50th Anniversary of the 1965 Delano Grape Strike
The Walter Stiern Library (WSL), Public History Institute (PHI), and Bakersfield College will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Delano Grape Strike with three days of events, September 24-26. The CSUB events coincide with several events scheduled at Bakersfield College Thursday, September 24, and the United Farmworkers’ celebration of the strike in Delano Saturday, September 26.

Walter Presents -- The 1965 Delano Grape Strike: Exploring New Perspectives
On Friday, September 25, at 1pm in the Dezember Reading Room of the library, a showing of the documentary film, Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farmworkers, will take place with film director Marissa Aroy.

From 1:30-3:30pm, a panel discussion will be held on the History and Legacy of the Strike with activist Lorraine Agtang; Dr. Dawn Mabalon of San Francisco State University; Dr. Mario Sifuentes of UC Merced; and Dr. Todd Holmes, Post-doctoral Scholar at Stanford University.

The day’s culminating event will take place from 3:30 to 5:30pm, featuring Dolores Huerta, activist and UFW national boycott leader; Dr. Matt Garcia, scholar and author of From the Jaws of Victory: The Triumph and Tragedy of Cesar Chavez and the Farm Worker Movement; and journalist Miriam Pawel, author of The Crusades of Cesar Chavez: A Biography. For information regarding the events, contact Eileen Montoya, WSL Administrative Support Coordinator, at 654-3042 or via email at emontoya@csub.edu.

The PHI Presents: In and Out of Shadows, a play about undocumented teens
On Saturday, September 26, at 7:30pm, In and Out of Shadows, a play by Gary Soto, will be performed in the Doré Theatre. Tickets are $5.00 at the door. Admission is free for students all ages with student I.D. For information about the play, contact Shelly Carson, PHI Coordinator, at scarson2@csub.edu, or by phone at 661-654-6263.

CSUB to Host Tejon Indian Tribe’s First Annual Powwow
CSUB will host the Tejon Indian Tribe’s First Annual Powwow Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, 2015. Dancers and drummers from several tribes will gather in regalia to honor their ancestors and war veterans. The public is invited to the family-friendly event to share in the traditions and learn the tribes’ rich cultural history and customs.
Kathy Montes Morgan, Chairwoman of the Tejon Indian Tribe, shares that powwow originates from a Narragansett word meaning “spiritual leader.” The powwow will open with the Grand Entry, a sacred processional of the participants, led by the spiritual leader. Flags and eagle staffs follow, carried by an active duty and military veteran honor guard, after which the head dancers and participating dancers enter, all to the song of the host drum.

Throughout the weekend, tribal dancers will participate in exhibition and competition dancing. The intertribal dance will be an opportunity for anyone who wishes to dance to join in. Weekend highlights include:

- **The Grand Entry** – Saturday, September 26 at 12 noon and 7 p.m., and Sunday, September 27 at 12 noon
- **Gourd Dancing** – Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 at 11 a.m.
- **Host Northern Drum** – Young Spirit from Alberta Canada
- **Host Southern Drum** – Big Medicine from Oklahoma
- **Kalpulli Teuxhuitl-Aztec Dancers** – during the Saturday dinner break

Admission and parking are free. Alcohol is not permitted. For more information, contact **Tommy Gonzales** at (661) 619-5327 or **Sandra Hernandez** at (661) 549-0824.  

**Kegley Institute of Ethics Fall Lecture Series**

**James Barrat**, author of the book *Our Final Invention: Artificial Intelligence and the end of the Human Era*, will be the featured speaker at the Kegley Institute of Ethics Fall Lecture, “Can Humanity Survive Artificial Intelligence?” Barrat contends that our race to expand artificial intelligence, with the goal of creating machines that can emulate the human brain, particularly our capacity for self-awareness, will result in a dystopia of smarter, faster, stronger, self-aware machines with a survival instinct that surpasses human intelligence and control. The “future-is-now” lecture will take place Thursday, October 8, at 7:00pm in the Dore Theatre. Event parking will be free in Lots A, B, and C after 6:00pm. For details, please visit [www.csub.edu/kie](http://www.csub.edu/kie). KIE programs are supported by generous gifts from **Kern Schools Federal Credit Union**, **Kaiser Permanente** and **San Joaquin Community Hospital**.

**CSUB Faculty Awarded Substance Abuse Training Program Grant**

**Dr. Sarah Appleton**, Professor of Psychology, **Dr. Yvonne Ortiz-Bush**, Assistant Professor of Educational Counseling, and **Dr. Roseanna McCleary**, Associate Professor of Social Work, received a 3-year $540,312 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for their proposal entitled: "CSUB Substance Abuse Training Program (SATP)." SATP will educate, train, and
empower Kern County health profession students and practitioners to provide evidence-based screening and brief intervention, as well as refer those at risk for a substance abuse disorder to specialty substance abuse treatment. The program also will support a Professional Learning Community that links specialized treatment programs with networks of early intervention and referral services. Students will become leaders in the community in implementing the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in clinical practice. SATP will directly impact 500 diverse health profession students and 500 practitioners over three years (each at 150 per year).

