



### *Answering the Call to Leadership*

We began our 2016-17 academic year with a new academic calendar, a new General Education curriculum, and new leadership in each of our four schools. **Provost Jenny Zorn** and I are pleased to have the following administrators serving the campus as interim deans:



**Dr. Liora Gubkin**, Professor, Religious Studies, School of Arts and Humanities;



**Dr. John Stark**, Associate Professor of Management, School of Business and Public Administration;



**Dr. Kathleen Madden**, Professor of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering; and



**Dr. Steve Bacon**, Professor of Psychology, School of Social Sciences and Education.

We also are pleased to have the following leaders serving as interim associate deans:



**Dr. Debra Jackson**, Professor of Philosophy, School of Arts and Humanities (through June, 2017);



**Dr. Lori Paris**, School of Business and Public Administration (through December, 2016);



**Dr. Todd McBride**, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering (through June, 2017); and



**Dr. Tanya Boone-Holladay**, Social Sciences and Education (through December, 2016).

## ***Bakersfield Business Conference Set for October 8***



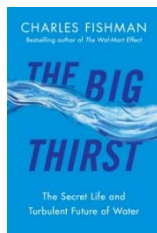
The quinquennial Bakersfield Business Conference returns to CSUB on Saturday, October 8 featuring political leaders, media personalities, sports legends, and national heroes.

**George Martin**, Managing General Partner of The Law Offices of Borton Petrini LLP, started a business and finance conference in 1985 with an attendance of 250 that has become the premiere speaker's event with more than 9,000 attendees some thirty years later. This year's platform of more than 40 speakers includes **Dr. Ben Carson, Bobby Jindahl, Rick Perry, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Anne Romney, Herman Cain, James Carville, Ann Coulter, Kevin McCarthy, Bill Richardson, Diane Keaton, Antonio Villaraigosa**, and Olympic athletes, among many others. As always, George will reveal a prominent surprise guest at the event. The conference adjourns at day's end into a complimentary picnic, concert featuring **Chubby Checker**, and patriotic fireworks show.

Gates open at 7:00 a.m. Saturday with complimentary refreshments, continental breakfast, and farmer's market produce. The Main Tent program begins at 9:30 a.m. Events in the Olympic Pavillion and the Sports, Political, Borton Petrini How-To Business, and CSUB tents begin at 8:30 a.m. General admission tickets are \$295. Reserved seating tickets are \$495. Please visit <http://bakersfieldbusinessconference.com/> for more information.

***One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern; First Year Experience 'Runner Reader***

**Charles Fishman**, author of *The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and*



*Turbulent Future of Water*, will visit campus on October 27 at 6pm in the Icardo Center for a discussion and book-signing of this year's community-wide common reader. The author's visit culminates a two-month long community read and related educational programming throughout the county. Some 1500 middle, high school, college students, and community members are expected to attend. Among a myriad of activities is the [College Writing Contest](#) for first-year experience and first-year composition students at CSUB, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso College, Porterville College, and Taft College. Submissions are due October 14. The winner will be announced during the author's visit. Other events include the Hawk Honors student panel on international organizations and water; a community panel on the ethics of water distribution; Kern County at 150; discussions at branch libraries on California's drought, and local art exhibits and craft fairs. A full schedule of events is available at <http://bit.ly/2d1sapu>. The common reader program is a collaboration among CSUB, the Kern County Library, and an array of educational, non-profit, government, and business partners.



## ***Hispanic Heritage Month***

Emmy Award-winning and Academy and Golden Globe nominee **Moctesuma Esparza** was the featured speaker for [Hispanic Heritage Month](#). The founder of Maya Cinemas, his filmmaking credits include *Selena, Introducing Dorothy Dandridge*, and the *Milagro Beanfield War, Gettysburg*, and *Walkout*. Events continue through mid-October with **Dr. Anthea Hartig**, Executive Director of the California Historical Society, presenting "Multiple Views, Many Histories: Framing an Inclusive California," a health and awareness fair, and other cultural celebrations.

### **Department of Nursing Awarded \$268,050 Grant**



Please join me in congratulating **Dr. Phyllis Heintz**, Chair, Nursing Department, and nursing lecturers **Judy Pedro** and **Dr. Heidi He**, for their \$268,050 award from the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The competitive grant includes \$144,000 for capitation and \$129,950 for the Community Health Nursing curriculum, specifically the Community Preventive Health Collaborative, now in its fifth year. The grant process included an extensive written submission and oral presentation to a panel of commission members and audience of representatives from competing programs.

### **Heidi He Named RN of the Year**

In more nursing news, the Association of Kern County Nurse Leaders named **Dr. Heidi He** Registered Nurse of the Year in Advanced Practice. She was selected from among 37 nominees in various nursing categories and has provided high-quality, compassionate health care for almost 20 years. She has completed the Doctor of Nursing Practice at Fresno State with a focus on chronic care management.

