



September 4, 2018

Open Enrollment begins for University community

Mark your calendars for the CSU annual Open Enrollment period that begins Sept. 10 and runs through Oct. 5. Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to review and update your benefits for the upcoming year. You may enroll, change or cancel CalPERS, health, dental, vision, Flexcash, Dependent Care Reimbursement (DCRA), Health Care Reimbursement (HCRA) or voluntary benefits plans. Health plan rates will change for 2019.

Go to https://www.csus.edu/hr/docs/benefits/CSU_Rate_Chart_18-19.pdf to review the 2019 Health Premium Rate Chart.

For comprehensive, information visit: <https://csyou.calstate.edu/openenrollment>.

A Benefits Fair will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the University Union Redwood Room.

Submitted by Human Resources

Faculty Scholarship Communities (FSCs) call for participants

The Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development invites faculty participants for cross-disciplinary Faculty Scholarship Communities (FSCs) for the 2018-19 academic year. The FSC program is designed to support 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. All Unit 3 faculty are welcome to participate. All FSC members must commit to regularly attending the scheduled FSC sessions. Find a list of FSCs at csus.edu/research/fsc.

To sign-up for an FSC, go to tinyurl.com/FSC1819. Deadline to register is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7. Questions about the program should be directed to Dr. Nancy Sweet, faculty research liaison of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development at nsweet@csus.edu.

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

University Union to host annual Phlagleblast open house celebration

The University Union is pleased to announce Phlagleblast, the annual welcoming celebration for students, on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The event will run 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Phlagleblast, the name University Union staff chose to reflect the unique character of the building and its vendors, began in Fall 1999. The campus tradition showcases all of the great vendors, offices and services the Union has to offer. Various components make up the event, including:

- The Phlagleblast Game Card, which is a scavenger hunt around the building where students stop by each department office or business within the University Union, which acquaints them to the services and resources. Students may turn in completed cards for a prize drawing and a free T-shirt.

- Live performances by The City of Trees Brass Band, Lucid, Mino Yanci, and DJ'ing by KSSU. Also a balloon artist, face painter, Henna artist, and caricature artists.
- Free food samples

The event is free and open to students, faculty and staff.

Submitted by the University Union

Tickets available for Oct. 1 Staff Awards Luncheon

The 2018 Staff Awards Luncheon will take place 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct., in the University Union Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 4. A ticket is required for each person attending the luncheon. Tables for 10 are available. To order tickets, contact Michael Eldridge at eldridge@csus.edu or (916) 278-4049. Payment is due when reservations are made. We accept cash, checks, or a copy of the direct payment or check request form.

For more information visit:

<https://www.csus.edu/usa/events%20%20activities/lunchpreliminary.html>

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

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 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday - Friday on the first full week and third week of each. Gently used hardback and trade paperback books are \$2 each, or three for \$5. Mass paperbacks are \$1 each. Art work, music scores, audio recordings, long-playing records, and other materials are also available. Cash or check only.

Come in and browse the Book Bin this week, Sept. 5-7. All proceeds support the Library.

Submitted by Friends of the Library Book Bin

Herky's Steps to Success: Find a job and get involved!

The Academic Advising Center and Career Center are hosting an on-campus job and resource fair for students 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, in the University Union Redwood Room. This Weeks of Welcome event will provide a fun and inviting space for students to engage with various campus departments and programs while learning about on-campus student employment opportunities. Please encourage students to participate and consider offering extra credit to students who attend. Individuals needing reasonable accommodations can contact the Career Center (www.csus.edu/careercenter) at 916-278-6231 or careercenter@csus.edu for assistance.

Submitted by Academic Advising Center and Career Center

One World networking lunch set for Sept. 12

The One World Initiative invites you to incorporate the AY18-19 theme, *Global Perspectives on Time*, into course work, public events, and student activities. Consider the profound questions a framing concept like time provides within and across disciplines: topics such as memory, change, representation, and the nature of reality. For inspiration take a look at these *Ted Talks* (<https://www.ted.com/topics/time>), or *There's No Such Thing as Time* (<https://www.popsci.com/science/article/2012-09/book-excerpt-there-no-such-thing-time>) or listen to the material at this link (https://youtu.be/8tI1_KlO6xI). One World can help you develop, fund, and promote offerings that address the theme and engage a student and community audience.

