Sac State Bragging Rights

Academic Excellence

- Students now have the following new degrees available to them: BA Design Study, BFA Graphic Design, BFA Interior Architecture, BFA Photography, BFA Studio Art, BS Recreation Therapy (first in CSU), BS Fashion Merchandising and Management, BS Nutrition and Food, BS Family Studies and Human Development, MA Public History, MS Applied Behavior Analysis, Doctorate in Audiology, an MA Education (online) option, an ADN to BSN (online option), new concentration in Asian Studies (Korean Studies), and new concentration in Supply Chain Management for BS Business Administration.
- Received approval to officially offer (never moved from concentration or pilot): BA Dance, BA Deaf Studies, BS Earth Science, MA Child Development
- Received approval to start work on a BA Public Health, MPH Public Health, MAT Special Education Teaching with Credential, MAT Teaching with Multiple or Single Subject Credential, and MS Power Engineering.
- ReceivedWSCUC approval for the Downtown Site.
- Reaffirmed accreditation for the BS Construction Management, and received initial accreditation from ACAE (Audiology).
- Completed program reviews for 8 degree programs.
- Reviewed the two administrators up for review.
- Helped with new academic calendar policy that will allow for calendars through 2029, and a allow to continually generate 10 years out.
- Completed 1 administrator search.
- Completed federal paperwork for the closure so that no days had to be added to the semester.

College of Arts & Letters

Public Art Student Projects:

- “#Poppy,” our 16 foot stegosaurus on the Ramona Ave round-about, sponsored by Power Inn Alliance. Artists: Christopher Duffy and Tiffany Ann Boddeker; Faculty: Andrew Connelly
- Parking Structure Five “Wraps” and Mural: Graphic Design students Alak Alkailani, Madeleing Bell, Miranda Bunn, Lidia Lepe, and Dryden Nagtalon; Faculty: John Forrest

Curricular Accomplishments:

- BFA in Art, BFA in Graphic Design, BFA in Interior Architecture, and BFA in Photography approved by the CSU
- New BA in Design Studies approved by the CSU
College of Arts & Letters

Faculty Accomplishments

- Mary Doyno, Humanities & Religious Studies, received the following prestigious grants and awards to work on her second book: a NEH grant; an ACLS Project Development Grant; the I Tatti Fellowship (Harvard); and a Stanford Humanities Center Fellowship. Her first book, The Lay Saint, will be published this fall by Cornell UP.
- Kathy Kasic, Communication Studies/Film Studies, was part of a NSF funded team project, SALSA (Subglacial Antarctic Lakes Scientific Access), that visited Antarctica. Her role was to film underneath the subglacial lake.

Alumni Accomplishments

- Jamil Kochai (B.A. alum of English/Creative Writing) had his first novel, 99 Nights in Logar, published by Penguin Random House. The New York Times Book Review called it “Funny, razor-sharp, and full of juicy tales that feel urgent and illicit” while the Guardian noted that it is “More than well crafted; it’s phenomenal. . . .Kochai’s book has a big heart.”
- Julie Miller (alum of the School of Music), mezzo-soprano, recently performed in a leading role in Sacramento Philharmonic & Opera’s production of Rigoletto and recently also made her debut at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

College of Continuing Education

ProjectAttain!

Led by the College of Continuing Education at Sacramento State and Align Capital Region, ProjectAttain! serves as a regional initiative to increase the educational attainment (diplomas, certificates, apprenticeships, associate and baccalaureate degrees) of working age adults (25-64) to 60% by 2025. The initiative kicked off with the Summit on Educational Attainment for Working Age Adults that inspired the establishment of a cross-sector collective action team that is currently building capacity to launch and scale multiple projects over the next 3 years.

https://www.projectattain.org/getinvolved
https://www.aligncap.org/alignment-teams/near-completers/

In-Home Supportive Services Training Academy (IHSSTA):

