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News

KEYS to Degree Toolbox debuts for students today

Graduation planning gets smarter with the new KEYS to Degree Toolbox (Kit to Empower Your Success) – a series of online planning, tracking, and assessment tools to help students graduate on time. Part of the Student Success & Completion Initiative and the “Finish in Four” campaign, the KEYS to Degree Toolbox consolidates existing programs – including Sac State Scheduler, the transfer credit report, and the academic requirements report – and introduces a new tool, Smart Planner, to help make the process of planning, picking, enrolling, assessing, and graduating easier.

All Hornets can access and begin exploring their KEYS Toolbox today in the Student Center of My Sac State, but Smart Planner is being launched in two phases: The first group of majors have access today, and all remaining majors in March 2017. Students can learn more, check out training materials, and see when Smart Planner is available for their major at csus.edu/keys.

Submitted by Information Resources and Technology

Causeway Classic Blood Drive this week in the Union

The annual Causeway Classic Blood and Marrow Drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today; Tuesday, Oct. 18; and Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the University Union Ballroom. This drive is a competition between Sacramento State and UC Davis. Donors also can give at any BloodSource center or mobile blood center from today through Friday, Nov. 4, with the code LO29 to have their donation count toward Sac State’s total.

The annual trophy will be awarded to the winning campus on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Causeway Classic football game. Sac State holds the trophy from last year’s competition.

Donors: Please remember to drink plenty of water in the days before donating, and eat a substantial breakfast that day. Participants will receive a free T-shirt and MyBloodSource Rewards. The campus group with the most participation has the best chance of winning a drawing for \$500. Faculty and staff are able to use a “Fast Track” pass to expedite the donation process.

Submitted by the University Union

Special address by Secretary of State Alex Padilla coming Tuesday

The final day to register to vote in the November election is Monday, Oct. 24. The Serna Center invites you to a special address, “*Tu Voto Es Tu Voz: Your Vote Is Your Voice*,” by California Secretary of State Alex Padilla at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the University Union, Redwood Room. (Doors open at 1 p.m.) The event will encourage and inspire students to engage in the political process, register to vote, and become lifelong voters. Faculty are strongly encouraged to announce the event to their students or bring their class. A voter registration drive will follow the address.

Submitted by the Serna Center

Michael Brown Sr., father of teen shot by Ferguson police, to lecture Thursday

University Union UNIQUE Programs, Associated Students Inc., the Multi-Cultural Center, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center are honored to announce a lecture by Michael Brown Sr., the father of Michael Brown, who lost his life in the 2014 Ferguson, Mo., police shooting. The event takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in the University Union Ballroom, with overflow viewing available outdoors in Serna Plaza. This event is free for students and the general public. Attendees must obtain a free admission ticket at SacStateUNIQUE.com.

Michael Brown Sr. has been motivated to use his tumultuous experiences to help others who have been affected by police brutality through his nonprofit organization, Chosen for Change. He will be speaking on his joys as a parent, his loss, and his guilt.

Submitted by UNIQUE Programs

Undocu-College Success Workshop this week

The Undocu-College Success Workshops sponsored by the Dreamer Resource Center are back! Join us from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the University Union, Forest Suite (second floor), for a presentation on "Thriving as an Undocu-Grad Student." The workshop will provide information on the admission process for graduate school, financial resources (e.g., scholarships and grants) and the opportunity to hear how undocu-grad students have successfully navigated graduate school. RSVP at thrivingasanundocugradstudent.eventbrite.com. Light refreshments will be served.

Submitted by the Dreamer Resource Center

Register today for the Keeping the Dream Alive Summit

The Dreamer Resource Center and the Full Circle Project at Sacramento State invite you to register today for the first Keeping the Dream Alive Summit, featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, filmmaker, and media publisher Jose Antonio Vargas as the keynote speaker. Vargas is the founder of Define American, a nonprofit media and culture organization that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration and citizenship in America.

