



### ***CSUB Makes TIME Magazine's Top 100 Colleges and Universities***

CSUB has been selected as one of the 100 universities listed in TIME Magazine's top colleges and universities based on new criteria proposed by the White House that emphasizes accessibility, affordability, and completion.



The publication issued its rankings in its April 23, 2014 issue after collecting data from 2,500 higher education institutions and assessing the value of each institution based on metrics such as graduation rates, tuition, and the percentage of Pell Grant recipients.

CSUB is one of seven CSU campuses that made the list, coming in at #39. The others include Cal State Long Beach (#10), Fresno State (#21), CSU Stanislaus (#22), CSU Dominguez Hills (#29), CSU San Bernardino (#30), and Cal State Northridge (#59).

Our ranking speaks to the accessibility and excellence that are top strategic priorities for our university. Having sufficient financial aid is essential to access and making it possible for our students to succeed in their educational aspirations. Because of the availability of federal Pell Grants, Cal Grants, CSU State University Grants and other support, coupled with financial aid professionals who work diligently on students' behalf, more than half of our students are able to graduate with an undergraduate degree with very little or no student loan debt. The importance of that for our alumni, our economy, and our region cannot be overstated.

In 2012-13, approximately \$3.8 billion in financial aid was distributed to 319,000 CSU students – nearly 76% of the total student population. Of this, \$78.2 million was allotted in the form of Pell Grants.

The rating system proposed by the White House is intended to provide prospective students and their families with information that will allow them to select higher education institutions that provide the best value. The Obama administration plans to link the institution's performance with federal financial aid disbursements.

To view TIME's full ranking, visit <http://time.com/71782/make-your-own-college-ranking>. For more information on CSU Facts, including financial aid, visit <http://www.calstate.edu/PA/2014Facts/>.

### ***Commencement 2014***

Tassels will turn, caps will fly, and gowns will flow at Spring



Commencement 2014 on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Commencement is a tradition-filled rite of passage that signals the end of the first phase of academic studies and the beginning of advanced studies or entry into careers. This year, we recognize and celebrate 1,676 undergraduates and 398 master's students who have completed their academic degree programs. We acknowledge the faculty who have taught and mentored them, and the staff who have supported them along the journey. The commencement schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014**

The graduate and hooding ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Icardo Center**. As has been the tradition, I am pleased to address our master's and doctoral students at this ceremony.

**Friday, June 13, 2014**

The Schools of Arts and Humanities, Business and Public Administration, and Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering will hold a joint ceremony on **Friday, June 13, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. in the Amphitheatre**. The Honorable **Harvey Hall**, Mayor of Bakersfield, is the commencement speaker. Maestro **John Farrer**, Bakersfield Symphony Music Director (ret.), will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from the School of Arts & Humanities. **Gail Brooks**, CSU Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, will represent the CSU in awarding the honorary doctorate.

**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

The School of Social Sciences and Education will hold its ceremony on **Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. in the Amphitheatre**. The commencement address will be given by **Ruben Mendoza**, Professor of Social, Behavioral, and Global Studies at CSU Monterey Bay.

Tickets

As increasing numbers of students complete their degrees, our commencement venues are at capacity. To ensure public safety by staying within capacity and to afford adequate seating at each ceremony, we must limit the number of guests. Each graduating undergraduate student initially receives six tickets. Graduate students initially receive nine tickets. Guests must have a ticket to be admitted to the commencement ceremonies. Graduating students do not require tickets. **Additional tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis Friday, May 30, 10am-2pm at the Runner Bookstore**. For specific

information regarding ticket distribution, dates, and times, please visit <http://www.csub.edu/commencement>.

***Honors Recognitions***

Each of the schools will recognize their honors students at invitation-only receptions, as follows:

**Thursday, May 29, 2014**

Natural Sciences, Mathematics & Engineering  
Stockdale Room  
5-7pm

**Friday, May 30, 2014**

Business & Public Administration  
Stockdale Country Club  
7001 Stockdale Highway  
6pm

**Monday, June 2, 2014**

Arts & Humanities  
Student Union, Multipurpose Room  
6:30pm

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

Social Sciences and Education  
Student Union, Multipurpose Room  
6pm

***Additional Recognitions***

Recognitions continue for our Antelope Valley Center, credentials students, and cultural celebrations:

Antelope Valley Center Reception

Sunday, June 8, 2014  
Hellenic Center  
43404 30<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Lancaster, CA  
3pm

Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, May 31, 2014  
Student Recreation Center  
3pm

Chicano Commencement Celebration

Wednesday, June 11, 2014  
Icardo Center  
6pm

CSUB Athletics Rowdies

Thursday, June 5, 2014  
Fox Theatre  
2001 "H" Street  
8pm

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Saturday, June 14, 2014  
Fox Theatre  
2001 "H" Street  
10am

Teacher Credential Reception

Tuesday, June 3, 2014  
Student Recreation Center  
Solario de Fortaleza  
6pm

Veterans' Recognition Reception

Thursday, May 29, 2014  
Dezember Leadership Center  
Varner Room  
10am

**Summer Hours**

Summer hours of operation begin the week after commencement, June 16 and continue through August 28, during which we will operate on a Monday through Thursday, 10-hour work week. Both the main campus and the Antelope Valley Center will be closed Fridays except by special arrangement. During the two weeks of June 30-July 4 and July 28-August 1, we will return to a Monday-Friday 8-hour schedule to comply with Fair Labor Standards Act regulations and to reconcile the number of hours worked during the summer for payroll purposes. For further information, please contact Human Resources at x2266.

**Upcoming Events**

Whether you are looking for academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, sports, or a calendar of highlight events, find them on [RunnerCal](#).

**University Council**

University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend. Meetings are held during the academic year every third Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room. The next meeting will take place October 17, 2014.

I look forward to seeing you during the pomp and circumstance of commencement and our honors and recognition celebrations, around campus, or at an upcoming University or community event. Take care.

Horace Mitchell  
President