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) returned to Sacramento State and was awarded a new three-year for statewide training. The College of Continuing Education will administer the In-Home Supportive Services Training Academy (IHSSTA) program to over 2,000 providers in all 58 counties across California. The training is intended to increase the consistency in the provider services that help qualifying individuals remain in their homes rather than the alternatives of nursing homes or board and care facilities.

https://www.cce.csus.edu/post/home-supportive-services-training-academy-anchored-sacramento-state
http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/IHSS/Training-Academy

Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) Adult Learner 360 Academy:

Sacramento State was selected as one of 15 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs) to participate in the HSI 360 Adult Learner Academy. This three-year academy is part of a national research project to better understand and serve adult students. The College of Continuing Education, in partnership with the Office of Institutional Research, Effectiveness, and Planning (OIREP) and the Office of Strategic Diversity Initiatives (SDI) in Student Affairs, is administering the two-part assessment survey and the implementation of a preliminary intervention effort for near completer adults.

College of Education

- 100 more applicants for graduate and credentials over last year. 26% increase in credential applications, 60% increase in diversity of Teaching Credentials applicants.
- Three fully on-line programs developed: Early Childhood Special Education, Curriculum and Instruction MA (CCE) and Workforce Development MA (CCE)
- Launched 5 MATs (Masters’ degree with credentials)
- New programs in development: Early Admission to Teaching Credentials, campus-wide launch soon. Certificate in Maker Education.
- New $3.5 million TQP Federal Grant and two State teacher residency grants. A prestigious Spencer grant. Maintain $12.2 m grants portfolio.
- Completed the 25th Annual Multicultural Education Conference, the largest ever.

College of Engineering and Computer Science

- Professors Shobaki, Muyan-Ozcelik and Gordon of the Department of Computer Science received a notice of intent from the National Science Foundation to award them $293K in grant funding for research on compiler performance optimization.
- The Computer Science Department earned the #1 ranking in California and #37 ranking nationally (among 5,200 U.S. universities) in the Cyber FastTrack Competition facilitated by SANS Institute.
- The Department of Construction Management earned a #1 ranking nationally among all Construction Management departments in the country (collegechoice.com).
- Professor Gareth Figgs of the Department of Construction Management and his campus colleagues were awarded a $100K grant from SMUD to renovate the Solar Nest home located in the Arboretum.
- Professor Tim Marbach of the Department of Mechanical Engineering secured a $675K contract extension from the California Energy Commission to help advance energy efficiency of consumer products.
- Professors Amir Motlagh and John Johnston were awarded $22K from the Sacramento Chapter of the American Public Works Association to upgrade the Environmental Engineering.
- The college’s Hornet Leadership Program reached $450K in philanthropic gift funding to allow for the support of three ten-student cohorts and a seminar series to engage 400 students next year.
College of Health and Human Services

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D)

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is pleased to announce that it has received approval from the Sacramento State campus and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) for the Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) curriculum and program design. The program has also been granted Developing Status by the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE). We are also pleased to announce that Jane Grabowski, AuD, will be joining our full-time, tenure-track faculty in Fall 2019, serving in the position of Clinic Coordinator.

In order to maximize opportunities for program graduates, we are seeking dual accreditation and applied to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) for Candidacy Status. The Au.D. will then join the Communication Sciences and Disorders programs, the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, and the School of Nursing in Folsom Hall. The addition of the Au.D. program to our rich interprofessional education (IPE) environment, which is unique among training programs, will further our University’s ability to graduate more education and healthcare professionals who are ready to meet the current demand for collaborative student, client, and patient-centered assessment and treatment.

Physical Therapy

Three graphs tell the story of the 2018 Sacramento State DPT graduates (graphs supplied below):

1. They scored on average above ALL other CSU DPT graduates on the national licensure exam
2. They scored above the national average, both cumulatively and on EVERY SINGLE content area in the exam!
3. They scored above all CSU graduates AND graduates from the US News and World Report top PT programs in the country!!

