



Mira Sorvino Welcomed as KIE Memorial Lecture Keynote



Academy award-winning actress and United Nations Goodwill Ambassador **Mira Sorvino** was the featured speaker at the Kegley Institute of Ethics' (KIE) 31st Annual Charles W. Kegley Memorial Lecture. Ms. Sorvino's address, "The Global Fight Against Human Trafficking: A Voice for Victims of Modern Day Slavery," was a call to public awareness, advocacy and action to end the exploitation of people worldwide, primarily women and children, who are forced into sex slavery, involuntary servitude, prostitution, and military service. A panel discussion the following evening focused on the sex trafficking crisis in Kern County. KIE executive director, **Dr. Christopher Meyers**, moderated the discussion which included CSUB professor of social work, **Patricia Henry**; **Michael Fagans**, coordinator, Kern Coalition Against Human Trafficking (KCAHT); Bakersfield Police Department Sergeant **Josh Finney**; and **Sandy Woo**, trafficking victim advocate at the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault. Local advocacy efforts include the recent opening of a shelter for girls in crisis, the Kern County Daughter Project. To report incidents of suspected human trafficking or to request help, contact the National Human Trafficking Resource hotline at 888-373-7888.

Interim Dean Madden is Permanent NSME Dean



Dr. Kathleen Madden has been appointed dean of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering. She has served as interim dean since June 2016

after a year as associate dean. Prior to coming to CSUB, she served at Drew University as professor of mathematics, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Her scholarship involves research in pure mathematics and her teaching innovations involve flipped classrooms, inquiry- and service-based learning, and team teaching. At CSUB, she collaboratively facilitated NSME's acquisition of a \$6 million grant from the Department of Education. She has led strategic planning, developed self-study for accreditation, and implemented new faculty and department chairs orientations. Dr. Madden earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Clarion's Frakes Named A&H Dean



Dr. Robert Frakes has been named dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. Currently serving as chair of the Social Sciences Department at Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania, he will join us July 1. During his 26 years at Clarion, he taught history of civilization survey courses, ancient and modern European history upper division courses, graduate courses in historiography, and has been involved in student success programs such as undergraduate research. He has served as chair of the history and social sciences departments, and was a member of the faculty senate and the faculty union executive council. Dr. Frakes began his college education at Santa Barbara Community College. He earned a B.A. in classical studies, M.A. in education, and secondary teaching credential in social science

and Latin from Stanford University. After teaching high school briefly, he earned an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from UC Santa Barbara.

We appreciate and thank **Dr. Liora Gubkin** for her excellent service as interim dean for the past year. These two appointments complete the five dean searches that have been underway this past academic year. Our compliment of dean appointments includes:



Dr. Steve Bacon, School of Social Sciences and Education;



Dr. Angappa Gunasekaran (“Guna”), School of Business and Public Administration; and



Dr. Randy Schultz, CSUB-Antelope Valley Center.

Burroughs Takes the KIE Helm



Dr. Michael Burroughs is the incoming executive director of our nationally acclaimed Kegley Institute of Ethics (KIE). His appointment includes a faculty position as associate professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. He currently serves as the associate director of Pennsylvania State University’s Rock Ethics Institute, also nationally lauded. He also serves as the vice president of the nonprofit Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) which introduces philosophy to children and youth. He will join us in the fall, succeeding **Dr. Christopher Meyers**, who is retiring. Dr. Burroughs earned a B.A. in

philosophy from Salisbury University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Memphis. His scholarly work includes several articles and book chapters on community engaged philosophy, critical philosophy of race, and early childhood moral development.

Advocating for Students in Washington, D.C.