The summit will raise awareness of the undocumented student population at Sacramento State and in the Sacramento region, including its unique conditions and potential needs; promote practical means to go beyond serving to becoming advocates for undocumented students; and empower undocumented students to keep the dream alive and reach their maximum potential. The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, in University Union Ballroom I-III. (Doors open at 8:15 a.m.)

RSVP at keepingthedreamalivesummit.eventbrite.com by Friday, Nov. 11. There is no registration fee, but tickets are required for entrance.

Submitted by the Dreamer Resource Center

'Sac State of Poetry' showcases University's creative writers

The new "Sac State of Poetry" Series, featuring students, alumni, faculty, and members of the Sacramento writers community, hosts a reading from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the University Library's Special Collections room. An open-mike session will be held after the formal presentations. Join us for this showcase of Sacramento State's creative writers. For more information, contact James Fox at 278-4030 or james.fox@csus.edu.

Submitted by the University Library

Made at Sac State Magazine – sign up today

Amazing things are happening on our campus – and beyond – every day. Keep up with the latest via the *Made at Sac State Magazine*, a quarterly email showcase of projects, research, trends, and people that are unique to Sacramento State. Subscribe now to get the next issue in your inbox: tinyurl.com/mademag.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

University Awards for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

The Research and Creative Activity (RCA) Faculty Senate Subcommittee invites nominations for the 2016-17 University Awards for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity for Early-Career and Senior Faculty. These two awards are given each year to faculty members who have made significant contributions to a discipline through research, scholarly activity, creative/artistic endeavors, and publication. Each award includes a \$2,500 professional development grant and three units of release time.

A nominator information session will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 24, in the University Union, Oak Room. For more information or to nominate, go to csus.infoready4.com. The nomination deadline is 11:59 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7. Questions? Contact Nancy Sweet, chair, at rcachair@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Office of Research Affairs

American Historical Association leader to speak Oct. 25

Join the History Department in welcoming Dr. Tyler Stovall, a distinguished professor of history at UC Santa Cruz and president-elect of the American Historical Association, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the University Union, Foothill Suite. Stovall will discuss research from his forthcoming publication "White Freedom: The Racial History of an Idea."

Stovall's keynote address will follow the first annual graduate history student research symposium from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. This event is free and open to the University community. We hope you will join us for both events and support our historians-in-training!

Submitted by the History Department

University Staff Assembly's Halloween contest

The University Staff Assembly holds its annual Halloween contest Monday, Oct. 31. Winners will be announced for best individual costume, best skit, best office group costume, best office decoration, and best combined office group costume and office decoration. For more information and to enter the contest, please go to csus.edu/usa/halloween. The entry deadline is Thursday, Oct. 27. The contestant list will be posted on the website Friday, Oct. 28.

Submitted by the University Staff Assembly

Fall 2016 Academic Advising Seminar

Are you interested in learning more about Sac State's general education/graduation requirements, financial aid, and PARC? Have a burning question you've wanted to ask? The Academic Advising Center is hosting our campus-wide Advising Seminar to assist and empower you when advising! The seminar is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Welcome Center in Lassen Hall 1100.

RSVP at csus.edu/acad/rsvpgeneral.html no later than Thursday, Oct. 27. The professional development objective is to learn about financial aid, PARC, and the general perspectives of the general education/graduation requirement. Please contact My Sayamnath, assistant

director, at msayamnath@csus.edu with questions. Hope to see you there! (Please note: If you have attended this workshop in the past, it is the same one offered each semester.)
Submitted by Academic Advising

Athletics to stage third annual Oktoberfest on Oct. 28

Sac State Athletics is pleased to invite you to participate in the third annual Oktoberfest from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at the Leslie and Anita Harper Alumni Center. We hope you will join us in supporting Hornet Athletics; all proceeds from Oktoberfest go toward student-athlete scholarships. Oktoberfest is not just about raising funds, but about raising awareness and increasing campus and community participation with Sac State Athletics. Each coaching staff member personally will pour a variety of local beers and wines. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To purchase, contact the Hornet Club at 278-4263 or hornetclub@csus.edu.

