News

In October, Sacramento State plans to launch “The Red Folder,” a new resource to help faculty and staff identify, respond and refer students in distress. The Red Folder initiative was created through the support of the CSU Chancellor’s Office with funding from the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) Student Mental Health Initiative.

A systemwide workgroup consisting of mental health counselors, student conduct professionals and health educators developed The Red Folder to connect students with appropriate campus services. A Red Folder icon will be installed on your desktop, and a mobile app is soon to follow. Faculty and staff also will receive a hard copy of The Red Folder.

Ron Lutz, Ph.D., clinical director of counseling for Student Health and Counseling Services, is available to meet with faculty and staff in person to answer any questions. He can be reached at 278-7358 or lutzr@csus.edu.

Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Mayor’s Town Hall tonight at River Front
The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies will host Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson’s Community Town Hall Meeting from 6 to 7:30 tonight in the River Front Center (in front of Panda Express). This event is free and open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community.

Topics to be discussed at the Town Hall include:

- What are your thoughts on a new downtown Kings arena?
- Do you think Sacramento should have a new MLS soccer team?
- What companies would you like to see move to the Sacramento region?

Submitted by the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Provost’s Student Research Showcase: Registration deadline is Wednesday
The Provost’s Student Research Showcase offers all undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to present their research and creative activities to the campus community in poster presentation format. The presentations will be grouped in rotating sessions of 90 to 120 minutes with mixed cohorts of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Participants will have the opportunity to gain speaking and presentation experience without the pressure of being judged, but with feedback on their work and presentation styles. This event also will allow students to test-run their presentations in preparation for the campus-wide Student Research Symposium on Friday, March 6.

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the showcase from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Provost Frederika “Fraka”
Harmsen will take part in the showcase from noon to 1 p.m. to engage with students and their mentors. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/research/studentresearch/provostsstudentresearchshowcase.html. Participants must register by Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the website above to reserve a spot. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at research@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs, Academic Affairs, ASI and Graduate Studies

2014-2015 Scholarly Writing Forum Program
The Office of Research Affairs invites tenured, tenure-track and part-time faculty to participate in the 2014-2015 Scholarly Writing Forum Program. In an effort to support faculty writing, Ted Lascher (Department of Public Policy and Administration, and researcher-in-residence, Office of Research Affairs) will lead four sessions during the fall semester addressing topics related to scholarly writing. Topics include: identifying and addressing common writing problems in journal articles; improving writing with punchy introductions and titles; writing successfully for non-academic publications; and responding to reviewer input.

All sessions are from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays with lunch provided. You need not attend all sessions, but if you do, you will receive a certificate of completion. In addition, four selected Thursday sessions will be offered during the spring 2015 semester with topics related to writing support. Fall dates are Oct. 9 and 23, and Nov. 6 and 20. Registration is required via www.csus.edu/research/scholarlywritingforum.html.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Open Forums on Writing Proposal
The Faculty Senate Reading and Writing Subcommittee invites the campus to an open forum on a proposal for changes to the Sacramento State Comprehensive Writing Program from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The proposal can be found on the index page of the Writing Across the Curriculum website at www.csus.edu/wac.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate Reading and Writing Subcommittee

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 Sacramento 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 www.enterprises.csus.edu/campusgrantprogram. 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.

Homecoming tickets for faculty and staff
President Alexander and Gloria Gonzalez invite University faculty, staff and their families to the Homecoming Festival and football game Saturday, Oct. 18, when the Hornets take on the Cal Poly Mustangs at 6 p.m. at Hornet Stadium.
Faculty and staff can reserve up to four complimentary game tickets through University Advancement at [www.csus.edu/homecoming/FacultyStaff.html](http://www.csus.edu/homecoming/FacultyStaff.html). Tickets and a Sac State gift for faculty and staff can be picked up at the University Advancement booth during the Homecoming Festival, beginning at 3 p.m. on game day. Tickets must be reserved through University Advancement and not the Ticket Office.

Visit the Homecoming website ([www.csus.edu/homecoming](http://www.csus.edu/homecoming)) for more information on all Homecoming Week activities; and check out this year’s new theme and logo, designed by Sac State student Spencer Colaco. 

Submitted by University Advancement

**Criminal Justice Convocation coming Tuesday**
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](http://www.csus.edu/hhs/cj/Professional%20Activity/convocation.html).