Year-round Pell Grants and federal immigration policy were among the critical topics discussed in meetings with federal elected officials at this year’s Hill Day, the CSU’s annual day of advocacy in Washington, D.C. Nearly half of the CSU’s 479,000 students are low-income, first-generation college students who receive the need-based federal Pell Grant assistance. Year-round funding would help shorten time to degree completion by providing access to courses during the summer. Our campus delegation included **Victor Martin**, vice president for University Advancement; **Thom Davis**, vice president for Business and Administrative Services; **Michael Lukens**, director of Public Affairs and Communications, and **Alex Dominguez**, president of Associated Students, Inc. We met with House Majority Leader and CSUB alum, U.S. Congressman **Kevin McCarthy**, U.S. Congressman **David Valadao**, and representatives of U.S. Senators **Dianne Feinstein**, **Kamala Harris**, and Congressman **Steve Knight**.

Faculty Grant Awards Top \$14 Million

Each year, our Research Excellence Awards recognizes faculty for their funded research. The Office of Grants, Research, and Sponsored Programs (GRaSP) is managing 68 grant awards totaling \$14 million in funded grant proposals written by our faculty to government, corporate, or foundation sponsors. Nineteen of the awards are multi-year grants. Last year to date, we had received \$13 million in funded proposals. Faculty were presented their awards at the annual ceremony last Friday. I congratulate and thank all

awardees for their commitment to excellence in research and creative activities.

2017 CSUB Research Excellence Awards

Award Period FY 2015-2016

Millionaire Club

PIs with grants totaling \$1,000,000 or more*

Kristina LaGue **Jong Choi**
Robert Negrini **Jorge Talamantes**
Imelda Simos-Valdez

Gold Award for Excellence in Sponsored Programs

PIs with grants totaling \$100,000 to \$999,999

Yiannis Ampatzidis **Kathleen Knutzen**
Sarah Appleton **Charles Lam**
Dirk Baron **Yeunjoo Lee**
Melissa Danforth **Lou Montano**
Imeh Ebong **Paul Newberry**
Mark Evans **Judy Pedro**
Anna Jacobsen **Jesse Quintanilla**
Saeed Jafarzadeh **Isabel Sumaya**
Carl Kloock

Silver Award for Excellence in Sponsored Programs

PIs with grants totaling \$5,000 to \$99,999

Paula Bray **Ron Hughes**
Jesse Esquibel **Dodie Hyatt**
Joe Fiedler **Yangsuk Ko**
Bruce Friedman **Marit MacArthur**
Liora Gubkin **Mark Martinez**
Junhua Guo **Dayanand Saini**
Phyllis Heintz **Kenneth Williams**

Bronze Award for Excellence in Sponsored Programs

*PIs with RCU** awards or grants totaling \$4,999*

Albert Cruz **Karlo Lopez**
Rhonda Dugan **Aaron Ramirez**
Sarah Forester **Dahna Rasmussen**
Isolde Francis **Matt Rich**
Amy Gancarz-Kausch **Dayanand Saini**
Jeroen Gillard **Amber Stokes**
Antje Lauer **Brian Street**
Yize Li **Kathleen Szick**
Christopher Livingston

*Principal Investigators
 **Research Council of the University

Faculty and Staff Giving Initiative

Thank you to all faculty and staff who participated in the second annual Faculty and Staff Initiative to Support Student Success. This philanthropic effort provides every member of our faculty and staff an opportunity to direct a gift to CSUB students in addition to the time and talent given on a daily basis. Programs and initiatives in this year’s campaign include the:

- CSUB Veteran’s Center;
- Study Abroad Program;
- Roadrunner Scholarship Fund;
- Student Emergency Fund; and
- Food Pantry.

Twenty percent of our faculty and staff contributed \$130,000 in gifts and pledges to support our students. For more information, contact **Melissa Watkins**, director of Development, at mwatkins12@csub.edu, visit www.csub.edu/studentsuccess or call 654-3965.

Betty Creative Writing Awards

The annual *Betty Creative Writing Awards* recognizes the works of undergraduate and graduate students in the genres of poetry, short story, and drama. The awards of \$500, \$300, and \$200 for first, second and third places, respectively, in each category, are made possible through the gift of **Dr. Stafford Betty**, professor of Religious Studies. Congratulations to this year’s winners.

