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**Sac State celebrates Alumni Month**

A special celebration for Sacramento State’s Bay Area alumni and the annual recognition of the University’s exceptional graduates highlight this year’s celebration of Alumni Month ([http://bit.ly/1go96iR](http://bit.ly/1go96iR)).

Throughout all of April, the Alumni Association and Center offer former students a chance to reconnect and renew their relationship with Sacramento State and recognize how rewarding it is to be a Hornet.

It all begins with the Alumni Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Alumni Center. This free event features treats from the center’s preferred caterers. Reservations are required.

A special alumni reception will be held in San Francisco for former Sac State and other CSU students living in the Bay Area. Sac State Alumni Executive Director Jennifer Barber and Advancement Vice President Vince A. Sales will welcome former students from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the San Francisco Hilton.

Sac State alumni will share their professional expertise with Student Alumni Association members during the Career Buzz event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Alumni Center.

And our Distinguished Alumni Awards will be bestowed during the annual awards ceremony and silent auction from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Alumni Center. This year’s honorees are:

**Maureen Bauman**, MSW Social Work ’81, MPA Public Administration ’86 – Maureen Bauman would likely champion her cause and make a major difference for Californians even without her prominent title. She is the director of the Placer County Adult System of Care, overseeing mental health services and drug and alcohol services for one of the fastest growing areas in the state. [More](#)

**Chris Higdon**, Business Administration ’85 – Like father, like son … and brother and wife and brother-in-law and sister-in-law. Chris Higdon’s ties to Sac State are seemingly endless, but it’s his generosity and undying school spirit that made him a recipient of a Distinguished Service Award for 2014. [More](#)
James P. Mayer, MPPA Public Policy and Administration ’92 – By paying attention to every detail, maximizing resources and cultivating strong roots, James Mayer has built a small but prosperous olive oil company in Yolo County. He’s applying many of the same principles to his work with California Forward, with the goal of improving state government. More

Javed Siddiqui, Civil Engineering ’70 (MS ’73) – Javed Siddiqui’s work reflects his personality – efficient, hardworking and modest. Though it’s not often in the spotlight, Siddiqui’s craftsmanship can be found throughout Sacramento and all over the Sac State campus. Since starting JTS Engineering Consultants in 1977, Siddiqui and his employees have worked on hundreds of roads, water lines, sewer lines, drainage systems and parking lots – the infrastructure many take for granted. More

Keri Thomas, MPPA Public Policy and Administration ’06 – As a leader at one of the largest health care providers in Sacramento, Keri Thomas is concerned about more than just physical health. The community’s well-being is at the forefront for Thomas, regional director of community and government relations for Sutter Health. More

This is just a sample of the events and attractions. For more information on all Alumni Month activities, or to purchase tickets or make reservations to the events, visit the website or call (916) 278-6295. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156. – Craig Koscho

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