Alumni Hall of Fame Announces 2018 Inductees

Four distinguished alumni have been selected for induction into the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2006 to recognize alumni who have made significant achievements in their chosen fields of endeavor and/or in their community that bring honor and distinction to the university. Please join me in congratulating Debbie Wood (BA, Nursing, ’82; MA, Education ’00), Jeremy Adams (MA, Education, ’00) Bryan Burrow (MBA, ’00) and Ed Paine (BS, Business Administration, ’80).

Debbie Wood is a public health nurse who advocated to establish school clinics to provide healthcare for uninsured students in areas identified as “medical deserts.” Schools with lack of access to healthcare also experience high absenteeism which negatively impacts academic performance. Three healthcare centers have been established on school sites, each staffed with a full-time nurse practitioner and counselor. A fourth clinic will open at Stella Hills Elementary School and six additional sites in “healthcare deserts” have been identified. As the Bakersfield City School District’s (BCSD) school nurse coordinator, she championed the Healthy Start Collaborative between BCSD and Delano Union School District. Debbie has taught in the CSUB Nursing Department for nearly two decades.

Civics instructor Jeremy Adams is an innovative and inspirational second-generation teacher at Bakersfield High School. He established the Earl Warren Cup, a constitutional quiz show hosted every other year to a packed audience in the Harvey Auditorium. His recognitions include selection as Kern County Teacher of the Year by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools and California Teacher of the Year by the Daughters of the American Revolution. He was a semi-finalist in the California Board of Education’s California Teacher of the Year and a finalist for the Carlson Family Foundation’s National Teacher Award.

A dozen years after businessman Bryan Burrow helped establish the Alumni Hall of Fame, he is being honored with induction. As executive director of the Bakersfield Symphony, he is credited with achieving a 67% increase in concert attendance and a $2.3 million endowment. Bryan was named the 2010 alumnus of the year, has served on numerous nonprofit boards, is a past chair of the President’s Community Advisory Council and president of the Alumni Association. After his tenure with the symphony, he now serves as the chief operations officer at Bakersfield-based Sierra School Equipment Co.

Ed Paine’s successful career in insurance and real estate are matched only by his commitment to serving others, focusing on children, healthcare, and higher education. Ed is credited with taking financial responsibility for and saving the Mercy Child Development Center from closure. Renamed the California Ivy League Preparatory Academy, the center cares for
children from infancy to 10 years of age and is considered Bakersfield’s premier child care facility. Ed’s community service includes helping to redevelop the local Boys and Girls Clubs in the 1990. He served on the Mercy Hospital Community Board and has served for 15 years on, and is a past chair of, the President’s Community Advisory Council.

The induction ceremony will take place during the annual dinner gala on February 16, 2018 at the Bakersfield Country Club. For tickets and information, please contact Sarah Hendrick, Director of Alumni Engagement, at 654-3370 or via email at shendrick@csub.edu.

**CSUB Volleyball Wins WAC Tournament Again!**
Add another championship trophy to the trophy case. The CSUB volleyball team defeated University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) 3-1 in the WAC Tournament Final last Saturday for the second time in four years. The team’s first win came in 2014. The Roadrunners won in four sets – 25-27, 25-18, 30-28, and 25-18, earning the team an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Tournament. Three CSUB players were named to the All-Tournament Team: Fabiana Andrade, Sydney Haynes, and Aleksandra Djordjevic, who also was named MVP. “Runners up” to Head Coach Giovana Melo and the team. NCAA match-ups will be announced Sunday at 6pm on ESPNU.

**CSUB Hosts Bakersfield Marathon for 2nd Year**
More than 1,200 runners from sixteen states and more than 170 cities started and ended the second annual Bakersfield Marathon on the CSUB campus earlier this month. The Boston-qualifying marathon coursed through the Stockdale Financial District, Oleander, Downtown Bakersfield, Westchester, Kern County Museum, La Cresta, Bakersfield College and the Panorama Bluffs, returning to the finish line along the scenic Kern River Parkway. The race, led by executive director David Milazzo, also included a half-marathon and 5k. Proceeds benefit the Roadrunner Scholarship Fund.

**Chris Ballard, J.D. Joins Compliance Office**
Chris Ballard, J.D., Investigator and Compliance Specialist, investigates complaints of sexual misconduct and discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. He provides technical assistance on issues related to DHR, Title IX, Clery, ADA, and other applicable laws and CSU Executive Orders. Chris also oversees faculty disability accommodations and student pregnancy accommodations. He assists in the development and implementation of training programs for faculty, staff and students. He reports to Claudia Catota, J.D., Assistant to the President for Equity, Inclusion and Compliance. Chris holds a B.A. in political science with a minor in business administration from Fresno State University and earned his juris doctorate from Hastings College of Law. Welcome, Chris.

