



### ***CSU Trustee Jane Carney and Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard to Visit Campus***



On November 16 and 17 we will welcome to campus CSU Trustee **Jane Carney** and **Dr. Loren Blanchard**, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs. Campus visits help the trustees and executives from the Office of the Chancellor gain knowledge and insight into the campuses and the communities we serve. Our visitors will tour the

campus and meet with a range of campus and community constituents. Their visit follows those of **Chancellor Timothy White** and CSU Board of Trustees Chair, **Rebecca Eisen**.

### ***Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner Accreditation***

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has approved the accreditation of our Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner program retroactive to January 2016. After a three-day campus visit in January, a three-person team of CCNE evaluators determined our MSN FNP program met all 28 elements of four CCNE standards, with no areas of non-compliance and no recommendations for improvement. The accreditation follows our voluntary withdrawal of accreditation during the temporary closure of the program in 2010 and initiation of the accreditation process when the program reopened in fall 2014. The evaluation team



commended the excellence of the self-study, exhibits, and visit preparation. Congratulations to immediate past Department of Nursing Chair and current Chair of the Academic Senate, **Dr. Deborah Boschini**, and **Dr. Heidi He**, Graduate Program Director, for their leadership in the program's reestablishment and accreditation, and the MSN faculty and staff for their diligent work.



### ***Charles Lam Receives \$6 Million STEM Grant***

Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Charles Lam**, Professor of Mathematics, on his \$5,999,860 grant from the U.S Department of Education for his grant proposal "A Guided Pathway Solution (GPS) to STEM Degree Completion." The project will address systemic barriers to STEM degree completion. In partnership with Bakersfield College, the initiative will develop a new model of faculty development, inter-segmental collaboration and student services delivery in which an interdisciplinary, cross-functional team of faculty from both sectors work in concert to support student success and STEM degree completion.

### ***Kim Flachmann Honored with Kern High School District's Jim Burke Light and Liberty Award***

**Dr. Kim Flachmann**, Professor of English, received the **Jim Burke Light and Liberty Award** for service to Kern County education presented at Kern High School District's (KHSD) annual [Principal Partners' Day](#) luncheon. Her service to education extends to

students, instructors, and administrators. She has taught some 5,000 students over her 44-year career at CSUB. Through the Early Assessment Program, Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum, and the Reading Institutes for Academic Preparation (RIAP) for high school and college instructors and administrators, she has helped tens of thousands of students become college-ready in reading and writing. As KHSD Superintendent **Dr. Byron Schaefer** noted to the crowd of about 400, Kim is driven by “her desire to teach students how to access the power of writing and thus improve their quality of life.”



Dr. Horace Mitchell, Dr. Bryon Schaefer, Laura Toomey, Dr. Kim Flachmann, Christopher Flachmann, Mikey Hay, Abby Flachmann, and Joe Hay

### ***Distinguished Faculty and Emeriti Recognized***

Each fall during our University Day events, we honor distinguished faculty in the areas of professional achievement, service, learning, and retiring faculty awarded emeritus status. Congratulations to our 2016-17 honorees:



**Dr. Joseph Fiedler**, Professor of Mathematics, [Faculty Leadership and Service Award](#)



**Dr. R. Brandon Pratt**, Associate Professor of Biology, [Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award](#)



**Dr. Anne Duran**, Associate Professor of Psychology, [Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award](#)

### **Faculty and Administrators Emeriti**

(first employed/emeriti status)

