



Calendar year 2014 has been pivotal for CSUB. This issue provides a brief retrospective of the numerous important developments, changes, and university accomplishments of the last 12 months that advance our delivery of transformational teaching and learning. Our milestone achievements are the result of collaboration among faculty and administrators across the institution, and the engagement of our students, alumni, community partners, and support groups.

The Year in Brief – Key Accomplishments



Academic Affairs

- Thanks to additional funding from Chancellor White to facilitate student achievement and degree completion, we hired new tenure-track faculty, enhanced our student advising strategies, and hired academic advisors and coordinators.
- We completed the course conversion component of the quarter-to-semester conversion plan, with the semester calendar to commence in fall 2016. In so doing, our faculty took the uncommon step to transform the curricula in 67% of their academic programs rather than to simply convert their courses to a semester format. The technology, publications, communications, and transitional student advising components will continue for several more months.
- Faculty redesigned General Education as an integrated, cross-disciplinary program to strengthen it and align it with our University-wide student learning outcomes.

- Fall enrollment set a record of 8,867 students, including a record 1400 freshmen.
- Our largest graduating class, 2,123 students, commenced in the spring.
- We opened the CSUB Fab Lab, a community resource digital fabrication and computation laboratory open to the public as well as the University community.
- The first Bakersfield cohort of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Fresno State graduated in the spring, and the first cohort of the WASC-approved joint doctoral program with CSUB and Fresno State enrolled in the fall.
- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Dr. Soraya Coley** was appointed President of Cal Poly Pomona, effective January 1, 2015. **Dr. Kathleen Knutzen**, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education (SSE), was appointed Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Steve Bacon** was appointed Interim Dean of SSE.

Business and Administrative Services

- Construction was completed on the Visual Arts Center; a Satellite Plant; the Student Housing Complex and the Doré Theatre seismic upgrade.
- **Mike Neal**, Vice President for Business and Administrative Services, announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2014. **Kellie Garcia**, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Administrative Services, will serve as Interim Vice President.

Student Affairs

- Students will move into the 500-bed student housing complex on January 2, 2015.
- **Kenneth Siegfried** was named as Interim Athletics Director.

University Advancement

- The CSUB Alumni Association reached 43,000 alumni.
- UA has a near complete [staff](#) complement.

Campuswide

- Throughout the campus, replacement hires were made to fill existing positions that either were vacant or staffed by interim appointees.
- CSUB Celebrates 45 Years of Excellence!



The Office of University Events has Moved

University Events has moved to the Office of the President. For event scheduling questions or assistance, please contact **Susan Hopkins**, Director of University Events, at x2713 or via email at shopkins4@csub.edu. Final interviews for the University Events Coordinator, whose responsibilities include 25 Live event scheduling, will conclude this week.

Executive Searches

Searches are underway or will begin in January 2015 for the following positions:

- Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- Vice President for Business and Administrative Services;
- Associate Vice President for Information Technology; and
- Dean of the School of Business & Public Administration.
- The search for an Athletics Director will resume in the Spring. For information regarding any of these positions, visit the

Human Resources website at <http://bit.ly/1r9Bjli> or call 654-2266.

Rankings and Recognitions

- CSUB was ranked in *Time Magazine's* 100 Top Colleges based on affordability, graduation rate, and accessibility.
- CSUB was named among regional universities in the West in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015 rankings both of America's Best Colleges, and America's Top Public Schools.
- The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) named CSUB among the Top 50 Colleges for Hispanic Students based on acceptance, enrollment, retention, and graduation rates.
- *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* ranks CSUB in the Top 100 of the nation's universities and colleges both for enrolling and awarding degrees to Hispanics, and the Top 10 for degrees awarded in liberal arts.
- Our nursing program is listed by *CollegeAtlas.org* as a Top Nursing School based on affordability, academic quality, accessibility, and board exam pass rate.

This brief listing does not include so many other laudable accomplishments achieved, grants received, and gifts given that reflect the collective progress we have made over the last 12 months. Thank you, each and all, for your commitment to our University, students, and community.

Upcoming Events

Please review the array of upcoming campus events at [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. The next meeting of the University Council is scheduled for Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room.

Holiday Wishes

Barbara and I wish you and your family a happy holiday season and outstanding [New Year](#).



Horace Mitchell
President

