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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CAMPUS UPDATE

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This is a wonderful time of year at the University as we congratulate and celebrate our students on achieving this significant milestone in their educational careers and life journeys. This issue provides an overview of commencement and related events.

Spring Commencement 2013

More than two thousand students have completed degree requirements and are eligible to participate in June commencement ceremonies. We are proud to present 1,674 undergraduates and 444 master's students. Our ceremonies are scheduled as follows:

Ceremony	Day/Date	Time	Location
Graduate and Hooding Ceremony	Tuesday, 6/11	6:00 p.m.	Icardo Center
Art and Humanities; Business and Public Administration; Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering	Friday, 6/14	7:00 a.m.	Amphitheater
Social Sciences & Education	Saturday, 6/15	7:00 a.m.	Amphitheater

CSU Trustee **Douglas Faigin** will join us for the June 14th ceremony. The School of Arts & Humanities will honor two country music legends and local heroes. **Merle Haggard** will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts and I will award a posthumous President's Medal to the late **Alvis Edgar "Buck" Owens, Jr.** Buck's son, **Alan "Buddy" Owens**, will receive the medal on his behalf. Addressing our graduates as commencement speakers will be **Mr. Rick Wartzman**, Executive Director of the Drucker Institute, on Friday and **Dr. Robert Arias**, Superintendent for the Bakersfield City School District, on Saturday. A commencement compilation will be available free on demand on **Brighthouse Networks** (channel 300).

Cultural Commencement Celebrations and Honors Recognitions

Cultural celebrations abound at CSUB throughout the year and culminate with cultural graduation expressions. The gatherings are in addition to, but do not take the place of, the official commencement ceremony, and allow for more personal expressions of celebration and accomplishment. This year's schedule is as follows:

Ceremony	Day/Date	Time	Location
Veterans' Recognition Reception	Monday, 5/20	3:00 p.m.	Varner Room
Teacher Credential Reception	Tuesday, 6/4	6:00 p.m.	Stockdale Rm.
Black Graduate Recognition Ceremony	Friday, 6/7	6:00 p.m.	SRC
Antelope Valley Reception	Sunday, 6/9	3:00 p.m.	Hellenic Center
Nurses' Pinning Ceremony	Friday, 6/14	11:30 a.m.	Stockdale Rm.
Chicano Commencement Celebration	Sunday, 6/16	9:00 a.m.	SRC

Our honors recognitions are scheduled as follows:

Ceremony	Day/Date	Time	Location
Arts & Humanities	Monday, 6/3	6:30 p.m.	SU-MPR
Business & Public Administration	Friday, 5/10	6:00 p.m.	Stockdale CC
Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering	Saturday, 6/1	11:00 a.m.	Stockdale Room
Social Science & Education	Thursday, 6/6	6:00 p.m.	SU-MPR
The Rowdy Awards for Student-Athletes	Monday, 6/3	7:00 p.m.	Doré Theatre

Tickets

Our commencement venues are at capacity. To ensure that we do not jeopardize public safety by exceeding capacity, and to afford adequate seating at each ceremony, we must limit the number of guests. Each graduating student is entitled to six tickets. Guests must have a ticket to be admitted. Graduating students do not require tickets. It is possible that, upon request, students may receive additional tickets. For specific information regarding ticket distribution, dates, and times, please visit <http://www.csub.edu/commencement/>.

Five New Presidents Named

At its May board meeting the CSU Board of Trustees made five presidential appointments. The trustees named **Joseph Castro** as president of Fresno State and **William Covino** as president of CSU LA. The Board also named interim appointees as permanent: **Willie Hagan** at CSU Dominguez Hills; **Eduardo Ochoa** at CSU Monterey Bay; and **Joseph Sheley** at CSU Stanislaus. There is one additional vacancy. President **King Alexander** has left CSU Long Beach to become president of Louisiana State University. **Donald Para**, CSULB Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been named interim president, effective July 1.

Summer Hours

Our summer operating schedule, for both the Bakersfield and Antelope Valley campuses, begins the week of June 16 and continues through September 5. We will observe a Monday through Thursday, 10-hour work day schedule. Campuses will be closed Fridays. There will be two weeks scheduled where all staff will work 8-hour work days: the weeks of July 28 and August 25. This is necessary to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act and to reconcile the number of hours worked in the summer for payroll purposes. Should you have questions, please contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 2266.

University Council

The last University Council meeting of the academic year was held May 17, 2013. Meetings will resume in the fall.

I look forward to seeing you at commencement, around campus, or at another upcoming University or community event. Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Horace Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "M".

Horace Mitchell
President