Collaborative Welcome Back Staff Training

On August 17, 2016, faculty and staff from the Division of Student Affairs, Business and Administrative Services, the President’s Office, and University Advancement gathered in the Student Recreation Center for the first annual Staff Welcome Back to School Staff Development Training featuring professional trainer, Ms. Mandi Stanley.

The training began with a welcome from Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas D. Wallace, and a presentation on the FISH Philosophy of service shared by Vice President for Business and Administrative Services, Thom Davis.

Following the introductions, welcomes, and the FISH philosophy training, Mandi worked with the 300 staff on enhancing communication skills in the workplace, providing excellent customer service, and creating a culture of respect. With all of these experiences, CSUB staff serve each other and students more effectively, creating an environment that promotes student success.

Following a wonderful lunch provided by Campus Dining, participants were eager to compete against each other (in a friendly manner) in games and other activities sponsored by the Student Recreation Center.

Cross-division collaborations such as this are viewed as one way to better serve our students, helping them be more successful in their academic endeavors.

Services for Students with Disabilities hosted an ‘Evening with RJ Mitte’

Over 300 students, faculty, staff, and community members attended An Evening with RJ Mitte at the Dore Theatre to hear him share his experiences as an actor with Cerebral Palsy.

CSUB Guiding Principles

Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas D. Wallace has called together a team to work with the entire campus community on the development of the CSUB Guiding Principles; on some campuses known as a creed. The Guiding Principles will affirm and communicate the ethical responsibilities that all members of the campus community are committed to in order to promote student success and Roadrunner pride!

In October, Dr. John Winkle, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, from the University of Mississippi visited CSUB to launch the project. Dr. Winkle met with various constituent groups including students, faculty, staff, and alumni representatives from the Bakersfield Community, CSUB’s Executive Leadership Team, and the Statement of Values planning team in order to provide support and excitement for the project at CSUB. Dr. Winkle served as co-chair of the Creed Committee at Ole Miss in the early 2000s when the creed was developed on that campus. During his visit, Dr. Winkle told members of the campus community, “as important as the words themselves, the process of developing the statement of values is equally important.”

At CSUB, the Guiding Principles Committee is being co-chaired by Dr. Jim Drnek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dr. Christopher Meyers, Professor of Philosophy. The committee will be researching value statements that currently exist in various parts of CSUB, along with statements from other universities. The committee plans to share drafts of statements with the CSUB Community in order to solicit feedback and support for the CSUB’s statement.

Guiding Principles Team

Dr. Jim Drnek, Co-Chair, Division of Student Affairs
Dr. Christopher Meyers, Co-Chair, Departments of Philosophy/Kegley Institute of Ethics
Brittany Lange, Graduate Student Co-Chair, Graduate Student Leadership Program
Mariela Gomez, Undergraduate Student Co-Chair, Associated Students, Inc.
Dr. Nate Olson, Philosophy
Dr. Chandra Commuri, Public Policy Admin/BPA
Dr. Yvonne Ortiz-Bush, Educational Counseling
Dr. Randy Schultz, CSUB Antelope Valley Campus
Ilaria Pesco, Associated Students, Inc.
Jason Watkins, Services for Students with Disabilities/University Council
Judy Snyder, CSUB Alum
David Loomis, CSUB Alum
Jan Hefner, Bakersfield Community
Jennifer Constantine, Bakersfield Community
Highlights (Cont’d)

• Bill Ingram, composer of the Alma Mater.
• Gwendolyn Wilcox, composer of the Fight Song.
In addition, former ASI Presidents were invited to attend and recognize ASI’s role in creating a vibrant campus community. Seven former ASI President’s attended:
• Gigi Cobb Day – ASI President 1977-1978
• Ken Buermann – ASI President 2006-2007
• Elena Avina Vasquez – ASI President 2007-2008
• Hernan Hernandez – ASI President 2012-2013
• Derek Stotler – ASI President 2014-2015
• Mike Kwon – ASI President 2015-2016

Runner Nights – Carnival
A new year of exciting and successful Runner Nights started back September 16, 2016 on the Don Hart East Lawn that included a carnival theme with Ferris wheel, super slide, dunk tank, face painting, caricatures, DJ, dancing, club booths, food trucks and a whole lot of fun!! Over 1,500 students were in attendance!

Runner Nights – Haunted Vegas
October 28, 2016
This was the second Runner Nights that took place in and outside of the Student Recreation Center with over 1,450 in attendance! Talladega Frights put on a haunted house and other activities included casino games, laser tag, mini bungee jumps, DJ, dancing, food and fun!