Join us 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Terrace Suite of The Well for a One World networking lunch and a welcome back to campus. Contact Mimi Coughlin, at oneworld@csus.edu to RSVP.

Click for more information about One World, go to <http://www.csus.edu/oneworld/>.
Submitted by History Department

Paint the Town community event set for Sept. 15

Get involved. Make a difference. Serve our community. The Community Engagement Center and NeighborWorks Sacramento, invites the Sac State community – students, faculty and staff – to participate in our annual Paint the Town event on Saturday, Sept. 15, in the Del Paso Heights area. Projects include: exterior paint or touch-ups; landscaping, which may include planting trees, pruning, and building planters; and other projects that make a significant difference in our neighborhoods and community. Volunteers can select from these shifts: 8 a.m.–noon, 1–5 p.m., or all day. Lunch will be provided from noon until 1 p.m.

NeighborWorks Sacramento will provide supplies, equipment and expertise needed to lead the project.

Register now at <https://app.calstates4.com/csus/paint-town-registration-form-2018-v2>. For more information, call 916-278-4610 or email cec@csus.edu.
Submitted by the Community Engagement Center

University Staff Assembly special election opens

University Staff Assembly has opened a special election to fill the recently open position as the USA vice president. More information about these committees and positions may be found at csus.edu/usa/election.

If you or someone you know is interested, please submit the nominee's name, phone extension, department, email address, and a brief explanation of why the nominee should sit on the committee to usa@csus.edu by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. If you are nominating someone, please obtain their permission and the permission of their supervisor and HEERA designee before submitting their name. If you are nominating yourself, please obtain permission from your supervisor and HEERA designee. Permission via email is acceptable. Elections will commence once all nominees are confirmed.

The voice of the staff on campus is invaluable. Please consider serving the staff and the University.

Submitted by the USA Election Committee

Dreamer Resource Center Open House

The Dreamer Resource Center (DRC) invites the campus community to its Fall Open House 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Riverfront Center, Room 1027. The DRC Open House is an opportunity for undocumented students, students of mixed-status families, staff, faculty, friends, families, and allies to connect to campus resources, meet certified Dreamer Allies, and make new friends in a safe and inclusive environment sensitive to the experiences of undocumented students and students of mixed-status families. Light refreshments will be provided.

Submitted by the Dreamer Resource Center

MLK Center puts out welcome mat with Fall Open House

The MLK Center will host a Fall Open House on Monday, Sept. 10, to kick off a week of welcome activities designed to support students. The MLK Center maintains a strong and distinct mission of helping program scholars to connect the past with the present to inform future practice. The Center also works to help students understand their rich legacy and to support their leadership, growth, and development in the academy. The Open House this year will run 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the MLK Center, on the second floor of Lassen Hall. Please join us as we embark upon a vibrant start to the semester!

Submitted by the Martin Luther King Jr. Center

Jael Young's ASI retirement reception set for Sept. 10

Associated Students, Inc., cordially invites you to attend a retirement reception in honor of Jael Young, celebrating over 28 years of service to Associated Students Inc., primarily as the Director of Peak Adventurers. The celebration is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Terrace Suite at The WELL. RSVP to Valerie Regner by Sept. 5: vregner@csus.edu.

Please join us to celebrate Jael's many years of service to the campus and offer her best wishes on her next adventure.

Submitted by ASI Peak Adventures

Dr. Donald Taylor campus retirement event is Sept. 12

Please join Academic Affairs in celebrating Dr. Donald Taylor's many contributions to Sacramento State. He is retiring after 28 years of exemplary service to our campus. Dr. Taylor will participate in the FERP program and return to the Department of Communication Studies as an emeritus faculty member. The event is 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Epicure Restaurant. Please RSVP to academicaffairs@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of the Provost