Submitted by Athletics

Psychology Department's 2016 Annual Research Conference

Please join the Psychology Department for its Annual Research Conference from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the University Union, Redwood Room. The conference showcases the hard work and research being done by the psychology students and professors of Sacramento State. Come by and support our students!

Submitted by the Department of Psychology

Call for Pedagogy Enhancement Award proposals

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites applications for grants for the 2017-18 Pedagogy Enhancement Award Program. The objectives of the program are to increase the teaching and scholarly effectiveness of faculty to enhance student learning and success.

The guidelines and application are available in department and college offices. They also can be found on the CTL website at csus.edu/ctl. To assist in preparing a competitive proposal, a workshop will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Center for Teaching and Learning, Library 4026.

Proposals must be submitted in hard copy by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the center (mail stop 6084). Direct inquiries to the CTL at 278-5945 or Julie Thomas at 278-5240.

Submitted by the Center for Teaching and Learning

Nomination deadline for Distinguished Alumni Awards is Nov. 1

Do you know a Sacramento State alumnus who makes Hornets everywhere proud, or an individual who deserves special recognition for his or her contributions to the University community? Nominate that person for a Distinguished Alumni Award. The University and the Alumni Association each year honor alumni and recognize their excellence in four categories: Lifetime Achievement, Distinguished Service, Rising Star and Honorary Alumnus. Nominations are due Tuesday, Nov. 1. Also, be sure to save the date for the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner Thursday, April 20.

Nomination forms and more information are available at SacStateAlumni.com/daa. For more information, contact Jennifer Barber at 278-4723.

Submitted by Alumni Relations and Annual Giving

Global Entrepreneurship Week coming Nov. 14-18

Sacramento State's "Game Changers" Global Entrepreneurship Week activities will take

place throughout the campus from Monday, Nov. 14, to Friday, Nov. 18. Alumni innovators and founders of local startups will share their personal journeys and offer valuable advice to students at several dozen presentations scheduled during the week. As a centerpiece, "The Pitch" competition (see item below) has student teams vying for top ranking with their innovative ideas and projects.

Faculty, staff, and student groups interested in hosting a speaker, joining a class, or promoting an existing entrepreneurship-themed activity are invited to learn more at csus.edu/ua/e-week.

Submitted by University Advancement

'The Pitch' Business Idea Competition coming in November

The Sacramento Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (SACE) and the Sacramento State Center for Entrepreneurship will host "The Pitch" Business Idea Competition from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium. Students will have an opportunity to pitch their business ideas in front of a panel of judges, *Shark Tank*-style. Winners will receive prize money and the opportunity to represent Sacramento State in the National "Future Four" Competition. Sac State students from all majors, including graduate students as well as alumni, can compete. The event will be held during Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Business plans must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 4, to ceship@csus.edu.

Submitted by the Sacramento Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs

Water Seminar Series focuses on municipal finance of projects

Join the Office of Water Programs at noon Friday, Nov. 4, in Library 11 for its water seminar series, bringing water professionals from around the Sacramento region together with the Sacramento State community to educate and collaborate on water use and management in California. This month, Michael Colantuono, an attorney with Colantuono, Highsmith and Whatley, will present "Municipal Finance of Water Projects." Food will be provided for the first 20 to 25 attendees starting at 11:30 a.m. Food and seating are limited, so RSVP at owp.csus.edu/water-seminars/index.php.

Submitted by the Office of Water Programs

Apply now for Spring 2017 Office of Water Programs fellowship

Sac State master's candidate Miguel Martinez is spending this semester evaluating alternative stormwater sampling methods to determine if any are accurate enough to comply with regulatory requirements for pollutant monitoring. Martinez is working on the project as the Office of Water Programs' (OWP) first Graduate Research Fellow.

