



March 19, 2018

Celebrate the life of John N. Hester, former associate dean, ECS

The extended family of Dr. John N. Hester is invited to celebrate his life with what he enjoyed the most: good conversation, laughter, food, drink and music. We will share stories with each other from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Dress is to be comfortable and casual; gentlemen, absolutely no ties are to be worn. RSVP to denise@csus.edu.

Dr. Hester served on the faculty of the College of Engineering and Computer Science from 1969 to 1995, first as an associate professor of mechanical engineering, then as a professor of mechanical engineering and finally as the associate dean for Academic Programs and Research. He developed and introduced the use of design problems and computer problems in thermal science courses. In addition, he served as a reviewer for several publishing companies on introductory and intermediate thermodynamics texts. He developed the course content and team-taught several interdisciplinary courses, including the creation of instructional materials in group dynamics, simulation games, multimedia and small group, and experimentation and adaptation of new teaching methods and techniques. He published numerous journal articles and essays for general publication, as well as a book, *Acceptance*. Also, he was a faculty member of the Individual Learning Program, an interdisciplinary project, serving as director in its second year. Dr. Hester received the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1987.

Submitted by the College of Engineering and Computer Science

ABA announces two department name changes

The department formally known as Administrative Services is now Resource and Organizational Management and can be found in Sacramento 272.

The office of Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement is now Organizational Development can be found in Sacramento 267. We believe these name changes better reflect our evolving roles, responsibilities and services. Visit us at csus.edu/aba/resource-organizational-management.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Call for proposals: 2018-19 Faculty Scholarship (and Peer Review) Communities

The Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development invites faculty proposals for cross-disciplinary Faculty Scholarship Communities (FSCs) for the 2018-19 academic year. The FSC program is designed to support Unit 3 faculty who are conducting research and scholarly activity by providing venues where faculty can come together across disciplines to engage with a shared topic, interest, or pursuit, and to offer peer review and advising on research projects. Each proposed FSC must identify a lead faculty moderator (or a team of co-moderators) responsible for composing a syllabus of shared readings, setting meeting dates and times, leading discussions, and organizing member activities. Each moderator will receive \$1,000 in faculty research support funds (shared if a co-moderator) at the conclusion of the FSC.

For more details, including the call for proposals, visit csus.edu/research/fsc. Deadline to submit proposals is 5 p.m. Monday, April 9.

Submitted by the Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development

Transforming STEM Teaching: Faculty Learning Program

Are you connecting with your students in your STEM courses? Join a cross-institutional cohort of faculty from Sacramento City College and Sacramento State to enrich your courses, promote student engagement, and improve learning gains.

This professional learning program is curriculum designed by faculty colleagues at UC Berkeley and the Lawrence Hall of Science. It has been implemented at numerous UCs, CSUs, and California Community Colleges. All faculty teaching STEM courses at Sacramento City College and Sacramento State are eligible. Participants who complete the program also are awarded a \$1,500 stipend. Apply at surveymonkey.com/r/TSTEM-FLP.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Get involved with Grad Fest, coming March 28

Commencement is rapidly approaching, which means it's time for Grad Fest, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. Graduating students can buy their cap and gown, register for Commencement tickets, get alumni gear and more at this graduation "one-stop-shop." Do you have students graduating from your office or department? Grad packs make a great gift. Learn how you can play a role in Grad Fest by emailing VeronicaDelgado@csus.edu. For more details, visit SacStateAlumni.com/GradFest.

Submitted by Alumni Relations

Join us at the Alumni Association's 10th annual Alumni Open House

Help kick off Alumni Month at the 10th annual Alumni Open House, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the Leslie and Anita Harper Alumni Center. Learn about the Alumni Association, ways to get involved, and enjoy meeting the food and event vendors who make the Alumni Center a great place to host your campus events. For more details and to RSVP, visit SacStateAlumni.com/RSVP.

Submitted by Alumni Relations

Open forum: Additional candidate for program coordinator, PRIDE Center

Alejandro Muro, community financial fund coordinator, UC Santa Barbara, 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, University Union, Maidu Room. Individuals who attend are encouraged to submit written comments to Anita Kermes at anita.kermes@csus.edu by Monday, April 2.

Submitted by the PRIDE Center

Graduate Equity Fellowship application deadline approaching

The Graduate Equity Fellowship seeks to increase the diversity of students completing a graduate degree program at Sacramento State. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged students who have had success in overcoming educational disadvantages. The fellowship will grant \$1,500 per semester, up to four semesters, to each awardee. To apply, students must be a legal California resident; be admitted to a master's program; complete a FAFSA; have financial need of at least \$1,000; and enroll as a full-time student. Application deadline is Friday, April 6. For the application and more information, go to csus.edu/graddiv or contact the Graduate Diversity Office at 278-3834.

Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program

California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education is April 21

We invite you to encourage your underrepresented students, including low-income and first-generation students, to participate in the 2018 Northern California Forum for Diversity and Graduate Education, Saturday, April 21, at University of the Pacific.

