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News

**Kickoff rally for Sac State March for Babies**
Did you know that as many as one of every 11 babies in Sacramento County is born preterm? The March for Babies, which will take place April 26 at the State Capitol, raises more than $1 million for the March of Dimes to support local work in preventing premature births, birth defects and infant mortality. President Alexander Gonzalez is the chair of this year’s event, and he invites everyone to get involved.

Students, faculty and staff have formed teams to raise funds for the event, and enthusiasm is building. Join us for the campus kickoff rally from 11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today in the University Union, Ballroom I. There will be music and refreshments, and students, faculty, staff and supporters will be on hand to talk about the March for Babies.

A final information session for team leaders will be held following the kickoff event from 2 to 3 p.m. in the University Union, Ballroom II. To learn more, sign up, join a team or start a team of your own, please visit Sacramento State’s March for Babies page at [www.csus.edu/marchforbabies](http://www.csus.edu/marchforbabies).

Submitted by Sac State March for Babies

**Future events to support the March for Babies**
The University Union and The WELL will host several events in further support of the March for Babies. The University Games Room on the first floor of the Union will host extended hours for family, the general public and the campus community from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 5, and 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 13. For $5 per person per hour, you get access to billiards, console games and table tennis. A special glow zumba event at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12, will be hosted in the University Union, Redwood Room, also for $5 per person. All proceeds from these events will go to support the March for Babies.

Additionally, a free photo booth will be hosted in the University Union lobby from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 3, 10, 17 and 24 in an effort to promote further awareness of the cause. For more information, call 278-6997 or visit [www.facebook.com/sacstateunion](http://www.facebook.com/sacstateunion).

Submitted by the University Union

**Campus eateries accepting March of Dimes donations**
Sac State Campus Dining is proud to announce that campus eateries operated by University Enterprises Inc. will accept donations to the March of Dimes starting today through the end of the month. Signage announcing their March of Dimes participation will be posted at Courtyard Market, Ecogrounds, Epicure restaurant, Good Eats!, Java City at the Library and at the Roundhouse, RF Greens, The Buzz, and Togo’s. No purchase is necessary. Simply let the cashier know you wish to make a donation to the March of Dimes.

For hours of operation, visit the campus dining website at [www.dining.csus.edu/](http://www.dining.csus.edu/).

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.
Out of the Darkness suicide awareness walk coming Thursday
Student Health and Counseling Services is partnering with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for the third year in a row to raise awareness and support for suicide prevention. The Out of the Darkness walk will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 3, on the South Green in front of The WELL. President Alexander Gonzalez will kick off the event. Prior to the walk, a Mental Health Fair will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. in front of The WELL. All are welcome. This event will have amplified sound. If sound disrupts your class or activity, please call event coordinator Katie Hodgson at 278-2618, and the volume will be adjusted. Find event details and register at http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=2561.
Submitted by Student Health and Counseling Services

Prepare to avoid gridlock
It could take a lot longer to get to campus April through June. That’s when Caltrans will conduct a massive repair project on Highway 50 through downtown Sacramento, likely causing backups in each direction and jamming many side streets and alternate routes. This will have an impact on Sac State during the last weeks of instruction and finals. Continue to monitor the University’s web page, www.csus.edu/Fix50, for more information from Caltrans.
Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

April is Alumni Month
The month of April is Alumni Month! Kicking off a full calendar of events is our much-anticipated Alumni Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, featuring the Alumni Center’s preferred caterers and vendors. This free event is sure to delight: We have so much in store to celebrate our alumni, including alumni discounts offered at multiple places and our capstone event, the Distinguished Alumni Awards, on Thursday, April 24. Visit www.SacStateAlumni.com/alumnimonth for details and a calendar of events.
Submitted by Advancement Communications and Stewardship

Spring Convocation coming April 7
The campus community is invited to join the Spring University Convocation from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the University Union Ballroom. The event, hosted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity, is titled “Challenging Opportunities and Courageous Conversations” and addresses how we can better engage in constructive dialogue on difficult and emotional subjects. Following the lunchtime roundtable conversation, panelists Ron Owens (Government/Journalism ’86); student Sean Johnson; Counselor Education Department Professor Rose Borunda; J’Lissabeth Faughn, director of the Multi-Cultural Center, and the PRIDE and Women’s Resource centers; and History Department Professor Jessie Gaston will share their personal accounts of courageous conversations and how they led to change.
Submitted by Advancement Communications and Stewardship

Progress Meters coming soon to My Sac State Student Center
In support of the Graduation Initiative, some exciting changes are coming to the My Sac State Student Center. Soon, students, advisors and administrative support staff will see “Progress Meters.” These meters will measure each student’s progress to degree completion for general education, major and overall graduation requirements. Each student’s Progress to Degree Meters will be activated when we assign registration appointments for this coming fall. The Progress Meters will go live the week of Monday, April 14.
All faculty, advising staff and administrative support staff are invited to attend a progress-to-degree demonstration from 1 to 2 p.m. or 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 7, or 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 8. All are in Library 11.

