**News**

**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 is historic and is the single largest effort among state employees to support charitable programs. This is our promise to California. This year, that promise is being claimed as the new identity for CSECC. As of 2014, CSECC will officially become Our Promise: California State Employees Giving at Work.

Today we launch the 2014 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. 31.

This is truly a donor-advised campaign. The Our Promise Donor Resource Guide (www.ourpromiseca.org/find-charity) 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 – utilize the write-in portion of the pledge form. Gifts also can be spread throughout the year with the option of payroll deduction.

In 2013, Sacramento State was the No. 1 CSU campus in giving, supporting 180 charitable organizations, with more than 25 percent of that support going specifically to United Way. Additionally, we had the highest participation rate for campuses with more than 1,000 employees. “We are proud of our accomplishments and eager to see what we can accomplish this year,” says Ming-Tung “Mike” Lee, vice president for Administration/CFO and 2014 campaign chair.

Click [here](#) to learn more about some of the organizations that have been touched by Sac State employees’ generosity.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

**Annual John C. Livingston Faculty Lecture is Oct. 30**
Please join the Faculty Senate in congratulating Professor Mark Stoner, Communication Studies, as the recipient of the 2014 John C. Livingston Faculty Lecture award. Stoner’s lecture – “Are Two Heads Really Better Than One? Communication, Collaboration and Coalitions of Minds” – will be presented at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the University Union, Redwood Room. A reception in his honor will be held immediately following.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

**'Becoming California’ airs tonight on KVIE**
“Becoming California,” a beautiful two-hour documentary narrated by Oscar winner Jane Fonda, will have its Sacramento premiere at 10 tonight on KVIE (Channel 6). Jim Baxter, a Sacramento State professor of biology, is the executive producer and a force behind the ambitious California Environmental Legacy Project. “Becoming California” is its first big production. The documentary is the story of California’s environmental past, present and
future – and how we can balance the demands of civilization with nature’s needs. Read more about “Becoming California” in our story: http://bit.ly/1rCH73B.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Bera/Ose congressional debate coming Oct. 8
A debate between Democratic U.S. Rep. Ami Bera and Republican Doug Ose will air live from the KVIE studio from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8. The debate also will be broadcast live on Capital Public Radio. The same day, Steve Boilard of Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies will hold a panel discussion from noon to 1 p.m. at Folsom Lake College (Aspen Room, FL1-20) about why the 7th District congressional debate is important to voters, what to look for, what the key issues will be, and why debates matter even in the age of instant online information. The panel will respond to audience questions.

In addition to KVIE and Capital Public Radio, the debate’s co-sponsors include the Center for California Studies, the Sacramento Bee, Folsom Lake College and the Los Rios Community College District.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Debate team to participate in Operation Fact-Check
The Sacramento State debate team and coaches will be participating in Operation Fact-Check for the Ami Bera-Doug Ose congressional debate at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Folsom Lake College.

Sacramento State and Los Rios faculty and students will be live-tweeting their findings. Follow @CA07factcheck on Twitter for up-to-the-minute coverage of the debate.

Submitted by Communication Studies

College of Business Administration, Sac Metro Chamber awarded federal contract
The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Sacramento State College of Business Administration, was awarded a contract Sept. 26 from the U.S. Small Business Administration to manage the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for eight Northern California counties (Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter, Lake, Colusa and the 916 portions of Placer and El Dorado). The newly formed Capital Region SBDC is a region-wide platform enabling strategic partners within the entire service area – chambers of commerce, cities, counties and others – to advance the core objectives of the SBDC: deep counseling appointments, business loans and business start-ups. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/09/SmallBusinessContract09-26-14.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Groundbreaking issue of Sac State Magazine is online
Combative robots, hungry earthworms and a safe place to fail are triggering innovation from students and faculty on campus. And Sacramento State alumni are on the leading edge in banking, real estate, business and technology around the region. The fall issue of Sac State Magazine will inspire you, with insights from innovators and tips on how to take your bright idea and capitalize on it. Plus, check out six Hornet student-athletes you’ll want to keep an eye on this year, and much more.

Read Sac State Magazine at www.csus.edu/sacstatemagazine. Pick up a copy in Sacramento Hall 169 or by calling 278-2140.

Submitted by Advancement Communications and Stewardship
Oct. 16 is Energy Conservation Awareness Day
It’s that time of year again: Energy Conservation Awareness Day will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Library Quad. SMUD, PG&E and others will be on campus with lots of ideas to reduce your utility bill, and the latest on energy conservation technology and tips. This fun and educational day will provide students, faculty, and staff an opportunity to raise their awareness on saving energy. For any questions, contact Nat Martin at nmartin@csus.edu or the Sustainability Team at sustainability@csus.edu.
Submitted by Sac State Sustainability

Summit to connect youth with great outdoors
The third annual Outdoor Youth Summit is coming to Sacramento State from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4. Sponsored and coordinated by the Bureau of Land Management, the summit is a chance for young people to learn more about outdoor opportunities. There will be several outdoor exhibits in Serna Plaza, as well as workshops in the University Union Ballroom on topics such as AmeriCorps, how to get a job with the California Conservation Corps, and developing outdoor leadership skills. More information is available at www.blm.gov/ca/youth.
Submitted by CAMP

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. For more information, visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/campusgrantprogram or email campusgrants@uei.csus.edu.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentors sought
The Center for Teaching and Learning is taking applications for the position of Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentor. Summer Teaching Institute mentors plan, facilitate and coordinate the four-day summer teaching institute, the January workshop, and the March Showcase. Mentors serve as a resource for eight to 10 Teaching Institute faculty throughout the academic year. Mentors receive technology supplies and/or professional development funds. All interested faculty who are available from 9 to 11 a.m. Fridays for planning meetings are invited to apply. Details and the application are available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/TIMENTOR. The deadline to apply is Monday, Oct. 27.
Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

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 CSU. 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

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/10/ProfessionalActivities10-06-14.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: Are all websites safe to browse?
Websites can pose significant risks of encountering spyware and malware. A new trick used by hackers is to inject malware onto your computer after you simply visit a web page. This problem is especially present on unknown websites, as there are increasing numbers of “distribution sites” – malicious websites that infect your computer when you visit them. But even legitimate websites can be hacked and infected with malware.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Open enrollment ends Friday
The open enrollment period ends Friday, Oct. 10. Open enrollment is your once-a-year opportunity to learn about your benefits options and to make additions, changes or deletions to your benefits for 2015. The effective date for all open enrollment transactions is Jan. 1. To initiate an open enrollment transaction, download and complete the Open Enrollment Worksheet and/or DCRA/HCRA Enrollment form from the Benefits Office’s open enrollment page, and submit to the Benefits Office during the open enrollment period. The Benefits Office is in Del Norte Hall 3004. Public service hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If your work schedule does not allow for you to submit enrollment forms during public service hours, please contact the Benefits Office at (916) 278-6009 to make alternate arrangements.

Fall 2014 benefits workshops
The Office of Human Resources – Benefits is sponsoring retirement and financial planning workshops for the fall semester. If you are interested in attending one of the workshops, please go to the Benefits Office Workshops website at www.csus.edu/hr/departments/benefits/workshops.html to view the schedule, find specific registration information, and download a copy of each workshop flier. 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.

Part-time instructors needed for spring semester
Part-time instructors are needed for the Spring 2015 semester. More information is available at www.csus.edu/hr/facultyvacancies/PTFaculty_ad_Fall%202014.pdf.

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)