Students will explore graduate opportunities and resources by participating in workshops conducted throughout the day. There also will be a graduate fair featuring 150-plus recruiters from across the nation. Bus transportation and lunch are free. The reservation deadline is Friday, April 6, or until capacity is reached. For more information and to make a reservation, go to our website at csus.edu/graddiv. Direct questions to the Graduate Diversity office at 278-3834 or graddiversity@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Graduate Diversity Program

Guardian Scholars needs donations for jewelry sale

The Guardian Scholars Program is accepting donations for new to gently used jewelry from now until Tuesday, March 27, for our Spring 2018 Jewelry Sale. Jewelry can be dropped off at the Guardian Scholars Program office in Lassen 2104 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The sale is 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 2, in front of Lassen Hall's main entrance. All proceeds will go toward the program, including purchasing healthy snacks for our snack pantry, emergency funding, purchasing school supplies, and graduation celebrations. We accept cash or personal checks. For more information, please contact Susan Kischmischian at 278-6184.

Submitted by the Guardian Scholars Program

Register your kids for Peak Adventures Youth Camps

Help your kids unplug this summer. Peak Adventures offers summer camps for kids ages 8-17. Three unique camps are available. Enjoy on-campus adventures at Green & Gold Camp. Try hiking, rafting, rock climbing, and cave exploring at Adventure Camp. Or explore on a weeklong backpacking trip at Expedition Camp. All camps convene on campus.

Submitted by Peak Adventures

Sac State's Shark Tank: Encourage students to apply

Encourage students to apply for STRONG 2018: Hornets Imagine Tomorrow's Solutions (csus.edu/strong), an academic "idea competition" in which students provide a problem-and-solution pitch during a 15-minute appointment with two judges. Six finalists can win a cash prize. Our third-annual STRONG is Friday, April 13, with Round 1 presentations starting at 9 a.m. in the Riverview Hall Conference Room. This event is open to all Sacramento State students and is intentionally broad so that students can use current school projects. There also is a networking reception for students from 2 to 3 p.m. after winners are announced.

We're offering STRONG help and sessions in AIRC 2007 for drop in-help applying or to get started creating a poster and presentation:

- Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 27
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28

Submitted by the Parents and Families Program

Next MBA information session is April 26

Did you know that an undergraduate degree in business is not required to get your MBA? We invite students to join the MBA Program Services Office for an MBA Information Session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in The WELL, Terrace Suite, to learn more about

Sac State's Master of Business Administration program. This will be a great opportunity for students to expand their horizons and learn how an MBA could help them advance and excel in their careers. Refreshments will be provided. To reserve a seat for the session, RSVP at surveymonkey.com/MBAApril26. For more details, please visit csus.edu/cba/graduate/mba. If you have additional questions, please contact MBA Program Services at 278-4501 or cba-MBAadmissions@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Master of Business Administration Program

Estate Planning 101

The Office of Planned Giving hosts Estate Planning 101 seminars throughout the year for members of the Sacramento State community who are considering their estate plans. Topics covered include wills, living trusts, estate taxes, probate, property and inheritance planning, special needs trusts, and charitable gift annuities.

The next Estate Planning 101 seminar is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Leslie and Anita Harper Alumni Center. Reservations are required by Wednesday, April 4. Please RSVP to giving@csus.edu or 278-3549.

Please visit csus.planningyourlegacy.org for more information on planned giving or the dates of future seminars. If you are interested in making a gift through your will or estate, or you have questions regarding Estate Planning 101, please call the Office of Planned Giving at 278-6989.

Submitted by University Advancement

Friends of the Library's Book Bin is open

The Friends of the Library operates a Book Bin on the University Library's lower level on the first full week and third week of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Gently used hardback and trade paperback books are \$2 each or three for \$5. Mass paperbacks are \$1 each. Artwork, music scores, audio recordings, long-playing records, etc. also are available. Cash or check only.

The Book Bin is open this week, March 21-23. Come in and browse. All proceeds support the Library.

Submitted by Friends of the Library Book Bin

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at csus.edu/news/articles/Professional-activities. To submit an activity, email briefing@csus.edu.

Submitted by University Communications

Faculty Senate schedule

The Faculty Senate calendar is available at csus.edu/senate.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Human Resources

Spring 2018 benefits workshops

The Office of Human Resources – Benefits is sponsoring retirement and financial planning workshops for the spring semester. Please visit csus.edu/hr/benefits/workshops to review the schedule and obtain registration information. Workshops include:

- CalPERS Planning Your Retirement
- Social Security/Medicare
- Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b) one-on-one appointments

Catastrophic leave donation

Sacramento State employees may voluntarily donate up to a maximum of 40 hours of sick or vacation leave credits in one-hour increments each fiscal year to another employee who has been deemed eligible for catastrophic leave. Bargaining Units 1, 10 and 11 may donate only up to 16 hours per fiscal year. If you are interested in donating time, the form can be obtained at csus.edu/hr/forms.html#disability, by visiting the Benefits Office in Del Norte Hall, Suite 3004, or by calling 278-3522.

The following employee(s) have been approved to receive donations through the Catastrophic Leave Donation Program:

- Alexis Chavez, SHS-Clinic
- Shannon McDonald, Custodial Services