov. 8, vs. Southern Utah. Reserve your spot today.

Please contact Todd Sebastian at 278-1786 or reservations@thewellatsacstate.com for more information or to book your group.

Submitted by The WELL

**2014 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) Report**

In spring 2014, the Office of Institutional Research (OIR) administered the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) to assess the extent to which students engage in a variety of educationally effective activities associated with learning and development, as well as to gather data with regard to the nature and quality of their undergraduate experiences.
Comprising 983 participating universities in the United States and Canada (2013-14), the NSSE is a national survey that can be used to help institutions measure their effectiveness in key areas of interest with national and regional benchmarks.

The OIR has created a report that provides a brief overview of the original NSSE Institutional Report. As such, it focuses on benchmarking by comparing the student responses from Sacramento State with three groups: participating CSU campuses, national peer institutions, and all colleges and universities participating in NSSE 2014.

We also have published online the complete NSSE Institutional Report (as provided by the Center for Postsecondary Research), which includes detailed information and a comprehensive statistical analyses of the survey results. Please go to www.csus.edu/oir/Reports.html to view these reports.

Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training
A two-hour overview of disaster preparedness on campus will be conducted 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. The training is mandated by the state and the California State University. Attendees will get an overview of:

- The Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan
- The Building Safety Program
- The Emergency Operations Center
- Home disaster preparedness
- You as a disaster service worker
- Flood danger response
- Emergency notification systems

All Sacramento State faculty and staff must attend every three years. Register on LearnerWeb for this event.

Submitted by University Police

Violence in the Workplace Prevention Training
This is a one-hour presentation, with additional time for questions, on University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention information, 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 as it pertains to violence in the workplace or unacceptable behavior. Materials will be provided. Class participation every three years is required of all faculty, staff and student employees by Cal-OSHA and Sac State. Trainings are in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:

- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25
- 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23
- 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/09/ProfessionalActivities09-08-14.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 tip: Limit access
Does doing your communication off the computer mean you don’t have to worry so much about information security? No. Information security applies to more than just computer use. You must always secure protected information by limiting its access to those who need to know. When talking on the phone about protected information, be sure unauthorized people cannot overhear the conversation. When sending protected faxes, be sure an authorized person is on the receiving end to pick them up as soon as they are sent. When leaving voice mails about confidential issues, you must be sure the system can’t be accessed by others. (It should be password-protected and not a department office voice message box where multiple people can access the message; instead, it should be an individual message box.)
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Sabbatical application deadline for 2015-16 is Friday
The sabbatical application is now available online. Eligible full-time faculty members interested in applying for a sabbatical leave for the 2015-16 academic year must submit an electronic application to Human Resources no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. Please note that no late applications will be accepted. The online application is available at www.csus.edu/hr/facultyvacancies/sabbatical%20leaves.html. For more information about the sabbatical leave process, or if technical difficulties are encountered with the electronic application, please contact the Office of Human Resources at 278-6169.

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:

- James Jackson, Facilities Services
- Lisalee Egbert, Teacher Education (Child Development)
- Melissa Repa, Student Affairs (SSWD)