Research Fellows present 'Impact of Mental Health Court' at Sac State Downtown

Join us 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Sacramento State Downtown, 304 S St., for the Center for California Studies' Faculty Research Fellows Program research presentation *The Impact of Mental Health Court: A Sacramento Case Study*. This study looked at the effectiveness of the Sacramento Mental Health Court (MHC) in reducing recidivism rates among recent Sacramento MHC participants. The study was prepared by Professors Yue (Wilson) Yuan, Ph.D., and Matthew Capriotti, Ph.D., from San José State University as part of the Faculty Research Fellows Program for the Center for California Studies. Lunch will be served. RSVP at https://www.csus.edu/calst/faculty_research_fellows_program.html

Submitted by the Center for California Studies

Fall 2018 Faculty Research Incentive Grants applications deadline set

The purpose of Faculty Research Incentive Grant (FRIG) program is to provide an incentive for faculty to write a grant proposal for external funding, encouraging research, scholarly and/or creative activity at Sacramento State. Faculty members must identify a specific grant solicitation or a formal request for proposals to which they are interested in submitting a proposal. For this FRIG cycle, the grant's submission deadline must be between Jan. 1 and July 31, 2019.

This program is open to all tenured and tenure-track faculty, and lecturers with multi-year appointments of at least 0.5 time base. Applications may be submitted for individual or collaborative projects. Upon submission of the external grant proposal, faculty may choose

to receive \$2,500 in additional employment, \$2,500 in professional development funds or one WTU of release time (shared if there are co-PIs).

For more information and to apply, go to <https://csus.infoready4.com/>. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 1.

Submitted by Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development

University Union accepting special event requests for Spring 2019

The University Union Event Services Office is ready to begin accepting requests for Special Events through the Spring 2019 semester. This is only for Special Events and only for events taking place between Jan. 2 and May 31, 2019. To preserve our normal booking priority timelines, we will begin accepting requests on:

- Recognized student organizations: Tuesday, Sept. 4, after 12:01 a.m.
- Campus departments: Friday, Sept. 14, after 3 p.m.
- Off-campus departments: Monday, Oct. 1, after 12:01 a.m.

Requests can be made in person during regular office hours, by e-mail using a scanned request form, or online using OPUS by visiting <https://vems.unionwellinc.org/>. For more information, please visit <http://theuniversityunion.com/event-services> or call 916-278-6743.

Submitted by the University Union

One-on-One support from Fidelity

Patricia Miranda, your dedicated Fidelity Retirement Planner, will be available on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19-20, to meet with employees one-on-one. Fidelity has more than 70 years of investing experience, and as a leading retirement provider to higher-education institutions, is committed to helping Sacramento State Employees plan for a future that's unique to you. Please consider bringing relevant account statements and your CSU pay warrant to help address your questions and needs.

Please check in for your appointment at the Benefits Office in Del Norte Hall 3004. Appointments are 30 minutes long and are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please go to <https://nb.fidelity.com/public/nb/calstate/contactus/schedule-a-meeting>, or call 800-642-7131.

Submitted by Human Resources

Renaissance Society seminar course addresses multiple facets of climate change

Dr. Tom Suchanek from UC Davis, with Dana Nuccitelli and Dr. Jim Lerner, will teach a 13-week course at Sac State – *Climate Change: Science; Impacts; Politics; Solutions* – this fall through the Renaissance Society program. These individuals derive nothing from teaching this course other than the satisfaction that they are educating people on one of the most important issues facing humans globally. The course is 10 - 11:45 a.m. Saturdays beginning Sept. 8, allowing educators, students and those who work weekdays to attend. More information about the course, including a flier and syllabus, can be found at tomsuchanek.net.

This is an extremely timely issue that is evidenced by the damaging effects of extreme weather events that we witness on the news every day and thus might interest you and a broad audience with whom you interact daily.

The lectures will be videotaped and archived, so one need not attend all lectures.
Submitted by the Sacramento State Renaissance Society

Transportation Advisory Committee looks to fill staff vacancy

There is a staff vacancy on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). This committee acts as an advisory body to the vice president for Administration/CFO and addresses parking, traffic management, campus shuttle services, and alternative transportation matters. The committee charge can be reviewed here:

<http://www.csus.edu/aba/utaps/tac/taccharge.pdf>.

