



**CSUB** is on the move with new buildings, new centers, new initiatives, commemorations, celebrations, recognitions, and curricular transformations by faculty.

### ***Visual Arts Building Ribbon-Cutting***

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> will mark the official ribbon-cutting for the new Visual Arts Building, a 9,000 square foot facility that replaces the cramped and



outdated arts structure built in the late '60s. A combination of new construction and renovation of existing space, the building includes specialized studio/lab environments for work in ceramics, sculpture, painting, drawing, and digital art. Activities such as welding, forging metal, using solvents, glazing, and firing will now take place in facilities designed specifically with safety in mind for those purposes. The ceramics studio, for example, now has adequate air filtration, sinks, floor drainage, and several new state-of-the-art kilns, including three new raku kilns and two new "walk-in" kilns. The campus and Bakersfield community are invited to attend the 4:30pm ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will include the announcement of a major gift from alumni **Kiet Mai** and **Ed Lightner**.

### ***New Student Housing Ribbon-Cutting***

Almost two years to the day after the CSU Board of Trustees approved plans for our new student housing complex, Phase I of the project will be

unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. The complex includes four three-story units with an array of single, double, and triple suites designed to accommodate 500 students. The buildings are designed to the U.S. Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold equivalent standard. Students will occupy the facility in January 2015 at the start of Winter quarter. For project details and schematics, please visit <http://bit.ly/1wjJJTS>.

### ***Historical Research Center Opening***



Now open in the Walter Stiern Library is our new Historical Research Center that will serve as a repository for historical documents and artifacts, a center for hands-on training in public history, and a research destination for scholars and students. Historical documents are preserved in a fourth floor closed storage site. The second floor houses archives, a technology workroom with digital workstations and equipment, an exhibit gallery, conference room, and California Rare Books Collection. The

Center collaborates with the CSUB Public History Institute to collect, transcribe, and preserve oral histories, among other initiatives. Student internships are available. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/1raxuH4>.

### *Grapes of Wrath Commemoration*

The School of Arts and Humanities and the Public History Institute continue their year-long commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Steinbeck's novel, *The Grapes of Wrath*, with an impressive schedule of events. This weekend will offer a triple affair with complimentary admission beginning with the Visual Arts Building ribbon-cutting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, followed immediately by Bakersfield Built: Architecture of the 1930's art exhibit at the Todd Madigan Gallery, 5-7pm; and the Alumni Association's "Travel the World" in Wine at the annual Party-in-the-Park wine festival from 6-8:30pm. All proceeds from this annual fundraising activity go directly towards alumni scholarships. A symposium on historical architecture and an historical home tour add to the weekend events on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are required for the symposium



and home tour. The Grapes of Wrath events are presented in collaboration with a number of community partners, including: the Levan Institute at Bakersfield College; Bakersfield Museum of Art; Kern County Museum; the Beale Library; Autry Museum; and the National Steinbeck Center to highlight Steinbeck's work and its connection to Kern County. For more information, please visit the Arts and Humanities website at <http://bit.ly/ZF3col>.

### *Campus Visits by New Vice Chancellors*

**Fram Virjee**, Executive Vice Chancellor, General Counsel, and Secretary to the CSU Board of Trustees, and his wife **Julie Virjee**, and **Steve Relyea**, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, visited the CSUB campus this month. Fram joined the CSU in January of this year after a 30-year career as a partner at O'Melveny & Meyers, the oldest law firm in Los Angeles and one of the largest firms in the country. Fram oversees legal services for all 23 campuses system-wide. Hailing most recently from UC San Diego, Steve joined us in April of this year. His responsibilities include the development and management of the CSU's \$6 billion budget, capital planning, allocation and management of fiscal resources, among many other duties. Relyea oversees the allocation of fiscal resources and the management of fiscal accountability, including financial reporting, treasury, debt, investments, risk management, public safety, and oversight of university auxiliary enterprises. He oversees the capital planning, design and construction and the information technology initiatives of the university system. It is important to have these new systemwide executives on our campus to see the great many things happening here.

