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News

Tickets, sponsorships available for 2013 Green & Gold Gala
Join in the jubilation as the Sacramento State community, including alumni and friends, comes together for the 2013 Green & Gold Gala. The event will honor President Alexander and Gloria Gonzalez for “A Decade of Distinction.” Proceeds will go toward a scholarship named in honor of President and Mrs. Gonzalez.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for the event scheduled for March 22. Sponsorships start at $1,000, and special campus rates are available at $1,500 per table and $150 for individual tickets. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/gala.

Submitted by University Advancement

This week’s One World Initiative events
Tuesday, Nov. 13: Students in Anthropology 146: Ethnographic Analysis will engage in an hourlong discussion from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. in Mendocino Hall on Water Wars: Privatization, Pollution and Profit by Vandana Shiva (South End Press, 2002). Seating is limited. Individuals interested in reading the book and participating in the discussion can pick up the book at the Hornet Bookstore.

Wednesday, Nov. 14: As part of the Department of Anthropology’s George Rich Colloquium series, Dr. Ananthakrishnan Aiyer (Department of Sociology/Anthropology/Criminal Justice, University of Michigan, Flint) will give a talk titled “The Business of Water: What Options Exist?” from 3:30-7 p.m. at the Alumni Center.

Visit the One World website at www.csus.edu/oneworld/index.html or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SacramentoStatesOneWorldInitiative.

Submitted by One World Initiative/Geology

Ninth annual Rock Auction coming Friday
The Geology Club’s ninth annual Rock Auction will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, in the Alumni Center. Hundreds of beautiful rocks, minerals and fossils will be auctioned. Courtney Dempsey of “Good Day Sacramento” will be the special guest alumni auctioneer.

Submitted by the Geology Department

Documentary on Mary’s Meals coming Nov. 20
A documentary film on the charity Mary’s Meals will be shown in the University Union, Redwood Room, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20. The film highlights the work of Mary’s Meals around the globe and the difference just one meal every school day can make to children living in extreme poverty.

Admission is free, and some classes will give extra credit for attending. Free food and drinks are provided, and there will be a raffle and silent auction. Donations and more information on the charity will be available at the event. Please join us for this amazing and moving film.
Retirement reception for Nancy Fox
Please join the Division of Administration and Business Affairs from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Alumni Center to celebrate Nancy Fox’s retirement after 36 years of service at Sacramento State. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 16, to Veronica Liew at vliew@csus.edu.

If you would like to contribute toward a retirement gift for Nancy, please contact Abbi Stone by Monday, Nov. 19, at stonea@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

ABA Speaker Series starts Nov. 29
The Division of Administration and Business Affairs is proud to announce the ABA Speaker Series.

To kick off the series, please join ABA for a morning with Margaret Y. Wong, president and CEO of McWong Environmental and Energy Group, from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Alumni Center.

The purpose of the series is to provide an open, unbiased forum to exchange ideas and bring intellectual enrichment to the campus community. A guest speaker will be invited to campus once a semester. Each series is open to students, faculty, staff and auxiliaries. RSVP to Kimberly Donaville by Friday, Nov. 16, at 278-6312 or kdonavil@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Distinguished Alumni Award nominations
Do you know a Sacramento State alum who makes Hornets everywhere proud, or an individual who deserves special recognition for his or her contributions to the University community? Nominate that person for a Distinguished Alumni Award. The University and the Alumni Association each year honor alumni and recognize their excellence in four categories: Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Service, Rising Star and Honorary Alumnus. Nominations are due by Tuesday, Nov. 13. The Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner is Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Nomination forms and more information are available at SacStateAlumni.com/daa. For more information, contact Jennifer Barber at 278-3797.