Congratulations to the Campus Beautification Award Recipients during of the Fall Semester

ASI President’s Spirit Night
The Inaugural President’s Spirit Night at the Icardo Center took place on November 22, 2016 during half time of the sold-out Fresno State game and was a great event! Dr. Mitchell, Dr. Wallace, and Alex Dominguez, current ASI President, honored three alumni for their outstanding achievements:
• Dr. Dan Gianoutsos, ASI President from 2004-2006, spearheaded the effort to create campus traditions and sponsored contests where students were able to create both the alma mater and fight song.
Intramural Sports
October 12, 2016

We are pleased to announce the IM Sports program had 400 participants during season 1 and 2 of the 2016 – 2017 school year. 56 teams competed in 4 different league sports. The Fall 2016 Flag Football Champs are “Pick 6’s” (Photo above). The Fall 2016 Soccer Champions are “Squad FC”. The Fall 2016 Volleyball Champs are “HOP VC”. All teams showed great sportsmanship during the season and it was a pleasure watching them play.

We will kick-off our spring 2017 Sunday Tournament Series with 3-on-3 indoor volleyball, followed by spikeball on the sand volleyball courts and an indoor soccer tournament.

Center for Career Education and Community Engagement
hosted 4 career events with 135 employers and programs.

Other highlights include:
850 jobs listed
800 students attended career presentations
505 Full-Time Jobs
159 Part-Time Jobs
88 Internships
75 Student Assistants
29 Volunteers

The Student Recreation Center
held several Outdoor Adventure trips during the Fall from hiking to surfing to kayaking, where they experienced nature while interacting with their fellow peers!

Runner Letter Day
October 12, 2016

Over 1,400 freshmen received letters of support during midterms from either faculty, staff, student leaders, high school teachers/counselors and/or family and friends. This event has shown tremendous growth over the last 4 years and this year more than half of the students received at least 2 letters. There was a greater response from family/friends and our local high school teachers and counselors!

Donut Cheat: Promoting Academic Integrity
December 6, 2016

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities teamed up with the Study Strong Committee to sponsor Donut Cheat, a delicious way to promote academic integrity and ethical behavior during finals week. Students got to savor donuts, hot chocolate and coffee while learning about resources to help them prepare for final exams and papers without resorting to cheating or plagiarism.

Highlights (Cont’d)

Pine Mountain Bouldering Trip
Santa Barbara Kayaking Trip
Cayucos Surfing Trip

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Annual Candlelight Event sponsored by the Counseling Center
September 27, 2016

The Candlelight vigil is a remembrance to honor those affected by suicide and or mental health concerns and to bring awareness for suicide prevention and other mental health concerns. Participants such as Kern County Mental Health and Veterans Affairs attended and were guest speakers at the event. Students had a chance to write notes and positive affirmations on cards or cups and light candles. On-campus clubs and organizations were also invited to come out. Clubs provided information and resources that students can utilize on and off campus. This annual event is to let people know "You Are Important". 120 students, faculty and staff were in attendance.

Student Leadership Reception
September 30, 2016

This year’s theme was Blast from the Past and brought a lot of fun for students, staff and administrators who dressed in their best 60s, 70s and 80s fashion. Dr. Mitchell and First Lady, Barbara Mitchell were there to celebrate and honor our student leaders.

Bakersfield Strong Leadership Conference
October 28, 2016

Student Union & Organizational Governance hosted the annual conference that brought CSUB and Bakersfield College students together to collaborate ideas and share experiences that focused on social justice. Over 100 students attended.

OkSOBERfest
October 17-18, 2016

The 16th annual OkSOBERfest coincides with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week to educate students about drinking responsibly for those who choose, to support those who do not drink, and to provide resources for those who need it. This event is sponsored by the CSUB Alcohol and Drug Education Committee, funded by Aware Awake Alive, with multiple partners across the Division of Student Affairs. The event had over 325 participants.

New Seating in the Icardo Center

The new seating reconfigures the chair-back seats to provide more premium seats closer to the court. Additionally, the new premium seats are padded for greater comfort. The project also widened the aisles and added hand rails, enhancing safety as well as creating handicap accessibility and partner seating. The Icardo Center is the campus’ largest venue for indoor events.
Upcoming Events

April 10-14
Spring Break

April 20
Expression Nights
Rowdy’s, 7 PM

April 22
Celebrate CSUB
Campus Wide, 9 AM

April 24
Campus Clean-Up
SU Patio, 12 PM

April 27
Student Leadership Hall of Fame
SU MPR, 6 PM

April 28
Runner Nights Music Festival
Icardo Center, 9 PM

May 2
Roadrunner Society Ceremony
Dore Theatre, 3:30 PM

May 3
What’s Next Workshop
12 PM (Login to your RunnerLink account to find the location)
https://www.myinterface.com/csub/Account/LogOn

May 18
Graduate Hooding Ceremony
Icardo Center, 6 PM

May 19
Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony and Reception
Main Soccer Field, 8 AM

Like to know more? Please visit our website at http://www.csub.edu/studentaffairs/