The appointment is for three years. Staff interested in serving on this committee must secure their supervisor's permission and send contact information (name, department, email, phone) to the Office of the Vice President for Administration/CFO at vp-cfo@csus.edu by Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

DEGREES Project sets lineup for Student Academic Success Day

The DEGREES Project is set to host Student Academic Success Day 2018 at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in the University Union Ballroom. Come out and attend a workshop session, engage in the keynote at noon in the Ballroom, and attend outdoor activities from 1-3 p.m. on Serna Plaza designed to increase engagement and support our students. The day will include a "Closing the Achievement Gap" summit to address issues affecting our communities. To RSVP for any aspect of Student Academic Success Day, please visit <http://www.csus.edu/degreesproject/SASDay>. We look forward to seeing you there!

Submitted by the DEGREES Project

Peace Corps Prep certificate information sessions

Thinking about serving in the Peace Corps after you graduate? Hoping to work in international development? Interested in community service and intercultural understanding? Consider joining Sac State's new Peace Corps Prep program. More information is available at <https://www.csus.edu/ipge/peacecorpsprep.html>.

The application deadline this semester is Sept. 30, and the program is holding two information sessions for interested students: noon-1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, and 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13. Both sessions will be in Library 1001 (in the library breezeway, opposite the Library Main Entrance). In addition to learning more about the Peace Corps, the Peace Corps Prep program, and the benefits of both, you'll have an opportunity to meet with a Peace Corps recruiter and program advisors. Please contact the Program Coordinator at peace-corps-prep@csus.edu if you have questions.

Submitted by Peace Corps Prep

Pregnant student rights

Title IX, a federal civil rights law, prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex – including pregnancy and parental status-in educational programs and activities. If you are a pregnant student, you have the right to stay in school so you can meet your education and career goals. If you need accommodation due to pregnancy, please contact the Office for Equal Opportunity at equalopportunity@csus.edu or 916-278-5770. For more information, please visit Sacramento State's Pregnant Students webpage at

<https://www.csus.edu/hr/departments/equal-opportunity/pregnant%20and%20parenting%20student%20rights.html>.

Submitted by the Office for Equal Opportunity

Reminder: New indirect cost-sharing plan now in effect

A new process, effective As of July 1, 2018, is in place for distributing indirect costs (IDC) recovered by the University on externally funded sponsored projects. In consultation with the Provost, the Office of Research, Innovation and Economic Development staff worked to develop a new model for sharing IDC that will provide colleges, departments, centers and institutes, and principal investigators funds to support and incentivize research on campus. This new plan is only applicable to grant and contracts that generate IDC. An information sheet on the new IDC Sharing Plan can be found at <https://www.csus.edu/research/IDC-Sharing-Plan-Info-Sheet.pdf>.

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

Opportunities open to join key learning communities

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites you to participate in our exciting new Faculty/Professional Learning Communities. All full- and part-time instructors, staff, and administrators are invited to apply at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PLCFLC1819>.

September 2018 and Beyond: A. Active Learning & Formative Assessment; B. Designing for Equity & Student Success; C. Hybrid & Online Teaching; D. Inter-professional Education; E. Wellness in the Classroom; F. The STEM Zone: Exploring and Applying Learning Research - Hybrid Format (January 2019); G. The STEM Zone: Faculty Professional Development Online with ACUE (October 2018); H. Service Learning (Spring 2019).

Full description of meeting agendas and deliverables on the CTL website here: <https://www.csus.edu/ctl/programs/faculty%20learning%20communities.html>

Deadline is Monday, Sept. 10.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Policy Manual update

ACA-151-Campus Policy on the Creation, Oversight, and Review of Academic Centers and Institutes (Interim)

This updated interim policy clearly establishes the policies surrounding the creation, oversight, and closure of University Academic Centers and Institutes. It brings Sacramento State into compliance with CSU Coded Memorandum AA-2014-18. The policy can be accessed at <https://www.csus.edu/umannual/acad/ACA-151.htm>.

Submitted by Administration and Business Affairs

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at [csus.edu/news/articles/Professional-activities](https://www.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](https://www.csus.edu/senate).

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Human Resources

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:

- Sylvia Flores – Graduate and Professional Studies