



### ***Trustees Vote to Increase Tuition***

At its March 22, 2017 meeting, the CSU Board of Trustees approved tuition increases that will take effect beginning with the 2017-18 academic year if the state Legislature does not provide full funding requested by the Board. If necessary, annual tuition for resident undergraduate students will increase by \$270 and will generate \$77.5 million in net revenue for student success initiatives including Graduation Initiative 2025. The tuition increases are the system's first since 2011.

The Board's decision was a difficult one. While the CSU system is appreciative of Governor Brown's proposed increase to the CSU's ongoing base budget, the \$157.2 million provided by the Governor will allow the CSU system to meet only existing compensation contracts and mandatory costs. An additional \$168 million is necessary to address other CSU budget priorities, including improved graduation rates, fair compensation for employees, expanded student access, and facility infrastructure needs.

According to the Chancellor's Office, revenue generated by the increases will be directed to student achievement efforts including Graduation Initiative 2025. The initiative encompasses a set of strategies that will allow CSU campuses to double four-year graduation rates and eliminate all equity gaps for low-income and underserved students. With California currently on pace to fall one million bachelor's degrees short of the number required for the future workforce, CSU campuses can graduate an additional 500,000 students over the

next decade with sustained funding for the initiative.

Beginning fall 2017, the annual tuition rate for a full-time undergraduate student will increase to \$5,742, if the tuition increase is necessary. Similar increases for non-resident tuition, as well as graduate, doctoral and teacher credential programs also will take effect next fall.

CSUB and the entire CSU system remain committed to keeping costs as low as possible for our students. In the coming weeks, we will continue to work with our CSU colleagues to ensure that full funding for CSU is a top legislative priority and that we have the ongoing funding to address our critical needs.

### ***Trustee Carney Visits Campus***



Trustee **Jane Carney** engaged with faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and community members this week as part of CSU leadership's annual campus visits. Trustee Carney retired from the legal profession after a 33-year career as a corporate and business attorney. She is a former trustee of the Riverside Community College District, previously served on the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and currently serves on the James Irvine Foundation, the Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California, and the California Housing Foundation. She also serves on the advisory boards of UC Riverside's School of Public Policy and the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties. We thank Trustee Carney for spending time getting to know our campus and community.



### *Men's Basketball Team Makes NIT Final Four*

Our Western Athletics Conference champion men's basketball team made history as the first eight seed team to advance to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) semi-finals. On the march to Tuesday's game in Madison Square Garden, the Roadrunners posted wins in three consecutive NIT road games, defeating No. 1 Cal (71-66); No. 4 Colorado State University (81-63); and No. 6 University of Texas, Arlington. The momentous run ended in the semi-final game against Georgia Tech (76-61). This year marks the third season of Division I postseason play under the leadership of **Coach Rod Barnes** and his coaching staff. Coach Barnes was named the Don Haskins WAC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year and is a finalist for the 2017 Jim Phelan Coach of the Year Award. Thank you to the Bakersfield community for their enthusiastic support. Congratulations to the team for their valiant competition and excellent representation of our University and city. **#RunnerPride**



Front Row (L to R): Matt Smith, Justin Davis, Brent Wrapp, Dedrick Basile, Justin Pride, Darryl Geyen, Jaylin Airington. Back Row (L to R): Team Manager JD Pumphrey, Assistant Coach Benjy Taylor, Head Coach Rod Barnes, Taze Moore, Shon Briggs, James Suber, Fallou Ndoye, Moataz Aly, Greg Lee, Brandon Barnes, Damiyne Durham, Assistant Coach Jeff Conarroe, Director of Basketball Operations Brandon Barnes, Assistant Coach JD Pollock.

### *CSUB-KHSD Sign University Promise*



In another history-making event this week, I signed "The University Promise" with Kern High School District (KHSD) Superintendent **Dr. Bryon Schaefer**. The Promise guarantees every KHSD student the opportunity to attend CSUB and graduate in a timely manner. Every KHSD 9<sup>th</sup> grader will receive a certificate guaranteeing admission to the University if they follow specific requirements. The certificate is designed to raise college awareness, students' educational aspirations, and foster a college-going culture in the region. The initiative seeks to increase the number of students who take and pass the A-G course pattern; graduate from high school ready for college-level math and English; and increase the number of students who apply to, enroll in, and persist to timely degree completion at CSUB.

CSUB and KHSD will collaborate to implement an outreach and recruitment plan with targeted monthly events at all of the high school sites from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Support services will include preparation for the Early Assessment Program (EAP) assessment, course selection for the senior year to facilitate college-readiness, campus visits to CSUB, and financial aid workshops. In addition, CSUB and KHSD will share data to better understand students' academic progress as they move through the high school to higher education pipeline. The collaboration also includes professional development activities to build relationship among CSUB and KHSD faculty, staff, and administrators, and the removal of barriers that impede alignment and coordination across educational sectors. Architects of the University Promise are **Dr. Jacqueline Mimms**, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management; **Vikash Lakhani**, Assistant Vice President for Student Success, and **Dr. Brenda Lewis**, KHSD Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.



### ***Randy Schultz Appointed Dean of CSUB Antelope Valley Center***

Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs **Dr.**

**Jenny Zorn** and I are pleased to appoint **Dr. Randy Schultz** as Dean of the CSUB Antelope Valley Center. Randy has served as Interim Dean for the past 20 months and has established strong partnerships with Antelope Valley College and in the community. His 32-year career in higher education includes serving as a sixth grade teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Kern County Superintendent of Schools Administrator. Prior to stepping in as Interim Dean, he taught in the Teacher Education program for 11 years.