Poetry	Short Story	Drama
1 st Place - \$500 Barry Ramirez "The Lost Dream"	1 st Place - 500 Julia Edith Rios "Beliefs"	1 st Place - \$500 Sabrina Melissa Corona "Bruised"
2 nd Place Hana Qwan "Sentiment Being Told Not to Speak Aloud"	2 nd Place - \$300 Bailey Russell "Knight Errant"	2 nd Place - \$300 Anthony Jauregui "There’s No Such Thing as Diet Soda"
3 rd Place - \$200 Julia Edith Rios "Growing Up In No Particular Order"	3 rd Place - \$200 Annie Russell "Rise"	3 rd Place - \$200 Barry Ramirez "The Last Mile"

Sensational Sophomores Give Back During Alternative Spring Break

Students in the Sensational Sophomores Leadership Program spent the week of their spring break donning hammers and hardhats as they helped renovate a house in Oildale for a local family. About 20 students worked with Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire for our [Alternative Spring Break](#) community service initiative. Students provided more than 400 hours of community service during their Alternative Spring Break. This is the second year of the program.



Sophomore **Jackie Medina** shovels insulation at a *Habitat for Humanity* renovation. Photo courtesy of Harold Pierce, *The Californian*.

Mental Health Awareness

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. We all may experience mental or emotional distress at times. We should be aware of resources to help manage stress and feel comfortable seeking help, if needed. Health care providers, businesses, educational institutions, government and community agencies, and others share a collective responsibility to promote the mental health and well-being of all members of our community. As such, yesterday I signed a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month at CSUB. I also call upon all of us -- community members, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Kern County -- to recommit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health; the steps we can take to protect our mental health; and the need for appropriate

and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions. [The CSUB Counseling Center](#) offers confidential individual and crisis counseling to enrolled CSUB undergraduate and graduate students at the Bakersfield campus and Antelope Valley Center. [On-line mental health screening](#) and printed resources, in English and Spanish, are available to anyone. The CSUB [University Counselor Training Clinic](#) offers low-cost individual, couples, family and group counseling services to non-CSUB-student members of the Bakersfield community.

47th Annual Commencement



Commencement is a celebration of our graduates. It also is a celebration of the role our faculty and staff played in helping our graduates earn their degrees. Staff assistance during commencement weekend is greatly needed and appreciated. To volunteer to be a part of the commencement team, please [sign-up](#) by May 2, 2017.

Graduate and Hooding Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 18 – 6:00 pm – Icardo Center
Speaker: Mr. John Nilon, CSU Alumni Trustee

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 19 - 8:00 am – Main Soccer Field
Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) to Mr. Harvey Hall
Speaker: Dr. Horace Mitchell, CSUB President

Gates open two hours prior to each ceremony.
Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
Parking is complimentary.

Commencement Reception

Friday, May 19 - 11:00 am – SRC Gym, Solario, and North Lawn
Photo opportunities for students and guests; the Alumni Corner; complimentary refreshments and music

For a listing of cultural, honors, and recognition events, visit: www.csub.edu/commencement.

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 our March winner, **Human Resources & Payroll Services**, for their adopted area, Administration. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or learning more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/.



Human Resources and Payroll Services

Events Calendar

A variety of events are on the weekend calendar:

Friday, April 28

9am-4pm, Student Housing MPR

Gender Matters Interdisciplinary Student Research Symposium

women, gender, and sexuality studies

7pm, CSUB Amphitheatre

Bakersfield Jazz Festival

(gate opens at 6pm)

Saturday, April 29

8am, Student Recreation Center

5K Fun Run and Walk

Registration begins at 7am

8:15am, Student Union MPR

CSU Honors Conference

9am – 1pm, Runner Park and Science III Lawn

Celebrate CSUB!

Annual open house with family-friendly events, free admission and parking

11am, Runner Park

Bakersfield's Got Talent Competition

2pm, CSUB Amphitheatre

Bakersfield Jazz Festival

(gate opens at 1pm)

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 final meeting of the academic year will take place Friday, May 12, 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