News

Call for participants and jurors: Student Research Symposium 2015
The annual Student Research Symposium, an occasion to celebrate and recognize the outstanding scholarly accomplishments of our students, provides them the opportunity to present their research, scholarly and creative activities to the campus community in both oral and poster presentation format. The top two undergraduate and graduate presenters (individuals or student teams) in each category will be honored with the Provost’s Award for Research Excellence, which includes both a monetary award for the students and development funds for their faculty mentors. Up to 10 students making oral presentations will be selected to compete in May at the 29th annual California State University Student Research Competition at CSU San Bernardino.

Online registration is now open to all current undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Alumni who received their degrees in 2014 also are eligible to participate. All disciplines are welcome, and those who participate may choose to be judged (to be eligible for awards and consideration for the statewide competition) or not (to gain and enhance presentation skills without the pressure of being formally assessed).

Are you a faculty member interested in supporting the Student Research Symposium? Along with encouraging your students’ involvement and attending the event, we invite you to volunteer as a juror for either the oral or poster presentations. The registration deadline for student participants and faculty jurors is Monday, Feb. 9. Both registration forms are at www.csus.edu/research/studentresearch/studentresearchsymposium.html. Further details and the event schedule will continue to be updated online as well. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the various student presentations and the awards reception Friday, March 6, at the University Union. For questions, please contact the Office of Research Affairs at 278-3667 or student.research@csus.edu.

Submitted by Research Affairs, Academic Affairs, Associated Students Inc., and Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

This week in the One World Initiative
From Wednesday, Dec. 10, through Sunday, Dec. 14, the Faculty Dance Concert 2014 will be performed, choreographed by Theatre and Dance faculty and special guest artists, and using a wide spectrum of music. The dances, many of them inspired by the One World theme of “Happiness,” will be performed by our talented students and alumni. There is a One World reception on opening night, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. performance. For information on performance times and tickets, visit www.csus.edu/dram/season.html.

Submitted by One World

Music history class to hold symposium
Students in the Music 110A history course have put together a symposium, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, in Capistrano Hall, Room 151, in which class members will present research on the premieres of famous music. There also will be a world premiere of a piece commissioned and performed by a group of students. A gallery of other students’
research will follow the presentations and performance. The forum is free and open to the campus community.

Submitted by the Music Department

Brown bag lunch seminar coming Friday
Robert W. Wassmer, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies professor and Ed.D. core faculty member, will speak on "The Relative Importance of Supply and Demand Factors to Determining Preschool Attendance and Hours Attended" at noon Friday, Dec. 12, in Eureka Hall, Room 223. View the flier at www.csus.edu/ssis/documents/Brown%20Bag%20Lunch%20Series%20Flyer%20Dec%202014.pdf.

Submitted by the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Have you signed up for ENS announcements?
Sacramento State’s Emergency Notification System is designed to provide delivery of urgent announcements to students, faculty and staff. The system includes text messages, emails, phone calls, desktop alerts, the University website and digital signage on campus.

Current students are automatically signed up during registration to receive ENS alerts, and new students are signed up during the orientation process.

Note: Faculty and staff members must sign up for ENS in order for the University to ensure that the campus community is as safe as possible.

Visit the ENS website, www.csus.edu/ens, and register your cell phone number and preferred email address so that in the event of an emergency, you will be properly notified. If you are having difficulty registering, please contact the IRT Help Desk at 278-7337.

Submitted by University Police

Open forums for associate director of One Stop Student Service candidates
You are invited to attend open forums for the two finalists for the position of associate director of One Stop Student Service. The forums, which will include presentations by the candidates, will take place in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

- 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15 – Miesha Williams, assistant director of Student Services, Sacramento State
- 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18 – Julie Carroll, financial advisor, Student Financial Services Center, Sacramento State

Following the presentations, please provide your feedback on each candidate via email to Leslie Davis, Union WELL Inc., at leslied@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Hornet Bookstore’s holiday sale is Wednesday and Thursday
The Hornet Bookstore is having a holiday sale Thursday, Dec. 10, and Friday, Dec. 11. Get 20 percent off logo gifts, apparel and hats; free gift boxes with purchase. We’ll also hand out free caramel corn and candy canes.

Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore

IRT to upgrade the campus’s core network
Starting Sunday, Dec. 21, and continuing through Sunday, Jan. 11, IRT will be upgrading the campus’s core network. This equipment refresh is a part of the CSU-wide network.
refresh program and is necessary because our existing core equipment is almost a decade old and soon will no longer be supported by the vendor. Because the campus community relies more and more on wireless and wired networks, it is important to update this core hardware and software to ensure reliable network services. We have thoroughly tested the network transition on a number of non-academic areas (including IRT offices) and have found that the process occurred with no disruption to users.

