Campus leaders join in *Vagina Monologues* production

The 1,300 seats available for Sacramento State’s benefit production of *The Vagina Monologues* have sold out every year since 2003. And this year’s show – the curtain goes up promptly at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the University Union Ballroom – will be no exception, says producer Jessica Heskin.

“We wanted to do something special for the 13th year because it’s been so successful in the past, so we decided to showcase strong female leaders on our campus,” says Heskin, who also is Sacramento State’s Victim Advocate.

Each of the following campus leaders will introduce a different monologue recited by a female student actor:

- Lauren Lombardo, president of Associated Students Inc. (ASI)
- Andrea Salas, executive vice president of ASI
- Michelle Dang, professor of nursing and vice president of the board for My Sister’s House
- Aja Holmes, senior associate director for Residential Life
- Beth Lesen, associate vice president for Student Engagement and Support
- Lt. Christina Lofthouse, Sacramento State Police Department
- Lois Mattice, associate director for Athletics
- Sheree Meyer, dean of Undergraduate Studies

The production will benefit My Sister’s House, which helps women and children affected by domestic violence in Sacramento’s Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Admission is $5 for Sac State students, $7 for community college students and $10 for the general public. Tickets are available at [www.SacStateUNIQUE.com](http://www.SacStateUNIQUE.com) and in the ASI Student Shop on the third floor of the University Union. For more information: (916) 278-3799 or heskin@skymail.csus.edu.

*The Vagina Monologues* is performed throughout the world in February as a part of V Day, an effort to end violence against women. It was written by feminist-playwright Eve Ensler and is based on her interviews with women about sex, relationships and violence.

The Sac State production, presented by Student Health and Counseling Services, Active Minds and UNIQUE Programs, will be interpreted in American Sign Language. The directors are students Jennifer Blair and Logan Shideler, who also are peer health educators in Student Health and Counseling Services. – Dixie Reid