**Shelly Brooks Goes Full-Time to Develop CSUB Antelope Valley Student Internships**
Michelle “Shelly” Brooks, who has served part-time for the past 11 years at CSUB Antelope Valley as the Disability Management Counselor, has transitioned to full-time. In her expanded role, she also will devote time to
procuring internship opportunities for our Antelope Valley students. Shelly will work closely with the Center for Career Education and Community Engagement (CECE).

**Twenty-One CSUB Geology Students, Faculty, Alumni and Dual-Credit High School Teachers Present Research at National Meetings**

October was rich with research presentations by geology undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, alumni, and dual-credit geology teachers. Nineteen presented findings of their research at the national GSA meeting in Seattle Oct 22-25, 2017. Concurrently, an undergraduate and alumnus each presented at the AfricaArray Diversity Forum in Houston, Texas. The primary goals of the AfricaArray Program are education and to improve the seismic network in Africa to help mitigate earthquake disasters from mining, which claims numerous lives annually in South Africa.

Students were part of a field internship program mentored by Dr. David Miller, lecturer, Geological Sciences. The internship program is supported by the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP); Dept. of Education, Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP); National Science Foundation (NSF); CSUB Department of Geological Sciences; Research Council of CSUB; the Tejon Ranch Conservancy; and an anonymous donor. Dual-credit high school teachers are part of the Geology Dual-Credit Program sponsored by Chevron and the CSUB Department of Geological Sciences in which approximately 500 high school students take a geology course taught by CSUB faculty and high school instructors.

National conference presentations included:

- research on the tectonic uplift of the Santa Rosalia Basin in Mexico;
- the impact of the 2016 Erskine fire on soil properties and landslide risk;
- the influence of outdoor education on underserved high school students in the CSUB Dual-Credit Geology Program; and
- the successful transition of students from high school to higher education.

The following Geological Sciences faculty and students attended GSA in Seattle, Washington:

- **Jesus Moreno** (undergraduate)
- **Sam McKinney** (undergraduate)
- **Kenneth Watson** (undergraduate)
- **Jeff Buehler** (undergraduate)
- **Ethan Sarti** (undergraduate)
- **Gabby Navarrete** (undergraduate)
- **Dr. David Miller** (Lecturer, Geology)
- **Karen Blount** (Lecturer, Geology and Dual Credit High School Teacher)
- **Stephan Kiouses** (Lecturer, Geology and Dual Credit High School Teacher)
- **Darby Scanlon** (former geology undergrad, now pursing an MS at Portland State University)
- **Dr. Dirk Baron** (Professor, Geology)
- **Dr. W. Chris Krugh** (Assistant Professor, Geology)
- **Dr. Anthony Rathburn** (Professor, Geology)

The following Dual-Credit Kern High School teachers also attended the GSA conference. The last four are also CSUB Geology graduates:

- **Teri Madewell**
- **Jonathan Walker**
- **Chris Carrisalez**
- **Camille Ramirez**
- **Richard Ruiz**
The following Geological Sciences students and faculty attended the AfricaArray forum in Houston, Texas:

- **Dr. J. Adam Guo** (Assistant Professor, Geology)
- **Virginia Rodriguez** (undergraduate)
- **Azael Salinas** (former undergraduate, currently an MS student at Fresno State University)

**Campus Beautification**

The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. Congratulations to October's winner – the **CSUB Children's Center** for their adopted area, the CSUB Children's Center. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. To adopt an area or learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, visit [http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/).

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**Save the Dates!**

**President's Community Holiday Reception**
December 6, 2017

**President's Campus Holiday Reception**
December 7, 2017

**CSUB GospelFest 2018**
February 9, 2018
Icardo Center

**Alumni Hall of Fame**
February 16, 2018

**Homecoming Week**
February 19-24, 2018

**2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB**
April 27-28, 2018

**Celebrate CSUB! 2018**
April 28, 2018

**President’s Retirement – Campus Celebration**
May 4, 2018
Icardo Center

**Athletics Spring BBQ**
May 10, 2018
2018 Commencement
May 18-19, 2018

President’s Scholarship Dinner Celebrating 50 Years in Higher Education
June 9, 2018
Marriot Hotel at the Convention Center

What’s Going On?
Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events on Events Calendar. 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 in the new year, Friday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room.

First Lady Barbara Mitchell and I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving in the company of family and friends and wish you a holiday weekend filled with appreciation, celebration, and gratitude. I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell
President