Sacramento State

News

Input sought as Sac State develops a new Strategic Plan
Sacramento State is developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide all aspects of the University for the next several years. As part of the process, the students, faculty and staff on the Strategic Planning Committee are seeking input from all members of the campus community. President Alexander Gonzalez and the committee have set up multiple ways to provide that input.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a town hall to share ideas; it is scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Library 11. Refreshments will be provided. The committee also invites you to inform students about two student town halls. The student sessions will be identical, and refreshments will be provided. They are:

- Noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in Library 11
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the American River Courtyard conference room

Feedback also can be submitted through the new Strategic Planning website: www.csus.edu/universitystrategicplan. In the “Voices From Our Community” section at the top of the page, the committee is posting key questions; the answers will help inform development of the plan.

Additionally, ideas can be sent via email to strategicplan@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of the President

Interim director of Community Engagement Center named
Academic Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor B. Dana Kivel as interim director of the Community Engagement Center for spring 2014.

For more than 25 years, Professor Kivel has participated in various community-related projects and programs. The journal articles and book chapters she has co-authored, as well as her work done individually and collectively with students and communities in Iowa, Georgia, North Carolina and California, demonstrate a longstanding commitment to community engagement. Among other distinctions, she has been the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the Sacramento Police Department (2012), a Sutter Community Award (2009) and the College of Health and Human Services’ Outstanding Community Service Award (2007-2008).

In 1988, she co-founded and directed the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center, a social-recreation program now celebrating its 25th year of providing support and services for LGBT youth in San Francisco.

Submitted by Academic Affairs
**Film screening to build awareness of preterm births, prenatal nutrition**

As part of Sacramento State’s partnership with the March of Dimes, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences will hold an event to increase awareness around the issue of preterm births.

Free and open to everyone, the event will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Terrace Suite of The WELL. It will begin with a showing of the documentary film *Born Too Soon*, which examines the preterm birth crisis in the United States. An informal discussion will take place after the film. Scheduled panelists include Dr. Olivia Kasirye of the Sacramento Department of Public Health; Laura Dennis, a registered dietitian with San Juan Mercy Medical Center’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Associate Professor Mical Shilts of Family and Consumer Sciences; and Tracey Schaal, executive director of the Greater Capital Division of the March of Dimes.

More information about the event is available at [www.csus.edu/facs/forms1/Prematurity-Awareness-Month.pdf](http://www.csus.edu/facs/forms1/Prematurity-Awareness-Month.pdf). Assistant Professor Lynn Hanna of Family and Consumer Sciences is organizing the event.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization supporting health initiatives for mothers and babies. Earlier this year, President Alexander Gonzalez accepted an invitation to serve as the chair of the organization’s 2014 March for Babies campaign. The March for Babies, which will take place Saturday, April 26, is its largest event, raising more than $1 million locally to support crucial work to prevent premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

*Submitted by the Office of the President*

**Exploring boundaries and gateways to scholarly and creative activities**

The Faculty Policies Committee invites the University community to participate in a series of conversations to explore the boundaries and gateways to scholarly and creative activities. The first conversation is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in the University Union, California Suite.

Adam Rechs (Biological Sciences) will moderate the conversation, which will focus on the meaning of “scholarly and creative activity” at Sacramento State. Questions we hope to address are: How is scholarship defined in your discipline? What are the emerging issues in scholarship in your field? What impact does scholarship have on the University? How does participation in these activities impact your teaching?

We anticipate an interesting and lively discussion. Please plan to attend. For more information: [www.csus.edu/acse/standing-committee/FPC11-20-13UnivCon.pdf](http://www.csus.edu/acse/standing-committee/FPC11-20-13UnivCon.pdf).

*Submitted by the Faculty Senate*

**60th Causeway Classic Luncheon**

Faculty and staff are invited to the 60th Causeway Classic Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Doubletree Hotel. Hornet head coach Marshall Sperbeck and UC Davis head coach Ron Gould will be there, as will campus and community figures, bands and spirit squads from each school, and select Hornet and Aggie student-athletes. Be a part of this great tradition and purchase your tickets today at [www.hornetsports.com/tickets](http://www.hornetsports.com/tickets) or call 278-4323.

*Submitted by Intercollegiate Athletics*
This week in One World
The Cambodian Student Association will present three events:

- A screening of *Still I Strive*, a story of transcendence through compassion, unity and hope, followed by a conversation with writer/director Adam Fleghaar; 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

- The ninth annual Khmer Student Coalition Conference; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, University Union Ballroom. Registration is required: [www.2013kscc.eventbrite.com](http://www.2013kscc.eventbrite.com).

- "Nurturing the Mind & Body," a performance by renowned composer Chinary Ung and dance master Charya Burt, who will also speak on their experiences as Cambodian Americans in the performing arts; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, University Union Ballroom.

For more details on these and other One World events, visit [www.csus.edu/oneworld](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld).

Submitted by the Geology Department

Transgender Day
Wednesday, Nov. 20, is National Transgender Day of Remembrance. The Pride, Women’s Resource and Multi-Cultural centers will host Bay Area artists and arts professionals Chris Vargas, Ali Liebegott and Beth Pickens at 6:30 p.m. in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

This event will showcase the work of multimedia transgender artist Vargas and lesbian writer/arts activist Liebegott. Following their presentations, arts consultant Pickens will lead an onstage interview with the artists, followed by an audience Q&A. As a community, we’ll also engage with the guests and honor members of the transgender community.