The Antelope Valley Center offers six undergraduate and five graduate degree programs, along with teaching credentials, and two online master's degree programs. Please join Provost Zorn and me in congratulating Randy.

### ***College: Making It Happens Sees Record Attendance***

Our annual "College: Making It Happen" ("CMIH") educational forum was held on campus Saturday, March 11, at the Icardo Center. CMIH is a collaboration among CSUB and other higher education institutions, Kern High School District, Bakersfield City School District, and various student support programs to communicate the importance of early academic and financial aid planning. Middle and high school students and their parents learned about the importance of continuing education beyond high school and the many postsecondary opportunities available. Participants attended workshops throughout the day on such topics as the ABCs of A-G courses, high school graduation requirements, financial aid, scholarships, the systems of higher education, life skills and career trends. Parent workshops were offered in English and Spanish.

A record 2,407 attendees included 1,085 middle school students, 190 high school students, 834 parents, 135 volunteers, 65 presenters, and 98 educational resource fair representatives. Keynote speaker was **Dr. Dwayne Cantrell**, Assistant Vice President for Student Access and Support Services at CSU Northridge. The event was co-sponsored by CSUB, Bakersfield College, Taft College, Kern High School District, Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE), Victor's Grill, Little Caesars, and Best Party Rentals.

Thanks to event coordinator **Crystal Montoya**, Veterans Center Early Intervention Programs Coordinator, and the planning team including **Rosie Perez**, Veterans Center Early Intervention Programs Specialist; **Darius Riggins**, Director of Outreach Services; **Maria Baltazar**, and **Maria Rojas**, and to all of our partners for making this event a record-breaking success.



### ***Fab Festival and Kinetic Sculpture Competition***

The School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering's (NSME) inaugural Fab Fest and Kinetic Sculpture Competition welcomed a crowd of more than 500 attendees. Children tinkered at more than forty activity tables to make fossils, catapults, robots made from recycled materials, and conduct chemistry experiments. A jet engine, 17<sup>th</sup> century battle



gear, and movie industry-quality monster masks were just a few of the creations community members fabricated. Twenty teams, primarily CSUB engineering students, competed in the kinetic sculpture competition. The Bakersfield Police Department donated 55 bicycles for the sculptures. The event was sponsored by Chevron, Edison International, and Aera Energy and coordinated by **Andrea Medina**, NSME Director of Grants and Research.



### ***GRASP Research Competition***

Congratulations to the winners of the Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs' (GRaSP) 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Competition. Winners will represent CSUB at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Statewide Student Research Competition at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

### **Physical and Mathematical Sciences:**

#### **[Undergraduates]**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Andrew Hudson (Kinesiology)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Erik Ostlund (Physics)**

#### **[Graduates]**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rosetta Lottie (Masters in Health Administration)**

### **Engineering and Computer Sciences:**

#### **[Undergraduates]**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alex Rinaldi (Computer Science)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Korey Cain (Electrical Engineering)**

### **Behavioral and Social Science:**

#### **[Undergraduates]**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nasseem Alshaif (Psychology and Religious Studies)**

#### **[Graduates]**

**Matthew L. McClellan (Masters in Public Administration)**

### **Biological and Agricultural Sciences:**

#### **[Undergraduates]**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jaycie Fickle (Biology)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kathrn Johnston (Biochemistry)**

#### **[Graduate]**

**Mitchell Coleman (Biology)**

### ***President's Associates Recognition Dinner***

The President's Associates is the university's longest existing giving society. Gifts from the President's Associates fund student research excellence. The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Associates Recognition Dinner will take place Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Walter Stiern Library Dezember Reading Room. For more information on becoming a

President Associates member, please visit <https://www.csub.edu/advancement/presassoc/>.

### ***Bakersfield Jazz Festival***

Join us for three nights of music featuring 13 bands at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual [Bakersfield Jazz Festival](#) on April 27, 28, and 29. New this year is a Jazz Fest Gala and Launch Party on Thursday, April 27. Saxophonist **Jacam Manricks** will perform with the CSUB Jazz Collective in the Doré Theater. Friday's headliner is three-time Grammy nominee **Donny McCaslin** and his quartet. The night also features **Ghost-Note**. Guitartist **Kurt Rosenwinkel** and trumpeter **Christian Scott a Tunde Adju** co-headline Saturday night. Artist line-up includes **Moonchild** and **The Kindinsky Effect**. Jazz Fest is presented by **Motor City Lexus of Bakersfield** and **Dignity Health**. Proceeds fund scholarships for students in various disciplines.

### ***Celebrate CSUB!***

Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual [Celebrate CSUB!](#) open house festivities take place Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9am-1pm in Runner Park. Families are invited to come and enjoy activities for all ages and a taste of Bakersfield from local food vendors. Event highlights include the Roadrunner Science Fair, Bakersfield's Got Talent competition, the 5K Fun Run & Walk, interactive games, art, and sports demonstrations. Admission and parking are free.

### ***CSUB - A Beautiful Campus***

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 February's winner, the Society of Women Engineers for their adopted area, Engineering Complex/Fab Lab. 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, please visit [http://www.csub.edu/about\\_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/).



Society of Women Engineers

### ***Events Calendar***

Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events 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, April 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. 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