

Message from the Chair

It is a pleasure to present to you, this Spring 2005 PPA Newsletter. As we approach the end of the academic year, we have much to announce and much to be proud of - our Graduating Students.

This month we celebrate the 35th anniversary of CSUB and the inauguration of a new university president. CSUB President Dr. Horace Mitchell arrived at a key time to lead the university through its next great stage of development. He does so with a powerful new vision, as he states:

By 2014-2015, California State University, Bakersfield will be the leading campus in the CSU system in terms of:

- Faculty and academic excellence and diversity
- Quality of student experience
- Community engagement

Realization of our vision will be advanced by recruitment, development, and promotion of an excellent and diverse staff within an organizational culture committed to excellence in all areas.

As I noted in our Fall Newsletter, the articulation of this vision was most well received by the School of Business and Public Administration and by the PPA Department. BPA, under Dean Lowenstein, has made the vigorous pursuit of excellence a

cornerstone of its development. And, as an applied professional programs, our Public Policy and Administration program seeks to be responsive to its community partners. We seek to build a dynamic learning community, relevant to practitioner/students, and which advances service to the public. The partnerships created by our PPA faculty was the focus of our Fall Newsletter.

Now, with graduation upon us, it is most appropriate and our genuine pleasure to focus this newsletter on that which matters most, the exceptional achievements and quality of our 2004-2005 graduating students. These students, most of whom are already high standing professionals in the public service, are wonderful representatives of our academic programs, of CSUB, and of our community.

It is they who are helping the Department of Public Policy and Administration to realize its vision and raise its horizon to be, "CSUB's recognized premier academic/professional education program."

Please join us in applauding our 2004-2005 graduates.

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Dr. Chris Mausolff Departing for Greener Pastures: or, for Steeper Slopes



In April, Dr. Chris Mausolff announced that he accepted an attractive offer from Western State College of Colorado, Gunnison, Colorado. Since his arrival at CSUB in 2001, he has been an integral part of a faculty team which brought greater programmatic stability,

community visibility, and academic excellence to the classroom. During his tenure, Dr. Mausolff strengthened our Human Resource's course offerings, and served the department and the

School in advancing systems for outcomes assessment. He has also made his mark representing us with the local chapter of ASPA (American Society for Public Administration).

Dr. Mausolff has truly done his part to advance excellence in the public service. He will be sorely missed.

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Lastly, it is not a trivial fact that Dr. Mausolff was, between 1984-1988, a World Cup Mogul Skier on the Freestyle Ski Team representing the U.S. Rumor has it that Dr. Mausolff will assist Western State College of Colorado as it starts a degree program in "Ski Management."

PPA Kicks Off Public Policy & Leadership Series

In 2005, the department kicked off its "Public Policy & Leadership Series." The goal is to serve as a center of public policy discussion and dialog on contemporary issues impacting the public service - to promote responsible public leadership. The first of this series was February's: "Social Security Policy Forum."

We welcome your feedback on this year's forum and we solicit your thoughts and suggestions for future forums.

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Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society to Induct New Members

Outgoing Pi Alpha Alpha President *Perry Eggleston* and incoming President *Megan Mahoney* are pleased to announce that, on Monday, June 6 at 5:30pm, the CSUB Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha will hold a reception and induction ceremony for all eligible PPA students.

Pi Alpha Alpha is the National Honor Society of the National Association of School of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPPA). For more information, call PPA Department Secretary, Margaret Moorhead at 664-3406.

"Congratulations to our honor students."

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"State Treasurer Phil Angelides"



Left to Right: Dr. Chandra Commuri, Dr. Henry Lowenstein, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, and Dr. Thomas Martinez

On March 18, the School of Business and Public Administration's "Executive Briefing Series," hosted State Treasurer (and now gubernatorial candidate) Phil Angelides. This forum saw Treasurer Angelides review the financial state-of-the-state and offer a broad agenda for California's economic future. MBA and MPA students were treated to an insightful, as well as, an impressive "media intensive" event.

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"Social Security Policy Forum: Beyond the Headlines"



Left to right: Dr. Steven Daniels, Mr. Jesus Garcia, and Mr. Michael Moreno

On February 24, PPA presented a public forum for in-depth analysis and discussion on the status, strength, and future of one of America's most important social programs. This panel discussion included:

Dr. Steven Daniels
PPA Professor of Public Policy & Administration;

Mr. Michael Moreno
Statewide Associate
Director, American Association of Retired Persons, Sacramento Office; and,

Mr. Jesus Garcia
Research Coordinator
Kern County Superintendent of Schools
and PPA Adjunct Faculty

This forum, which was taped for multiple playback by KGOV, Kern County Government Television, was an outstanding event. Consensus is that this panel went well beyond the headlines of the day, to offer an in-depth analysis of issues impacting the future of the social security system. It is furthermore the consensus that our very own *Dr. Steven Daniels* offered a "standout" performance.



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Grant from Occidental Petroleum

Occidental Petroleum gave a \$41,000 grant to the BPA graduate students' lab. The lab provides computers, printers, and work areas for MBA, MPA, and MSA students. Wireless internet is also available in the lab and the patio so that students can use their laptops to work on their projects.

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Bumper Crop of PPA Graduates

This year will see one of the Department's largest graduating classes ever. In total 59 students are scheduled to complete graduate or undergraduate degree requirements in 2004-2005. This includes: 26 MPA, 5 MSA-HCM, and 21 Bachelor of Arts graduates. Most of these graduating students are already serving in key public service positions within local government, health care management settings or in nonprofit agencies.