The Registrar’s Office also has created a web page with more detailed information and frequently asked questions at www.csus.edu/Registrar/Progress_To_Degree.

Submitted by the Registrar’s Office

2014 McNair Research Symposium
Please join the McNair Scholars Program from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 14, in the University Union, Redwood Room, to celebrate the research, scholarship and creative activity of its scholars and their faculty mentors. This year’s symposium will provide a public forum for McNair scholars to share their work and talent. The symposium is open to the campus community and the public. For more information, go to www.csus.edu/mcnair/symposium.html.

Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

Communications alumni to host panel and reception
The Communication Studies Alumni Chapter will host an expert panel on the topic “Communication Consulting: What? Why? How?” from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Epicure restaurant. Alumni and faculty from all departments are welcome. Four Communication Studies alumni will speak: Rachel Castro Jenkins, The Glass Agency, on how recent grads can enter the consulting profession; Brittany Walters, Essex National Securities, on the roles of consultant and client; Christina Ragsdale, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, on the communication needs of government, nonprofit, philanthropic and professional agencies; and Larry Culler, former project manager, Intel, on his experiences starting an independent communication-consulting business.

Presentations are from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.; refreshments and networking are from 6 to 7 p.m. RSVP (appreciated but not required) to Mark Stoner at stoner1@csus.edu (NETS IV in subject line) or (916) 307-2926.

Submitted by the Communication Studies Department

Campus Earth Day Celebration
Sac State’s Earth Day Celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the Library Quad. Highlights will include:

- Sustainable/environmental vendors/information booths
- Healthy food trucks
- Sustainable-campus tours
- Arboretum (10 a.m. tour, 45-minute duration; please meet at the Arboretum by 10 a.m. to join the tour)
- Sustainable Technology Outdoor Research Center/aquaponics (The open house is from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; please stop by anytime during the open house for a guided and informative tour. The STORC facility is located on the east side of campus, just south of the Guy West Bridge and the Non-Destruct Lab.)
- Sustainable campus highlights (Walking tours are at 11 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.; 45 minutes in duration; please meet at the fountain in the Library Quad by tour start times to join the tour.)
- Sustainable scavenger hunt
- Keynote speakers
- Electric vehicles
Recyclable collections will include: electronic waste; ink and toner cartridges; light bulbs; batteries; gently used clothes; gently used shoes; bottles, cans and plastic; used cooking oil; select expired or unused prescription drugs; used car batteries; and latex paint (in its original can and label). Please feel free to bring all your recyclables from home. For more information, please visit Sac State Sustainability’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SustainabilityatSacState or email sustainability@csus.edu.

Submitted by Facilities Management

This week in the One World Initiative
Wednesday, April 2: The Asian Studies Program presents “Walking Over Women: Parting and Making the Nation in South Asia” by Sujatha Moni, Department of Women’s Studies; 3-5:50 p.m., Amador 250. For a full listing of One World events, visit www.csus.edu/oneworld.

Submitted by One World

One World student symposium submission deadline extended to April 7
The One World Initiative will hold a student symposium on migration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 21. Students interested in presenting their perspective on migration must submit an application form and brief description of their presentation to oneworld@csus.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, April 7. The application form is available at www.csus.edu/oneworld/OneWorld-2014%20Celebration.html or can be requested by emailing oneworld@csus.edu.

Submitted by the One World Initiative

New on-campus discount program
Keep an eye out for the “Hornet Bucks Special” signs popping up on campus. They will alert you to discounts you can receive if you use your OneCard Hornet Bucks to make your purchases at various on-campus locations.

To take advantage of these specials, just deposit money onto your OneCard, then use the card when you want to make a purchase on campus. You can make a deposit to your OneCard with cash or check in our office (Lassen Hall 1001) or through your My Sac State portal (Staff Services/OneCard) with a credit/debit card. Call us at 278-7878 if you have questions, and we will do our best to help you.

Submitted by Student Financial Services

5K Fun Run
The WELL is hosting the sixth annual Sac State 5K Fun Run at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 1. Get $3 off with the promo code “MONDAY”; the offer is valid for the first 100 code uses. The Sac State 5K Fun Run is open to all students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members. Participants of all abilities are welcome. Don’t miss this Sac State tradition. Register now or get more information at thewell.csus.edu/5k.