Three year average: **Graduation rate 95%**  **First time pass rate 98%**  **Ultimate pass rate 100%**
College of Health and Human Services

Department of Public Health
On April 30, 2018, the Provost announced the restructuring of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science into two separate academic units: The Department of Kinesiology, and the Department of Health Science. On April 4, 2019, President Nelsen approved a recommendation from the Faculty Senate to change the name of the Department of Health Science to the Department of Public Health. It was always the plan to rename Health Science as Public Health, although the name change approval and department split happened separately. The Department of Public Health will begin full, independent operation in HHS at the beginning of the fall of 2019. With the formation of this new department, a new Masters in Public Health will also be launched the in the Fall of 2020.

Criminal Justice
- Sacramento State’s Division of Criminal Justice (CJ) is golden this year, celebrating its 50th anniversary.
- The program made the milestone with an April 13 gala at the Harper Alumni Center. The theme is “50 Years of Justice Education Leadership.”
- Judge Consuelo M. Callahan, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, was the keynote speaker, and Beth Ruyak, host of Insight on Capital Public Radio, will emcee.

Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration
- On Friday, March 22 we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the Recreational Therapy program within the Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration.
- We had current students and alumni attend and celebrate this milestone. The Department was pleased to announce that the Chancellors Office approved the University to acknowledge Recreational Therapy as a Degree rather than a concentration. This makes CSUS the first Recreational Therapy Degree within the CSU system.
- The program also celebrated the inception of a new endowed scholarship in honor of Dr. Shirley J. Kammeyer, a former faculty and department chair.
International Programs and Global Engagement

English Language Institute (ELI)
The English Language Institute exceeded all expectations in 2018-19. After losing more than $360,000 in 2017-18 and with projected revenues of $828,000, ELI was restructured and came under the management of IPGE. Through the end of the third quarter, ELI revenues were 1,063,852 (a 28% increase over projected revenues for the entire fiscal year). Staffing levels have been right-sized and expenses reduced. ELI is now projecting a surplus of more than $300,000.

The Passport Place @ Sac State
In only its second full-year of operation the Passport Place @ Sac State has generated $146,166.67 in revenue. We expect to finish the year at $175,000. This is a 47% increase over the $119,000 in revenue generated during 2017-18. Year to date, the Passport Place @ Sac State has processed 4,115 passport applications for Sac State students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the local community, contributing to Sac State’s mission to serve as an anchor institution. The Passport Place expects to increase its hours of operation during the 2019-20 Fiscal Year with the goal of increasing revenue by an additional 30%.

Study Abroad
Ninety-five (95) Sacramento State students studied abroad for academic credit during the 2017-18 Academic Year, up 48% from the 2016-2017 academic year. According to the 2018 Open Doors Report, Sacramento State ranks 12th nationally among Master’s Colleges and Universities in the number of students studying abroad on long-term study abroad programs. With the generous support of the President’s Circle, the Treis family and IRA funding through ASI, IPGE was able to award $23,000 in Study Abroad Scholarships to Sac State students.

International Student Enrollment
International student enrollment increased during the 2018-19 academic year. Fall 2018 international enrollment was 555, up from 421 in Fall 2016 – a 31.8% increase. Spring 2018 international enrollment increased to 565, a 29.9% increase over Spring 2018. This generated an additional $1,000,000 in non-resident tuition per semester, over non-resident tuition paid by international students during the Fall 2016 semester. While additional growth is needed, Sacramento State is among a few CSUs with increased international student enrollment during the 18-19 Academic Year.

International Student and Scholar Services
International Student and Scholar Services made a concerted effort to increase programming designed to enhance international student success. This was the inaugural year for the International Friendship Association (a recognized student group). ISSS also partnered with colleagues in the Study Abroad Office to create an International Buddy Program. Both programs, along with others, are designed to assist international students with minimizing the impact of acculturative stress and improving retention.

