

Academics is Soaring

August 30, 2017

Colleagues,

The 2017-18 Academic Year is off to a dynamic start. Everyone was busy through the summer with lots of activities and research.

Last week I presented a “State of Academic Affairs” to the faculty and will repeat that presentation in an open forum setting for all of campus. It will be held in the BDC153B at 3:00 on Friday, September 8. The PowerPoint presentation can be found at <https://www.csub.edu/provost/University%20Week/index.html>

The Humanities Complex opened the offices wing at the start of the term and it will take some time for everyone to get unboxed and settled in. The classrooms will be available for use in the spring semester as finishing touches are being made during this term. We will celebrate with a Grand Opening and we’ll also celebrate the demolition of Faculty Towers as it will be demolished during the fall term.

Two new deans arrived July 1 and have been hard at work. We welcome **Bob Frakes** to the School of Arts and Humanities and **Angappa Gunasekaran** (aka Guna) to the School of Business and Public Administration. We thank John Stark and Liora Gubkin who stepped up from their posts as Associate Deans to fill the Interim Dean roles last academic year and now revert back to their positions as Associate Deans. We also thank Debra Jackson and Lori Paris who served as Interim Associate Deans last year and now revert back to their previous positions in the faculty. Following an internal search in the School of Social Sciences and Education Tanya Boone-Holladay was named Associate Dean. Todd McBride continues as the Interim Associate Dean in the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering and an internal search for that position will take place this fall.

California State University, Bakersfield has moved into the top 10 universities in the United States for master’s degree programs, according to the latest national ranking by Washington Monthly, a D.C.-based magazine. CSUB moved up two spots from last year’s ranking and has risen significantly from its number 87 ranking in 2015.

The **Public Policy and Administration** program received official notice of reaccreditation by NASPAA. This is a significant acknowledgement of the work that our faculty do and the academic preparation they provide for our students.

Isabella Kasselstrand, Sociology, has three publications and another will be published this fall:

- Kasselstrand, Isabella, Tiana Couse, and Shanell Sanchez. 2017. “Institutional Confidence in the United States: Attitudes of Secular Americans.” *Secularism & Nonreligion*, 6:1-11.
- Kandlik Eltanani, Mor and Isabella Kasselstrand. 2017. “Academic Friendships: How Working with Fellow Students Can Improve Your Postgraduate Experience.” In *Postgraduate Study in the United Kingdom: Surviving and Succeeding*, edited by Chris McMaster, Caterina Murphy, Sue Cronshaw, and Natasha Codiroli-McMaster. Libri Publishing. ISBN: 978-1911450030.
- Kasselstrand, Isabella. 2016. “Lived Secularity: Atheism, Indifference, and the Social Significance of Religion.” In *Beyond Religion*, edited by Phil Zuckerman. MacMillan Publications. ISBN: 978-0028663548.

Mustafah Dhada, History, published a book review in *English Historical Review* “The Portuguese Massacre of Wiriyamu in Colonial Mozambique, 1964–2013.”

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Tony Rathburn and Dirk Baron, Geological Science Department, received a three-year, \$294,960 grant from the National Science Foundation for their grant proposal entitled: “Collaborative Research: GP-EXTRA: Oceanographic Shipboard and lab research for diverse students: experiential learning as a gateway to geoscience careers.” This is a collaborative project with Dr. Richard Norris, UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Dr. Sarah Gray, University of San Diego.

California State University, Bakersfield partnered with Bank of America to teach Better Money Habits (bettermoneyhabits.com) to students from Washington Middle School of the Bakersfield City School District (BCSD). Two CSUB students from the **Accounting and Finance Department** taught the younger students valuable lessons on saving, investing and banking.

Jackie Kegley presented a paper, “Pragmatism and the ‘Other Kant’,” Kant as Public Intellectual and Political Theorist” at the Berlin Forum where she was one of three Americans to participate.

CSUB students were among 228 student applications for the California Pre-Doctoral Program. Three CSUB students were selected to be among the 75 Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholars for 2017-18:

Student Faculty Mentor Department

Ms. Moriah Cobb - Dr. Amy Gancarz-Kausch, Psychology

Mr. Alejandro Cruz - Dr. Matthew Leon, Psychology

Ms. Jazmine Mejia Munoz - Dr. Antje Lauer, Biology

This July, **Heather Simmons** was presented with the Larry Streeter Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000 cash) at the National Federation of the Blind’s annual convention in Orlando, Florida. Heather graduated in May of this year as the **Outstanding Senior of the Department of English**.

Matt Woodman, English Department created an online literary journal with two CSUB creative writing students (Mateo Lara and Chyna Parker). *Rabid Oak* (rabidoak.com) is an online literary journal created to give Bakersfield and Kern County a literary outlet with local "flavor," as it were, and the first issue has just gone live. Matt urges us to please suggest they send authors’ work to him; “we'd love to read it.”

The first mass disbursement for fall 2017 financial aid disbursed \$36.7 million to 6509 students! This is in excess of \$5 million higher than what we initially disbursed for the previous fall. This disbursement is the culminating event in months of preparation including; annual database set-up, processing verification paperwork, correcting discrepancies, updating business processes and awarding students. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the perseverance, dedication, hard work and commitment to student success from our staff.

Madhavappallil Thomas, Social Work, published a co-authored paper with Manohar Pawar on “Social work education in Australia and the USA: comparative perspectives and contemporary issues.

The international Journal of Social Work Education, 2017, 36 (7).

In our first appearance at the national convention of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars our faculty, staff, and student were recognized for their presentations. **Di Wu and Ji Li, Accounting and Finance Department** received the Best Faculty Poster Presentation for their poster “Engaging Accounting Students in International Business Education.” From the **Kegley Center: Luiza Martins** received the Best Student Paper Presentation for her presentation “R.A.P. –Home for International Student-Athletes” and

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Rosemary Stribling received the Best Faculty Paper Presentation for her presentation “R.A.P. – Home for International Student-Athletes.”

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October 22, 2017

Colleagues,

The Fall Semester has provided so many academic activities that are inspiring our students, faculty, staff, and community.

