

Sofia University Community Voice

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Dear Sofia University Community,

We would like your input.

The following survey is to give you a brief overview of two new programs in the works at Sofia and to solicit your input about the integration of the transpersonal values that have been the heart of the institution with the new degree programs. Both programs will have core requirements in transpersonal studies or transpersonal psychology, and both will fully embrace the mission of Sofia University. We look forward to your feedback.

Please fill out our new programs survey here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3Q225SY>
by Wednesday, June 18th at 5:00 pm PST.

Sincerely,

Kris Brandenburger
WASC ALO

Presentation Day 2014

Friday, June 20, 2014

1:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sofia University, Great Sophia and Samahdi
Classrooms



Please join us as we celebrate Sofia University's annual Presentation Day which showcases our graduating doctoral students' research work. Light refreshments will be served during the wonderful and festive event.

For more information: Contact Carol Haefner:
carol.haefner@sofia.edu

For a complete list of session topics and times please visit:
<http://www.sofia.edu/content/upcoming-public-programs>

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President's Office Hours

Every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm!

New Faculty, Alumni and Student Publications Web Listing

If you would like to submit your recent publication for listing on our website please email to accomplishments@sofia.edu

NEW! Alumni Speaker Series

Current students prepare to be inspired! Beginning in July, we will launch *Alumni Speaker Series*, giving students the opportunity to hear directly from our distinguished alumni who are applying a transpersonal education in the wider world. As alumni speakers share their experiences about their work and the path that led them there, it will serve as a valuable role in educating the next generation of Sofia students.

Where do I go for help?

Below is a list of departments for your reference:

IT: helpdesk@sofia.edu

Registration: registrar@sofia.edu

Accounting: accounting@sofia.edu

Financial Aid: financialaid@sofia.edu

Student services: student_services@sofia.edu

Library: refdesk@sofia.edu

Sofia University Research and Learning Blog Sponsored by TERS

<http://sofiauniversityblog.wordpress.com/>

Take the Transpersonal Challenge!

PRIZES

1st Place Winner: \$800.00

2nd Place Winner: \$300.00

3rd Place Winner: \$100.00

Imagine traveling to a new city. You try to explain the meaning of transpersonal but no one understands. How would you define transpersonal? How would you teach everyone what it means to be transpersonal? What living examples of transpersonal would you use?

Please describe your solution in 1000 words or less. Entries must be accompanied by a visual aid. Visuals include but are not limited to: poster, graphic, photograph, video, sculpture, etc.

Criteria:

- Must be a currently enrolled Sofia University student or alumni to enter
- Deadline for Submissions- Monday, September 1, 2014 11:55pm
- Open to all U.S. and international students and alumni

For more information please visit:

www.sofia.edu/contest or email contest@sofia.edu.

Questions and Answers

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or watched the community meeting last Thursday, June 5th. Below is a list of questions that were answered during the meeting. If you have a question please send to communications@sofia.edu.

Q: Why is finalizing the deal being postponed?

A: Maria Perry, CFO: It impacts administrative activities, costs, and audits we have to do. The postponement helps us to line up to our fiscal year.

Q: Who are the investors and what is their objective?

A:

- Maggie Tsai has had successful PR companies in China and Australia. Liz and Maggie have known each other for about 30 years.
- Victor Dong has experience in engineering and real estate. Victor and Liz are great supporters of the Transpersonal values of Sofia and worked together to find investors.
- Robert Hu is a staff engineer at Apple. Robert sold his Apple shares to support Liz and her vision for Sofia.

Q: We are very small and when information isn't provided in an open concrete way, rumors happen. Will faculty be laid off?

A: Liz Li, President: At this time, there will be no further layoffs for faculty. This is dependent on our community working together. Our student to faculty ratio is 14, Palo Alto University is 28 and CIIS is 21. This number is hard to sustain. Bringing in more students is very critical.

2014 Commencement Speaker Judy Grahn!



2014 Commencement

Saturday, June 21, 2014

10:00 am - Master of Arts Degree Ceremony

2:30 pm - Doctoral and Interim Master of Arts Degree Ceremony

Sofia University, Auditorium

If you can't attend in person, the commencement ceremonies will be live-streamed at

www.livestream.com/sofiauniversity

Sofia University Women's Spirituality Professor Judy Grahn will deliver the keynote address.

In addition, Grahn will be honored at the upcoming San Francisco Pride Celebration to be held the weekend of June 28 and 29, 2014, at the foot of San Francisco's historic City Hall. Recently, the SF Pride Board of Directors selected Grahn as the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Grand Marshal. This very special award honors her many years of dedication to furthering the causes of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) communities.