### **CREST Receives \$4,931,740 Grant**

The National Science Foundation has awarded a 5-year, \$4,931,740 grant to CSUB's Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) program. The multi-disciplinary project entitled: "CSUB CREST Phase II: Climate Science and Natural Resource Solutions for Water-Limited, Paired

Mountain/Valley Systems" will focus on research topics aimed at better understanding the role of drought, evaluating potential responses, and assisting with adaptive planning in response to these changes.

Undergraduate and graduate students will be recruited from groups underrepresented in STEM fields to conduct research under the guidance and mentorship of CSUB faculty and scientists at collaborating institutions. The ultimate program goal is to help students develop the skills and experience needed to enroll in a Ph.D. program and/or obtain leadership positions in local industry and government. Faculty members associated with the grant are **Drs. Graham Andrews, Jan Gillespie, Junhua Guo, Anna Jacobsen, William Krugh, Robert Negrini, Eduardo Montoya, Brandon Pratt, and Dayanand Saini**. The faculty is comprised of multi-disciplinary researchers with a background in Biology, Engineering, Geology, and Statistics. For more information, please visit [www.csub.edu/crest](http://www.csub.edu/crest).



### **Biological and Agricultural Engineering Awarded \$274,728 Grant**

Please join me in congratulating **Drs. Yiannis Ampatzidis**, Associate Professor of Physics and Engineering, **Dr. Saeed Jafarzadeh**, Assistant Professor of Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The duo received a four-year \$274,728 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their proposal: *RELO: Research, Experiential and Learning Opportunities for Undergraduate Students in Biological and Agricultural Engineering*.

### ***Wang Family Excellence Award Nominations***

Please see my e-mail to faculty and staff sent today regarding Executive Vice Chancellor Loren Blanchard's call for nominations for the 2017 Wang Family Excellence Awards. The memo outlines our campus process for nominations which are due to the Chancellor's Office on October 28, 2016. Four distinguished members of CSUB: three faculty and one administrator have received Wang awards:

**Dr. Michael Flachmann**

Visual and Performing Arts and Letters 1999

**Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley**

Visual and Performing Arts and Letters 2000

**Dr. J. Doug Davis**

Visual and Performing Arts and Letters 2003

**Mr. Rudy Carvajal**

Administrator 2005

We have many members of our faculty and staff whose achievements rise to the level for consideration for Wang Family Excellence Awards. Please do not hesitate to make your nominations.

### ***Repurposed Old Student Housing***

Over the summer, several university operations moved into the old student housing buildings. On the following page is a table of the new occupants and contact persons.

### ***Events***

The Alumni Association celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> year of [Party in the Park](#) on Friday, October 21 at 6:30pm in Alumni Park. The Latin Nights-themed event features the band Mento Buru.

October is Campus Sustainability Month. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rideshare at least one day October 3-7.

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 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, October 21, 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



### Repurposed Old Student Housing, Dining Commons and Modular West

Old Student Housing Building	Unit Moving In	Contact Person
<b>Dobry</b>	California Energy Research Center (CERC)	Tony Rathburn Dirk Baron
	Center for Social Justice	Mark Martinez
	Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs (GRASP)* Sponsored Programs Management Unit (Post-Award Services)	Daphne Evans Eva Hebebrand
	Residence Halls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors (juniors, seniors, graduate students in single housing units)	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
	Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center	Celeste Thompson
<b>Entwood</b>	Intensive English Language Center (IELC)** Student Computer Room and Study Rooms	Yuri Sakamaki
	International Students and Programs Study Abroad Resource Room International Honor Society	Sonia Silva
	Residence Halls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors (juniors, seniors, graduate students in single housing units)	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
<b>Lorien</b>	Center for College Access and Success Programs: College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Cal Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal SOAP) Roadrunner Parents Association Migrant Book Assistance San Joaquin Achievers Scholarship Network	Imelda Simos-Valdez  Mirvat Kalouch Jasmin Vega
	Residence Halls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors (juniors, seniors, graduate students in single housing units)	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
<b>Numenor</b>	Academic Advising and Resource Center (AARC)	Vikash Lakhani Jennifer McCune
	Residence Halls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors (juniors, seniors, graduate students in single housing units)	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
<b>Rivendell</b>	Student Housing West Administrative Offices Front Desk for Residential Students	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
	Guest and Hospitality Suites for overnight stays	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte
	University Welcome Center	
<b>Rohan</b>	Multi-Cultural Alliance and Gender Equity Resource Center; Campus Advocate and Education Coordinator (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor)	Vanessa Corona Jim Drnek
	Residence Halls – 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floors (juniors, seniors, graduate students in single housing units)	Crystal Becks John Zuzarte

<b>Dining Commons</b>	Kegley Center for Student Success	Melissa Bowen
<b>Modular West</b>	University Outreach Department	Darius Riggins

\*All other GRASP offices remain in Dorothy Donahoe Hall (DDH)

\*\*IELC Administration Center remains in the Business Development Center (BDC) Room C403