In order to affect faculty, students and staff as little as possible, this upgrade will be done outside business hours from Dec. 21 through Jan. 11. We expect brief outages during this transition, typically lasting less than a minute.

The first buildings to be switched to the new core on Dec. 21 will be Lassen, Napa, Modoc, Mariposa, Sequoia, Benicia and Mendocino halls, and the University Library. The residence halls are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 22. Transition for other buildings will begin on Jan. 4, starting with Public Safety and Capital Public Radio. During the week of Jan. 5, all remaining buildings will be transitioned, with building cutovers that will take place in the early evenings. We will be focusing on major classroom buildings in the December and Jan. 4 windows to minimize any possible disruption to classes.

The upgrade will be completed over the weekend of Jan. 10-11, coinciding with data center maintenance also planned that weekend. Keep in mind that all campus network and data systems will be affected at some point during this annual maintenance period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the service desk at 278-7337. For other comments, please email itfeedback@csus.edu.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Sequoia Hall and State University Drive closure scheduled for Dec. 20
State University Drive, in front of Sequoia Hall, will be closed from 7 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20. The closure will include the area directly after the Guy West Bridge entrance to the location of the greenhouses. During this time, a crane will be lifting heavy equipment onto the Sequoia Hall roof; therefore, Sequoia Hall will be closed and clear of occupants to ensure everyone’s safety. If you have questions or concerns, contact Robin Eicher at 278-4895.

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

Electrical system maintenance outages during winter break
Facilities Management will perform our yearly electrical system maintenance procedures during the campus holiday shutdown from Saturday, Dec. 20, through Wednesday, Dec. 31. This will require power outages as listed at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Briefing/documents/ElectricalMaintenanceOutageScheduleWinter2014.pdf. Some buildings will have up to an eight-hour power outage. If you work in one of the listed buildings, please be sure to turn off all electronics, computers and other electrical equipment to avoid damage from power surges.

Submitted by Facilities Management

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/12/ProfessionalActivities12-01-14.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Winter Bowling League
The 2015 Sacramento State Winter Bowling League has been scheduled on
Monday nights from Jan. 12 to Feb. 23 (except for Jan. 19, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday) with a start time of 6 p.m. Sacramento State faculty and staff teams may also include family members and friends. The goal is just to have a great time! Please contact Serena Fuson at 278-7321 or sfuson@csus.edu if interested in bowling, and a spot will be held for your team. Even number of teams only. Once again, we have a handicap league based on a score of 200.

Here are the particulars:
- Show up 10 minutes early for “shadow practice”
- $11 per player per night
- Three games per night
- Six weeks in duration
- Four-person teams, but each team can have alternates to allow for substitutes or rotations
- If shoes are needed, they can be rented for $2 per night
- Due to peak-season pricing, each team is responsible for a $44 payment each night, even if fewer than four players show up. Typically, no-shows pay the $11.

Submitted by University Police

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acse.
Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tips: Information security best practices
- Take stock: Know what kind of protected and confidential information you have, who can access it and where it is stored.
- Scale down: Keep only the information you need, and develop policies for safely handling it.
- Lock it: Protect information, both digital and print, by locking offices and password-protecting files.
- Pitch it: Properly and securely dispose of information you no longer need.

For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find detailed information on its website at www.csus.edu/irt/is.
Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Year-end pay warrants and direct deposit posting dates
The regular master payday falls on Wednesday, Dec. 31; however, please be aware that the issue date is Thursday, Jan. 1, and the posting date for direct deposit is Friday, Jan. 2, per the State Controller’s Office.

Please note that because the December payroll is the first pay warrant issued in the new calendar year of 2015, your paycheck net may or may not be different than your previous month’s check. This may be due to new benefit rate deductions and tax withholding changes that occur with the new year.

The Office of Human Resources – including Payroll – will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 2. If you have any questions, please call Payroll at 278-6211.
**Reminder: Jan. 2 is a workday for many**
Friday, Jan. 2, while an academic holiday for academic year faculty, is a workday for all other staff, managers and 12-month faculty. The University Union and The WELL will be open; however, they will operate under modified hours. No food services will be available on campus. Unless work is scheduled for you, our hope is that you will request use of vacation time, accrued compensating time off or your personal holiday to give yourself a well-deserved, uninterrupted holiday break. As always, requests for time off must be made in advance and approved by your manager.

**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](http://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 Department)
- Britney Farrand, Arts & Letters (English Department)
- Anne Goff, Arts & Letters (Foreign Languages Department)