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News

Winter Social this week in Union Ballroom
The University Staff Assembly will hold its annual Winter Social from 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the University Union Ballroom. Take a few minutes out of the busy end-of-semester schedule to come by for an afternoon treat and spend some time visiting with old friends or meeting new ones. Donations for the holiday food drive will be accepted.

The social is made possible through the support of the University Union, Java City and the volunteer efforts of college and division representatives.
*Submitted by the University Staff Assembly*

Join in 'unity chat’ at Hornet Bookstore
Faculty, staff and students are invited to "unity chats” – informal conversations about issues, events and topics of interest to our campus community. Join the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity for engaging discussions and complimentary Danish and coffee at the Hornet Bookstore at noon Tuesday, Dec. 4.
*Submitted by the President’s Committee to Build Campus Unity*

Hornet Bookstore holiday sale
This year’s holiday sale is Thursday, Dec. 6. Pick up great holiday gifts for every Hornet on your list. You’ll find logo apparel, hats and gifts at 20 percent off. Enjoy refreshments, festive music and free gift boxes for your purchases. Exclusions apply; see store for details.
*Submitted by the Hornet Bookstore*

This week’s One World Initiative activities
The final event of the Fall semester:

- Monday, Dec. 3: Michael Vann, History Department, Fulbright Senior Scholar, Universitas Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, presents “Asia of the Monsoons: Wet Rice, Maritime Trade, and Early State Formation in Southeast Asia,” 4:30-7:20 p.m., Amador Hall 262.

Ongoing exhibits:

- “Water: Essence and Potential,” a special exhibit in response to the One World Initiative, featuring works by Brenda Louie, Koo Kyung Sook, Meech Miyagi and Minh Tran, through Friday, Dec. 7, Else Gallery.
- “Weha Lahulume (Water for All): Ethiopia and Water From an Anthropological Perspective,” a special exhibit in support of Water Aid, noon-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday through Friday, Dec. 7, Anthropology Museum, Mendocino Hall.

Many One World Initiative events are planned for next semester. Stay tuned for details in the new year. To submit details of an event you are planning, visit [www.csus.edu/oneworld](http://www.csus.edu/oneworld).
*Submitted by One World Initiative/Geology*
Tickets, sponsorships available for Green & Gold Gala
Join in the jubilation as Sacramento State alumni and friends come together for the 2013 Green & Gold Gala, honoring President Alexander and Gloria Gonzalez for “A Decade of Distinction.” Proceeds will go toward a scholarship named in honor of President and Mrs. Gonzalez.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for the March 22 event. Sponsorships start at $1,000, and special campus rates are available at $1,500 per table and $150 for individual tickets. For more information, visit www.csus.edu/gala.

Submitted by University Advancement

Open forums for UTAPS senior director candidates
The campus community is invited to attend open forums to meet the candidates for senior director of University Transportation and Parking Services (UTAPS):

- 10-11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, University Union, Hinde Auditorium – Gina Lombardo, director of administration, UTAPS.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, University Union, Hinde Auditorium – Michael Biagi, director, Transportation and Parking Services, Cal Poly-Pomona.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, Benicia Hall 1025 – Eric Cross, principal parking supervisor, UC Davis Medical Center.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, Benicia Hall 1025 – Perry Eggleston, director of Parking Services, Montclair State University.

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Donaville at donavil@csus.edu.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Partnership to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities panel postponed
The Sacramento State/UC Davis Cancer Center Partnership to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities had scheduled a panel session for Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the University Union. The panel has been postponed until February due to presenter schedule changes. A new notice will be posted in January.

For more information, contact David Earwicker at 278-3668 or david.earwicker@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Administration

'Wish Upon a Star' gift drive at the University Union
The University Union is working toward making children’s wishes come true this holiday season through the “Wish Upon a Star” gift drive. Come to the “Wish Upon a Star” display in the Union main lobby, choose a star, purchase the wish listed on the star and share the holiday gift with a child. Gifts benefit Sunburst Projects, serving children and families with HIV/AIDS.

