



### ***Remembering Former CSU Chancellor Charles Reed***

We mourn the loss of former CSU Chancellor **Charles Reed** who passed away earlier this month. Chancellor Reed was the sixth chancellor of the CSU system and served 14 years in that role. The system achieved a number of accomplishments under his leadership. I am honored to have been appointed president of CSUB under his administration. You may read more about his legacy and accomplishments in the CSU's [announcement](#) of his passing.



### ***More Top Rankings for CSUB***

The *Times Higher Education* 2017 US College Rankings list **CSUB as a top university for student inclusion**. Produced and published in collaboration with *The Wall Street Journal*, the rankings use value-added metrics that consider student and institutional characteristics in measuring the institution's success in

transforming students' lives. Student diversity and inclusion measure the breadth of the institution's student body in terms of its ethnic and socioeconomic background. The inclusion metric specifically measures the proportion of Pell Grant and first generation students. Public institutions tend to have more diverse student bodies and represent populations that traditionally might be excluded from higher education.

### **CSUB Ranks #6 in Georgetown Listing**

While there typically is an inverse relationship between inclusion and other metrics such as value-added salaries, CSUB outperforms on this measure. Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce ranks **CSUB as #6 for earnings, academic preparation and graduate degree attainment**. The ranking analyzes the U.S. Department of Education's 2015 College Scorecard data. CSUB graduates earn \$16,400 more per year than their expected annual earnings. The outcome speaks to the quality of the education the university provides. These and other quality rankings attest to our focus on student learning outcomes.

### ***Steven Bacon Appointed Dean of SSE***



Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Dr. Jenny Zorn** and I are pleased to announce that **Dr. Steve Bacon** has been appointed Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education following a national search to fill the position. Steve has served in various administrative capacities in the school, including Interim Dean, Associate Dean, and Chair of the

Department of Psychology. A full professor since 2007, he began his CSUB career as a part-time lecturer in 1994.

Steve earned a B.A. in the Study of Religion from UCLA, a Master's in Clinical Psychology from San Diego State University, a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and served as a postdoctoral fellow in pain research at the UCSD School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. We congratulate Steve on becoming our new SSE Dean and extend sincere appreciation to search committee chair, **Dr. Doreen Anderson Facile**, and committee members **Drs. Jong Choi, Rhonda Dugan, Kristina LaGue, Kathleen Madden, Mark Martinez, Claudia Catota, J.D.**, and ASI representative, **Eric Rodarte**.

### ***Michael Lukens Named Director of Public Affairs and Communications***



**Michael Lukens** will transition from the northern Central Valley to join us here at CSUB as our Director of Public Affairs and Communications, effective January 3, 2017. Michael comes to us from Fresno State where

he was a communications consultant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. His 27 years of experience in government and media relations and strategic communications include serving as press secretary to Fresno Mayor **Ashley Swearingen**, deputy press secretary to four Pennsylvania governors, and creator and editor of a daily political newsletter, *The Maddy Daily*, which covers San Joaquin Valley politics and public policy.

Mike will serve as the university's public information officer and chief publicist, and will report to the Vice President for University Advancement. He holds a bachelor's degree in public policy from Pennsylvania State University

and a master's degree in public administration from Fresno State. We look forward to Mike joining the CSUB team. Our thanks go to search committee members: **Melissa Watkins** (chair), **Drs. Jacquelyn Kegley, Jim Drnek, and David Schechter, UPD Chief Marty Williamson, Dean Curt Asher, and Pierre Igoa**.

### ***CSUB Alum Selected as Kern County Administrative Officer***



Bakersfield native and CSUB alum **Ryan Alsop** ('98, B.A., political science) will succeed alum **John Nilon** ('79, B.A., political science; '88 MPA) as the Kern County's Administrative Officer, effective upon John's retirement on

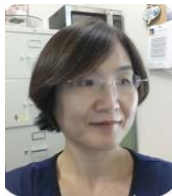
January 3, 2017. Ryan will leave his position as Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County, where he has served since 2009. He previously worked as Director of Government and Public Affairs for the Long Beach Water District, Director of External Affairs for former Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, and as a private government relations consultant in Washington, D.C. He also served as Director of Legislative and Public Affairs for the Greater Bakersfield and Long Beach Chambers of Commerce, and as a district office director for former California State Senator **Ken Maddy**. Ryan is a graduate of Highland High School. We welcome him home to Bakersfield and wish him well in his new role.

### ***Applause! Applause! Applause!***



CSUB has been approved to establish a chapter of the [\*Phi Beta Delta\*](#) international honor society. Founding members of the *Theta Theta* chapter will include students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Congratulations to **Dr. Cliona Murphy**, Professor of History, for her successful application on behalf of CSUB.

Congratulations to **Dr. Yeunjoo Lee**, Director and Professor of Special Education, and **Dr.**



**Christie Howell**, Associate Professor of Teacher Education and Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CAFS), on their two-year \$250,000 "Integrated Teacher Preparation Grant" from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The grant will help develop a four-year integrated CAFS program with a Preliminary Education



Specialist Credential (CSPED), and a four-year plus one semester integrated CAFS, CSPED, and Early Childhood Added Authorization program. The proposed programs will be offered in Fall 2018 and are intended to help alleviate the shortage of special education teachers in CSUB service areas.

### ***New Dates for Old Events***

Our transition to a semester calendar has shifted the dates of key university events. Please save the following dates:

#### **April 28-29, 2017**

Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB

#### **April 29, 2017**

*Celebrate CSUB!* 9am-1pm

#### **May 18, 2017**

Graduate and Hooding Commencement Ceremony, 4pm, Icardo Center

#### **May 19, 2017**

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony  
8am, Main Soccer Field

### ***Semester Break***

The campus will be closed December 23, 2016 through January 2, 2017 for the winter holiday. Faculty return to campus January 20. Spring semester classes begin January 23.

### ***Events***

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. The next meeting will take place Friday, January 20, 2017 at 10:00 am. in the Albertson Room.

### ***Holiday Greeting***

First Lady Barbara Mitchell and I wish you and yours a [wonderful holiday season](#) and a safe and joyous New Year.



I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event in 2017.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell  
President