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News

Giving Tuesday event begins today
On Tuesday, Dec. 3, Sacramento State will be part of Giving Tuesday, a national day of giving. However, starting at noon Monday, Dec. 2, alumni, students, faculty and staff can give to their favorite Sac State college or program online or by telephone and be counted in the Giving Tuesday success.

Gifts from faculty, staff, students, first-time donors and recent graduates will be matched up to $100 by the University Foundation at Sacramento State. Give now or find out more at www.csus.edu/ua/givingtuesday. For more information, visit the Sac State GivingTuesday 2013 Facebook page or the University’s #GivingTuesday website.

Submitted by the Office of Advancement Communications and Stewardship

This week in One World
A discussion of how migration affects gender will take place from noon to 1:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in Humboldt 202 as part of WOMS 115: Introduction to Women’s Studies. The campus community is invited to join. The discussion will focus on two essays: Lisa Lowe’s “Heterogeneity, Hybridity and Multiplicity” and an excerpt from Gloria Ansaldua’s “Borderlands/La Frontera.”

For a full list of One World events, visit our website at www.csus.edu/oneworld. To submit your migration-related event to the One World calendar, email us at oneworld@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Geology Department

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.

Two town halls – the first for faculty and staff, the second for students – were held last month. The committee invites you to inform students about a third town hall, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, in the American River Courtyard conference room. Refreshments will be provided.

Feedback also can be submitted through the 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
Informational event on Affordable Care Act coming Dec. 9
Emily Bazar, senior writer for USC Annenberg’s Center for Health Reporting, will explain the ins and outs of the Affordable Care Act at “Obamacare & You: An Evening with ‘Ask Emily.’” This free informational event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the University Union Ballroom.
Submitted by the Center for California Studies

CSU Doctoral Incentive Program 2014-15
The CSU Doctoral Incentive Program provides student loans to a limited number of individuals pursuing full-time doctoral degrees at accredited universities throughout the United States. After participants receive their doctoral degree and obtain a qualifying instructional position in the CSU, a portion of their loan from this program will be forgiven every year.

Workshops have been scheduled on campus to provide guidance and answer prospective applicants’ questions. Each workshop lasts 45 minutes, and registration is not required. They will be held as follows:

- Monday, Dec. 9: 10-10:45 a.m. and 10:45-11:30 a.m., University Union Ballroom
- Tuesday, Dec. 10: noon-12:45 p.m. and 12:45-1:30 p.m., University Union, California Suite
- Wednesday, Dec. 11: 1:30-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-3 p.m., University Union, Summit Room

Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program

Learn about South Africa travel study program
Join us from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Eureka Hall, Room 1007, for an informational session on the South Africa travel study program. You’ll learn about the historic journey toward reconciliation and conflict resolution in post-apartheid South Africa and hear about the opportunity to receive three general education credits.

Professors Ernest Uwazie and Marilyn Jones will lead the travel study program on “Peace and Conflict Resolution in South Africa” from July 15-29, 2014. The trip includes a visit to Robben Island, where former President Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. You’ll find additional information at www.cce.csus.edu/travelSAfrica, or you can email Uwazieee@csus.edu with the subject line “South Africa Travel Study.”

Submitted by the College of Continuing Education

Panetta Congressional Internships
Each year, the Panetta Institute invites CSU presidents to nominate an outstanding undergraduate (junior or senior) student leader from each campus to participate in the fall semester Congressional Internship in Washington, D.C. The program is fully funded to allow participation by any qualified student. Student benefits for the semester include a two-week orientation at the Panetta Institute in Monterey Bay; an 11-week congressional internship in Washington; academic program and unit accrual; the cost of academic fees and tuition; food and housing; a living stipend; academic materials; and air and ground transportation.

Applications are due in the spring semester. More information is available at www.csus.edu/calst/Panetta_Institute_Congressional_Internship.html.
Submitted by the Center for California Studies
Hornet Bookstore’s Holiday Sale
The Hornet Bookstore’s Holiday Sale will be Dec. 11-12. Save 20 percent on logo apparel, hats, gift items, general books, stationery, women’s accessories and cold-weather merchandise. There will be free caramel corn and candy canes. The cafe special is a $2 large peppermint mocha. Free gift boxes are available with purchase. See store for details; some exclusions apply.
Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

The WELL will host spring Start Strong fitness and membership program
The Start Strong program at The WELL, designed for faculty and staff only, will help kick-start your exercise routine. Whether you are a beginning or an advanced exerciser, this program will provide 12 weeks of consistent workouts in a supportive group setting.

The 30-minute classes run for 12 weeks starting Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 12:15 p.m. Fridays. Cost is $37.50 per month. The total cost of classes for 12 weeks and membership for four months is $150. Membership then continues at the current affiliate EFT rate ($31 per month). For more information or to sign up, email membership@thewellatsacstate.com.
Submitted by The WELL

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

Winter Bowling League
The Sacramento State Winter Bowling League is coordinated by University Police and will engage staff and faculty in a fun-filled, six-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Wednesdays from Jan. 8 to Feb. 12. Practice begins at 5:45 p.m., with the start time at 6. League play will consist of three games per night. Competing teams will change from week to week. Teams will consist of four players, and substitutes may be used. The cost is $10 per player per night. Each squad is responsible for a $40 payment each night, even if fewer than four players show up. Typically, no-shows pay the $10. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night. To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfusion@csus.edu by Thursday, Jan 2.
Submitted by University Police

Violence in the workplace prevention training
This training is a one-hour presentation of information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare for, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas. Materials will be provided. Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University; all faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. The next training session will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. To RSVP for the training, please email barnettk@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety
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

Security tip: Use SacLinkSecure to connect to the campus wireless network
When connecting your laptop, smartphone, tablet or other device to the campus network, you may see multiple networks available. Always select SacLinkSecure to maximize your network speed, mobile coverage and security.

While most devices support the fast and secure protocols of SacLinkSecure, some older devices may not. If your device does not, try connecting to SacLink. But keep in mind that your network connection with SacLink alone is not secure unless the site you are visiting itself secures your connection. To know you are on a secure connection, you should see “https” at the beginning of the URL and a locked icon on your browser. SacLink is still supported on campus to address legacy technology that is not supported by the preferred SacLinkSecure technology. For more information on the campus wireless coverage or on how to configure your wireless devices, open a browser and type www.csus.edu/irt/wireless.
Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Human Resources

W-2 forms
W-2 forms for 2013 will be mailed to an employee’s current mailing address by the end of January 2014. You can check the mailing address on file by logging on to My Sac State and visiting the Employee Center. You can review your “Personal Information Summary” and, if the information is incorrect, you may submit your change online by clicking “Change Home Address.” If you are unable to access your information online, you also can change your address at the Payroll Services office, located in Del Norte Hall 3006. If you have further questions about the W-2 process, you can contact Payroll at extension 8-6211 and someone will be able to assist you. To ensure your W-2 is delivered to the correct address, please verify your current address and make necessary address changes prior to Monday, Dec. 16.

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 employee has been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

Jennifer White, Financial Aid Office