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**Campus hosts event to boost student success**

Sacramento State will host Student Academic Success Day from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, to promote the importance of graduation with a theme of “My Degree, My Future.”

The event will bring together the entire campus to explore best practices in student retention. It will feature a talk by Watson Scott Swail, president and chief executive officer of the Educational Policy Institute, as well as more than 10 student success workshops designed to promote success in higher education.

This program dovetails with the California State University Chancellor’s dual charge of closing the achievement gap among underrepresented students and elevating the graduation rate. Student Academic Success Day is designed to be a call for excellence and an affirmation of the progress the institution has made in changing the lives of its students.

Marcellene L. Watson-Derbigny, who oversees Sac State’s student retention and academic success, says a $250,000 grant from the Chancellor’s Office will help accelerate and coordinate the campus campaign to facilitate student success. The campaign includes academic advising beyond the first year of college; peer and faculty advising; tutoring, mentorship and supplemental instruction; disability testing; transfer learning communities; first generation and educational opportunity program expansion; and other interventions for educational equity student groups.

Faculty and staff from various campus departments and programs will assist with college information sessions, answer questions during the Student Success Information Fair and attend plenary sessions with students.

For more information about the event, visit [http://webapps2.csus.edu/saseep/sasday/default.asp](http://webapps2.csus.edu/saseep/sasday/default.asp). For media assistance, contact Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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