We are indeed *Inspiring Excellence and Transforming Lives*.

There’s a lot going on, and I’ve captured just a few of them here.

Last week a CSUB delegation attended the CSU Graduation Initiative Conference. We heard from national leaders in higher education and respected researchers presented their work in the area of student success. <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/Student-Success-Through-Innovation.aspx>

Kris Krishnan, Lori Paris, Vikash Lakhani, and John Tarjan are scheduled to present “Developing and Implementing a Sustainable Student Success Initiative” at the California Association for Institutional Research (CAIR) conference next month.

Dean Kathleen Madden published a book with her co-authors Aimee S. A. Johnson and Ayşe A. Şahin *Discovering Discrete Dynamical Systems*.

Robert M. Yohe II Anthropology coauthored a paper in the top peer-reviewed journal in North American archaeology, *American Antiquity*. One of our graduate students, **Matthew De Carlo**, is also an author. The article, entitled *Folsom Mammoth Hunters? The Terminal Pleistocene Assemblage from Owl Cave (10-BV-30), Wasden Site, Idaho* appears in the July issue of this quarterly journal, Vol. 82 No. 3 2017.

Matt Woodman, English presented two writing workshops and served on one panel (with poets Kim Addonizio and Kevin Clark) at the Central Coast Writers Conference in Morro Bay.

Senem Saner, Philosophy work on Philosophy for Children was recognized in the *Californian* with a terrific article and photo. http://www.bakersfield.com/news/kids-answer-tough-questions-at-library-s-philosophy-for-children/article_1f97f53e-9b22-11e7-a121-33a626e77ac3.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Several faculty participated in the Ethics Across the Curriculum workshop organized and offered by **Nate Olson** and a guest speaker was Bruce Hartsell: **Krystal Ball, Brittney Beck, Heather Cribbs, Patrick Emmett, Kathleen Hanson, Alice Hays, Annie Huynh, Denise Johnson-Dawkins, Kane Keller, Jorge Moraga, Maria Paleologou, Tracey Salisbury, Brittany Sanchez, and Charlotte Stinson.**

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The American Historical Association recently announced its list of Awards and Prizes. The Martin A. Klein Prize recipient for 2017 is **CSUB History Department's Mustafah Dhada's** *The Portuguese Massacre of Wiriyamu in Colonial Mozambique, 1964-2013* (Bloomsbury). The Award recognizes the most distinguished work of scholarship on African history published in English during the previous calendar year. In making its selection, the prize committee pays particular attention to methodological innovation, conceptual originality and literary excellence.

CSUB was one of the four CSU campuses recognized by the Campaign for College Opportunity. It announced the names of nine California Community Colleges and four California State University (CSU) campuses for significantly increasing the number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), enrolling those students at a CSU with junior status, and graduating ADT earners with a bachelor's degree.

Soo-Yeon Park, CSUB music faculty member was joined by guest artist, tenor Robert Chafin in presenting an evening of art songs and arias. I urge you to attend these wonderful performances by our talented musicians. They are amazing quality that moves your heart and mind.

And I encourage you to also view our Art faculty's exhibits. I look forward to visiting **Bill Kelly's (Art Department)** exhibit at the Otis College of Art and Design. Art and Activism in the Americas. <https://www.otis.edu/news/art-activism-americas>

A number of faculty and deans attended the Kern Literacy Council's annual Read for Success Breakfast. I serve on the Council's Board of Directors and am proud of CSUB faculty and staff and students who volunteer and tutor adults in reading and in preparation for the GED.

The 13th Annual Kegley Institute of Ethics Fall Lecture, "Fake News and the Threat to Democracy," featured Dr. Edward Wasserman, Dean of the School of Journalism at U.C. Berkeley. It was a thought provoking and informative discussion on this relevant topic in our country. I think we all could have stayed much longer for the discussions.

We've hosted DACA panel presentations by local immigration attorneys and experts to provide support and guidance to our DACA students, staff, faculty, and families.

Dean Bob Frakes presented his research in an academic talk: Puzzles, Problems, and Purpose in a Late Roman Legal Compilation: Collatio Legum Mosaicarum et Romanarum (or Lex Dei). It was filled with in depth historical insights and even included some lively Peyton-Place-type intrigue!

Dean Curt Asher hosted the CSU Council of Library Deans for two days. It was a great opportunity to show off our campus and our corner of the world to our CSU colleagues.

CSUB hosted the annual Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund 34th Annual Scholarship Awards Program. Thousands of dollars in scholarships were awarded with matching funds from **President Mitchell**.

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December 15, 2017

Colleagues,

As you finish all of your grading and prepare for a break, I hope you are able to take a long winter's nap or two in the coming weeks!

You have been very busy this fall term with many significant academic contributions.

14 **Geology** undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, alumni, and Dual-Credit geology teachers presented research results at the National Geological Society of America (GSA) Conference in Seattle. At the same time, a CSUB undergraduate and an alumnus gave presentations at the AfricaArray Diversity Forum in Houston Texas.

A private company commissioned students in the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Certificate program offered by **Extended Education and Global Outreach** to develop an ArcGIS Story Map highlighting current/historical women in the engineering field. This Story Map will be presented by the company in Europe at an international conference. Also, the project is currently being promoted to ESRI staff and could potentially be highlighted at next year's ESRI User Conference in San Diego (20,000 plus in attendance!). Nancy Grossman, a representative of the company, will be part of the panel presenting it and she reviewed and approved it. She chose the CSUB GIS Certificate Program through discussion regarding GIS and maps with one of our instructors, Gina John, who currently works for Chevron. It was presented at the World Engineering Forum - Rome, Italy- November 29, 2017.

Alicia Rodriguez, History Department will be serving in the Organization of American Historians mentor program at the upcoming 2018 OAH Annual Meeting. Alicia was selected for the program and is currently the only mentor from the CSU.