New Exchange Programs
Sacramento State established seven new Exchange Programs during 2018-19. New Exchange Programs are with the following institutions:

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Library

Focus on seamless student access/support

- Streamlined laptop lending at all locations (Library, AIRC, Union) via Library’s Alma database
- One-stop Service Desk; Reference Help, Circulation, Reserves, Laptop/Technology Loans, Media, Anatomical Models, etc.
- Reconfigured stacks on 3rd and 2nd floors and lower level for additional student study space
- Research pods created for group or one-on-one appointments with a Librarian
- Roving student assistant program launched for peer-to-peer help away from service desk

Continued radical partnership with campus

- Media collections moved to allow room for SacStateCreates
- Successfully moved OREID into their new space
- Cleared space for Financial Literacy Lab (College of Business & Student Affairs) and Makerspace (College of Ed as lead, all other colleges to follow)

Expanded faculty research and scholarship support:

- Support for data management plans / storage / retrieval
- Set up journal hosting tool (also used for College of Ed syllabus review tool)
- Faculty librarians are trained on publishing & scholarship support

It needs to be said, the amazing faculty and staff in the library have done the work necessary to accomplish all movement forward.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Student Success

- NSM is well on the way to meeting all of its Graduation 2025 goals. For example, between 2015 and 2018, we have tripled our freshman 4-year graduation rate, almost doubling our 2018 goal and only 1.5% away from our 2015 goal. NSM attributes much of its success in increasing graduation rates to the efforts it has put into increasing availability of seats for students in all courses with a special focus on seats in bottleneck courses. Overall, when compared with 2015-16, we have increased the number of sections offered by 40% (28% of total campus increase) and increased FTES by 17.5% (35% of the total campus FTES increase).
• The Department of Mathematics and Statistics continues to be a leader in the CSU in innovative approaches to student success in math. This has included the redesign of courses for non-majors, overhaul of math pathways for STEM majors, and elimination of diagnostics testing between sequenced courses. The results have been overwhelmingly positive. For example, pass rates in lower division, courses for non-STEM majors in Fall 2018 were 84-92%.

• NSM added staffing in the NSM Advising Center and is ready to relaunch in the fall as a central advising center for all NSM majors in their first and second years. NSM was successful in applying for a STEM VISTA grant, which will support this expansion and ensure the development of a strong bridge between the NSM Advising Center and the programs housed in NSM’s Center for Science and Math Success.

Research

• NSM faculty and student researchers continued to shine at the state and national level. Some notable examples: Biology major Lillian Murphy received the statewide CSUPERB 2019 Glenn Nagel Undergraduate Research Award; Geography Professor Anna Klimaszewski-Patterson was the recipient of the J. Warren Nystrom award from American Association of Geographers; and Chemistry Professor Linda Roberts received a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct her research in Sweden.

• The number of grant and contract proposals submitted to state and federal agencies by NSM faculty increased by 20% and grants and contracts awarded increased 11% compared with 2017.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

• This year, the SSIS graduation rates for first-time freshmen (4-year) and transfers (2-year) showed the sharpest 1-year increase compared with all other colleges, approximately doubling the University rates. We attribute this success, in large part, to the addition of integrated advising, faculty fellows, and a second professional advisor to our college.

• SSIS made great full-time faculty hires, with two being especially notable because they were so ground breaking: 1) we hired the first ever full-time faculty member for the growing Asian Studies Program and anticipate that person will assume the role of Program Director in the relatively near future; 2) we hired the Hazel Cramer Endowed Chair in the Department of Public Policy and Administration which will be one of the first two endowed chairs in the history of the University.

• We instituted “The Kitchen” (for half-baked projects) which to my knowledge is the only formalized venue on campus for faculty to present and get feedback on scholarly work in progress. Eleven faculty members from eight different SSIS departments presented their formative research during the course of the academic year, with topics ranging from Hmong American youth mental health to “virtual water” in California.