Submitted by The WELL

ASI Children’s Center art on display
The ASI Children’s Center, Associated Students Inc. and the University Union Gallery are pleased to announce an art show featuring artwork by the ASI Children’s Center. “A Is for Art,” with the theme “Early Years Are Learning Years,” features art by children ages 6 months to 5 years who attend the campus Children’s Center. The show will include multidimensional art pieces utilizing both traditional and unusual artistic approaches.
The artwork will be on display Monday, April 7, through Friday, April 18, in the University Union second-floor lounge during regular building hours: 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday.

This art show also is in celebration of the Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Submitted by the University Union

**Epicure has lunch specials**

Starting Tuesday, April 1, Epicure restaurant is offering three new specials: spring quinoa salad, chicken linguine and prosciutto grilled cheese. All are available through Friday, April 25. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reserve your table at www.dining.csus.edu/epicure/reservations/. For same-day reservations, please call 278-6100.

Submitted by University Enterprises Inc.

**Hornet Club Wine and Food Classic is May 2**

The eighth annual Hornet Club Wine and Food Classic is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Alumni Center. Tickets are $40 via www.hornetsports.com/tickets.

This is a very special event for those who know and love great wine and food. Not a wine lover? We'll have beer tasting on the patio, too! All the wineries, breweries and restaurants featured are owned or operated by Sac State alumni. So come out and support your fellow Hornets!

Submitted by the Athletics Department

**Summer Bowling League**

The Sacramento State Summer Bowling League is coordinated by University Police and will engage staff and faculty in a fun-filled, six-week competition at Capitol Bowl, 900 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. The league will run Thursdays from June 19 to July 24. Practice begins at 4:45 p.m., with the start time at 5 p.m. League play will consist of three games per night. Competing teams will change from week to week. Teams will consist of four players, and substitutes may be used. Sacramento State faculty and staff teams may also include family members or friends. The goal is just to have a great time! The cost is $10 per player per night. Shoes may be rented for $2 per night. Eighteen-team maximum, even number of teams only. The league is expected to fill up fast, so hold your spot ASAP if you plan on bowling. To register, contact Serena Fuson at sfuson@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Police

**Financial aid chat sessions available in April**

The Financial Aid Office is offering Financial Aid Chat Sessions in April as a follow-up to Financial Aid Awareness Month. These sessions are designed to provide students with key information on what's next after they have filed their financial aid application.

The Financial Aid Office, with the assistance of Student Financial Services Center, is offering five 30-minute chat sessions April 15 and 16 covering the following:

- 10-10:30 a.m.: Where’s My Financial Aid?
- 11-11:30 a.m.: Don’t Lose Your Aid!
- Noon-12:30 p.m.: Your Awards and Enrollment
- 1-1:30 p.m.: Dare to DREAM (applying for the DREAM Act)
- 2-2:30 p.m.: Your Money Matters! (SFSC)
The April 15 sessions will be held in the University Union, Summit Room; the April 16 sessions will be in the University Union, Forest Suite.

All sessions will be held both days, and there will be light refreshments and door prizes. Students are encouraged to drop in anytime to learn about the latest changes to the financial aid process. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/faid.

Submitted by the Financial Aid Office

Summer Academies schedule
Sacramento State’s Summer Academies for High School Students are back for a third year with hands-on, in-depth career exploration in fields such as robotics, forensics and the performing arts.

The first academy runs June 23-27 and features Health Careers 101; Intro to Engineering & Robotics; Law Enforcement; Get Bright With Biotech: The Biology of Glow; and Fire Academy.


The summer academies are open to students who have completed eighth grade. It’s a great opportunity to experience different careers, meet new friends and enjoy the safety of the Sacramento State campus. To learn more, visit www.cce.csus.edu/acad or contact Liz Arellanes at (916) 278-6249.

Submitted by College of Continuing Education

Peak Adventures Youth Camps
Peak Adventures offers weeklong outdoor youth camps from Monday, June 16, to Monday, Aug. 4, for ages 9-17. For the younger kids, activities include scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, games, water activities and more. Older kids have the choice to backpack for a week or experience a new activity each day, ranging from the Challenge Center on campus to outdoor rock climbing and whitewater rafting. Youth camps meet at Sac State and include all technical equipment and a camp T-shirt. The cost also includes transportation, entry fees and friendly, qualified staff. Register your child and find out more details at www.peakadventures.org/youth_camp/index.php.

Submitted by Peak Adventures/Associated Students Inc.