Jackie Kegley, Philosophy published a chapter in *Pragmatism in Transition Contemporary Perspectives on C.I. Lewis*

Dayanand Saini, Department of Physics and Engineering published an article, "Screening and evaluation of candidate trees for terrestrial carbon storage in regions with high air pollution and water stress" recently in *Carbon Management Journal* published by Taylor & Francis in partnership with the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute. Relevant to our local region, it discusses one of many common sense engineering solutions for reducing carbon emissions in Kern County while improving the overall quality of life for its residents.

I was invited to participate in a panel discussion "Departmental Mergers" at the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers annual meeting "Sustainable Communities" at CSU Chico.

NSME is hosting a Faculty Lecture Series. I was able to attend one last month by **Vlad Gasparyan, Physics and Engineering**. I encourage you to consider attending these. For me, it is a chance to hear about the scholarly work and learn anew!

Panelists: **Jeanine Kraybill, Ivy Cargile, and Michael Burroughs, with Dr. Nate Olson** as moderator offered an excellent presentation: Free Speech on Campus: A Panel and Discussion. I was so proud to hear our faculty speak about this timely topic that demonstrated what the higher education community can provide for our country right now: an open, respectful discourse on a controversial topic.

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The **Accounting** faculty and staff organized their annual alumni reception which provides opportunities for our students to meet alumni and potential employers. I always enjoy these receptions and this night was another example of the superb efforts our staff and faculty make on behalf of our students and their success.

Emerson Case, English coordinated another successful One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern program, hosting the authors' night with the community as well as a panel discussion "Living in Poverty: The Kern County Perspective on \$2.00 a Day."

The university hosted a Veterans' Day reception to honor our faculty, staff, and students who have served or are serving our country. **Darius Riggins and Roy LaFever** are finding new ways to honor our Vets.

I accompanied the **Geology** Department on a field trip to Zzyzx. I know you've seen the exit on your way to Las Vegas. Zzyzx is a CSU Research station that was our base for our three days of excursions to Rainbow Basin (gorgeous colorful layers that needs to be on your bucket list), Kelso Dunes (500 feet high sand dunes for you-not me!- to climb-another bucket list must), and Cima volcanic region (you can climb down into the lava tubes-yep, put it on your bucket list). We also added stops at the Kern River (great example of a V-shaped valley formed by the river) and the Borax mine (largest open pit mine in California). The trip included more than 60 people: all the tenured/tenure track faculty, a staff member, grad students, upper division geology majors, community geologists, alumni, Bakersfield College faculty and students, and all students in the intro level geology course (both majors and non-majors). I had a fabulous time learning more about our desert and getting to know the geologists. Two geologists from the USGS gave an informal talk one evening that inspired all of us. My favorite quote was from a student who was not a geology major. When I asked her what she loved most, after a short hesitation she said, "All of it. It made my geology book come to life."

International Week offered many sessions for our students and faculty. I wish I could have attended them all!

Dean Mark Novak and Extended Education and Global Outreach staff hosted a high level delegation of Chinese university Presidents and administrators from 25 different universities and the Chinese Ministry of Education. After learning about our academic programs and study abroad opportunities they were thrilled to have their photo taken with Rowdy!

40 faculty participated in Faculty Day where the **TLC** organized a keynote speaker and faculty presentations focused on student success and pedagogy. I was inspired by the presentations I was able to attend.

With so many competing events I missed **Mahmoud Suleiman's** "My Fulbright Journey in the Holy Land, Palestine" talk and the California Writers Series with Vickie Vértiz, among so many other events our faculty and staff continue to organize for our campus and surrounding community.

I was able to cheer on the Women's Volleyball team at the NCAA tournament when they faced defending national champions Stanford in the opening round. These student athletes represented us well but they face a very tall (and that's saying something, coming from me!) Stanford team. The fans who made the trip to Stanford were very proud of our team!

All of us were ready to toast The **CAFS** Department and their new status as a department. Chair **Elaine Correa and ASC Tonya Nixon** brought us together for a grand celebration and cake cutting.

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Last night **Mark Martinez** and the **Center for Social Justice** organized a screening of: American Migrant Stories Documentary. This documentary produced in collaboration with the Immigration Justice Collaborative (IJC) showcases the work of a dozen attorneys in Kern County who have worked the past year to inform and support the immigrant community during these troubling times. The work of the IJC is unique; no other county's attorneys have organized to serve the communities in this way.

Yesterday I spoke at a press conference that announced a \$1.3 million grant for collaborative work on Career and Technical Education Programs with FIELD (Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development), Bakersfield College, University of LaVerne, and College of the Siskiyous. Our contributions are focused on educating teachers.

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As 2017 comes to a close and many of us celebrate our religious and cultural holidays, I extend to you my highest hopes and wishes for you, your families, and those you love. May 2018 bring you immense joy and memorable experiences.

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February 4, 2018

Colleagues,

The semester is in full gear with many academic activities underway.

If you didn't have the chance to observe the demolition of the Faculty Towers this fall, it was captured in time-lapse and is posted on this YouTube. https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.youtube.com_watch-3Fv-3D-5FwZN9in2YyQ-26sns-3Dem&d=DwICAg&c=8Ipd-S27WuaKn7LZs55QTnbDbMQSs_VN5Yh9G3ue5PM&r=dyxiGraTRIXAx5-coX8SLA&m=u9zE_JBMhiEjw5-r_6wTHHIFgnbODqTNUIsqumgaNY&s=EtJFPdz40JKezwaGTwlwAuI1P2Og0PjV2hZNdVRFj7c&e=

All four school deans and the dean at Antelope Valley joined me, VP Martin, and the two new development officers at a January workshop hosted by the Chancellor's Office focused on building relationships in the community as we focus on development and fundraising.

Last week the new Quality of Life Center offered its initial presentation. **Kyle Susa, Psychology** gave an engaging talk "Wrongful Conviction and the Science of Eyewitness Memory". The 100+ in attendance failed many of the memory challenges, including me! It was a fabulous start for the Center.

