News

Provost’s Student Research Showcase is Tuesday
The inaugural Provost’s Student Research Showcase offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to present their research, 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 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 and or student.research@csus.edu, or visit www.csus.edu/research.

Sponsored by Research Affairs, Academic Affairs, ASI and Graduate Studies

Keeping Sac State safe
On Friday, Oct. 10, University Police responded to a report that a male suspect exposed himself to a student in the University Union. The suspect, Shawan Wimberly, was identified as the perpetrator of a similar act on Oct. 5 at the Information Resource Center. Wimberley, who has no campus affiliation, was arrested by the University Police.

The Sacramento State Sexual Violence Awareness Team thanks the campus community for its prompt reporting of, and University Police for their prompt response to, these incidents. These incidents illustrate the importance of the campus community working together to effectively address and eliminate sexual harassment and sexual violence.

Reports of sexual harassment or sexual violence can be made to University Police by calling 911 from a campus phone, the University Police emergency line at (916) 278-6900, or the non-emergency line at (916) 278-6851. Our police will respond immediately to address the report.
Incidents of sexual harassment or violence also should be reported to the campus Title IX coordinator. For more information, please call (916) 278-5770 or visit http://csus.edu/titleix.

The CSU system-wide policy addressing matters of sexual harassment/violence may be found at http://www.calstate.edu/EO/EO-1095.html.

Thanks again for everyone involved in keeping Sac State safe! We Care and We Will Help!

Submitted by the Office for Equal Opportunity

Memorial service for Professor Tom Knutson is tonight at 7
A memorial service for Professor Tom Knutson will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. today 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

Call for award nominations
The Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee of the Faculty Senate is pleased to call for the nominations of faculty members for the following awards for 2014-15:

- The University Award for Research and Creative Activity (formerly the President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity) recognizes a faculty member who has made significant contributions to their discipline as evidenced by scholarly activity, research or creative/artistic endeavors over the last five years.
- The Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award recognizes a faculty member who has, over many years, made significant contributions to a discipline through scholarly activity, creative/artistic endeavors, research and publication.

Both awards include a professional development grant of $2,500 and three units of release time. Nominations for both are due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. For additional information, see www.csus.edu/research/RCASawards.html.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

Annual John C. Livingston Faculty Lecture is Thursday
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. For more information on the lecture, go to www.csus.edu/acse/Lecture-and-Awards/2014-15-Livingston-Lecture/StonerLivingstonLecture2014.pdf.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Our Promise Campaign concludes Friday
The Our Promise campaign (formerly the California State Employee Charitable Campaign, CSECC) on Sac State’s campus concludes Friday, Oct. 31. By this time, you should have received a pledge form from your unit’s key connector with instructions for completing and returning the form. Forms are due back to your key connector by Oct. 31.

This donor-advised program allows you to specify where you want your gift to be directed. You can find help selecting a charitable organization by using the Donor Resource Guide, or
if your favorite organization is not listed, utilize the write-in portion of the pledge form. Also, gifts can be spread throughout the year with the option of payroll deduction.

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

Your donations and commitment to this program are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO

This week in the One World Initiative
The First Year Experience Program presents the Happiness in the First Year Photo Show, an exhibit of photos by Sacramento State students that picture what made them happy during their first year on campus. An opening reception is at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29. The show runs through Friday, Nov. 21. Both events are in the University Union, second-floor lounge area. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/fye.

For a full list of One World events visit www.csus.edu/oneworld. To add your Happiness event to the One World calendar, email us at oneworld@csus.edu.

Submitted by One World

Fall Ethics Symposium slated for Nov. 3
The Ninth Annual Fall Ethics Symposium – a partnership production of Cosumnes River College and the Center for Practical and Professional Ethics at Sacramento State – takes place Nov. 3 on the topic of “Virtue in Politics.” Please visit the symposium website at www.csus.edu/cppe/symposium/symposium_fall_2014_program.html for full program details and a promotional flier. This event is free and open to the public.

Submitted by the Philosophy Department

Psychology Department research conference set for Nov. 4
The Psychology Department is hosting its annual research conference, “Promoting Excellence in Psychology,” which will be held on from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Please attend this celebration of the exceptional research by our students and faculty in the Psychology Department, even if for a short duration. Further information about the research conference may be viewed at www.csuspsychconference.weebly.com.