Submitted by University Advancement

Spirit of Giving Drive
Through Thursday, Jan. 31, the Community Engagement Center is accepting food and clothing donations through the Spirit of Giving Drive, benefitting the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. Or you can volunteer your time and help Sac State win the second annual SOG Volunteer Challenge. For more information, including donation drop-off locations and how to participate in the Volunteer Challenge, visit www.csus.edu/cec/sog.stm or contact Kay Oghoghorie at kso28@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

2012 California State Employees Food Drive
This year’s California State Employees Food Drive at Sacramento State runs through Tuesday, Dec. 18. The University has participated in this important community event for nearly 40 years.
Continued high unemployment and the slow economy have contributed to record levels of food-insecure households, making this year’s food drive more important than ever. Please reach as deep as you can to help make the holidays and the new year a little better for the many children and families helped by your donations.

*Monetary donations and canned goods:* Your monetary donations go the farthest, as bulk food can be purchased at lower cost. Make checks payable to “California Emergency Foodlink” and mail them to Nancy Fox, department zip code 6076. Food collection boxes for canned goods soon will be placed in most department offices and information booths at the campus entrances.

*Turkey drop:* For the second year, Sacramento State will be participating in a turkey drop; this year’s drop is from 7:30-10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 15. Drop off your frozen turkey at an information booth at either campus entrance or the University Transportation and Parking Services office, 7667 Folsom Blvd. All turkeys will be delivered directly to Foodlink that morning. Frozen vegetarian and vegan options may be dropped off as well.

*Holiday events:* As you plan your department holiday events, please consider doing one or more of the following:

- Ask folks to bring canned or monetary donations to holiday parties, potlucks, luncheons and gatherings.
- Put out donation jars so people can drop in their change.
- Hold a silent auction with donated items.
- Ask folks to bring canned goods to campus events.
- Have a book or rummage sale.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the food drive. Watch for mass emails or go to www.csus.edu/utaps. If you have questions, contact Nancy Fox, food drive coordinator, at foxna@csus.edu or 278-5241.

*Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services*

**Entertainment Book sales support staff events**

The University Staff Assembly is selling Entertainment Books for 2012-13 as a fundraiser to support staff programs on campus, including the Winter Social, the Awards Luncheon and the Summer Picnic. The book costs $30. For more details, contact Angel Thayer at 278-7458 or Carolann Forseth at 278-6177.

*Submitted by the University Staff Assembly*

**Environmental Legacy Project inspires with a giveaway**

Share your personal story of connection to nature by telling the California Environmental Legacy Project about your “One True Place” in California – that one piece of land or water that calls to you, inspires you, heals you. Submit your story to www.calegacy.org and you will automatically be entered for a chance to win a GoPro Hero3 camera.

The director and executive producer, Biology Professor Jim Baxter, says the giveaway serves the project’s goal of awakening public understanding of our connections with the natural world and inspiring Californians to build a new culture of stewardship.

Funded in part by the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Legacy Project includes a two-hour public television documentary, *Becoming California*; short films and video podcasts created for select state and national parks in California; and an interactive website featuring social media, videos, news stories, interviews and photos – all focused on our connection to California’s ever-changing environment.
Deadline for Africa/Diaspora Conference submissions is Nov. 30
The deadline for submitting papers for the 22nd annual Africa/Diaspora Conference is Friday, Nov. 30. “Africa/Diaspora on Health and Human Security” will take place April 25-27 in the University Union, Redwood Room. Panel discussion topics will range from social media and nonviolence to cultural developments and conflict resolution. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/org/capcr or contact uwazieee@csus.edu.

Faculty Grants Program renewed
University Enterprises Inc. and the Office of Research Administration recently announced a renewal of the Faculty Grants Program for 2012-13. The program is open to all tenured or tenure-track faculty, although initial preference will be given to requests from assistant and associate professors.

Awards will be granted for faculty professional development activities pursued from Dec. 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. At least $50,000 will be distributed, and typical awards will be between $750 and $1,000. The application deadline is Monday, Nov. 26. All funds must be expended by June 30.

For detailed information and an online application form, please visit www.enterprises.csus.edu/facultygrants or email research@csus.edu.

