



### *Epps is New Campus Counsel*



Please join me in welcoming **Chelsea Epps, J.D.** as our recently-appointed campus counsel. Chelsea joined the Office of General Counsel in April. In a reassignment of all campus counsel, she succeeds

**Cathy Barrad, J.D.**, who now serves San Diego State University. Chelsea is a 2008 graduate of Georgetown Law School. She received a bachelor of arts in sociology and law and society from UC Santa Barbara with high honors in 2004. Prior to coming to the CSU, she was a partner in the Intellectual Property, Business Litigation and Corporate/Securities sections of Rutan and Tucker, LLP. In addition to covering general legal matters, her assigned specialty subject matter areas include: conflict of interest, immigration, and student fees. Chelsea will visit campus monthly, and more frequently, as needed. She will visit campus on July 10, 2017.



### *CSUB is #39 for Best Financial Literacy Programs*

CSUB has earned the number 39 spot in [LendEDU](#)'s ranking of the Top 50 College Financial Literacy Programs. Institutions were ranked on three weighted criteria, each on a 50-point scale: 1) Number of Workshops and Resources Available (50%); 2) Access to One-On-One Financial Consultation (30%); and 3) Incentivizing Programs Available (20%). With a tallied score of 40.3 on a 50-point scale, we were commended for offering ample [financial literacy information](#) through our partnership with iGrad, an on-line, self-paced financial literacy platform.

Students may take a free online personal finance course that includes topics such as financial goals, budgeting, banking, credit card debt, and identity theft. Kudos to the **Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships** for providing this service to our students.

### *International Exchange and Study Abroad Agreement with Cambodia*

Last month I signed an exchange agreement with **H.E. Prof. Sabo Ojano MD, Ph.D.**, President of International University, Cambodia (IUC). The agreement will allow CSUB students to study at IUC and for IUC's students to study at CSUB for a semester. The Extended University Division houses our study abroad and international recruiting programs. **Dr. Mark Novak**, Dean of the Extended University Division, has worked to expand our international outreach. As a result, applications from international students have increased 40%. The number of international students enrolled has increased from 104 three years ago to 266 this academic year. The number of CSUB students studying abroad also has increased.



### Student Accolades

Good news about our students' post-graduation plans continues with offers of employment and opportunities to study abroad.

### **Employment**

Barbich Hooper King Dill Hoffman Accountancy Corporation has hired five CSUB accounting graduates, **Freddy Escoto**, **Bianca Hoban**, **Katie Mayo**, **Sarah Krecklow**, and **Christina Orozco**, to full-time positions. All worked as interns during this past tax season. One junior intern, **Anahit Hairabedian**, has been retained as a part-time employee.

### **Students Studying Abroad**

#### Germany

**Katelyn Duran** and **Erik Garcia** are studying at Technische Universitat Dortmund – Dortmund, Germany.

**Courtney Ludford**, a Helen Hawk Honors student majoring in business administration-management, is studying at Hochschule Nuertingen Geislingen (NGU) – Nuertingen, Germany.

**Krizen Mateo** and **Jeamie Tarabishi** are studying at Hochschule Osnabruck University of Applied Sciences – Osnabruck, Germany.

**Brian Hill** and **Alicia Vidales-Vera** are studying at Hochschule Bremen – University of Applied Sciences (HSB) – Bremen, Germany.

#### Japan

**Manjinder Brar**, **Maryah Chester**, **Mariela Isidoro-Lopez**, **Pahola Osorio**, **Ashley Sanchez** are studying at the University of Hyogo – Hyogo, Japan.

### The Netherlands

**Ruben Gonzales**, **Elizabeth Monroig**, and **Esther Nichols** are studying at The Hague University of Applied Sciences – The Hague, Netherlands, as are Helen Hawk Honors students **Kathryn Johnston** (biochemistry); **Jordyn Sons-Graham**, (biochemistry); **Lois Ogunjobi**, and **Jackeline Villanueva** (engineering).

### Faculty, Staff and Administrator News



**Dr. Paul Newberry**, Faculty Director of General Education, will serve in the role another term. In recognition of his extensive contributions to the planning and implementation of a new general education program, the Academic Senate passed Resolution 161722, *Commendation of Dr. Paul Newberry, Faculty Director of General Education*. Congratulations, Paul.

**Dr. Tony Rathburn**, Geology Professor, and **Dr. Dirk Baron**, Chair and Professor of Geology, have 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.”** The grant award is a collaborative project with **Dr. Richard Norris**, Professor of Paleobiology at UC San Diego Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and **Dr. Sarah Gray**, Chair and Professor of Environmental and Ocean Sciences at the University of San Diego.





**Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Chief of Staff to the President, has been accepted to the CSU Executive Leadership Program. The program prepares experienced leaders for executive office and is designed for candidates who hold senior cabinet positions or exercise senior cabinet responsibilities. Participants will engage in 18 months of self-directed and peer learning activities in a hybrid face-to-face and virtual format to enhance skills and readiness for executive leadership.

### ***2017-18 IRA Grants Awarded***

Each year, faculty apply to receive Instructionally Related Activity (IRA) grants to enhance classroom instruction with experiential learning activities. This year, the IRA Committee, composed of three faculty members, three ASI-appointed students, and a staff member, awarded \$60,700 to nineteen projects. Thank you to the committee members for taking time from their summer break to review applications and make the awards, and congratulations to the awardees.

