



Winter quarter ends and spring begins on historic notes as we extend the excellence at CSUB. We continue to earn accolades, honors, and awards for our academic and co-curricular programs that bring local, regional, and national attention to our University and Bakersfield.

Men's Basketball Wins WAC Tourney and Catches March Madness

In just their sixth season of Division I competition, our men's basketball team made history to earn a berth in the NCAA's signature event, the NCAA tournament. The team defeated the University of New Mexico with less than a second remaining in the game to win the Western Athletics Conference and an invitation to the NCAA tournament. Our No. 15 seed team played admirably against No. 2 seed University of Oklahoma who advanced to the Final Four. Some 200 fans traveled to support the team, including our alum, U.S. Congressman and Majority Leader **Kevin McCarthy**. As scholar-athletes, our players took their final exams in Oklahoma, as did the members of our pep band and spirit squad who made the journey. The conference championship was televised on ESPNU and the NCAA tournament was televised on TBN. Congratulations to the players, **Coach Rod Barnes**, and the coaching and support staff for this feat. Thank you to the entire Bakersfield community for joining us in March Madness.



Wrestlers Go to the Mat in NCAA Tournament

Five CSUB wrestlers were center stage at the NCAA Division I Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Congratulations to our five NCAA qualifiers:

Adam Fierro, Reuben Franklin, Coleman Hammond, Bryce Hammond, and Ian Nickell, and **Coach Mike Mendoza** and staff. Hammond, Nickell, and Hammond advanced to the quarterfinals. All matches were televised on ESPN3.



David Cote, CEO of Honeywell, is Next in Distinguished Speaker Series



We are pleased to have **David Cote**, Chairman and CEO of Honeywell, join us as the third speaker in our Distinguished

Speaker Series (DSS). Honeywell is a \$40 billion diversified technology and manufacturing leader with a worldwide customer base. The event will be held Monday, April 4, 2016 from 6:00-7:00p.m. in the Icardo Center. Cote follows inaugural speaker **Elon Musk**, co-founder of PayPal, and CEO of Tesla Motors and SpaceX, and **J. Patrick Doyle**, President and CEO of Domino's Pizza.

The DSS was established to bring individuals to the University and community whose achievements have earned national and international significance. A DSS advisory

committee is composed of campus and community members with our alum, U.S. Congressman and Majority Leader **Kevin McCarthy**, serving as honorary chairperson. Kevin will introduce our guest speaker. This event is free and open to the public; however, reservations are required. Please RSVP to rsvp@csub.edu with the number of attendees and note "Distinguished Speaker Series" in the subject line.



Tracy Martin, Father of Trayvon Martin, is Kegley Memorial Lecture Speaker

Tracy Martin will bring a message of peace, community, and family unity Tuesday, April 12, 2016, as the 30th Annual Charles W. Kegley Memorial Lecture speaker. His unarmed 17-year-old son, **Trayvon Martin**, was fatally shot in 2012 as he walked to his father's home from a convenience store. **George Zimmerman**, the neighborhood watch volunteer who shot Trayvon, was acquitted of second degree murder charges under Florida's controversial "Stand Your Ground" law. After the acquittal, Martin's parents, **Sybrina Fulton** and **Tracy Martin**, founded the Trayvon Martin Foundation, dedicated to providing advocacy and support for victims of violence. His talk, "We Are All Trayvon," speaks to race relations, community policing, community relationships, and the critical role of families.

The event will take place from 7:00-9:00p.m. in the Icardo Center. The event is free and open to the public, thanks to generous sponsorship from Kern Schools Federal Credit Union, Kaiser Permanente, and San Joaquin Community Hospital. For more information, visit the Kegley Institute of Ethics at www.csub.edu/kie.

The Runner Journalists Win Media Awards

Congratulations to our student reporters who walked away with multiple awards at the

Associated Collegiate Press convention and California College Media Association banquet in Los Angeles last month. Under the leadership of Editor-in-Chief **Esteban Ramirez** and faculty advisor **Jennifer Burger**, *The Runner* received seven awards between the two events:

California College Media Association

AJ Alvarado:

1st Place, Best Sports Photo
3rd Place, Best Photo Series

Esteban Ramirez

3rd Place, Best Sports Story

Shelby Parker

Honorable Mention, Best A&E Story

40th Anniversary Issue

3rd Place, Best Special Issue

The Runner Online

Honorable Mention, Best Website

Associated Collegiate Press

Best of Show contest

The Runner Online

7th Place, Best Website- Small School



Runner Read and Ride Promotes Middle School Literacy, Health, and Fitness

In an innovative collaboration to address childhood obesity, improve reading skills, and

foster a college-going culture in our region, the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology (PEAK) partnered with Buttonwillow Elementary School to launch *Runner Read and Ride*. The fitness program encourages middle school students to read self-selected novels while riding stationary bicycles, called FitDesks, and wearing Fitbits, as PEAK faculty and students record their fitness levels. Students ride for 25 minutes four days per week. Kaiser Permanente provided grant funding for the bicycles and Fitbits. Department Chair **Kris Grappendorf** leads the initiative. Middle school teachers report students are eager to read and ride, show more interest in reading on their own time, and have requested more novels to read.



Engineering Students Research Innovations for Wastewater Treatment

Farmers need more water. Oil producers and dairy farmers need to reuse wastewater. In a collaboration between OriginClear, a Los Angeles water treatment company, and CSUB, nine senior engineering students are researching cost-effective and efficient ways to treat oil field and dairy wastewater for agricultural reuse. Students in physics and engineering Assistant Professor **Luis Cabrales's** course use OriginClear's equipment to innovate the company's three-step water treatment process. The research has local and far-reaching implications toward developing solutions to wastewater reuse.

Student Research Competition Winners Announced

Please join me in congratulating the winners of the Student Research Competition held earlier this month. Some of these winners will represent CSUB at the CSU Statewide research competition to be held on our campus on April 29 and 30,

2016. **Chancellor Timothy White** will be present for a portion of the first day of competition as he makes his second campus visit to CSUB. Details of his visit are being finalized and will be highlighted in the April issue of the *Update*. Our Student Research Competition winners are:

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Undergraduates

1st Place – **Nkiruka Oragwam** (Chemistry)

2nd Place – **David-Allen Alvarez** (Geology)

Graduates

1st Place (tie) – **Rachel Tiner** (Geology) and **Jordan Martin** (Geology)

Engineering and Computer Sciences

Undergraduates

1st Place – **Sheriff Sadiqbatcha** (Computer Engineering)

2nd Place – **Alex Ramirez** (Electrical Engineering)

Biological and Agricultural Sciences

Undergraduates

1st Place – **Rachel Oldfield** (Chemistry)

Graduates

1st Place – **David Salisbury** (Biology)

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Undergraduates

1st Place – **Andrew Suter** (Psychology & Biology)

2nd Place – (tie) **Hala Alnajjar** (Sociology) **Samirah Hussein** (Psychology)

Celebrate CSUB! 10th Annual Open House

I invite you to bring your families and friends to *Celebrate CSUB!* Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Runner Park. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event. Admission and parking are complimentary. The event is open to the public. For more information, visit www.csub.edu/celebrate.

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, April 15, 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