News

**Provost’s Student Research Showcase coming Oct. 28**
The inaugural Provost’s Student Research Showcase offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to present their research, and scholarly and creative activities to the campus community in poster format. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the event 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.

One hundred poster presentations will be made by students representing the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Education, Engineering and Computer Science, Health and Human Services, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Posters will be grouped in 90-minute sessions with mixed cohorts of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

Showcase participants will gain speaking and presentation experience, and receive feedback from attendees without the pressure of being formally judged. Seventeen faculty members participating in the Center for Teaching and Learning’s Faculty Learning Community on Strengthening Undergraduate Research Opportunities at Sacramento State will be available to provide comments to participants and gather information on student research being done on campus. This event also will allow students to test-run their presentations in preparation for the campus-wide Student Research Symposium on Friday, March 6, where top students are awarded the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, and awardees’ faculty mentors are granted professional development funds. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu, or visit www.csus.edu/research.

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**College of Arts and Letters, alumnus win Prelude awards**
The College of Arts and Letters was the winner of a Prelude award for its partnership with the Crocker Art Museum and *I Can Do That!* for this year’s U-Nite, Sacramento State’s night at the Crocker. The award was granted by the Arts & Business Council of Sacramento on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Additionally, Christopher Max Thompson, an alumnus from the Department of Art, won a Prelude award as Artist of the Year. This is the second year in a row that a Sac State alum has won the award; filmmaker Ryan Coogler won last year for *Fruitvale Station*.

The list of winners can be found at www.sacabc.org/programs/prelude-to-the-season.

*Submitted by the College of Arts and Letters*

**In memoriam: Professor Tom Knutson, Communication Studies**
A memorial service for Professor Tom Knutson will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at the Alumni Center. The Communication Studies scholar, who taught at Sacramento
State for 35 years, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, at age 71 of pancreatic cancer. The service, said Department Chair Steve Buss, will be “a joyous celebration of his life.” Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Film director Peter Bratt to lecture at University Union on Tuesday
The Serna Center will host Peter Bratt in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, for a lecture titled “Ethnic Images in Contemporary Cinema.” The event is free.

Bratt is an acclaimed director, screenwriter and producer. His first film, Follow Me Home, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 1996. His second film, La Mission, was the principal production of 5 Stick Films Inc., co-founded by Bratt and his brother, actor Benjamin Bratt. La Mission earned Peter Bratt the prestigious 2010 Norman Lear Writer’s Award and the 2010 Estella Award, an honor bestowed by the National Association of Latino Independent Producers. Peter Bratt was selected by Mayor Gavin Newsom to be a San Francisco film commissioner and works with several nonprofits to encourage inner-city youth to pursue the media arts.

To bring a class to the lecture, please RSVP to the Serna Center at serna-05@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Catch a free screening of Becoming California on Nov. 5
Interested in California’s environmental past, present and potential future? Come to a free screening of the new PBS documentary film Becoming California from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Narrated by Jane Fonda, with an original score by Pat Metheny, the two-hour film examines the broad scope of environmental change on America’s western edge. Recently broadcast on KVIE in Sacramento and currently broadcasting nationwide, the film was produced and directed by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Kit Tyler and funded by the National Science Foundation. Sacramento State Biology Professor Jim Baxter is one of the executive producers of the film and director of the California Environmental Legacy Project, which is creating innovative educational media about environmental change. For more information about the film and the Legacy Project, visit www.calegacy.org.

Submitted by the Biology Department

Join the Made at Sac State team for the 2014 Run to Feed the Hungry
This Thanksgiving, Sacramento State and Capital Public Radio are pulling together a Made at Sac State team to participate in the annual Run to Feed the Hungry, which starts and ends at the J Street entrance to the campus. Students, faculty, staff, family and friends all are invited to join the swarm. Team members will receive a Run to Feed the Hungry team shirt and an exclusive Made at Sac State sweatband. Members will pick up their race packets at the Capital Public Radio studios and be among the first to tour CPR’s new garden.

To register for the Made team, go to www.runtofeedthehungry.com and click “Register,” select “I’m on a team,” fill out your information and select “Made at Sac State” as your team. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Nov. 18. Registration costs $50 – but a discounted registration code is available to the first 20 faculty or staff members who join. Be one of the first to email publicaffairs@csus.edu to receive yours (limited to one per person). Proceeds benefit the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

Race day is Thanksgiving morning – Thursday, Nov. 27 – rain or shine, starting on J Street just west of the campus. For more information, check out the Run to Feed the Hungry event
on the Sac State Facebook page. Come support this great cause and show your Sac State pride!
Submitted by Public Affairs and Advocacy

Causeway Classic Blood and Marrow Drive coming this week
The annual Causeway Classic Blood and Marrow Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the University Union Ballroom. This drive is a competition between Sacramento State and UC Davis. Faculty and staff can use a “Fast Track” pass to expedite the donation process. Donors also can give at any BloodSource center or mobile blood center from Oct. 21 through Nov. 5 with the code LO29 to have their donation count toward Sac State’s total. The annual trophy will be awarded to the winning campus at the Causeway Classic football game. Sacramento State holds the trophy after winning three years in a row. Donors: Please remember to drink plenty of water in the days before donating, and eat a substantial breakfast that day.
Submitted by the University Union

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

Hornet Bookstore plans a sale Tuesday and Wednesday
The Hornet Bookstore is having a sale Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Wednesday, Oct. 22. Save 25 percent on hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, blankets, select tailgate merchandise, writing instruments, backpacks, school-logo tech accessories and earbuds. Get an additional 25 percent off clearance merchandise. Visit the technology department Thursday, Oct. 23, for special savings on iPads. Some exceptions apply; see store for details.
Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

CTL call for Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentors
The Center for Teaching and Learning is taking applications for Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentors. Summer Teaching Institute mentors plan, facilitate and coordinate the four-day summer institute, the January workshop and the March showcase. Teaching Institute 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 Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. for planning meetings are invited to apply. Details and an 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

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: Accidents happen
What should you do if you accidentally forwarded an email that contains protected information – for example, a student’s disability accommodation request? Immediately address the situation by contacting the Information Security Office and your department head. Records regarding a student’s disability are subject to the protections of FERPA and several other laws. Rely on the instructions of the Information Security Office and your department head regarding how to handle the situation. For more information, contact the Information Security Office by visiting www.csus.edu/irt/is/contactus.html.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

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:

- Lisalee Egbert, Teacher Education (Child Development)
- Priscilla Llamas-McKaughan, Financial Services