The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) provides an opportunity for one or two students to fulfill their master's project/thesis requirement by completing a research-based project in collaboration with OWP. Fellows work alongside faculty and research staff, and will be reimbursed for part-time tuition plus a one-time continuation fee (if needed) upon successful completion of the project.

The Spring 2017 fellowship application deadline is Monday, Nov. 7. The fellowship is open to all graduate students, regardless of major or department. More information is available at OWP's website at owp.csus.edu/university-connection.

Submitted by the Office of Water Programs

John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture: Call for nominations

The Faculty Senate is pleased to call for nominations for the faculty member to deliver the 2016-17 John C. Livingston Distinguished Faculty Lecture. An invitation to deliver the lecture has long been considered one of the most prestigious awards given to a Sacramento State faculty member. This award recognizes a sustained and unique contribution to the campus community in providing intellectual leadership and has important significance to the life of this University. The faculty member will be selected this fall and will deliver the lecture during the spring semester at a convocation held in his or her honor at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, in the University Union, Redwood Room.

Nominations are due by noon Friday, Nov. 4, and are to be submitted via email to kathy.garcia@csus.edu. The Call for Nominations may be viewed at csus.edu/acse/lecture-and-awards/livingstonlecture/lcall2016-17.pdf.

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Join ASI in helping a family for Thanksgiving

Help a family in need have Thanksgiving dinner! Associated Students Inc.'s Student Engagement & Outreach is taking signups for its annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Last year, the Sacramento State community helped put meals on the tables of more than 70 families. This year's collections take place Monday, Nov. 14, through Thursday, Nov. 17. Visit asi.csus.edu/thanksgiving for the list of required items or to sign up.

Submitted by Associated Students Inc.

Results of the Listening to Students Study available online

To learn more about the needs of students from a variety of backgrounds and educational paths, including this week's section, "Listening to Students Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision," please visit csus.edu/saseep/listeningtostudents.

Submitted by the Department of Communication Studies

Violence in the Workplace Prevention Training

This is a one-hour presentation, with additional time for questions, on information regarding University policy on violence in the workplace, applicable campus statistics, crime prevention information, 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 as it pertains to violence in the workplace or unacceptable behavior. Materials will be provided. Class participation every three years is required of all faculty, staff, and student employees by Cal-OSHA and Sacramento State. Training is in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium:

- 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20
- 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14
- 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23
- 9 to 10 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7

To RSVP for the training, please email barnettk@skymail.csus.edu.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Building coordinator/floor marshal training

Annual two-hour training sessions will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, and Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the University Union, Hinde Auditorium.

Attendance is mandatory for all members of the building emergency preparedness teams, building coordinators, floor marshals, and faculty who have responsibilities during a disaster or emergency. Seating is limited to the first 150. Register on LearnerWeb at csus.edu/aba/ehs/learner-web.html.

Submitted by the Sacramento State Police Department

Faculty professional activities

The latest faculty professional activities are available at csus.edu/news/articles/2016/10/1/Professional-activities,-October-December-2016.

Submitted by the Office of Public Affairs and Advocacy

Faculty Senate schedule

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

Submitted by the Faculty Senate

Security tip: Be very careful with emails

Email communications – even internal emails – are inherently insecure because they can be readable as they travel over the network. When sending any email, consider how you can keep information from falling into the wrong hands. This can include determining precisely who needs to see the information and sending it only to that person; considering other forms of communication that might be more secure, such as the mail or hand-delivering a paper or electronic copy; or encrypting the email.

Submitted by the Information Security Office

Human Resources

Open House for HR coming Oct. 27

Learn more about the Office of Human Resources at its Open House from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, on the third floor of Del Norte Hall. See the “Sacramento State at Work” photo gallery, pick up HR swag, enter a drawing for prizes, and enjoy light refreshments! More information is available on the HR website, csus.edu/hr. Please note that the HR offices will be closed during the Open House.

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

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:

- Bradley Buchanan – English
- Anita Fitzhugh – University Advancement
- Monica Patterson – Mail Services Center
- Brian Sarantopoulos – Reprographic Services