The following night was another standing room only event "Executive Order 9066: The History, Legacy, and Lessons of Japanese Internment." It explored Japanese internment, its history, how it was experienced, and what lessons it holds for us today. There was a short film, an interview with Mary who lived in the internment camp, and a panel discussion. Mary was an impressive woman who inspired us with her positive energy. The event was sponsored by CSUB's **Public History Institute, the Kegley Institute of Ethics, and the Walter Stiern Library.**

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The following night was the State of the County address by CSUB alum **Mike Maggard** who recognized President Mitchell for his leadership over the past 14 years.

The following night (it was a busy week!) the **deans and vice presidents** (past and present) were honored at the halftime of the men's basketball game and my perspective is that their presence brought home the win!

And Saturday night was the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Awards and Installation night. **VP Victor Martin** was installed on the Board of Directors. **President Mitchell** was named the Outstanding Businessman of the Year and received a rousing standing ovation.

Congratulations to **Phi Beta Delta** member **Rosemary Stribling** on the acceptance of her poster for the 70th Annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators Conference in Philadelphia May 27-June 1, 2018. Rosemary's poster focuses on the work she is doing on campus with international athletes, and has the title "Runner Ambassador Program - A Home for International Student-Athletes".

Dr. Heidi He, Nursing received full funding (\$96,000) of her grant to support the CSU Bakersfield FNP Program. Dr. He is the PI for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) FNP/PA Grant Program. This is her third year in a row with a fully funded grant from OSHPD.

This is a highly competitive process and seeks to award funds to those programs who:

1. Have the majority of their clinical sites in a medically underserved area
2. Recruit and retain underrepresented minority graduates, and
3. Provide a quality program as measured by accreditation standards and graduate certification pass rates.

Dr. He was in the top scoring tier along with programs from UCLA, UCSF, and Sonoma State.

Walter Stiern Library: A new traveling exhibition, Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness, which examines concepts of health and medicine among contemporary American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people is opening at the Wall Gallery of the Walter W. Stiern Library at California State University, Bakersfield. The traveling exhibition, produced by the National Library of Medicine, explores the connection between wellness, illness, and cultural life through a combination of interviews with Native people, artwork, objects, and interactive media. The exhibition will be open to the public from February 1 through March 9, 2018.

Dean of Extended Education and Global Outreach Mark Novak's gerontology text: *Aging and Society: Canadian Perspectives (8th edition)* came out in October. This text has been used by students in Canada for over 30 years and is the premier gerontology text in that country. His US text *Issues in Aging (3rd edition)* will be coming out this spring.

Dr. Jianjun Wang, Advanced Educational Studies research "An Examination of Discrepancies in Multiple Imputation Procedures between SAS and SPSS" has been accepted for publication in *The American Statistician*. This groundbreaking research is likely to impact the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), a Congressionally-mandated project since the late 1960s. Missing data occur frequently in real data analyses. A Harvard professor, Donald Rubin, introduced multiple imputations to handle this practical issue. Unfortunately, contradictory findings may result from application of different computing techniques. After examining the key steps of *result pooling*, *default selection*, and *different numbers of imputations*, Dr. Wang illustrated feasible approaches to minimizing the result gaps across widely-used software packages (i.e. SAS, SPSS, and Stata).

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Dr. Mahdy Elhousseiny, Accounting and Finance presented at the Annual International Scientific Conference in Bucharest, Romania with Otilia E. Manta “Industries Stock Return Reactions to Risk Factors: An Empirical Investigation on the G-7 Countries (video)”, Annual International Scientific Conference, Financial and Monetary Economics (FME 2017).

Dr. Nyakundi Michieka, Economics published a manuscript, “An Empirical Analysis of the Role of Rural Population Growth in Electricity Consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa” in the *International Journal of Energy Technology and Policy*.

Dr. Chandra Commuri, Public Administration presented a workshop titled ‘Mission, Vision, & Beyond’ for the Kern Alliance of Nonprofits. Dr. Commuri discussed the elements of good mission statements and pitfalls to avoid when crafting mission statements.

Dr. Mohsen Attaran, Management and Marketing published his paper “The Internet of Things: Limitless Opportunities for Business and Society” in the Journal of Strategic Innovation and Sustainability Vol. 12(1). July 2017. He also presented his paper “Integrating Social Media into Business Curricula” at the 8th Annual Conference of the European Decision Sciences Institute (EDSI 2017), in Granada, Spain.

Dr. Hossein Bidgoli, Management and Marketing published the eighth edition of his MIS textbook and two papers in the conference proceedings Decision Sciences Institute:

- Cloud Computing Deployment: What Have we Learned from Real Life Implementations and Practices
- Successful Integration of Information Technology in Healthcare: Guides for Managers

The CSUB **Ethics Bowl** team debated a group of inmates at the California Correctional Institution in Tehachapi, and participated in the California Regional Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Competition at San Diego State University. They debated issues such as euthanasia, fake news, and the Electoral College. Members of the team include **Michael Akroush, William Edwards, Jennifer Fair, Hannah Farnum, Anna Hart, Dubrea Sanders, and James White**. The team is coached by **Dr. Nate Olson, Philosophy** and **Dr. Michael Burroughs, Philosophy** and **Dr. Debra Jackson, Philosophy** served as judges at the Tehachapi debate. The debates were the culmination of the team members’ semester-long work in Philosophy 3610: Ethics Bowl (which is offered each fall).

Chris Krugh, Geology discussed earthquakes in the TV news special on the Ecuador Earthquake on KGET channel 17 NBC on Dec. 20.

Geology undergraduate students, **Sam McKinney and Jeffrey Buehler (Dr. David Miller, advisor)** recently won a \$200 award for their research poster at the Southern Coast Geologic Society poster competition in Orange County.

The Pacific Coast Section of the Society for Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) invited poster presentations from five CSUB student researchers and two Dual-Credit High school geology teachers at the SEG luncheon meeting at the Petroleum Club in Bakersfield. Undergraduate students, **Ethan Sarti, Sam McKinney, Jeffery Buehler, (Dr. David Miller, advisor)** and **Gabriela Navarrate** (an NSF Research Experience Undergraduate) along with graduate student **Sade Haake (Dr. Adam Guo, advisor)** and High School geology teachers **Karen Blount** and **Stephan Kiouses** (both also CSUB geology lecturers) with Geology Professor coauthor **Dr. Dirk Baron**, each presented their research at the meeting.