Save on summer iD Tech Camps
Conveniently drop off your child at a camp right where you work, and also get the best deal that iD Tech Camps offers. Save $125 and let your child experience summer tech fun at 80-plus universities nationwide, including Sacramento State. iD Tech Camps provides weeklong, day and overnight programs for kids ages 7-17. Students code in C++/Java, design video games, build robots, mod with Minecraft, program with Scratch, produce films and more.

Register at www.iDTech.com with your college email address and pay in full at the time of registration by Thursday, May 1, using promo code FACSTAFF2014 to save $125. Make sure to register early for the best choice of courses and dates. You have the flexibility to make changes later should your plans change – with no penalty fees – until three weeks before the start of your session.

Submitted by Housing and Residential Life
Campus disaster/emergency preparedness training
During the first year of employment and every three years thereafter, Sacramento State faculty, staff and student employees must attend a two-hour presentation of what to expect during a disaster/emergency on campus and how to react to it. The training is mandated by the state and the CSU. Attendees will receive an overview of:

- The campus Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan
- The campus emergency response and management groups
- The important role of faculty in emergency response
- Evacuate or shelter requirements
- The campus Emergency Notification System
- The Disaster Service Worker program
- Home emergency preparedness

The next training is from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Seating is limited to the first 150. Attendance is required at only one session. Register with gnagywb@saclink.csus.edu.
Submitted by University Police

Violence in the workplace prevention training
This training is a one-hour presentation of information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention, reporting practices and available resources. The course will give attendees information on how to prepare for, recognize, document and report incidents in their respective areas. Materials will be provided.

Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University; all faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. All training will take place in University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Upcoming trainings are:

- 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9
- 9-10 a.m. Thursday, May 8
- 9-10 a.m. Monday, May 12

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu or register on LearnerWeb at https://learnerweb.saclink.csus.edu/csus_enterprise/.
Submitted by University Police

IRA budget call
The 2014-15 Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) call for proposals is posted at www.csus.edu/aba/admin-ops/ira.html. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at 278-6312 or via email at sfuson@csus.edu or kem@csus.edu.
Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Common Financial System upgrade scheduled for April 17-25
Like all CSU campuses, Sacramento State utilizes the systemwide PeopleSoft Common Financial System (CFS) for financial business processes. It is now necessary for all campuses to upgrade to the most current version. The transition is scheduled for April 17-25, with normal operations resuming Monday, April 28. During this time, CFS and the services it provides will not be available. This means:
April 10 is the deadline for entering and approving requisitions to allow time for sourcing to POs before the down time.
No checks or payments will be available during the down time, including travel advances or reimbursements.
No procurement can be done during this time (other than through the ProCard or OfficeMax).
No budget or expenditure transfers will be processed.
ProCard dates have been adjusted for the upgrade (transactions available Monday, April 28; reconciliations, Friday, May 9; and statements due Friday, May 16).
The Data Warehouse will be available for reporting but will have data as of April 17 until the new system is ready for use.

For these reasons, it is important to plan for your procurement, check and payment needs so as not to be inconvenienced during this time. Please go to www.csus.edu/adminupgrades for further information about administrative systems upgrades.

Submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs

Faculty professional activities
The latest faculty professional activities are available at www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2014/03/ProfessionalActivities03-10-14.html.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule
The Faculty Senate calendar is available at www.csus.edu/acse.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tip: Tax season and protecting your privacy
A growing phenomenon has taken root in America: preparing and submitting your taxes on your home computer. While this has helped many of us, it also creates a risk to our personal information. Tax-preparing applications retain our Social Security numbers (SSNs), dates of birth, names and address of our closest family members all in one place. This makes the application and any saved PDF of your tax return a target for data theft. To protect yourself, you should remove SSNs and dates of birth from the application after you confirm your e-file or print out your filed tax return. This may require you to overwrite the data with bogus data. Also, do not save unencrypted PDF versions of your tax return on your computer. If you are unable to encrypt the PDF, move it to a USB memory device or print it out and secure it with your other sensitive paperwork.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Human Resources

Modified work schedule
This summer, in an effort to conserve energy, we will continue the practice of a modified work schedule with normal business hours for the campus of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. These hours are effective Tuesday, May 27, through Friday, Aug. 22. As always, authorized supervisors may modify individual work schedules to address special situations.

As in past summers, this schedule enables the University to realize substantial budget savings by reducing energy consumption during the late afternoon hours when energy demand is highest. We hope this change also permits many of our employees to get the most from the longer summer days.
**Catastrophic leave donation**
Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate to other employees up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year. Bargaining Units 1, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If employees are interested in donating time, a form can be obtained at [www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability) by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3004, or by calling 278-3522.

The Benefits Office currently has the following employees on an approved CAT Leave:

Cherish Blattler, CCE–General Administration
Marty Diaz, Graduate Studies