MPA Graduates

Elena Acosta*	Eddie Ocampo
Lidia Albiar*	Isabel Ortiz-Farmer
Kelly Bock	Bradley Plymire*
Sheryl Chalupa	Denise Placencia-Romero*
Onyanga Dean	Frank Ramirez
Alberta Dougherty-Woods*	Marilynn Sanchez
Nicholas Gonzalez	Jewelle Scales*
Donna Graham	Shelly Sprouse
Judith Harniman*	Misty Stowers*
Jason Hillis*	Karla Young
Phillip Inman	Ricardo Zamora

Pheap Khuth*
Megan Mahoney*
Barbara Minor*
Brevyn Mettler*
Sandra Nesheiwat

MSA-HCM Graduates

Sonia Delgado*
Gwendolyn Hall-Ross
Imran Tariq Khan
Maria Martin
Jose Veliz

PPA Bachelor of Arts

Tyrone Bey-Beyah	Esmeralda Gallardo
Margaret Board	Eva Garza
Mary Bonilla*	Douglas Greener*
Jenny Cachaya	Shelia Hall-Vailes
Jessica Cisneros	Desiree Klinoff
Alexander Clark	Rene Martinez
Victoria Coffee	Ignacio Morales
Michael Cooper	Jamal Powell
Martin Crider	Edgar Rojas
Roy Cruz	Janet Romero
Adriana Delgado	

* Students identified with an asterisk are, due to their outstanding performance, eligible for induction into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Public Administration Honor Society.

Congratulations Graduates!

Alumni Update



Mr. Rick Davis, 1995 Outstanding Undergraduate, and KGOV, Kern County Government TV, Station Manager has been promoted to Executive Director, Kern County Board of Trade. The Supervisors were most impressed with his creative reorganization proposals. "Congratulations Rick!"

PPA Honors Outstanding Students

Each year, the academic departments of the university identify their outstanding graduate per degree program. First, departments considers those with the highest grade point averages, then consider other relevant factors. As in past years, we are convinced that our 2005 outstanding PPA students are "even more outstanding" than your average outstanding student.

The following students have distinguished themselves with outstanding academic performance, professional service, and exceptional ethical standing. This year's outstanding PPA graduates are:

Master of Public Administration (2):

"Repeat performance" - **Sra. Elena M. Acosta** with a graduate GPA of 4.0, was also the 2003 Outstanding PPA Undergraduate. She is currently a Program Director with the Kern County Department of Human Services. Her Master's paper is entitled: "An Evaluation of Self-Sufficiency Success Return Rates for Kern County Cal WORKs Recipients from 2000 to 2004: the Effectiveness of Program Strategies for Self-Sufficiency"

Mr. Jason Hillis, with a graduate GPA of 3.98, has been a model of excellence. He is currently the Institution Supervisor for the Kern County Probation Department's Camp Erwin Owen Juvenile facility. He earned a BA in Natural Science from CSUB. His Master's paper is entitled: "The JAILink Program: Has It Been Effective In Reducing the Incidence of Crime in Kern County and Should the Kern County Probation Department Continue to Fund the Program?"

MSA-Health Care Management:

Ms. Sonia Delgado with a graduate GPA of 3.73, is the departments's outstanding MSA-Health Care Management student. Arriving at CSUB with a BA degree from UC Davis, she quickly made her place in the program and in the local health care arena. She is currently a Leadership Coordinator for the Farmworker Health Ombudsman Program of the Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistant office. Her Masters paper is entitled: "A Program for Prevention of Childhood Poisoning in Migrant Families."

Bachelor of Arts:

Mr. Douglas Greener, with an overall CSUB GPA of 3.89, is truly an outstanding student and professional. He is an Administrative Battalion Chief with the City of Bakersfield Fire Department. He serves the citizens of Bakersfield overseeing EMS and Public Information.

REVISED FALL 2005 CLASS SCHEDULE

INST 275.01	Admin. Process in Govt. W 6:00pm-10:10 pm	Dr. Daniels
INST 275.02	Admin. Process in Govt. T, Th 10:30am-12:35 pm	Dr. Martinez
PPA 340	Public Policy Networks M 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff
PPA 400	Public Management & Leadership T 6:00-10:10 pm	Dr. Moore
PPA 415	Research Methods In Public Admin. M 6:00-10:10 pm	Dr. Daniels
PPA 360	Introduction to Administrative Law Th 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff
PPA 500	Environments of Public Admin T 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff
PPA 501	Analytical Methods in Admin. M 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff
PPA 505	Managed Health Care WebCT	Dr. Moore
PPA 519	Management in Nonprofit Org. Th 6:00-10:10 pm	Dr. Commuri
PPA 610	Public Human Resources Admin & Labor Relations W 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff
PPA 611	Finance & Budgeting M 6:00-10:10 pm	Staff

REGISTRATION and ADVISING

For those who have not yet registered for Fall, late registration begins September 8 and Schedule Adjustment Period (formerly Late Registration) is September 12-20. Classes begin September 13, last day to add is September 20. All graduate and undergraduate PPA majors needing advising should call and set up an appointment with his or her assigned faculty advisor. The following is a list of faculty advisors and the students assigned alphabetically by last name.

Dr. Martinez	..... A-C	..... 665-6542
Dr. Mausolff	..... D-G	..... 665-6553
Dr. Commuri	..... H-L	..... 665-6140
Dr. Moore	..... M-R	..... 664-3026
Dr. Daniels	..... S-Z	..... 664-2318

For more information, please contact Margaret Moorhead, PPA Department Secretary at 664-3406.



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