Submitted by the Psychology Department

Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentor application deadline is today
The Center for Teaching and Learning is taking applications for the position of Summer Teaching Institute faculty mentor through today. 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.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

CTL seeks applications for Pedagogy Enhancement Awards
The Center for Teaching and Learning is now accepting applications for the Pedagogy Enhancement Awards. The awards provide assigned time and monetary grants for faculty who are working on innovative projects to improve teaching and learning.
The application can be found on the CTL website at www.ctl.csus.edu/?cat=23. A drop-in workshop for applicants will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the CTL, Library 4026. Last year’s award-winning applications are available for review at the CTL from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications must be submitted to the CTL by 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 10. All probationary and tenured faculty are eligible to apply.

For more information, visit the website or call the CTL at 278-5945.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

University Union site of panel discussion on incarceration is Nov. 5
The Center for the Study of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Serna Center will host a panel discussion titled “Unlocking Potential: Rethinking Incarceration” in University Union Ballroom III from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. The event is free.

The moral and social cost of our current pattern of corrections is leading to the loss of entire generations of Americans. The Reset Foundation, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Project Rebound, and the Chief Probation Officer in San Francisco County are coming together to discuss innovative solutions to our current prison crisis and instill hope for a more productive future for all of our communities.

Panelists include: Jane Mitchell, CEO & co-founder of The Reset Foundation; Wendy Still, chief probation officer, County of San Francisco; Jason Bell, director of Project Rebound; and David Rey, a member of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Campaign for College Opportunity executive director to lecture at Union on Nov. 6
The Serna Center will host Michele Siqueiros, executive director of the Campaign for College Opportunity, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. The event is free.

As the campaign’s executive director, Siqueiros works to expand access and success in college for California students by raising public attention to the critical challenges facing higher education, mobilizing a broad coalition of supporters, and influencing policymakers. The campaign’s mission to increase college enrollment and completion rates is driven by a strong belief that California’s future economic success depends on our ability to produce the nation’s best-educated workforce and that our diverse population of young adults deserve the same opportunity provided to previous generations – regardless of race or socio-economic status.

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

Submitted by the Serna Center

NASA Goddard physicist to visit for two lectures
As part of Sacramento State’s new History and Philosophy of Science Initiative – a joint program of CPNS in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and the Department of History – Timothy Eastman, a space physicist at NASA Goddard, and Senior Research Fellow at CPNS specializing in space plasma and plasma astrophysics, will be visiting Sacramento State to give two lectures on the history and philosophy of modern cosmology and recent breakthroughs in our understanding of the origin of the universe.
7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 – “Cosmic Agnosticism: Current Problems and Alternative Perspectives in Cosmology,” University Library Room 3023
4 to 5:20 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 – “The Plasma Universe: Gravity Plus Electromagnetism,”
Department of Physics Colloquium, Mendocino Hall 1015

Submitted by the Center for Philosophy and the Natural Sciences

African Family Health forum coming Saturday
Sacramento State faculty and staff are invited to the African Family Health forum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the University Union Ballroom. The free event is co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Topics will include managing family stress/conflicts; elderly care and wellness; basic family health education and risk prevention strategies; and the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and African Diaspora support. Key service providers will be available, and food will be provided.

Guest speakers will be: Dr. Gebaynesh Gashaw-Gant, cultural consultant/counselor, San Diego; Dr. Olivia Kasirye, director of public health, Sacramento County; Dr. Anvar Velji, professor/associate dean of global health at California Northstate University, College of Medicine in Elk Grove; Dr. Goffa Beh, family care physician at Kaiser Permanente in Stockton; Joann Ahaneku and Gina Spano, DTRs at Kaiser Permanente in South Sacramento.

Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Building coordinator/floor marshal training
An annual two-hour training session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. It will cover the following:

- Program overview and history
- Multi-Hazard Plan/Building Emergency Action Plan
- ICS/interaction with first responders
- Responsibilities of building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty
- Evacuation procedures/rally areas and evacuation chairs
- Flood preparedness
- IFAN
- ENS
- Web pages and information

Attendance is mandatory for all members of the building emergency preparedness teams, building coordinators, floor marshals and faculty who have responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. Seating is limited to the first 150. Registration by email to gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

Student vets, families can enjoy Aquatic Center for free Nov. 2
Sac State’s Aquatic Center and the University invite student veterans and their families for a free day of leisure and fun Sunday, Nov. 2. The center festivities at 1901 Hazel Ave., Gold River, 95670 will go from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided and attendees should bring a canned food item for donation. Veterans should sign up no later than Wednesday, Oct. 29. Volunteers are needed. Direct questions to (209) 988-2380 or email rhondawhitney_2000@yahoo.com.