Student Research Symposium coming in March
The 2013 Sacramento State Student Research Symposium will be held from 1-5 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the University Union. This event showcases outstanding student research across an array of disciplines and serves as our internal competition to select up to 10 students to represent the University at the CSU Systemwide Student Research Competition in May. The deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 18.

The top two students in the undergraduate and graduate categories will each be awarded $500; the faculty member mentoring these students also will receive a $500 professional development award. In addition, travel expenses will be covered for those selected to participate in the systemwide competition.

The Student Research Symposium guidelines and workshop information are at www.csus.edu/research/student. Faculty are asked to announce this in their classes and to encourage students to participate. For additional information, contact research@csus.edu or (916) 278-3667.

New University Fact Book available online
The 2012 University Fact Book is available online from the Office of Institutional Research at www.csus.edu/oir. Click on “Data Center,” then “University Fact Book.” View the entire book or select only the section you are interested in viewing.

The Fact Book features profiles of students, faculty and staff. It also highlights statistics on admission, class size, degrees awarded, retention, progression, graduation and alumni. Many sections are broken down by college. All data were collected on Census Date and include a five-year range. Several changes have been made this year to provide new data and make the Fact Book more informative.
Submitted by the Office of Institutional Research

**Student Fee Forms**
The Student Fee Advisory Committee is now accepting 2012-13 Category II and Category III fee proposal forms. Executive Order 1054, governing fees, and the fee proposal form can be found at [www.csus.edu/aba/sfac](http://www.csus.edu/aba/sfac).

The Category Fee II (Campus Mandatory Fee) deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 21.

The Category Fee III (Materials, Service and Course Fee) deadline is Friday, Feb. 8.

Send questions regarding the fee process to Julie Carroll at 278-7401 or [carrollj@csus.edu](mailto:carrollj@csus.edu).

Submitted by Student Fee Advisory Committee

**Professional activities**
The latest professional activities are available at [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-13-12.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-13-12.html).

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

**Faculty Senate schedules**
The Faculty Senate schedule for November is available at [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/10/FacultySenateNov2012.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/10/FacultySenateNov2012.html).

The Faculty Senate schedule for December is available at [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/10/FacultySenateDec2012.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/10/FacultySenateDec2012.html).

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

**Yearly passphrase/password update**
Last year, the campus had a big push to update all passphrases/passwords by Dec. 12, 2011, and then require annual passphrase updates. Many campus account users are approaching the anniversary and will need to update their passphrase. You can watch for your 60-day reminder on the portal or just type [mysacline.csus.edu](http://mysacline.csus.edu) into your browser and update your passphrase at your convenience. Remember, if your passphrase has expired, you can still update it using your expired passphrase at [mysacline.csus.edu](http://mysacline.csus.edu).

If you want to know more about how to create a good passphrase to protect your account, type [www.csus.edu/irt/is/guidelines/passphrase.html](http://www.csus.edu/irt/is/guidelines/passphrase.html) into your browser. If you have questions, please call the Service Desk at 278-7337.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

**Security quick tip**
Should you disable some of the startup software to help your University computer run faster? No. The disabling of certain startup software may leave your computer vulnerable to malware, a virus or a worm attack that could infect the entire campus network. All computer users should have active and enabled virus-screening software on their desktop or laptop computers.

For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on the webpage at [www.csus.edu/irt/is](http://www.csus.edu/irt/is).

Submitted by the Information Security Office

**Human Resources**
**Retirement reception for Mary Ford**
Please join us in a fond farewell to Human Resources Benefits Manager Mary Ford as she retires after more than 29 years at Sacramento State. A University-wide retirement reception will be held in her honor from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Terrace Suite of The WELL. We hope to see you there!

**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.htm#Disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability), by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Florence Jackson, UTAPS
David Prato, Housing and Residential Life
Geetha Ramachandran, Math Department
Joseph Small, Reprographics