



Our graduates are going places. Our annual June issue highlights representative students who have been accepted into graduate and professional programs, or have accepted internships or offers of employment.

Doctoral Programs and Professional Schools

Jesica Gonzalez, a chemistry major with a concentration in biochemistry and minor in biology, graduated magna cum laude and has been accepted into UC San Francisco's School of Dentistry to pursue a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Economics major **Alex Lewis** has been accepted into Texas Tech's Ph.D. program in Economics. He will receive a full scholarship and teaching assistantship.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Janine Roza** has been accepted into the Ph.D. Geoscience program at the Scripps Institutes of Oceanography at UC San Diego, and will have full support through a research assistantship.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Zachary Martindale** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Petroleum Geology at the University of Houston. He will receive full support through a research assistantship.

Master's Programs

The following students earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Geology and have been accepted into the Master of Science in Geology program at CSU Bakersfield:

Joshua Atkins, Christopher Cook, Eghosa Eguagie, Blake Foreshee, Kelly Harrington, Kirk Isbell, Donald James III, Karla Lopez, Obeyd Mohammadi, Javier Montejano, Tucker Plunkett, Kathy Randall, Jordan Rendel, and Gregory Thompson.

Psychology majors **Savannah Andrews** and **Courtney Grayson** have been accepted into the Master of Science in Educational Counseling program at CSU Bakersfield.

Psychology major **Angel Armenta** has been accepted into the Master's program in Psychology at CSU Fullerton.

Psychology majors **Carla Cook, Pilar Coppers,** and **Damona Kindred** have been accepted into CSU Bakersfield's Master of Social Work program.

Lisa English, an Environmental Resource Management major, has been accepted into Columbia Southern University's Master of Science Occupational Safety and Health program. She received PG&E's Bright Minds scholarship in 2012, and earned a PG&E summer internship focusing on standards and programming.

Psychology majors **Jacqueline Frias, Robynne Herron, Sarah Medzyk, Erica Rico, Ivan Rojo, Pinkal Shah, Tracey Van Etten,** and **Cody Whitson** have been accepted into CSU Bakersfield's Master of Science in Counseling Psychology program.

Theatre and Political Science double major **Kayla Frayre** will attend San Francisco State University's Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing with an emphasis on playwriting. She was named the Outstanding Undergraduate in Theatre, Political Science, and in the School of Social Sciences & Education.

Psychology major **Paul Georgi** has been awarded a Sally Casanova Predoctoral scholarship.

Cristina Goyeneche, a theatre major, has been accepted into the University of Iowa's Master of Fine Arts program in acting. She will receive the Iowa Arts Fellowship, a two-year award that includes an \$18,500 academic year fellowship stipend plus tuition and health insurance allowance.

Psychology major **Maria Hernandez** has been accepted into the Master of Social Work program at CSU Los Angeles.

Psychology major **Anthony Perez** has been accepted into the Master of Forensic Psychology program at CSU Los Angeles.

Marcy Peters, a CSUB Antelope Valley sociology major with a human services concentration, has been accepted into Cal State Northridge's Master of Social Work program.

Business administration major and 2014-15 John Brock Award recipient **Thomas Prothro** graduated summa cum laude and was accepted into CSU Bakersfield's Master of Business Administration program.

Sociology major and Alpha Kappa Delta honors society inductee **Moria Moire Romero** has been accepted into CSU Bakersfield's Master of Social Work program.

Robyn Rowley, magna cum laude English Literature major, Outstanding Graduate in English and the School of Arts & Humanities, was accepted into Carnegie Mellon University's Master of Arts in Literary and Cultural Studies. She will receive a partial tuition waiver and research assistantship.

Geology major **Azael Salinas** has been accepted into Fresno State University's Master of Science in Geology program and will receive full support through a teaching assistantship.

Psychology major and business minor **Christopher Sanders** will pursue a Master of Arts degree in mind, brain, and behavior at San Francisco State University. He is an inductee into the CSUB Student Leaders Hall of Fame, and also received the Associated Students, Inc. Outstanding Leadership Award and the Center for Kern Political Education's leadership award.

Post-baccalaureate Geology major **Spencer Schroer** has been accepted into CSUB's Master of Science in Geology program.

Psychology major **Yesenia Vargas** has been accepted into the Master in Sociology program at CSU Bakersfield.

Rocio Velasco, Sociology major with an emphasis on human services, was accepted into CSU Bakersfield's Master of Social Work program.

Credential Programs

Post-baccalaureate Liberal Studies major **Mary Avilla Hart** graduated magna cum laude and has been accepted into the CSUB Special Education program at the Antelope Valley campus.

Internships

Master of Science in Geology graduate **David Kong** has obtained a summer internship with Chevron in Houston.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Jordan Martin** has obtained a summer internship with the Bureau of Land Management.

Employment

Stephanie Campos has been hired as a 4th grade teacher at Evergreen Elementary School in the Bakersfield City School District.

Master of Social Work student **Jnai Champlin**, has been hired at Hoffmann Hospice as a medical social worker.

Master of Science in Geology graduates **Ryan D'Cruz** and **Kenneth Kay** have been hired as geologists with California Resources Corporation.

Master of Science in Geology graduates **Sara Freeman, Kelly Harrington, James Lopez, Kathleen Randall, and Gregory Thompson** have been hired as geologists by Chevron.

Geology major **Kirk Isbell** has been hired as a geologist with Chevron.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Henry Iwuh** has been hired as a geologist with the Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources.

Student-athlete **Mylz Jones** will forego his senior year to play Major League Baseball. Mylz, a junior, was selected in the 13th round by the Colorado Rockies in the First Year Players draft.

Master of Science in Geology graduates **Joshua Meyer, Kelsey Padilla, and Jeremiah Reagan** have been hired as geologists with Envirotech.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Randy Stephenson** has been hired as a geologist with AERA Energy.

Valene Taguacta-Bravo, nursing major and National Society of Leadership and Success inductee, has accepted a position for the Versant RN Residency Program in the Emergency Department at Dignity Health Mercy Southwest Hospital.

Master of Science in Geology graduate **Roger Ward** has been hired as a geologist with Langan Treadwell Rollo in San Francisco.

Monica Juarez graduated from the RN to BSN program and accepted a position as a school nurse at Wasco Elementary School District.

Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Governor Approves CSU Support Budget Request for 2015-16

Governor Jerry Brown along with **Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins** and **Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon** held a press conference on June 17, 2015 announcing an agreement on the CSU budget request at a total of \$97 million above the Governor's January proposal (and \$59 million above the May revision). All indications are that this fully funds the Trustee-approved support budget that was submitted in November 2014 for the 2015-16 fiscal year. More information will be provided following an analysis of the emerging details.

We wish to thank our legislative delegation from the Bakersfield area: **Senators Jean Fuller** and **Andy Vidak**, and **Assemblymembers Shannon Grove** and **Rudy Salas**, with whom we visited last month, and all of whom supported funding of the CSU's budget request. We thank them for "[Standing with the CSU](#)" to provide additional funding for more

student access to higher education and to support student success.

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](#). Access the calendar on our website by clicking the “Events” link at the bottom of the home page.

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.

I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event. I hope you will have an enjoyable summer with plenty of time to enjoy the company of family and friends. Take care.



Horace Mitchell
President