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Department of Public Administration PA Digest

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## PA Digest

January 22, 2019

### SPOTLIGHTS

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Time to Think About Money

I suppose it is always time for that....BUT for this year, now is time for everyone to fill out their Financial Aid applications- loans, grants and scholarships.

Go to the [Financial Aid website](#) and click through the links. File your FAFSA and apply for Scholarships. If you don't fill out the FAFSA form, you could be missing out on a lot of financial aid! Note there is a universal scholarship application, separate from the FAFSA. You can call Financial Aid for assistance or attend workshops on the forms. The application deadline is March 2nd.

#### MPA Students -Review the Grad Studies Financial Aid site

Besides the loans and scholarships on the Financial Aid pages, there are a variety of programs offered [through Graduate Studies](#). Note the Graduate Equity Fellowship which requires a separate application. There is also money available to help students attend conferences. Keep this in mind.

#### Q2S Planning All MPA Students

If you have not already done so PLEASE fill out [THIS MPA PLANNING SHEET](#) and return it to [mpainfo@csusb.edu](mailto:mpainfo@csusb.edu)

#### CENSUS is January 28

That means if you are considering dropping a class, you must do it by Monday January 28 or be forced to show documented exceptional circumstances.

## **Zoom with the Chair - February 16**

Mark your calendar for Saturday morning 2/16 to join our Zoom session with a focus on networking and career development.

## **Alumni Update - Tyler Morris-Seekins**

Congratulations to Tyler Morris-Seekins (MPA 2016) on his career advancement.

"When I graduated with my MPA, I was an EEO analyst working for the State of California at the [Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery \(CalRecycle\)](#). Since then, I was able to have been promoted twice, once in Dec. 2016 to an EEO Manager (Staff Services Manager I) role and then again in August 2018 to my current role as the Administrative Services Manager (Staff Services Manager II) for the [California Earthquake Authority](#) (16+ billion earthquake insurance company/quasi-governmental agency).

In my current role, I manage, supervise, and lead a team of seven (in what seems) almost all major aspects of public administration ranging from human resources, business services, facilities, training, health and safety, equal employment opportunity, procurement, etc. I believe the MPA degree was something that played a significant role in my ability to get these promotions/new jobs and is something that solidifies my knowledge, skills, abilities to succeed in a public administration setting."

January 28 Census

February 1 Winter Comprehensive Exam

February 2 MPA Orientation (9am) and Advancement to Candidacy Advising (11am)

February 11 Registration for Spring Quarter

February 16 Zoom with the Chair- Networking

February 21 ASPA HR Forum

March 2 Financial Aid and Scholarship Application Deadline

March 12 Business Madness - internship/career Fair

March 25-29 Spring Break

April 1 Cesar Chavez Day - Campus Closed

April 2 Spring Quarter Begins

## OPPORTUNITIES

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### **ASPA HR Forum February 21**

Looking for a job? Join us for lunch on campus February 21 when our local chapter of ASPA and the Department co-host our annual HR Forum. Meet with representatives from the regional governments and understand how the system works. \$5 gets you a box lunch and the program. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

### **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CCHI)**

CCHI is developing the next generation of Latino Leaders. Check out [their website](#). You still have a chance to apply to CHCI's Fellowship programs! Don't miss the opportunity to work on public policy with Members of Congress on Capitol Hill and make an impact on your community and the nation in CHCI's DC-based, immersive Fellowship Programs! Application Deadline: February 4, 2019. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

### **Apply to be a Capital Fellow**

The Capital Fellows Programs are nationally recognized public policy fellowships offering unique experiences in policy-making and development in each branch of California state government. Fellows work for 10-11 months as full-time, paid staff members in the State Assembly, State Senate, Executive Branch or the Judiciary. The fellowships are administered by the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento, and are an outstanding opportunity for college graduates to engage in public service and prepare for future careers.

Watch the introductory video

<https://youtu.be/mxaJ9s7ieFY> . Deadline for applications is February 19. for more information contact Sacramento State's Center for California Studies at (916) 278-6906, [calstudies@csus.edu](mailto:calstudies@csus.edu).

### **Undergraduate Study in Washington DC**

The Rangel International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program is a six-week program at Howard University that helps prepare undergraduate students for careers in international affairs. The program encourages the application of members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, women and those with financial need. The Application deadline is February 5, 2019. For more information see <https://www.rangelprogram.org/summer-enrichment-program/>

### **ASPA Memberships**

**The PA Department will pay for one year of your student membership in the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). We encourage you to continually engage in your profession. Leaders are engaged! Contact Toni Ditty with your request.**

## **MPA/PA Social Media- Follow Us!**

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