Submitted by the Multi-Cultural, Pride and Women’s Resource centers

CBA Film Festival offers student-produced comedies
Come to the third annual CBA Film Festival, beginning at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Library 11 (the University Library auditorium). The event will feature student-produced comedies concentrating on human resources management in the College of Business Administration.

Submitted by the College of Business Administration

Hornet Marketplace this week in the Library Quad
The office of Student Organizations and Leadership invites students, faculty and staff to the Library Quad from Monday, Nov. 18, to Thursday, Nov. 21, to check out the inaugural Hornet Marketplace. This vendor fair will include a variety of unique handcrafted jewelry, textiles and leather products. Come join us from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and get a jump-start on your holiday shopping.

Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership

Diversity Leadership Conference
The office of Student Organizations and Leadership invites faculty and staff to share their knowledge about leadership with our students at the Diversity Leadership Conference from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, in the University Union Ballroom. There will be workshops specific to student club leaders and workshops focusing on aspects of social justice, multiculturalism and multicultural competencies in regard to leadership.
Those interested in presenting a session should submit a Leadership Conference Session Proposal form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/87857 by Monday, Nov. 25. If your students are interested in attending, please have them complete the registration form at https://orgsync.com/1983/forms/89125 by Wednesday, Jan. 8. Please contact Mai Nguyen at mtnguyen@csus.edu with any inquiries.

Submitted by Student Organizations and Leadership

Giving Tuesday campaign
Sacramento State will participate in this year’s Giving Tuesday campaign, an effort to create a national day of giving at the start of the annual holiday season. The hope is to recruit new donors to the University and engage existing donors by encouraging an additional gift beyond their annual contributions.

Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3. Alumni, students, faculty and staff, donors and other friends may participate as volunteers by promoting Giving Tuesday through Wednesday, Dec. 4, to their personal social networks using the #Give2SacState and #GivingTuesday social media tags. Or give a gift to the college or program of your choice during Sac State’s Giving Tuesday campaign period from noon Monday, Dec. 2, to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. You can give at www.csus.edu/ua/givingtuesday or by telephone, fax or mail. For more information, visit the Sac State #GivingTuesday 2013 Facebook event page or the University’s #GivingTuesday website and watch future Briefings for updates.

Submitted by University Advancement

23rd annual Africa & Diaspora Conference
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, in collaboration with the Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento, will present the 23rd annual Africa & Diaspora Conference, “Rethinking & Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora: Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions.” The campus-based conference will be April 24-26. Faculty, students and scholars are invited to submit a proposal. The deadline for submission is Saturday, Nov. 30. Contact Ernest Uwazie at uwazieee@csus.edu with questions.

Submitted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Summer travel study in South Africa
Experience the historic journey toward reconciliation and conflict resolution in post-apartheid South Africa, visit Robben Island (where former President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned) and receive three general education academic credits. The summer travel study, “Peace, Justice and Conflict Resolution in South Africa,” from July 15-29, also will include stops in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban and the Soweto townships where protests grew against apartheid. Professor Ernest Uwazie with the Division of Criminal Justice will hold an information session on the travel study from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Alpine Hall, Room 227. For more information or to express interest, email Uwazieee@csus.edu with the subject line “South Africa Travel Study.”

Submitted by College of Continuing Education

ASI External Grant Applications available
Associated Students Inc. is committed to creating an active and engaged campus community. Each fiscal year, ASI allocates funds, which are to be disbursed to on-campus programs dedicated to our common goal of serving students. The ASI External Grant Packet is now available on the ASI website, www.asi.csus.edu, at “External Grants.”

Applicants must be a University-sponsored program or activity in good standing; student clubs and organizations are not eligible. If your department/program wishes to be
considered for funding, the completed packet must be submitted electronically and received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. If you have questions regarding the application, please contact director of Finance and Administration Mark Montalvo at montalvo@csus.edu or 278-7917.
Submitted by Associated Students Inc.

Epicure’s Thanksgiving specials
To celebrate the season, Epicure Restaurant at the University Union will offer two Thanksgiving specials the week of Nov. 18-22: turkey cranberry ciabatta with a choice of sweet potato fries or French fries, and a kale and brussels sprout salad. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reserve your table at www.dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations/ to enjoy a delicious holiday meal at Epicure.
Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

SHCS provides training on suicide prevention and mental health awareness
Student Health and Counseling Services offers trainings free of charge to the Sac State campus community. These include nationally recognized programs such as Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Safe TALK and Mental Health First Aid. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see our website (https://shcssacstate.org/counseling-services/trainings) for training listings, descriptions, dates and times. Registration is required and can be completed on our website.
Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2013/11/ProfessionalActivities11-04-13.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

Computer system maintenance
Maintenance on campus-wide computer systems is performed most Tuesdays between midnight and 6 a.m. During this time, some systems may be temporarily unavailable. This time period was chosen because it is when few campus services are accessed online. If you have questions or comments about the maintenance period, please contact the IRT Service Desk at 278-7337 or send comments to ITfeedback@csus.edu.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Security tip: Protect your password
All CSU users must exercise care by choosing passwords that are difficult to compromise or access. Failure to do so can jeopardize CSU systems and information. For example, words found in a dictionary, birthdays or anything related to the user’s personal life should not be used. This does not rule out passwords that are easy to remember; for example, combining numbers or punctuation with one or more words could produce an easy-to-remember but hard-to-guess password.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology
Human Resources

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

Carlyn Ster, College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Office
Jennifer White, Financial Aid Office
John Dirk Van Adrichem, Facilities Services
Joan Jackson, Services to Students with Disabilities (vacation donations only)