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Geology faculty **Chandranath Basak** and **Adam Guo**, and geology graduate students **Sade Haake** (**Dr. Adam Guo**, advisor) and **Maryanne Bobbitt** (**Dr. Chris Krugh**, advisor), attended the Annual American Geophysical Union Meeting in New Orleans this week. Maryanne presented her research entitled "Incision of the Kern River Gorge, California; geomorphic constraints using airborne LiDAR" (**Dr. Krugh**, coauthor), and Sade presented his research entitled "Burn Severity and Its Impact on Soil Properties: 2016 Erskine Fire in the Southern Sierra Nevada" (**Dr. Guo** and **Dr. Krugh**, coauthors).

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February 28, 2018

Colleagues,

Our faculty are producing regionally relevant research in top notch journals.

Assistant Professor **Chandranath Basak in the Department of Geological Sciences** is the first author of a high-impact paper recently published in the prestigious journal *Science*. The international, peer-reviewed journal *Science* is one of the world's top academic journals, with an impact factor of 37.205. The moratorium on announcing this paper has been lifted today (standard for a high-impact paper in *Science* or *Nature*), and Chandranath has already given a phone interview about this paper to a news organization from Boston. From the press release: "A recent study published in the journal *Science* by CSUB Assistant Professor Chandranath Basak and his colleagues from Max Planck Research Group for Marine Isotope Geochemistry, University of Oldenburg, Germany, Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research, Germany and Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University provides direct evidence for a slow and layered deep ocean at the peak of the last glacial period, also known as the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM; ~21,000 years ago). Basak, the lead author of the paper said 'A slow ocean possibly helped in storing a lot of carbon in the deep ocean during this time period'. The LGM is a time when there was three times more ice on the continents than today. Since much of the water was stored as ice, the sea level dropped by about 120m. Global temperatures were about 4°C lower than today."

William "Chris" Krugh, Department of Geological Sciences "Geomorphic constraints on the incision history of the lower Kern River, southern Sierra Nevada, California" was accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed, international journal, *Geosphere*. The paper was co-written with former CSUB graduate student Blake Foreshee. Blake is now an engineering geologist with the California Department of Conservation in the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources in Ventura, CA. Their research identified multiple pulses of erosion along the lower Kern River that are interpreted to reflect the complex history of subsidence and uplift experienced by the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Basin. These pulses of river incision contributed to the formation of the Kern Canyon and sculpted the Kern River gorge.

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CSUB 2016 MS graduate **Rachel Tiner and Geology Emeritus Professor Rob Negrini** (together with colleagues from the Desert Research Institute in Reno and the Centro de Estudios Avanzados en Zonas Aridas in Chile) coauthored a recently published paper in the international, peer-reviewed *Journal of Quaternary Science*. The research is based upon Rachel's geology MS thesis. The paper presents some of the first evidence that the great Northern Hemisphere cooling event at 8200 years B.P. affected climate systems south of the Equator. Their results are consistent with global climate models that predict severely weakened westerly winds in the southern hemisphere at this time. It's likely then that the severely weakened westerlies allowed easterly incursion of storms over the Andean crest to affect the high altitude lakes they studied in the Chilean Andes. Rachel's research fellowship and some travel was funded by the CREST grant. Some of her travel and most of the analyses was supported by another NSF research grant that Dr. Negrini procured.

And over in **Sociology**, **Isabella Kasselstrand**'s article "We Still Wanted That Sense of Occasion: Traditions and Meaning-Making in Scottish Humanist Marriage Ceremonies." Is forthcoming in *Scottish Affairs*, 27(3).

Jeanine Kraybill, Political Science worked with the local bar association to bring the interactive play *Defamation The Play* to campus. It was a thought-provoking portrayal of an African American woman who sued a Jewish man for defamation. When it came time to decide on the case, the judge turned to the audience and asked the audience to vote on whether she proved the case. He then led a discussion with the audience about the issues of race, gender, privilege, and socio-economic status. I was proud that CSUB is demonstrating how to host public discussions on the issues of our times in a collegial environment with civil discourse. Oh, and in the end I estimate 2/3's of the audience thought she made the case of defamation.

New BPA Dean Guna conceived of and initiated the First Annual School of Business and Public Administration Research Conference with sessions involving student research and BPA faculty presentations on their research. They hosted a keynote speaker, Rajrani Kalra from CSU San Bernardino's Geography and Environmental Studies Department who spoke on "High Technology & Siliconization of Indian Cities: A case Study of Bengaluru, India". Thank you to all of the faculty and staff who helped with the organization of the event and who are increasing their research activity and output: **Lori Paris, Margaret Malixi, David Olson, Tony Pallitto, BJ Moore, Ji Li, Hossein Bidgoli, Jinping Sun, Richard S. Gearhart III, Jing Wang, Nyakundi Michieka, Steven Daniels, Jeremy Woods, Leonard Williams, John Deal, Caleb Leininger, and Di Wu.**

Dean Curt Asher launched our First Annual Author Showcase and Book Signing. The books represented were a diverse array of personal stories, textbooks, and research. We intend to host this event each year and recognize any faculty and staff who author a book in 2018. So, let Curt know when your book is published so we can celebrate your work.

The CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame, an event begun under **President Mitchell**'s leadership, inducted four new incredible alumni. Hearing their contributions and dedication to our community was truly inspiring. We are proud to call **Debbie Wood, BS Nursing and MA Education; Ed Paine, BS Business Administration; Bryan Burrow, MBA; and Jeremy Adams, MA Education OUR alumni!**

The CSUB Alumni Rising Runner recognized another quartet of outstanding alumni who are up-and-coming early contributors: **Michael Pawloski, BA Communications and Theater and Master of Social Work; Ryan Drakos, BA Political Science and MBA; Katie O'Sullivan, BS Geology; and Derek Abbott, MBA. So proud of OUR alumni!**

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This month we've hosted many events associated with Black History Month: a Unity Breakfast where the students awarded **President Mitchell** with a Unity Award for his dedication to diversity, our second annual Gospel Fest which gave a new meaning to rocking the Icardo Center, and several special academic speakers were brought to campus.