Submitted by the Division of Criminal Justice

**This week in the One World Initiative**

- Today: The College of Continuing Education’s English Language Institute presents the second annual ELI Symposium: “Miles of Smiles: International Perspectives on Happiness.” ELI students will make presentations about happiness in their home countries. All members of the campus community and the public are welcome. 1 to 3:30 p.m., University Union, Redwood Room.
- Tuesday, Sept. 30: The Fall 2014 Geology-Ecology-Environmental Science Colloquium Series presents “Happy Otters: How Can Sea Otters Tell Us About Ecosystem Health?” by Dr. Liz Bowen of the U.S. Geological Survey. The Geology-Ecology-Environmental Science Colloquium series is co-sponsored by the departments of Geology, Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative; and the U.S. Geological Survey. 4:30 p.m., Mendocino 1015.

For a full list of One World events, visit [www.csus.edu/oneworld](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld).

Submitted by the One World Initiative

**Philosophy Department presents visiting scholar**
The Philosophy Department and the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics are pleased to present visiting scholar Jennifer Zamzow. She is a postdoctoral fellow in ethics and cognition within the Department of Philosophy and Center for Ethics and Politics at Carnegie Mellon University.

Zamzow’s two free public lectures are on Monday, Oct. 6, at the University Union:

- “Judging Others: The Limits of Perspective Taking,” 10 a.m. to noon, Redwood Room
- “Affective Forecasting in Medical Decision-Making: What Do Physicians Owe Their Patients?” 1 to 3 p.m., Lobby Suite

For further details, please see the Ethics Center website at [www.csus.edu/cppe/symposium/fall%20speaker%20series_2014_program.html](http://www.csus.edu/cppe/symposium/fall%20speaker%20series_2014_program.html).

Submitted by the Philosophy Department and the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics
U-Nite collaboration earns Sac State a Prelude Award nomination
The Arts & Business Council of Sacramento has nominated Sacramento State for a Prelude Award. Sacramento State, with the Crocker Art Museum and I Can Do That!, has been nominated for the Arts/Business Partnership award for their collaboration on U-Nite, the annual Sacramento State night at the Crocker.

Winners will be announced at the Prelude to the Season fundraiser and awards celebration on Tuesday, Oct. 14. More details about the Arts & Business Council and the awards celebration can be found at www.sacabc.org/programs/prelude-to-the-season.
Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters

Beat the flu bug – get vaccinated
Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) offers flu immunization clinics through November while the supply lasts. Flu immunizations are free for registered Sac State students, $15 for faculty and staff. All clinics are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Union Lobby. Upcoming clinic dates are:

- Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30
- Nov. 6, 13

Walk-in flu shots are available in the SHCS clinic and pharmacy from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday. If these days and times don’t work for you, immunizations are available by appointment in SHCS at The WELL. Appointments can be made at https://shcssacstate.org/ by logging onto the patient portal or by contacting SHCS at 278-6461.
Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

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 information regarding 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, 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 Sacramento State. Trainings are in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:

- 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: 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

Open enrollment
A copy of the 2015 CalPERS Health Benefits Program Basic Plan Rates chart that contains the 2015 CSU contribution rates, monthly premiums and employee share of premium rate is available for your review. To those employees currently enrolled in health benefits: Your paycheck will be impacted! Please carefully review the premium changes for the upcoming plan year and determine if you need to make a change during open enrollment. The new rates will be reflected on your December 2014 pay warrant (Dec. 31 pay date).

The open enrollment period is Monday, Sept. 15, through Friday, Oct. 10. Open enrollment is your once-a-year opportunity to learn about benefits options and to make additions, changes or deletions to your benefits.

For the most up-to-date information, visit the CSYou open enrollment and Sac State Benefits Office web pages for links to resources. The Benefits Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Representatives and carriers from the CSU benefits programs will be available to answer your questions and provide information regarding their plans for 2015.

Benefits – did you know? PERSpective online newsletter
The Fall 2014 issue of PERSpective is available online. The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) newsletter provides valuable information on CalPERS programs, benefits and services. Access PERSpective and other helpful benefits related information on the Benefits Website.
Noontime and after-work wellness activities
We invite you to reduce stress and meet your daily physical activities needs by participating in our noontime and after-work program activities. Find a partner and learn yoga, or tone those muscles with aqua aerobics, and make it a practice to engage in healthful activities. Visit our NoonTime Wellness page for additional information.

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)
- Rita Kelly, Academic Affairs (Graduate Studies)