#### Faculty

**Dr. Jess Deegan**, Professor of Psychology, Emeritus (1993/2016)

**Dr. Mary Doucet**, Professor of Accounting, Emerita (1998/2016)

**Dr. Thomas Doucet**, Professor of Accounting, Emeritus (1988/2016)

**Dr. Mohamed El-Ansary**, Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus (1983/2016)

**Dr. Mark Evans**, Professor of Economics, Emeritus (1978/2016)

**Dr. Janice Ferrell**, Associate Professor of Music, Emerita (1999/2016)

**Christine Gavin**, Librarian, Emerita (1977/2016)

**Dr. Kathleen Gilchrist**, Professor of Nursing, Emerita (2001/2016)

**Dr. Janice Gillespie**, Professor of Geological Sciences, Emerita (1990/2016)

**Dr. Jeanne Harrie**, Professor of History, Emerita (1976/2016)

**Dr. Robert Horton**, Professor of Geological Sciences, Emeritus (1986/2016)

**Donna Meyers**, Lecturer in Computer Science, Emerita (1988/2016)

**Dr. Robert Negrini**, Professor of Geological Sciences, Emeritus (1985/2016)

**Dr. Roger Peck**, Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus (1991/2016)

**Dr. Kathleen Ritter**, Professor Psychology, Emerita (1974/2016)

**Dr. Joanne Schmidt**, Professor of Modern Languages and Literatures, Emerita (1984/2016)

**Dr. Shelley Stone**, Professor of Art, Emeritus (1983/2016)

**Dr. Marc Thomas**, Professor of Computer Science, Emeritus (1981/2016)

**Dr. Huaqing Wang**, Professor of Computer Science, Emeritus (1988/2016)

### Administrators

**Dr. Richard Collins**, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, Emeritus (2010/2016)

**Dr. Anne Houtman**, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering, Emerita (2013/2016)

**Dr. Kathleen Knutzen**, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education, Emerita (2010/2016)

### ***Record Student Delegation Attends HACU***

CSUB is a nationally recognized Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), which represents more than 400 colleges and universities committed to Hispanic higher education success throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Latin America and Spain. This year the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual HACU Conference was held in San Antonio, Texas, October 8-10. The Office of the Provost offered twelve scholarships to attend the conference to current CSUB students with a 3.0 GPA or higher.



The following students were selected based on their application, personal statement, resume, and letter of recommendation: **Rosemary (Rosie) Amaral; Laura Bautista; Elizabeth Braudrick; Alejandra Ceja; Reagen Dozier; Paola Hernandez; Evette Lara; Jeremy Ochoa; Christina Orozco; Elena Osorio; Chyna Parker; and Vanessa Perez-Torres.** **Dr. Jenny Zorn**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; **Dr. Thomas Martinez**, Professor of Public Policy and Administration; and **Claudia Catota, J.D.**, Assistant to the President for Equity, Inclusion and Compliance, led the student delegation.

To prepare for the conference, students attended workshops conducted by **Dr. Markel Quarles**, Director of the Center for Community Engagement and Career Education (CECE), and **Geraldine Alcantar**, CECE Career Counselor. Topics included resume development, preparing an “elevator pitch,” and table and travel etiquette. Their skills were put to immediate use at the conference as students interviewed with representatives from graduate schools regarding admission and corporations regarding internships and career opportunities.



### *Sathasivam “Kris” Krishnan to Serve on CAIR Board*



Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment Assistant Vice President **Dr. Sathasivam “Kris” Krishnan** has been selected to serve on the California Association for Institutional Research (CAIR)

Board of Directors. The organization focuses on institutional research and/or planning in California institutions of higher education. The 11-member board is composed of representatives from all sectors of California higher education, including public and private institutions. He will serve a three-year term starting January 2017.

### *Evelyn Young Spath Joins GET Board*

I am pleased to share that **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Executive Assistant to the President, has



been appointed by the Kern County Board of Supervisors to fill a vacant seat on the Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Board of Directors. As my liaison for environmental

sustainability, she champions alternate, active, and multi-modal transportation, especially public transit, bicycling, and ride share. She successfully advocated for expanded public transit service for the campus and, with Kern Community College District Chancellor **Dr. Sandra Serrano** (then-Chancellor of Bakersfield College), pressed for an express route between CSUB and Bakersfield College to address the lack of transportation as a barrier to enrollment and degree completion. The resulting express routes 21 and 22 run every 15 minutes and carry more than one-third of GET’s ridership. With a \$1.2 million Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, she is working to further improve service by enhancing the existing GET transit stop on campus.

