May 7, 2012

**Graduates assemble!**

**Sac State students prepare for Commencement**

The time has come for another class of Sacramento State students to begin new chapters in their lives with the Spring 2012 Commencement, May 18-19 at Power Balance Pavilion.

About 3,920 students will receive diplomas during seven ceremonies for the University’s colleges. The college commencement schedule, with the estimated number of graduates, is:

**Friday, May 18**

- College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies: Noon; doors open at 11 a.m.; 803 graduates.
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: 3:30 p.m.; doors open at 2:30 p.m.; 220 graduates.
- College of Education: 6 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m.; 408 graduates.

**Saturday, May 19**

- College of Health and Human Services: 8:30 a.m.; doors open at 7:30 a.m.; 858 graduates.
- College of Business Administration: Noon; doors open at 11 a.m.; 643 graduates.
- College of Engineering and Computer Science: 3 p.m.; doors open at 2 p.m.; 232 graduates.
- College of Arts and Letters: 6 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m.; 727 graduates.

One student from each college has been chosen for the prestigious Dean’s Award, noting the fulfillment of academic, community and personal goals for each of the students. This year’s honorees are: Nicole Lancaster, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies; Sage Bauers, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics;
Christine Sullivan, College of Education; Daniel Heaton, College of Health and Human Services; Jine Liu, College of Business Administration; Jessica Nugent, College of Engineering and Computer Science; and Caitlin Boreliz, College of Arts and Letters.

One of those students will receive the President’s Award. That honor will be announced by University President Alexander Gonzalez during the student’s specific college commencement.

In addition, former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso will receive an honorary doctorate from the California State University during Sacramento State’s College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies’ commencement at noon Friday, May 18. Reynoso was the first Hispanic appointed to the California Court of Appeal and, later, to the California Supreme Court. In 2000 Reynoso was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.

For more information, visit www.csus.edu/commence/spring2012commencement/. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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