



We are soaring to new heights as the quality of our academic programs continue to gain national recognition. I welcome new and returning students, faculty, and staff to the start of an historic 2016-17 academic year on the semester calendar and a new, thematic General Education program. **#RunnerPride**



#1 Best Bang for the Buck
CSUB is ranked #1 Best Bank for the Buck Western Colleges in the [2016 Washington Monthly College Rankings](#). The Best

Bang is “the extent to which institutions charge students who aren’t rich a reasonable price for quality education that will advance them in their careers,” states the publication. Data include the percentage first-generation students enrolled – “a key measure of its commitment to opportunity” – the percentage of Pell Grant students, net price of attendance, student loan repayment rate, and graduation rate. “Cal State–Bakersfield is best in the West for serving large numbers of modest-income and first-generation students at a low price, and setting them up to earn, ten years after enrolling, \$49,800 a year, over \$10,000 more than do former students from other colleges who have similar backgrounds.” The ranking attests to the hard work of our faculty, staff, and administrators, and our commitment to student success.



#12 in the Nation’s Top 100 Master’s Universities

The *Washington Monthly’s* annual college guide ranks CSUB 12th among the nation’s Top 100 Master’s

Universities. Our top 20 ranking places us among the most accessible, affordable, high quality public institutions nationwide. The rankings are based on “contributions to the public good in three board categories: Social Mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students); Research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and PhDs); and Service (encouraging students to give something back to their country),” reports the *Washington Monthly*. Its rankings are in contrast to the *U.S News & World Report’s* “best colleges” measures of an educational institution’s wealth, fame, and exclusivity, and student input measures such as SAT scores and class rank, rather than output measures, such as how much students learned as a result of their time at the institution, and whether students were able to get good-paying jobs after graduation. Our meteoric rise from #87 in 2015 evidences our student-centered focus and transformation of our academic programs.



BestColleges.com ranks CSUB #4 **[Most Affordable Online RN to BSN Programs of 2016](#)**.

BestColleges.com’s college affordability score ranks schools on their overall value rather than simply low cost of tuition, and includes

only institutions that offer a quality, affordable education. Measures include the percentage of students taking out loans; average loan amount; institution's loan default rate; average net price; and percentage of students graduating in four years.

More Rankings

#4 [lowest student loan debt](#) in LendEDU's Student Loan Debt Rankings for Public 4-Year Colleges and Universities

#14 lowest student loan debt in LendEDU's Overall Student Loan Debt Rankings for 4-Year Colleges & Universities



Chair of CSU Board of Trustees Visits Campus

Trustee **Rebecca Eisen**, the new Chair of the [CSU Board of Trustees](#), visited our campus this week on August 30-31, 2016. She met with various faculty, staff, and students, and members of the CSUB Foundation Board and President's Community Advisory Council during her visit. Her scheduled activities included a campus tour, classroom visit, high-speed rail simulator demonstration, and Brown Bag Luncheon with students. She was specifically interested in the student success initiatives and the recent changes we have made to the general education curriculum.



John Brock Community Service Award

Joe MacIvaine, immediate past president of Wonderful Orchards (Paramount Farming Co.), has been named as the recipient of the [2016 John Brock Community Service Award](#) honoree by the Executive Advisory Council of the School of Business and Public Administration. Joe will be honored at the

annual awards dinner on September 8, 2016 at the Seven Oaks Country Club in recognition of his strong business leadership and service to the community.

Gifts and Grants

Dignity Health has contributed \$450,000 to the Department of Nursing over three years to help prepare more Family Nurse Practitioners (FNPs) to meet critical healthcare needs in Bakersfield and the surrounding communities. Our region has a high demand for trained healthcare professionals. The generous support from Dignity not only will help expand the FNP program at CSUB, but also helps local RNs who wish to advance their careers. We are grateful to Dignity Health for their support.



Brandon Pratt, Professor of Biology, has received a one-year \$496,655 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense for his grant proposal entitled, "Acquisition of a Micro-CT for Multi-Disciplinary Research, Teaching and STEM Outreach at California State University, Bakersfield."

CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

Biochemistry major **Anh Nguyen** has been selected to receive a CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement for the 2016-17 academic year. The award is given for superior academic performance, exemplary community service, and significant personal accomplishments. Awardees from each of the 23 campuses will receive a \$6,000 scholarship which will be presented at the September 20, 2016 meeting of the CSU Board of Trustees.

Campus Beautification Winner

The Campus Beautification Committee exists to help beautify the CSUB campus through

education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. The Campus Beautification Selection Committee tours the campus monthly to see which adopted area is the cleanest. The committee is proud to recognize **Dr. Carol Raupp**, Professor of Psychology, for having the cleanest area, the Demonstration Garden, for the month of May. If you would like to adopt an area or learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify.



Deborah Burks, Suzette Tischmacher, Carol Raupp, Thomas Wallace, Horace Mitchell, Kenneth Williams

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 Friday, September 16, 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