



Student Accolades

Our students come to CSUB from different cultural, experiential, and educational backgrounds. Many are first-generation college students, as was I, and as are many of our faculty and staff. Our students took different pathways and time frames to earn their degrees as the Class of 2017. Their compelling stories remind us of why we are here – to provide access to quality and affordable academic programs and co-curricular experiences that are transformative and make significant differences in the lives of our students, their families and our communities. Our students have completed different academic programs and have varied plans for where they will go from here. One thing they all have in common is their commitment to the achievement of their educational goals. Our students epitomize a significant component of our vision for excellence. Here is where some of our students are going after graduation.

English Department

Anthon Box (M.S., English, 2016) will enter the Ph.D. Program in English at University of Houston with a concentration in stylistics and has received a full scholarship.

Geology Department

Janet Arroyo – M.S. geology program at CSUB

Maryanne Bobbitt - Hydrology/Geology technician at the U.S. Geological Survey

Laura Estensoro – M.S. geology program, CSUB

Blake Foreshee – Engineering geologist for the California Division of Oil and Gas and Geothermal Resources

Lawrence Fujiwara – M.S. geology program at San Francisco State University

Marc Halling – Earth Science teacher, Frontier High School, Bakersfield

Alyssa Kaess – Ph.D. geology program at West Virginia University

Kent Kuehl – Ground Penetrating Radar Analyst, Penhall Company, Bremerton, WA

Abigail Martens – Ph.D. geology program, University of Florida

Valerie Petela – M.S. geology program at CSU Sacramento

Alejandro Rodriguez – M.S. geology program at CSUB

Darby Scanlon – M.S. geology program at Cal Poly Pomona

Erin Walter – M.S. geology program at CSUB

Joseph Wooden – M.S. Water Resource Management program, Fresno State

Kevin Wright – M.S. geology program, UC Irvine

History Department

Rebecca Howland will enroll in the M.A. history program at CSU Northridge.

Clayton Huckabee will enter the M.A program in public administration at Portland State University this fall.

Math Department

Uzziel Cortez will enroll in the M.S. in Michigan.

Lev Williams will pursue an M.S. in statistics at East Bay.

School of Business and Public Administration

Karina Bravo (M.S.-HCA) is working as a project manager at Kaiser Permanente.

Alex Dominguez, (B.S. political science) our outgoing Associated Students, Inc. president, will attend the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Derek Stotler (M.B.A.), Associated Students, Inc. president 2014-15, will attend the Ph.D. program at Georgia State University's College of Business and has received a full scholarship.

Anu Tirpasur (M.S.-HCA) has received the Stanford Medical Center Clinical Observation and Medical Transcription (COMET) Fellowship.

Morgan Schultz (M.P.A.) has accepted a position as a prevention specialist with the Institute of Public Strategies, a San Diego nonprofit public health organization.

Athena Skapinakis (M.P.A.) has accepted an internship with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

B.S. in business administration with a concentration in:

Accounting

Nicole Barnett also earned a B.A. in music in 2010. An intern with Brown Armstrong CPAs since January 2016, she has accepted a full-time position with the firm upon graduation.

Marlene Hernandez was recently promoted as a fiscal services technician for the Greenfield School District.

Blair Joseph, an intern at CBIZ, Inc. since June 2016, has accepted a full-time position as a tax accountant with the firm.

Anh Nguyen will enroll in the MBA program at CSUB this fall.

Breanna Young, who interned at Daniells Phillip Vaughn and Bock, has been hired as a staff accountant.

Accounting and Finance

Brett Harmel has accepted a position with CBIZ, Inc. as an audit and tax associate.

Julia Miller has accepted a position with CBIZ, Inc. in forensic accounting and litigation.

Environmental Resource Management

Elizabeth Hollman has accepted a position with Aera Energy as a health and safety specialist.

Josh Meng has accepted a position as operations manager with SlideFest, an inflatable waterslide park coming to Bakersfield.

Environmental Resource Management and Geology

Darby Scanlon has been accepted to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona's masters in geology program.

Finance

Nicolas Clever has accepted a position as a junior technical consultant at P3 Group in Alachen, Germany.

Jessie Kaur currently works with Allstate Insurance and will attend Fresno State's MBA program.

Luka Seles is the campus ambassador for Coca-Cola and has enrolled in the MBA program at CSUB for fall 2017.

General Business

Samson Alfred has been hired as a professional travel agent with The Automobile Club of America (AAA).

Vanessa De La Cruz works in Procurement and Contract Services at CSUB.

Bryan Ellison has been hired full-time with the CSUB IT team as an equipment and technology consultant.

Human Resource Management

Elizabeth Hernandez has accepted a paid internship in the Human Resource Department at Grimmway Farms.

