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Dear colleagues:

This semester, the Division of Academic Affairs begins a weekly newsletter – The SDSU Chronicle – to highlight faculty, student, and staff accomplishments, campus events, and information about important initiatives. If you would like to share an item for possible inclusion in future issues, please contact Jayla Lee at jnlee@sdsu.edu.

Dates and Deadlines

75th Anniversary Celebration of the Charles W. Hostler Institute on World Affairs
The 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Charles W. Hostler Institute on World Affairs will be held on Feb. 24. Dedicated to bringing the world to San Diego since 1942, this year’s forum features Ambassadors Nicholas Burns and John Bass. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. All are invited. Register on the Alumni Center website by Feb. 17.

Costco Founder Jim Sinegal to Deliver Provost’s Distinguished Lecture
Jim Sinegal ’59, alumnus and co-founder/former CEO of Costco Wholesale, will deliver the Spring 2017 Provost’s Distinguished Lecture. The lecture will occur in Montezuma Hall, Conrad Prebys Student Union from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1. Sinegal’s visit will include meetings with students, faculty, and staff of the Fowler College of Business, and interactions with SDSU leadership and other university community members. RSVP here.

Professional Development Opportunities
The next Faculty Advancement Forum presents the National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development’s “Align Your Time with Your Priorities.” The forum will occur from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 17. RSVP here.

News from the Senate
The next SDSU Academic Senate meeting will occur Feb. 7.

Kudos and Accolades

- Under the leadership of new Director Marquesa Cook-Whearty and her graduate teaching assistant coaches, SDSU’s Aztec Forensics team competed at several national competitions. They received multiple debate awards including Quarterfinalists in Novice Policy, Semi-Finalists in British Parliamentary debate at Colorado College, and Octofinalists in Parliamentary debate at Colorado College. The team will attend four national championship tournaments this spring in Washington, Colorado, and Illinois.
Special thanks to the continued support from donors including **Dan and Katie Sullivan** and **Diane Gaske**.

- The Department of History recognizes two faculty members for recent publications. **Dr. Edward Beasley**’s *The Chartist General: Charles James Napier, The Conquest of Sind, and Imperial Liberalism* examines the life of British General Charles James Napier. **Dr. Walter Penrose**’s *Postcolonial Amazons: Female Masculinity and Courage in Ancient Greek and Sanskrit Literature* re-evaluates the place of martial women in the ancient world.

To submit a faculty, student, or staff accolade for possible inclusion, please contact Jayla Lee at jnlee@sdsu.edu.

**Periscope on Strategic Priorities**

**Improving Campus Climate for Faculty**

The Center for Human Resources' 2015 Campus Climate Survey indicated that our faculty and staff take tremendous pride in their work at SDSU and identified room for improvement in the way the campus communicates, values its faculty and staff, and upholds expectations for professional conduct and achievement. The campus has since undertaken efforts to address each of these areas including launching this bulletin as well as regular information notifications for faculty and department chairs, funding salary increases for faculty and staff, and working with deans and department chairs and school directors to address unprofessional workplace conduct or unsatisfactory work more effectively.

**Summer registration**

Summer session registration opens April 10. For more information, visit the [Dive Into Summer website](#).

Sincerely,

Provost Chukuka S. Enwemeka