April 13, 2012

Sac State to present Distinguished Alumni Awards

Sacramento State has selected seven alumni to receive this year’s Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards will be presented at a Thursday, April 26, ceremony in the Alumni Center. Tickets are available at www.sacstatealumni.com.

The 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are:

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Joseph F. Sheley (‘69 and ‘71, Sociology), provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Sacramento State.

**Distinguished Service Awards**
- Greg J. Hagwood (‘89, Criminal Justice), sheriff of Plumas County.
- Margi (‘68, Nursing) and John (‘67, Marketing) Herzog, president/CEO and vice president of business development at Herzog Surgical.
- Kit Miyamoto (‘97 MS, Civil Engineering), CEO of the structural engineering firm Miyamoto International.
- Mark Otero (‘99, Computer Science), general manager of video game company BioWare and co-founder of KlickNation.

**Rising Star Awards**
- Robert Meza (‘08, Computer Science), project lead at the California Technology Agency for the state of California.
- Janay R. Swain (‘06 and ‘09, Social Work), state youth council coordinator and AB 12 implementer with California Youth Connection.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards, presented annually since 1972, are given by the University and the Alumni Association to alumni and friends of the University for outstanding contributions to the campus and community.
Previous winners include artist Wayne Thiebaud, News10 anchor Cristina Mendonsa, Sleep Train founder Dale Carlsen, two-time Super Bowl champion John Gesek and former Vision Service Plan CEO Roger Valine.

For more information, visit www.sacstatealumni.com. For media assistance, contact the Sacramento State public affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

– Craig Koscho
ckoscho@csus.edu

###

60-S12-AK/CK