Belinda Veon is a personnel technician for the State of California Department of California Correctional Health Care Services.

Management

Sharla Walker is a bookkeeper for a nonprofit agency at Edwards Air Force Base.

Management and Marketing

Anaiza Prado has an internship with the Kern County Administrative Office and the Board of Trade.

Marketing

Jaime Trujillo is an accounts manager/outside sales with Wholesale Fuels, Inc.

Small Business Management and Supply Chain Logistics

Abigail Alcala has moved to San Antonio, Texas to assist with the expansion of her family's business, Central Coast Transport, Inc.

Supply Chain Logistics

Richard Palomino has accepted a position at the Ross Distribution Center where he interned last summer.

Psychology Department

M.S. in Counseling Psychology

Brittany Ashmore has accepted a position at the Child Guidance Clinic in Bakersfield.

Devin Hagarty is headed to the Ph.D. program in neuroscience-biomedical sciences at Florida State University.

Ryan Juarez has accepted a position at the Child Guidance Clinic in Delano.

Mitka Lara has accepted a position at the Child Guidance Clinic in Bakersfield.

Natalie Rivera has accepted a position at the Child Guidance Clinic in Delano.

Alejandro Cruz was accepted to the Neuroscience Initiative at UC Davis, as well as the Summer Research Opportunity Program at the University of Michigan.

Steven Dessenberger has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in counseling psychology at Washington University in St. Louis.

Savanna Galloway has been hired as a police officer with the Long Beach Police Department.

Karen Jasso will pursue an M.S. in counseling psychology at CSUB.

Jeffrey Lovejoy has been accepted into the M.S. in counseling psychology Program at CSUB.

Gabriel Ruiz accepted an offer from the masters of social work program at USC.

Angel Armenta (Class of 2015) will be pursuing his Ph.D. in social, cognitive, and neurosciences at the University of Texas, El Paso.

Chris Sanders (Class of 2015) will enroll in the Ph.D. program in social psychology at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Teacher Education Department

Tara Ricker, a student teacher, has been hired to teach fifth grade at Independence School in the Rosedale School District.

Gates Millennium Scholars

Vanessa Diaz and **Emily Hernandez** were our 2016-17 Gates Millennium Scholars. Vanessa graduated in Fall 2016 as a liberal studies major. Emily studied abroad in Ghana this academic year.

Faculty, Staff and Administrator News



Dr. Chandra Commuri, Professor of Public Policy and Administration, has been appointed the Faculty Director of the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC). He will focus on faculty professional development and pedagogy and will join **Charlene Hu**, TLC Director of Instructional Development, in the fall.



Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley, Professor and Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, graces the CSU home page in a [profile](#) of her commitment to students.



Dr. Dayanand Saini, Associate Professor of physics and engineering, has been awarded an 18-month planning grant from the U. S. Department of Energy. The funding was awarded to a consortium including CSUB, Electric Power Institute, BKi, Clean Energy Systems, Lawrence

Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and SoCalGas for their grant proposal entitled, "*California CO2 Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (C2SAFE)*." The consortium will collaborate on CO₂ storage basin assessment to demonstrate safe, reliable containment of CO₂.



Dr. Jim Drnek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, has been accepted as a 2017 Executive Leadership Academy Fellow at UC Berkeley's Center for Studies in Higher Education



Dr. Vernon Harper, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs, has been accepted as a 2017 Executive Leadership Academy Fellow at UC Berkeley's Center for Studies in Higher Education.



Dr. David Schecter, Vice Provost, has been accepted as a 2017 Executive Leadership Academy Fellow at UC Berkeley's Center for Studies in Higher Education.



Dr. Markel Quarles, Director of the Center for Career Education and Community Engagement, has been accepted as a 2017-18 American Council on Education Fellow.



Dr. Evelyn Young Spath, Chief of Staff to the President, has been selected as a 2017 Education Fellow at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's E. Kika de la Garza Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

WAC News

Congratulations to our men's baseball team for advancing to the Western Athletics Conference Baseball Tournament championship game.

*Meet our 2017-18 Associated Students, Inc.
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Summer Schedule

The main campus and Antelope Valley Center will operate on a 10-hour workday Monday through Thursday this summer from May 22 through August 11, 2017. The campuses will be closed on Fridays except for specially schedule program activities. The two exceptions, May 29 to June 2 and July 31 to August 4, will have regular 8-hour work days Monday through Friday.

Save the Dates!

University Week

August 21-25

University Day

August 24

2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB

April 27-28, 2018

Celebrate CSUB! 2018

April 28, 2018

What's Going On?

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. Meetings will resume in the fall.

I hope you will take time to have a restful and rejuvenating summer in the company of family and friends. I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,



Horace Mitchell
President