**Faculty Honors**
The faculty honors presented each year at University Day represent the University’s top teaching honors. This year they recognize the achievements of two of our most outstanding educators who consistently provide our students with the critical components necessary to achieve a high quality education. Not only do the honorees contribute to CSUB’s overall mission, but they also contribute greatly to their individual fields, elevating the prestige of a degree obtained from our institution and the reputation of our University in the local community and beyond.

Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity
The Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity award recognizes outstanding contributions to the principle and practice of research.

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**Dr. Hossein Bidgoli**, Professor of Management, has been selected as CSUB’s 2015-2016 recipient of the Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award. During his 32-year tenure at CSUB he has authored more than 164 publications and served as the editor-in-chief of five Encyclopedia and Handbook series. His research, publications, scholarly, and creative activities are broadly divided into three groups: pedagogy, applied research, and reference work. In the area of pedagogy, his Management Information Systems (MIS) textbook is in its fifth edition. He has written six upper division textbooks; 16 articles in refereed journals; 12 book chapters; and presented more than 58 papers at regional and national conferences. In applied research, he has assisted MIS students, researchers, and practitioners to better understand the many issues in the successful design and implementation of management information systems. His reference work includes 17 separate volumes and 17,000 pages in the five Encyclopedia and Handbook series.

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**Dr. Dirk Baron**, Department Chair and Professor of Geology, is the recipient of the 2015-16 Faculty Leadership and Service Award for his outreach to improve science education at K-12 schools and recruit students into science majors. He was instrumental in creating dual-credit geology classes at Kern County high
schools that allow students who complete the courses to receive CSUB credit that can be transferred to other universities. In 2014-15, there were classes at six schools with almost 350 students enrolled. He procured $700,000 from the National Science Foundation, Chevron, and professional societies to support these classes and expand them to other schools in Kern County and beyond. The classes were featured as a national “best practices” model at a workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Another highlight of outreach to K-12 schools is the summer research participation program he developed. This program gives high school students and K-12 teachers the chance to work on research projects for four weeks with CSUB faculty and students. This effort was initially funded by the National Science Foundation. Dr. Baron also organized several major community events at CSUB including Engineers Day.

**Staff Awards**

**Diana Torres,** Administrative Support Coordinator in the Communications Department, has been recognized as Staff Forum’s 2014-15 Outstanding Staff (individual). The [Office of the Provost](#) staff were selected as the 2014-15 Outstanding Group, including Nicole Bigelow, Robin Flores, Linda Mikita, Paula Miser, and Dee Dee Rengil Price.

Nominations are invited each June to recognize non-Management Personnel Plan staff. Honorees are recognized at the end of the year staff bar-be-cue as well as at University Day. **Milissa Ackerly** is the Chairperson of Staff Forum.

**Honorary Degree Nominations**

The call is open for nominations for the honorary doctorate degree to be awarded by the CSU Board of Trustees (BOT) and CSUB at the 2016 spring commencement ceremony. Each CSU campus may recommend two honorary degrees each year. Upon BOT approval, an honorary doctorate degree may be awarded to individuals whose achievements and/or service exemplify the highest ideals of the CSU. Please visit [http://www.calstate.edu/honorarydegrees](http://www.calstate.edu/honorarydegrees) for the complete CSU guidelines and listing of past honorary degree recipients.

For each honorary degree candidate, I invite faculty, staff, students, alumni, members of the CSUB Foundation Board, President’s Community Advisory Council, and friends of the University to submit to the Office of the President by **October 12, 2015**:

1. Two signed letters providing reasons for the recommendation, referencing the CSU selection criteria, and specifying the degree to be awarded; and
2. a copy of the candidate’s resume, curriculum vitae, or biography with a history of accomplishments and contributions.

Once nominations are submitted, the process is confidential. Please do not notify the candidate(s) of the nomination and do not invite letters of support. The CSU discourages letters of support, as such solicitations "could place the Board, the system, and the campus in a difficult position if the nomination were not approved." Should you have questions, please contact **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath,** Executive Assistant to the President, at 654-2241 or eyoung3@csub.edu.

**Runner Ride Bike Share Launch**

Our **Runner Ride** bike share program launched with a morning group ride last Wednesday. Joining us for the ride were Bakersfield City Council members **Bob Smith, Willie Rivera,**
Party in the Park and 45th Anniversary
The CSUB Alumni Association’s signature fundraising event, Party in the Park, will be held Friday, October 23rd, in Alumni Park to connect the University, alumni, and the community. This year the event also will serve as the culminating celebration of CSUB’s 45th Anniversary. Attendees can look forward to enjoying live music, exceptional wine, craft beer and food pairings, and visiting with fellow alumni and community friends while supporting their alma mater. New this year is a VIP area with early entry and a special selection of wine, microbrews and delectable bites. VIP guests may enter from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Doors will open to the general public from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. Discounted tickets are available for CSUB faculty, staff, students and alumni. Proceeds benefit our alumni outreach efforts, building our alumni programs and services and, most importantly, graduate student scholarships. Attendees must be 21 or older. Tickets and event information are available at www.csub.edu/partyinthepark. For more information, please contact Sarah Hendrick, Director of Alumni Engagement, at 654-3211 or shendrick@csub.edu.

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. The first meeting of the academic year will take place at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015, in the Albertson Room.

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

- Horace Mitchell
  President