### *Joint EdD in Educational Leadership Approved*

The School of Social Sciences and Education received approval this summer from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to offer the Fresno State doctoral program in educational leadership as a joint doctorate beginning Fall 2014. The Fresno State program began in June 2011 and the structural change advances us along our six-year timeline to offer a stand-alone degree. For more information on the doctoral program, please visit <http://bit.ly/1uhNUOE>.

## Faculty Promotion and Tenure

Hear! Hear! Please join me in congratulating our faculty members who earned tenure, received promotion, or both, in academic year 2014-15. These hard-won career milestones are achieved by excellence in teaching, research, and service.



### Promotion to Professor:

**Andreas Gebauer**, Chemistry  
**Yeunjoo Lee**, Advanced Education  
**Roseanna McCleary**, Social Work  
**Jianyu Wang**, Physical Education and Kinesiology

### Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor:

**Steven Ellwanger**, Criminal Justice  
**Anna Jacobsen**, Biology  
**Dan Zhou**, Accounting & Finance

## Students Play to Make a Difference

Five hundred fearless gamers are expected to descend on the CSUB campus Saturday,

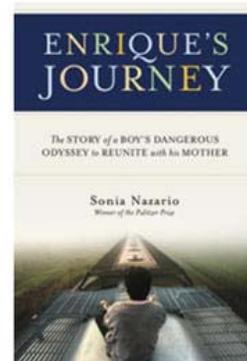


**October 25<sup>th</sup>** in the third annual "extra life" game-a-thon from 9am to 9pm to benefit Bakersfield Memorial Hospital's Lauren Small Children's Medical Center. The event is held as part of "Make a Difference Day," the national day of community service. Associated Students, Inc., Campus Programming, the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education, Campus Gamers, and the 'Runner Dance Marathon have teamed as co-hosts. Raising \$4,300 with 80 players in its inaugural year, and \$10,000 with 210 players in its second year, our students hope to raise \$20,000 at this year's games. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit the Lauren

Small Center. A minimum donation of \$20 is requested for participants 13 and older; \$10 for ages 7-12, and ages 0-6 may play for free. Complimentary lunch, dinner, drinks, and snacks are provided. For event registration and information on how to donate, please visit [www.campusgamers.net](http://www.campusgamers.net) or contact **Ed Webb**, President of CSUB Campus Gamers, at [ewebb2@csub.edu](mailto:ewebb2@csub.edu).

## One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern

Contemporizing the *Grapes of Wrath* theme to address the issue of immigration reform, CSUB First-Year Experience students and residents of Bakersfield and Kern County will engage in discussions regarding this year's common reader, *Enrique's Journey*. The story is a national bestseller by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, **Sonia Nazario**, about the harrowing odyssey of a Honduran boy in search of his mother. The community is invited to "[An Evening with Sonia Nazario](#)" Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 7:00pm in the Icardo Center. The event is free, as is parking in Lot "I" after 6pm.



## 'Runner Letter Day

The first year of college can be daunting for students as they attempt to navigate the landscape, learn the language, and acclimate to the culture and challenge of higher education. By the middle of the term, some are homesick, others begin to have self-doubt, and most could use a word of encouragement. Enter 'Runner Letter Day, when every first-year student receives a personal letter from a CSUB faculty, staff, upper-classman, or alum expressing support, encouragement, and belief in each student's ability to succeed. Students pick up their letters at the Student

Union. Ivory Parker, an 18-year-old freshman from Bakersfield, was the first student to arrive. Greeted with cheers, bells, and smiling faces, he read his letter and exclaimed, "This really helps to keep up the positivity right now when students are exhausted and overwhelmed with so much to do; this letter helps us to remain optimistic that we can do it."



### *Save the Date*



Please calendar Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30-5:00pm for the President's Holiday Reception.

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

*Horace Mitchell*  
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President

Juan Espinosa, a freshman from Oakland, was surprised to receive not only a letter from CSUB but also a Federal Express envelope with 19 letters from friends and family from home. Juan expressed, "Being 4 hours away from home it feels good to know that you are not forgotten and also that the school is there to support you!"



### *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 10am in the Albertson Room. The next meeting will take place October 24, 2014.

### *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](#).