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Super Sunday will find future students in the pews

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez will visit Antioch Progressive Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, as part of the University’s annual Super Sunday outreach to predominantly African American communities in Sacramento.

At the same time, Sac State’s new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Fraka Harmsen, will attend morning services at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Both Harmsen and Gonzalez will address the respective congregations.

The President also will appear via video at the Center of Praise Ministries. Super Sunday is the part of the California State University’s African American initiative that sends top university officials to churches throughout the state. The goal is to increase enrollment and graduation rates of African American students.

“We want everyone to know that the dream of a college degree is within reach for students from all Sacramento neighborhoods – and that we are here to help students achieve this dream,” says Gonzalez. “Many of Sacramento State’s students are the first in their family to attend college, and their journey began with being informed about the services we have to assist with admission and financial aid.”

Representatives from Sacramento State’s offices of Admissions & Outreach and Financial Aid & Scholarships will be on hand Sunday at all three churches to advise students and their families on how to succeed as a college applicant, student and graduate.

CSU Super Sunday began in 2006 with 11 participating churches and has grown to more than 100 churches throughout California.

The initiative continues to have an impact on higher education: In fall 2013, 17,663 African American students applied for admission to the CSU, up from 16,588 in 2012. Also, nearly 174,000 freshmen (an almost 5 percent increase over 2012) and 109,000 transfer students (a 17 percent increase) applied to the 23 CSU campuses last fall.

“Super Sunday is a successful partnership between our campus and community leaders in the Sacramento region,” says Chevelle Newsome, dean for Graduate Studies.
at Sacramento State and President Gonzalez’ designee for the system-wide initiative. “We want to prepare students for college success and share the benefits of higher education.”

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