



In our June issue, we overlooked and since then have received additional information regarding some of our recent graduates who are continuing on to graduate and professional programs, internships, or employment. Congratulations graduates, once again, on your amazing achievements!

### *Doctoral Programs*

**Hala Alnajar** graduated in spring 2016 with a double major in Sociology and Religious Studies. She was accepted into the Ph.D. program in Sociology at UC Merced and will begin in fall 2016. Hala has been awarded a tuition waiver/grant funding totaling \$19,000 for the first four years of her graduate studies.

### *Master's Programs*

**Donato Cruz** (BA '15) began working on his MA degree in history at San Luis Obispo earlier this year.

**Valeria Garcia** is studying in the Masters in Education program with a credential in history at Point Loma University.

**Nicole Villanueva** (BA '15) was accepted at both George Washington and San Diego State University's MA history programs. She plans to attend SDSU in the fall.

**Mackenzie Hooper** (BA '16) has been accepted in the MA Political Science Program at American University, Chico State, and Sacramento State. She will attend Chico State.

### *Internships*

**Jamal Wright** (BA in History, '15) was selected for the Glendale Community College Internship Program.

**Jaclynn Dodd** (BA in History '16) who studied History and Classics in Florence, Italy during the academic year 2014-2015 believes that this "invigorating experience was life changing" and prepared her for a three-month internship. With her newly obtained degree in History, Jaclynn has been given the opportunity to intern as a Park Ranger for the Deschutes National Forest for three months.

### *Faculty Recognition*



Girl Scouts of Central California South will honor three local women for being trailblazers in their communities and career fields. Each woman recognized is selected by a committee of community volunteers. These women are selected based on being examples of women who work hard, give back to their communities, and ultimately inspire the next generation of female leaders, according to a news release.

On Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Girl Scouts of Central California South is hosting the eighth annual Women Inspiring Girls Award luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Valley Baptist Church. The 2016 event is honoring **Dr. Christi Dugas-Cramer**, Educator and Youth Advocate at Cecil Avenue Math and Science Academy; **Dr. Isabel Sumaya**, Associate Professor of Psychology at CSU Bakersfield; and **Sylvia Treanor**, Retired Educator.

Congratulations, **Isabel**, and thank you for all you do to inspire young girls and women.

To purchase tickets for this event, please visit [www.girlscoutscs.org/women-inspiring-girls](http://www.girlscoutscs.org/women-inspiring-girls). All proceeds from this event go toward providing the Girl Scout journey to local girls who otherwise would be unable to experience it.

### Grant Awards



Congratulations to **Jesse Quintanilla**, Educational Talent Search (ETS) Director, and the entire **TRIO staff** for securing a five-year, \$2,300,400 grant from the Department of Education for the TRIO Educational Talent Search program. This award will allow the program to continue to serve thousands of low income and first-generation students in Kern County.

Please join us in congratulating **Dr. Saeed Jafarzadeh**, Assistant Professor (Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), for receiving a one-year, \$480,210 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense for his grant proposal entitled: "Acquisition of a Multi-Domain Advanced Real-Time Simulator to Support DoD-Focused Interdisciplinary Research at CSUB."

Congratulations to the **School of Social Sciences and Education** and Bakersfield City School District for being awarded a grant by the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to expand practice-based training for new K-8 teachers in implementing the state's math and science standards. CSUB is among eleven CSU campuses earning S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation grants. The grant will fund the Kern Urban Teacher Residency program, which prepares cohorts of CSUB credential candidates in intensive, high-quality clinical practice in close partnership with the Bakersfield City School District.

### And the Beautiful Bakersfield 2016 Education Award goes to...

Congratulations to the **School of Social Sciences and Education Kern Rural Teacher Residency** for receiving the 2016 Beautiful Bakersfield Award for Education! They were recognized by the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce at the annual gala dinner held on June 4, 2016. We also want to congratulate CSUB's other nominees: Office of Events (Public/Private Partnership) and Campus Gamers (Life as it Should Be – Civic/Non-Profit.)



The Kern Rural Teacher Residency credential and master's program addresses the need to prepare and increase the retention rate of qualified educators in high-need rural schools of minority and English learner populations. The program reaches out to rural schools through a partnership between our School of Social Sciences and Education and three of our Valley school districts: Buttonwillow Union School District; Lamont Elementary School District; and Semitropic Elementary School District.



*Pictured left to right: Jesus Esquibel, Anaya Lee, Kristina LaGue, Bree Gage, and Robin Valente receiving award at Beautiful Bakersfield Awards Gala.*

### ***Partnerships are a BLAST!***

CSUB, in collaboration with the Lamont Elementary School District; Semitropic Elementary School District; and Buttonwillow Union School District, offered **Camp BLAST!** to over fifty-five teachers and four-hundred students in grades 4-7. The program ran from June 13-July 7 and provided a uniquely engaging summer curriculum in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to serve our rural communities.



*Camp BLAST! Group Photo 2016*

### ***California Teachers Summit 2016***

We are extremely honored to host, once again, **The BETTER TOGETHER: California Teachers Summit 2016**. This is part of a state-wide initiative with programs scheduled to be held on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at nearly 40 locations across the state. The program is a unique day of learning led by teachers, for teachers.



The program will be held in the Icardo Center and features keynote addresses by education leaders, TED-style EdTalks presented by local teachers, including one of our alum, **Jeremy Adams** (MA, '00), and EDcamp discussions on topics such as the CA Standards in English/Lang Arts and Math and the Next Generation Science Standards.

Special thanks go out to our local summit leads **Dr. Kristina LaGue, Ms. Katy Christenson, Ms. Morgan Alcalá** and to all the volunteers who worked to organize this event. To learn more about the summit please visit: [cateacherssummit.com](http://cateacherssummit.com).

### ***Events***

Whether you are looking for academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, sports, or a calendar of highlight events, find them on [RunnerCal](http://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. Meetings will resume in fall 2016.

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

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell  
President