Clinica Sierra Vista’s Steve Schilling to Receive Honorary Doctorate

At its January 26, 2016 meeting, the CSU Board of Trustees approved our request to award an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree to Stephen Schilling, Chief Executive Officer of Clinica Sierra Vista. The CSU awards honorary doctorates under the following criteria:

- to recognize excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavor, within which are embodied the objectives and ideals of the California State University;

- to honor meritorious and outstanding service to the California State University, collectively, or to its campuses, individually; to the State of California; to the United States; or to humanity at large; and

- to recognize men and women whose lives and achievements should serve as examples of the California State University’s aspirations for its diverse student body.

Under his more than forty years of leadership, Clinica Sierra Vista has grown from a single struggling location to community health centers in more than 70 locations in Kern, Fresno, and Inyo Counties, providing quality multi-specialty medical, dental, preventive healthcare, and outreach services for low- and moderate-income families. Steve oversees more than 1,150 employees and manages a budget of more than $110 million. He has served for more than a decade on the Advisory Board for the Master of Public Administration and Master of Science in Health Care Administration degree programs in the School of Business, Department of Public Policy and Administration, and is a frequent guest speaker in the courses. He provides internships and clinical experience settings for public administration, health care management, and nursing students, encourages his employees to further their education at CSUB, and regularly hires CSUB graduates.

The honorary degree will be conferred in the name of the CSU and CSUB and will be awarded at the commencement ceremony held Friday, June 10, 2016 at the CSUB amphitheater.

Wendy Wayne Award Honors Karen Goh and Carly Riddle

The Kegley Institute of Ethics has named Karen Goh, President and Chief Executive Officer of Garden Pathways, Inc., and Carly Riddle, a North High School senior, as recipients of the 2016 Wendy Wayne Award for Exemplary Ethical Behavior. The adult honoree will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award along with a $5,000 charitable donation made in her name. The youth honoree will receive a Youth Award and a $5,000 college scholarship. The invitation-only awards dinner, co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and San Joaquin Community Hospital, will take place on March 2, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. at the Seven Oaks Country Club. For more information, please contact Chris Meyers, Director of the Kegley Institute of Ethics, at cmeyers@csub or via phone at 654-6263.
Rudy Carvajal Awarded Honor of Emeritus Status

In recognition of his many years of distinguished service to our University, our students, and student-athletes, I was pleased to confer emeritus status upon Rudy Carvajal, our founding Athletics Director. I made the presentation during our men’s basketball homecoming game at the Icardo Center Saturday night. The CSUB athletics program began in 1972, two years after the University opened. Rudy was appointed Director of Athletics during that same year and he retired in 2010. His many accomplishments over his 38-year career include leading our athletics program through the NCAA transition process from Division II to NCAA Division I. With the conferral, Rudy forever will have the title, Director of Athletics, Emeritus.

Hall Ambulance Donates Life-saving AEDs

In celebration of the company’s 45th anniversary, Hall Ambulance donated eight life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Athletics Department. A device will be located in each of the department’s eight sports facilities: the Icardo Center, Hillman Aquatics Center, Antonino Sports Center Wrestling Room, Hardt Field, Barnes Beach Volleyball Complex, the main soccer field, softball complex, and track. With the gift, athletics has a total of ten AEDS. We are grateful to Mayor Harvey Hall, owner of Hall Ambulance, for his continued support of our student-athletes and our University.

Collins Appointed to Humanities Board

Richard Collins, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, has joined the board of directors of California Humanities. The non-profit granting organization is an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and promotes the humanities as essential to elevating the quality of life and maintaining a healthy society. He will serve a three-year term on the board.

Honors Students Travel to The Hague

Four Helen Hawk Honors students will attend a summer program July 4-29 at The Hague University of Applied Sciences in Holland to study “Water, a Global Challenge.” Garrison Moratto, a freshman Political Science major, will attend a two-week session. Attending a four-week session are: Daniel Kirk, a junior History major; Gran Obenshain, a sophomore Geology major; and Darby Scanlon, a junior Economics major. Students will work on water-related projects in general and elective modules and participate in weekly cultural visits to understand how theory is applied in real-world international organizations. Tuition for the summer program is funded through the Helen Hawk Scholarship Fund and the President’s Fund for Academic Achievement. Richard Collins, Dean of the School of arts and Humanities, is providing $300 for the History major. Jacquelyn Kegley, Professor of Philosophy, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Director of the Helen Hawk Honors Program, shares that students are seeking funding sources for travel. She may be contacted via email at jkegley@csub.edu.

Ethics Bowl Team Makes Quarter-Finals at National Competition

Congratulations to our Ethics Bowl team who traveled to the national competition in Virginia where they advanced to the quarter-final round after sweeping the California regionals of the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl. See the January 2016 Update to learn more about the team.

Campus Beautification Award Winners

A new campus competition is fostering University pride from the ground up. Every fourth Monday at noon, teams of faculty, staff,
and students meet on the Student Union patio to participate in the Campus Beautification Committee’s campus clean-up initiative. Donning disposable gloves and equipped with trash bags and long-handled trash grabbers, teams disperse and traverse the campus to remove litter from their adopted areas and keep our campus beautiful. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the most litter-free. The team from the winning area is presented a certificate to keep and a trophy which travels to each winning team. Awardees thus far are:

November 2015 - ASI for Runner Park

January 2016 - Student Health Services for the Student Health Center

16th Annual Kern Economic Summit
Please mark your calendars for the 16th annual Kern County Economic Summit to be held Wednesday, March 23 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel, 3100 Camino Del Rio Court. Keynote speaker this year is top-ranked generational Ryan Jenkins who will share strategies for employers to attract, motivate, retain, and communicate with millennials. The event is co-sponsored by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, the Kern Economic Development Corporation, and CSUB.

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 from 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 next meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 18, 2016 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

To adopt an area or learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/.