

# Sofia University Community Voice

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## Financial Aid Announcement

Attention students! The refund schedule for 2014-2015 award year is now posted on the student portal.

To view please log on to:

<https://portal.sofia.edu/ICS/>

Please log-in to access the information. The refund schedule is located under the Finances tab>Financial Aid and the schedule is located on the homepage under "Financial Aid Information".

## New Wisdom Wall

We invite you to share your wisdom with the Sofia community. The walls outside of Great Sophia have been lined with paper and we encourage all of you to write your suggestions for the following:

- Increasing enrollment
- Fundraising for Scholarship & Research
- Alumni Outreach
- Research Topics/Grants
- Community Health and Wellness

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Don't miss our Commencement  
Speaker Judy Grahn!



### **2014 Commencement**

Saturday, June 21, 2014

10:00am - 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](http://www.livestream.com/sofiauniversity)

Next week, 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.

## President's Office Hours

Every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm!

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### 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](mailto:accomplishments@sofia.edu)

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### Alumni Speaker Series Featuring Rekha Kurup, MA Women's Spirituality

Thursday, July 10, 2014  
Sofia University room 1059A  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Reclaiming Embodied Sexuality through Matriarchal Her-Stories

In the backdrop of a globalized, sexualized, capitalistic social fabric of modern life reflecting a steep rise in sexual violence towards women and girls, Rekha Kurup, a modern-day city-bred daughter of Kerala, India, and also a graduate of our Women's Spirituality program, makes a journey into her indigenous matriarchal past through the memories of her grandmothers in an effort to redefine, reclaim and re-inform her female sexuality through the discovery and investigation of matrilineal Nayar practices. In her journey to womanhood, she began to question everything—gender perceptions, cultural and social conditioning, the “do's and “don'ts of a feminine identity, the age-old dogmas defining womanhood, the shame, disgust and silence surrounding body and sexuality, and most importantly the direct and indirect influences of mother-centered and father-centered cultures on my relationship with body and sexuality.

Admission is FREE and open to the public!

## Where do I go for help?

Below is a list of departments for your reference:

IT: [helpdesk@sofia.edu](mailto:helpdesk@sofia.edu)

Registration: [registrar@sofia.edu](mailto:registrar@sofia.edu)

Accounting: [accounting@sofia.edu](mailto:accounting@sofia.edu)

Financial Aid: [financialaid@sofia.edu](mailto:financialaid@sofia.edu)

Student services: [student\\_services@sofia.edu](mailto:student_services@sofia.edu)

Library: [refdesk@sofia.edu](mailto:refdesk@sofia.edu)

## 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](http://www.sofia.edu/contest) or email [contest@sofia.edu](mailto:contest@sofia.edu).