The Library hosted another Walter Presents: "Rethinking Native Health: The Power of Data and Story." We learned about the state of health care in America as part of the library's Native Voices project. Most of the treaties between the United States and tribes include a provision to send a doctor and a nurse to a reservation. That's become the Indian Health Service. How does that work? And what are the prospects going forward? Award-winning investigative journalist Mark Trahan discussed the state of health care in America as part of the library's Native Voices project. In fact he was to receive an award in Washington, DC the very night he was scheduled to visit us for the talk. And he chose CSUB!

Once again Chinese New Year was celebrated with food, a song by the Children's Center kiddos, and the Lion Dance led by **Mathematics Department Chair David Gove** and two students from his Kung Fu studio. Thank you to all the organizers: **Jun-Ying Mao** who chaired the event and **Dean Mark Novak, Huaqing Huang, Charlene Hu, Di Wu, Charles Lam, Kris Krishnan, David Leonides, Sonia Silva, Terezita Overduin, Ying Zhong, Bilin Zeng, Emily Poole, Chris Shiery, David Gove, Mike Kwon, and Songpin Yan.**

February is complete; looking forward to March.

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

March 18, 2018

Colleagues,

This month has started with a great deal of academic activities across campus.

Anne Duran, Psychology Department was selected as the recipient of the 2018 MSU Denver Psychology Department Outstanding Alumnus Award! MSU Denver will induct her next month and in the initial announcement they stated, "We are all impressed with how much you have accomplished since graduating from Metro State (now MSU Denver). Your academic successes and rigorous professional development activity, deserve our recognition. You set an exceptional example for what our students can accomplish following an undergraduate degree from our program. We are so incredibly proud of you!" And, we at CSUB are incredibly proud of Anne, too!

Marie Stango, History Department was selected by the CSU Faculty Affairs Committee of the Academic Council on International Programs (ACIP) as a participant in the International Faculty Partnership Seminar to be held in Legon, Ghana this June.

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CSUB Theta Theta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta National Honor Society for International Scholars held its second annual induction ceremony with the induction of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumna. **Cliona Murphy, History Department** serves as the Chapter Coordinator and the executive team of the chapter organized a special evening for the membership. I serve as President of the Chapter and was honored to serve as the keynote speaker with a presentation “The Role of the Discipline of Geography in Understanding Our World.”

The Theatre Department’s play “The Importance of Being Earnest” was funny and all of the acting was professional, the accents authentic, the costumes stunning, and the sets dramatic. Congratulations on another stellar performance to Director **Maria-Tania Bandes Becerra Weingarden, Professor of Theatre**, and the entire cast and crew.

The Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs hosted the Research Excellence Award Dinner with awards going to faculty and staff for their grants activities. The campus grants activities continues to increase with a high percentage of the activity includes students in the research.

The Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs held the 19th Annual Student Research Competition with impressive research presentations. This program involves many staff and faculty jurors, moderators, advisor panel, and mentors. The financial support for the student research comes from the President’s Associates.

Kim Flachmann, English Department organized the 28th Annual Building Bridges Conference “Literacy: Framing The Future” with CSUB, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, Porterville College, Taft College, and the Kern High School District partners. Faculty members **Emerson Case, English; Tracie Grimes, English; and Yuri Sakamaki, Intensive English Language Center** served on the planning committee that plans this strategic conference to bridge the high school to higher education transition for writing and reading. **President Mitchell** was recognized for his years of commitment to this program and presented with a satchel of favorite books of the planning committee for him to read in his retirement.

Sandra Bozarth, Librarian, leads a committee to organize our Affordable Learning Solutions program at CSUB. This program is a system-wide initiative and funded by the Chancellor’s Office. While we are 19th in the system in the size of our student body, we are 12th in the amount of savings our faculty pass on to students. We honored faculty and staff who participate in the program to reduce book costs for our students. In 2016-17, the AL\$ program helped CSUB students save nearly \$182,000. The **Chemistry and Biochemistry Department** was recognized for saving students the largest amount of any department and were rewarded with \$10,000 in funds for their department.

Theta Sigma Chi Sorority hosted the 20th Annual Latina Youth Conference for high school and CSUB students. I joined several speakers who spoke and organized workshops to inspire and empower the participants.

Richard Gearhart and Nyakundi Michieka, Economics Department spoke on the “Local Economic Conditions and Trends” at the 18th Annual Kern County Economic Summit. CSUB Alumnus and **History Faculty member Jeremy Adams** opened the event with his inspiring “A Warning From the Trenches.” This is a key event for our region that looks to us for expertise and data analyses.

BPA Accounting Faculty member, Di Wu, was nominated to serve on Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) as Global Board Director beginning July 2018. This is a two-year term position and Dr. Wu will attend global board and committee meetings related to IMA governance issues. In addition, Dr. Di Wu is an active IMA member that also serves as Council Secretary on the Wild West Council (WWC) of IMA, IMA Campus advocate

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and IMA Global Advisory Committee member. WWC is a regional council that assists and supports eleven chapters of IMA located in Arizona, Southern Nevada, Southern California, and Utah. Founded in 1919, IMA serves more than 100,000 members in 130 countries and more than 300 professional and student chapters globally. IMA also administers Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exams and issues the CMA certificate, one of the most prestigious certificates in accounting professional communities."

The Runner student newspaper, website, and broadcast program received national and statewide recognition at the annual Associated Collegiate Press Midwinter National Convention. In the Best of Show awards, CSUB won:

- first place for best broadcast for its October 2017 edition of Runner News Network on the Bakersfield community impact of the mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas and
- second place for best less-than-weekly newspaper for its Dec. 6, 2017 issue, which featured in-depth coverage of crime statistics at CSUB.