### *Jennifer McCune Wins Advising Excellence Award*

The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) presented **Jennifer McCune**, Academic Advising and Resource Center (AARC) Coordinator, its Advising Excellence Award at its 2016 conference in Atlanta, Georgia earlier this month. Jennifer was selected as one of three awardees from among 80,000 advisors across the U.S. She was recognized specifically for her support of first generation college students. Jennifer was joined by AARC coordinators **Dr. Anna Laven**, School of Arts & Humanities; **Yvette Morones**, Social Sciences and Education; and **Jaimi Paschal**, School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering in a collaborative conference presentation, “Decentralized Student Intervention: One Size Does Not Fit All” which focused on implementing a tiered advising model to improve student retention.



Dr. Anna Laven, Jaimi Paschal, Jennifer McCune, and Yvette Morones

### *Former Associated Students, Inc. EVP is CSUB’s First Sustainability Coordinator*



**Jennifer Sanchez** (BA, Psychology, ‘15), Associated Students, Inc.’s immediate past Executive Vice President, has joined the Office of the President staff as an Energize

Colleges fellow. She will serve as CSUB’s first Sustainability Coordinator. CSUB is among twelve California colleges and universities participating in the Energize Colleges

program, an experiential learning energy and sustainability education and green workforce development program funded through the California Public Utilities Commission. Energize Colleges funds a recent college graduate as a full-time campus fellow and a minimum of ten paid student interns. Throughout the academic year the fellow and interns will work on energy-savings research projects and on developing a high school-to-university energy education pathway by supporting sustainability faculty and courses at CSUB and local high schools. Jennifer will manage the Energize Colleges interns, coordinate campus sustainability projects and programming, including updating our greenhouse gas emissions inventory, helping complete our climate action plan, and supporting the CSUB Edible Garden project. She will work under the supervision of **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Executive Assistant to the President, who secured the grant. Jennifer can be reached at 654-3552 or via email at [jsanchez93@csub.edu](mailto:jsanchez93@csub.edu).

### ***Honorary Doctorate Nominations***

Last week I announced my annual call for nominations for the honorary doctoral degree to be awarded by the CSU Board of Trustees and CSUB in spring 2017. An honorary doctorate degree may be awarded to individuals whose achievements and/or service exemplify the highest ideals of the California State University. Nominees may be local or from parts beyond our region, scholarly or non-academic, and may be from varied fields of undertaking. Each CSU campus may recommend and, upon approval by the CSU Board of Trustees, award two honorary degrees each year. Nominations may be submitted by faculty, staff, students, alumni, members of the CSUB Foundation Board, the President's Community Advisory Council, and friends of the University. For each nomination, please submit to the Office of the President:

- 1) letters of nomination from at least two individuals detailing the nominee's qualities and contributions that make the nominee a worthy candidate for the honor, and specifying the degree to be awarded:
  - Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.)
  - Doctor of Humane Letters (L.D.H.)
  - Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)
  - Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.)
  - Doctor of Science (Sc.D.); 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 take utmost care to ensure confidentiality. Please do not contact prospective nominees to discuss the possibility of a nomination or invite letters of support.

You will find the CSU Honorary Degree Policy and a list of past honorary degree recipients at <http://www.calstate.edu/honorarydegrees>. The CSU does not award honorary degrees to previous recipients of honorary degrees awarded by the CSU or the following incumbents: elected officials, members of the CSU Board of Trustees, the CSU Chancellor, and CSU presidents.

Please submit your written recommendations to the Office of the President by **November 17, 2016**. Should you have questions, please contact **Evelyn Young Spath** at 654-2241 or [eyoung3@csub.edu](mailto:eyoung3@csub.edu).

### ***Visits to Local Elementary Schools***

We enjoy a strong collaboration with our K-12 partners to help cultivate a college-going culture in our region. Some of my most enjoyable events are my visits to local elementary schools. I thought I would share with you a photo from my October 7<sup>th</sup> visit to Franklin Elementary School for the Bakersfield City School District's Community Partners in Education Day. I also attended Juliet Thorner Elementary School for its October 12<sup>th</sup> Student Body Installation Ceremony.



Franklin Elementary School

### ***Events***

Save the Date:

Holiday Reception, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>,  
3 pm, Dezember Reading Room

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 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. The next meeting will take place Friday, November 18, 2016 at 10:00 am. 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