The gift drive runs through Friday, Dec. 7. Unwrapped gifts should be delivered with the star wish to the University Union Services Office on the first floor between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. You also can help wrap donations from 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 7.

Submitted by the University Union
2012 California State Employees Food Drive
This year’s California State Employees Food Drive at Sacramento State runs through Tuesday, Dec. 18. Please reach as deep as you can to help make the holidays and the new year a little better for the many children and families helped by your donations.

Monetary donations and canned goods: Your monetary donations go the farthest, as bulk food can be purchased at lower cost. Make checks payable to “California Emergency Foodlink” and mail them to Nancy Fox, department zip code 6076. Food collection boxes for canned goods have been placed in most department offices and information booths at campus entrances.

Holiday events: As you plan your department holiday events, please consider doing one or more of the following:
- Ask folks to bring canned or monetary donations to the holiday events.
- Put out donation jars so people can drop in their change.
- Hold a silent auction with donated items.
- Ask folks to bring canned goods to campus events.
- Have a book or rummage sale.

For more information, go to www.csus.edu/utaps. If you have questions, contact Nancy Fox, food drive coordinator, at foxna@csus.edu or 278-5241.

Submitted by University Transportation and Parking Services

Sac Pack Drive
The Community Engagement Center is hosting its fall Sac Pack Drive through Friday, Dec. 14. Donate new or gently used school and art supplies to benefit children in need. Thanks to the generosity of the campus community in last year’s Sac Pack Drive, Loaves and Fishes’ Mustard Seed School received backpacks, paper, writing utensils, art supplies, folders, notebooks, and binders that will directly benefit homeless youths. Visit csus.edu/cec/sacpack for the donation wish list and more information. Donations can be dropped off from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Community Engagement Center, Library 4028.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Spirit of Giving Drive
Through Thursday, Jan. 31, the Community Engagement Center is accepting food and clothing donations through the Spirit of Giving Drive, benefiting the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services. Or you can volunteer your time and help Sac State win the second annual SOG Volunteer Challenge. For more information, including donation drop-off locations and how to participate in the Volunteer Challenge, visit www.csus.edu/cec/sog.stm or contact Kay Oghogho at kso28@saclink.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

Copy Graphics Center closing
University Enterprises Inc. has announced that the Copy Graphics Center will close its doors at the end of business Friday, Dec. 14. Increasing maintenance costs and budgetary constraints played a significant role in making this very difficult decision.

For questions or more information, please contact Craig Barth at (916) 278-7326 or craig.barth@csus.edu.

Submitted by UEI/Marketing Services
Applicants sought for faculty associate at Center for Teaching and Learning
A faculty associate position in the Center for Teaching and Learning is open for the 2013 calendar year. Applications are due Friday, Dec. 14.

CTL is in need of leadership for several teaching and learning initiatives and projects, such as online course design, assessment of student learning and the Summer Institute Planning team. For an application and job description, please click the News Highlights tab at ctl.csus.edu. CTS welcomes participation from all disciplines.

If you have questions, please contact CTL in Library 4026 or phone 278-5945, fax 278-7301 or email ctl-01@skymail.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Faculty Senate Reading and Writing Subcommittee accepts submissions
The Faculty Senate Reading and Writing Subcommittee is accepting submissions for Writing the University, an online journal of student writing across disciplines at Sacramento State. The subcommittee encourages submissions of undergraduate or graduate writing in any genre (critical analysis, book review, lab report, case study, etc.) from students in courses in any discipline (natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, etc.). A faculty sponsor is required for each submission. Guidelines can be found at www.csus.edu/wac/journal/guidelines.html. The deadline is Thursday, Jan. 10.

Submitted by the English Department

CSU Quality Online Learning and Teaching program
Academic Technology & Creative Services invites all faculty who are teaching online or hybrid courses this semester to participate in the CSU Quality Online Learning and Teaching (QOLT) program. QOLT is an effort to identify quality online and hybrid courses across the CSU system, acknowledging and sharing effective practices. In a pilot effort across six CSU campuses last year, 113 instructors participated, with 25 courses recognized at the campus and system level. This year, the program has been extended systemwide.