#### IRA Committee

##### **Mariela Gomez**

ASI President and IRA Committee Chair

##### **Anthony Briseno**

ASI Vice President University Affairs

##### **Justin McKinley**

ASI Vice President Finance

##### **Mary Slaughter**

Communications Chair and Professor

##### **Tracy Kelly**

Lecturer, Advanced Educational Studies

##### **Dr. Leo Sakomoto**

Lecturer, Music

##### **Dr. Jim Drnek**

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

##### **Isabel Gonzalez**

Student Affairs Budget Coordinator  
(non-voting)

<b>Requestor/Department Activity</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b>Jacquelyn Kegley</b> , Philosophy & History Learning to Live and Work in a Global Community Through Study Abroad	\$1,000
<b>Dustin Knepp</b> , Modern Languages & Literature Community Tamalada	\$3,000
<b>Joyce Kohl</b> , Art & Art History Visiting Artist Program and Class	\$1,500
<b>Harvey McCown</b> , BPA San Francisco Trip	\$2,000
<b>Kate Mulry</b> , History History Forum	\$2,300
<b>Nate Olson</b> , Philosophy & Religious Studies 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy & Religious Studies Undergraduate Conference	\$1,000
<b>Yvonne Ortiz-Bush</b> , Advanced Educational Studies Ally Rally	\$1,500
<b>Thomas See</b> , Management & Marketing Regional Case Competition	\$3,500
<b>Anne Duran</b> , Psychology <b>Jason Watkins</b> , Services for Students with Disabilities An Evening with Tommy Edison	\$3,000
<b>Nyakundi Michieka</b> , Economics Purchase software to be installed in CSUB PC Lab	\$1,500
<b>Nate Olson</b> , Kegley Institute of Ethics Ethics Bowl	\$1,700
<b>Jennifer Burger</b> , Communications The Runner	\$6,500
<b>Rebecca Weller</b> , Art & Art History General Education Themes Speaker	\$1,000
<b>Shalise Pollock &amp; Karin Urso</b> , Nursing Nursing Leadership & Professionalism	\$6,000
<b>Madhavappallil Thomas</b> , Social Work Legislative Lobby Day in Sacramento	\$4,700
<b>Vincent Oragwam</b> , GRaSP Travel Support for Student Research	\$7,000
<b>Vincent Oragwam</b> , GRaSP Student Research Scholars	\$2,500
<b>Vincent Oragwam</b> , GRaSP Student Research Competition	\$6,500
<b>Dustin Knepp</b> , Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Gender Matters Student Research Symposium	\$4,500

### ***Beautiful Bakersfield Awards***

We received a record five nominations for the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce's annual Beautiful Bakersfield Awards. The award recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations that strive to improve the quality of life in Bakersfield. **The Fab Lab, One Book-Runner Reader**, and the **Department of Nursing** were nominated in the *Education* category. The Sensational Sophomores program was nominated in the *Humanitarian* (group) category. Campus Gamers were nominated in the category *Life as it Should Be*. Congratulations to the Fab Lab for winning its category and to all of our nominees.

### ***SBDC Named Nonprofit of the Year***

Our Small Business Development Center (SBDC) was named Nonprofit of the Year by the North of the River Chamber of Commerce (NORCC). The SBDC received the award at NORCC's board installation luncheon on June 8. **Kelly Bearden**, SBDC Director, accepted the award on the Center's behalf. The SBDC is located at 1631 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200. Consultants can be reached at [www.csub.edu/sbdc](http://www.csub.edu/sbdc) or (661) 654-2856.



### ***Kern Green Awards***

Former Associated Students, Inc. President, **Derek Stotler**, received Kern Green's 2017 Environmental Hero Award for his student leadership on environmental sustainability projects. Derek received an MBA this spring and earned a 4.0 grade point average. He will enroll in a Ph.D. program at Georgia State University's College of Business this fall and will receive a full scholarship.

### ***REVS-UP Marks 10 Years of Support from Chevron***

Seventy-five high school students and incoming CSUB first-year students presented their research in a poster competition yesterday, the culminating

event of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering's Research Experience Vitalizing Science Program (REVS-UP) program. Funded by the Chevron Corporation, REVS-UP is a faculty-guided hands-on research experience for students studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The four-week program is geared to inspire students to major in STEM disciplines and pursue careers in science and math. Research projects included cancer-fighting coffee, intelligent homes, and smart watering systems. This year's REVS-UP event marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of Chevron's support for the program. We are grateful for Chevron's partnership and commitment to help develop the next generation of scientists.

### ***Better Together Teachers Summit***



The July 28, 2017 [California Better Together Teachers' Summit](http://cateacherssummit.com) is open for registration. CSUB is one of 40 locations throughout the state where current and future Pre K-12 teachers and administrators will converge to network and learn effective teaching strategies. The CSUB event will take place from 8am-12pm in the Icardo Center where we expect to host 500 education stakeholders. To register and for more information, please visit <http://cateacherssummit.com/register>.

### ***Campus Beautification***

The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. Congratulations to our May winner is General Accounting for their adopted area, Administration West. We are proud to recognize

members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or learning more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit [http://www.csub.edu/about\\_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/).



### ***Summer Schedule***

The main campus and Antelope Valley Center will operate on a 10-hour workday Monday through Thursday this summer from May 22 through August 11, 2017. The campuses will be closed on Fridays except for specially schedule program activities. The two exceptions, May 29 to June 2 and July 31 to August 4, will have regular 8-hour work days Monday through Friday.

### ***Save the Dates!***

#### **University Week**

August 21-25

#### **University Day**

August 24

#### **New Student Convocation**

August 27, 2017

#### **2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB**

April 27-28, 2018

#### ***Celebrate CSUB! 2018***

April 28, 2018

### ***What's Going On?***

Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events on [RunnerCal](#). Access the calendar from our home page by clicking the "Calendar of Events" link at the bottom of the page. [Plan an event](#) using the 25Live online scheduling program.

### ***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 will resume in the fall.

Take time to refresh this summer and enjoy the company of family and friends. I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell  
President