Also at the convention, the **California College Media Association** awarded CSUB two statewide awards:

- first place for best mobile website at therunneronline.com, and
- former Editor-in-Chief Esteban Ramirez also won an honorable mention for his story "Building a D-1 legacy," which detailed the CSUB men's basketball team's journey to the national stage.

Jennifer Burger, Communications faculty member serves as the faculty adviser to The Runner. Now that CSUB has a student population of more than 10,000, this was the first year The Runner competed against large California schools in the CCMA contest. Burger serves as the VP of membership on the CCMA board.

Bob Carlisle, English Department's paper, "The Influence of Folkloric Motifs in Shaping the Image of the Vampire in Popular Culture" has been accepted for presentation at the 2018 International Vampire Film and Arts Festival, which will be held in Sighisoara, Transylvania in June.

Communications Department faculty will remember alumnus Adrienne Salazar. This month she was named the deputy press secretary for U.S. House Representative Katherine Clark (D-Mass since 2013) in the House of Representatives. Adrienne did our Public Relations track, and graduated in 3 years magna cum laude in 2015. While at CSUB, she worked on Amanda Renteria's congressional campaign and won the National Excellence in Media Award from the Washington Media Scholars Foundation. After graduating from CSUB, she was selected to be an intern at ABC News in D.C., then was a broadcast media intern with the White House. While there, she also got her MA at American University in Political Communication.

As part of the learning process in the MSW program in the **Department of Social Work**, 48 students and six faculty members attended a two-day Lobby Day event with other Social Work students from 23 campuses within California State. Students met with various Assembly Members and Senators at the Satiato Capitol and advocated for the passage of legislations that are important for the social work community and clients in California. This is an active learning opportunity to develop policy advocacy and lobbying skills, which are necessary for graduate students in the social work program. This year, students and faculty also met with Assembly Member Rudy Salas and CSUB MSW students and faculty were specially recognized on the Floor of the State Assembly Chamber. The event was coordinated by Prof. **Madhavappallil Thomas** from Social Work Dept., in collaboration with the Social Work Club.

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Yvonne Ortiz-Bush, Advanced Education Studies; Claudia Catota, Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance; Jorge Villatoro, President's Office; and I presented "Self-Efficacy in Education: Utilizing the Theory to Increase Latina/o Academic Self-Efficacy" at the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) conference. **Claudia Catota** was selected to participate in the year-long New Leadership Academy of the AAHHE.

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May 15, 2018

Colleagues,

During the past few weeks we've witnessed CSUB disciplinary student research conferences, enjoyed many celebrations of the academic successes of our students, and are now looking forward to celebrating with them as they participate in the commencement ceremonies this week.

I congratulated many students over the past weeks. At the last of these celebrations, this Sunday's Chicano Graduation Recognition Ceremony, the very last student to walk across the stage reached out for a hug and emotionally expressed a memorable thank you, "I couldn't have had a better experience." I accepted that compliment on behalf of ALL of the fine faculty and staff at CSUB. You create rewarding experiences for our students. And they appreciate you.

During the past weeks we've all been very busy.

In the book "The Life of Reason in the Age of Terrorism" **Jackie Kegley, Philosophy** published a chapter entitled "Forgetting and Remembering History: Memory and Self-Identity."

Yangsuk Ko, Mathematics was selected as a Faculty Fellow and Facilitating for the Faculty Learning Program in UC Berkeley's NSF-IUSE Transforming STEM Teaching Faculty Learning Program during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 Academic Years.

The Financial Aid Department completed the packaging of financial aid for our students. The process resulted in approximately 2800 students being packaged over \$45 million in financial aid. Awards include \$10 million in Pell Grant, \$7 million in State University Grant, \$7 million in Cal Grant, \$20 million in Loans, \$200,000 in EOP Grant, \$250,000 in SEOG Grant, and \$200,000 in Federal Work Study. This would not have been possible without the expertise, hard work, teamwork and attention to detail of our staff. Financial Aid Director Chad Morris and the Financial Aid New Year Setup Team comprised of Tommy Holiwell, Christine Lopez, Cristina Alexander, Kimber Wellman, Cliff Smith and Clarissa Espino deserve special recognition for the countless hours they spent on this project over the last several months

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M. Dustin Knepp, Interdisciplinary Studies was invited to serve as a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) external scholar. He presented at Galveston College (Texas) as part of their NEH funded lecture series titled "Coastal Culinary: Tasting Food Narratives." His talk was titled "Tamales: A tradition of food, family, and culture in Texas." Here is a link to the announcement by the College:

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M. Dustin Knepp, Interdisciplinary Studies taught an Acting in Spanish course this semester. They visited Arvin, CA the week before Spring Break to present well known children's plays (Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, etc.) in Spanish to local bilingual school children. They presented to the entire school (k-6) at Bear Mountain Elementary School in two separate shows. The students in the class have minimal to no acting experience, but they have been able to develop their language abilities through performing the plays. The school children enjoyed the performance and the outreach event was a great experience for our CSUB Spanish students.

Library Dean Curt Asher is completing his term as Chair of the CSU Council of Library Deans.

Psychology student Alejandro Cruz, received a pre-doctoral award in the amount of \$4,000.00 to conduct research during the summer at UC Davis. This is outstanding recognition of his work and the mentorship by Matt Leon, Psychology Department.

Alpha Chi students participated in the national conference this year. All four students presented papers. Sidney Nicole Agnes Russell presented a paper in the Anthropology/Sociology section entitled "Robin Hood Through the Ages: A Look at Class Distinctions and Gender Roles." Taylor Jackson presented a paper in the Political Science/Economics section entitled "Persuasion or Manipulation: Climate Change Rhetoric in Professional Web media." Henna Singh presented a paper in the Chemistry section entitled "Clinical Features of Maple Syrup Urine Disease." Bailey Russell presented a paper in the Anthropology/Sociology section on "The Little Mermaid: Swimming through Social Contexts." The California Iota Chapter also presented a workshop entitled "Rowdy Goes Green in the Community" focusing on teaching leadership through community service. Dr. Jackie Kegley, Philosophy Department, who is Secretary-Treasurer of Region VII and a member of the National Board of Alpha Chi moderated sessions on Religion and Philosophy. On award night, California Iota received high honorable mention for their creative work for the national Service project "Meals on Wheels." And, most significantly, Taylor Jackson was won the prestigious Noelle \$2000 undergraduate scholarship.