Submitted by the Aquatic Center
University Staff Assembly Halloween contest
The University Staff Assembly will hold its annual Halloween contest Friday, Oct. 31. Winners will be announced for best individual costume, best skit, best office group costume, best office decoration, and best combined office group costume and office decoration. For more information and to enter the contest, please go to www.csus.edu/usa/halloween. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 29.
Submitted by University Staff Assembly

Graduate and Professional School Information Day is Thursday
The 2014 Graduate and Professional School Information Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Library Quad. This event will provide Sacramento State students with the opportunity to meet graduate recruiters and discuss school and program information, admission procedures, and financial aid availability. For more information, please contact the Graduate Diversity Program at 278-3834, email graddiversity@csus.edu or visit www.csus.edu/graddiv/Graduate-Professional-Information%20Day/.
Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program

Registration deadline for UEI’s job readiness workshops is Saturday
University Enterprises Inc. (UEI) is offering two job readiness workshops for students and anyone looking to get an edge on the competition. Through fun, interactive, and information-packed sessions, participants will receive the tools they’ll need to be successful in today’s competitive job market.

Part one is scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, and part two is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Both workshops will be held in UEI’s Board Room. Participants must attend both workshops to receive a certificate of completion, which can be helpful in obtaining student assistant/intern positions through UEIJobs.

The deadline to register is Saturday, Nov. 1. Registering now is highly recommended as the workshops have proved to be extremely popular. To learn more and register, visit www.ueijobs.com.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

Student fee proposal forms
The Student Fee Advisory Committee will begin accepting 2014-15 Category II and Category III fee proposal forms today. Executive Order 1054 governing fees and the fee proposal form can be found at www.csus.edu/aba/sfac/. The Category Fee II (Campus Mandatory Fee) deadline is Friday, Nov. 21. The Category Fee III (Materials, Service and Course Fee) deadline is Friday, Feb. 6.
Submitted by the Student Financial Services Center

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
Information security training in Skillport
Safeguard your personal information as well as University data by completing the web-based security training using SkillPort.

In collaboration with the CSU campuses, the Chancellor’s Office has developed web-based data security and privacy and FERPA training courses designed to provide our campus community members with guidance on securing our information resources. To access the training, please log on to My Sac State and click on the Skillport link in the Employee Center. You may receive reminders to complete these training by logging on to My Sac State.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the data security and privacy training, please contact the Information Security Office at iso@csus.edu. If you have any content questions regarding FERPA, you can contact the Office of the University Registrar at 278-8088 or registrar@csus.edu.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Security tip: Data comprised? Contact Information Security
Educational and other confidential data, including those related to disability, are subject to state and federal privacy laws. If protected data is compromised the campus Information Security Office must be notified immediately. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find detailed information on their webpage at www.csus.edu/irt/is.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Fall 2014 semester holiday reminders
This is a reminder that the campus will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. Friday, Nov. 28, while an academic holiday for academic year faculty, is a workday for all other staff, managers, and 12-month faculty. However, the campus will not be open to the public. Furthermore, no food services will be available on campus, and the University Union and The WELL will be closed. Unless work is scheduled for you, our hope is that you will request use of vacation time, accrued compensating time off (CTO), or your personal holiday to give yourself a well-deserved, uninterrupted Thanksgiving holiday break. As always, requests for time off must be made in advance and approved by your manager.

It also never is too early to plan ahead for the December holidays. Wednesday, Dec. 24, is a workday for all except academic year employees. Our hope is that the Governor will continue the tradition of an annual gift of four hours of administrative leave to state workers, which should be used Wednesday, Dec. 24. If granted, President Gonzalez has generously offered to close campus for the balance of the day.

Therefore, the holiday campus closure is as follows:

- Wednesday, Dec. 24: Campus tentatively closed (anticipated annual gift from Governor of four hours of administrative leave; anticipated campus closure from President Gonzalez)
- Thursday, Dec. 25: Campus closed in observance of Christmas Day
- Friday, Dec. 26: Campus closed in observance of Admission Day
- Monday Dec. 29: Campus closed in observance of Columbus and Indigenous People’s Day
• Tuesday, Dec. 30: Campus closed in observance of Lincoln’s birthday
• Wednesday, Dec. 31: Campus closed in observance of Washington’s birthday
• Thursday, Jan. 1: Campus closed in observance of New Year’s Day

The campus reopens Friday, Jan. 2.

HR staffing changes
Effective Oct. 1, Human Resources Manager Jackie Kernen and HR analyst Anita Bird now focus on Faculty Recruitment and Compensation, under the direction of Associate Vice President Kent Porter. Carla Almeida has joined the HR team as manager of Employment, Classification and Compensation. In this capacity she will manage the staff and management (MPP) recruitment function (formerly managed by Kernen) and the classification and compensation team. For more information about this and other HR matters, please visit the Announcement section of the HR website – www.csus.edu/hr.

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)