Steps for participation:
1. Visit the QOLT website at golt.ecatalst.org for additional information.
2. Identify the course from Fall 2012. You will self-nominate and go to tinyurl.com/cwf7ydt to complete your course evaluation. The deadline is Sunday, Jan. 20.
3. Ask students in this course to complete the Student Course Experience Survey at ecatalst.org/our-services/qolt/evaluation-instruments. These student data are not shared outside the QOLT evaluation process and are only viewed by your campus coordinator to gather information on the course. Deadline for students to submit is Saturday, Dec. 15.

If you have questions, please contact Raymond Piña, Sacramento State’s QOLT campus coordinator, at 278-6803 or rapina@csus.edu.

Submitted by Academic Technology & Creative Services

Campus recycling audit
Sacramento State’s Sustainability program will host a recycling can audit in the Library Quad from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. The audit is being conducted with the hope of gaining a more thorough understanding of the materials going into our trash and recycling receptacles across campus. The information from this and subsequent audits will help to make recycling more efficient. If you are interested in participating in the recycling audit or any Sustainability event, please contact the Sustainability program at sustainability@csus.edu.

Submitted by Facilities Services
**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. Class participation is required by Cal-OSHA and the University; all faculty, staff and student employees need to attend the training every three years. Upcoming training is 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. To RSVP for the training, please email barnettkj@csus.edu.

*Submitted by the Department of Public Safety*

**Professional activities**
The latest professional activities are available at [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-26-12.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/2012/11/ProfessionalActivities11-26-12.html).

*Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy*

**Faculty Senate schedules**
The Faculty Senate schedule for December is available at [www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateDec2012.html](http://www.csus.edu/sacstatenews/Articles/20Dec. 10/FacultySenateDec2012.html).

*Submitted by the Faculty Senate*

**Security quick tip: Malware**
What can malware do, and why do we need protection? Here is an example: First, worms or viruses can infect users’ computers. Protected information can then be harvested from the computer and disseminated. The computer can be used as a “zombie” to send out money-making spam or propagate the virus. Eventually, thousands of zombie computers can be collected and sold to the highest bidder or used to blackmail companies by threatening to attack corporate websites. For more information, contact the Information Security Office. You will find contact information on its website at [www.csus.edu/irt/is](http://www.csus.edu/irt/is).

*Submitted by the Information Security Office*

**Human Resources**

**Address changes**
Verify and/or correct your address no later than Friday, Dec. 14, as W-2s for 2012 will be mailed to the address listed on your pay stub as of that date.

**Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013**
On Sept. 12, Chapter 296, Statutes of 2012 (AB 340, Furutani), was signed into law by the governor. This legislation established the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013. The act provides various retirement-related changes that, in some cases, are complex and require additional analysis. CalPERS and the CSU Chancellor’s Office are working together on the implementation details, PEPRA requirements and employee communications.

As the analysis unfolds, information is continuously updated by the CSU Chancellor’s Office through [The Benefits Insider: Pension Reform FAQs](http://www.csus.edu/hr/benefits/retirement/PensionReformFAQs.html) and by CalPERS through [California Public Employees' Retirement System Pension Reform FAQs](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/Services/Plans/PEPRA/PEPRAFAQs.html). Please refer to these websites periodically for updates that may affect you.

For questions regarding the CalPERS Retirement Program and/or retirement processing, see “Steps to Retirement” on the HR Benefits website or call Mary Ford, benefits manager, at 278-6213.
**Retirement reception for Mary Ford**
Please join us in a fond farewell to Human Resources Benefits Manager Mary Ford as she retires after more than 29 years at Sacramento State. A University-wide retirement reception will be held in her honor from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Terrace Suite of The WELL. We hope to see you there!

**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.htm#Disability](http://www.csus.edu/hr/forms.htm#Disability), by visiting the Human Resources Disability Leaves office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3002, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employees have been approved for the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

- Richard Filson, Mail Services
- Florence Jackson, UTAPS
- Rorie Oliver, Housing
- Geetha Ramachandran, Math Department
- Joseph Small, Reprographics