If you happen to find yourselves in the high desert, come see a new, site-specific work **Sarah Vanderlip, Art Department**, installed in Joshua Tree, CA with the Mojave Desert Land Trust and Rough Play Projects. The new work, Untitled (Double Ellipses), 2018 consists of two non-identical, highly-polished, horizontal ellipses, mounted at eye level in a Joshua Tree forest. Sited to reflect the landscape, flora and sky, they also become sister pieces to her existing work, CA Truckheads, 2004 permanently installed, two miles away, at High Desert Test Sites. It is expected to be on display for six months to a year.

From the **Geology Department**: Through collaborative efforts with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the generosity of their drilling team, CSUB hydrogeology students and faculty were invited to examine an active well drilling program currently underway in the Central Valley. Calvin Katipunan, a CSUB

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undergraduate geology major, remarked, "The field trip to visit the USGS Well Site in Lost Hills was a wonderful experience. It was great to see Geologic fundamentals put into practice."

Faculty Develop Online GE Teaching Strategies. **Elena Acosta and Fred Plane (PPA) and Jenny Andreotti and Katy Freeland (History)** successfully completed a Just-in-Time-Teaching pilot for their courses in American Institutions-Government and American Institutions-History, respectively. With funding from the AIMS GE program Title V Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant, these faculty members designed and implemented online assessment tools to gauge students' understanding of course readings prior to the class meeting, making it possible for the instructor to make adjustments "just in time" for their class sessions. GE Faculty Director, Dr. Paul Newberry stated, "These four instructors were a dream to work with. They all collaborated by sharing designs and conferring to solve problems, helping each other in ways that benefit our students." These JiTT pilots will be sharing their experiences with other colleagues at an upcoming Professional Development session for GE instructors.

Geology Department Chair **Anthony Rathburn** was interviewed on KBAK to speak about "Oil-eating microorganisms could lead to advancements in cleaning up oil spills."

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The **Geology Department** was in full force at the PSAAPG West Coast conference again with numerous contributions from CSUB faculty, current students, and alumni.

CSUB Theta Theta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta National Honor Society for International Scholars just elected its new officers and chairs, including Outgoing and Founding President: Provost Jenny Zorn; Incoming President: Di Wu, Accounting and Finance Department; President-Elect: Isabella Kasselstrand, Sociology Department; Secretary: Carol Dell'Amico, English Department; Chair of Outreach Committee: Jonnathan De La Fuente, Study Abroad Office, Extended Education and Global Outreach; Chair of Events Committee: Emily Poole, Campus Programming; Treasurer: Sonia Silvia, International Students and Programs; Chapter Coordinator: Cliona Murphy, History Department; California Field Trip Coordinator: David Olson, Managing and Marketing Department; Banquet Coordinator: Leslie Williams, Provost Office.

Di Wu, Accounting and Finance Department is invited by Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) to give a webinar presentation, 'Building a "Data" Company via Data Modeling and Analytics'. This webinar provides an overview of data modeling and analytics, and explains how their applications can improve business performance. This presentation is also registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for continuing professional education (CPE). In addition, Dr. Wu is an incoming IMA Global Board Director for 2018-2020.

Di Wu, Accounting and Finance Department will serve on statewide Technology Committee of California Society of CPAs for 2018-2019. This committee's mission is to identify and study developments in technology affecting the accounting profession, and support the members' use of technology through local committees.

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The Affordable Learning Solutions Program, administered by **Sandra Bozarth, Library** supported 40 faculty adopters in 121 course sections. A total of 4216 students saved a total of \$629,479 for an average savings of \$150/student in book costs.

Librarian Chris Livingston's article "Imagined Spaces Preserved Places: A Case Study of Historic Preservation through Applied Learning Environments and Service Learning" will be published in *American Archivist*. It's due to come out this June.

Isabel Sumaya, Psychology Department published another study she conducted with a student (Emily Darling) from years ago. Procrastination, Flow, and Academic Performance in Real Time Using the Experience Sampling Method. (2018). *Journal of Genetic Psychology*, March, 29: 1-9.

Louis Wildman, Education Leadership completed research on "The Vision and Missions of State Administrator Associations," and this research has been accepted for presentation this coming August in Charlotte, North Carolina at the International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership convention.

Nursing Department's Brenda Pulskamp and Jane Yadon were selected as RNs of the Year by the Association of Kern County Nurse Leaders (AKCNL). Dr. Brenda Pulskamp received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her 58 year career in nursing and Jane Yadon received the RN of the Year award in the area of Education/Academia.

The 4th Annual Foreign Trade: Obligations & Implications was hosted by the CSUB Financial Management Association under the mentorship of **Mahdy Elhousseiny, Department of Accounting and Finance**. I always enjoy hearing the panel experts providing advice and guidance to our students and am impressed by the questions posed by the students.

The **Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum** program presented by Kim Flachmann, English Department, presented their pedagogical projects they incorporated in classes. I always walk away from this session wishing I had learned these strategies when I first started my educational career. The faculty learn differing strategies to improve student learning in a variety of disciplines.

The Kegley Institute of Ethics offered another outstanding program with Meira Levinson, Professor of Education at Harvard University, "Ethical Dilemmas in Democratic Education." Michael Burrows, Philosophy Department, Director of the KIE organized a complete visit that included engaging discussions in classes with students.

Last month I rejuvenated my academic soul at the annual California Geographic Society meetings. As a Past President of the Society I always enjoy reconnecting with my "peeps" and returning to my academic roots. I wish for you the same opportunity to reconnect and rejuvenate this summer.

I'm completing my third year at CSUB and it has been a rewarding and enriching three years for me. Thank you all!

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