CSUB OPENS CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY

The CSUB Food Pantry held a ribbon cutting and grand opening on September 18, 2017. On campus for this very special day for the grand opening and ribbon cutting were Bakersfield Mayor, Karen Goh; CSUB President Horace Mitchell; Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Thomas D. Wallace; CSU Director of Student Wellness and Basic Needs Initiative Dr. Denise Bevly; and numerous other supporters. The CSUB Food Pantry will make food available to students, faculty and staff who may experience food insecurity. 1 in 10 CSUB students experience homelessness and 1 in 5 experience food insecurity.

The CSUB Food Pantry will help students who experience food insecurity to stay focused on their studies.

The CSUB Food Pantry will be open Monday through Friday, and is open to students, faculty and staff.

For more information, visit csub.edu/sustainability/food.

CSUB WOMEN ARE CHAMPIONS!

(From Gorunners.com) After pulling the upset on Friday night in the semifinals over Western Athletic Conference Champion New Mexico State, the CSU Bakersfield volleyball team was looking for back to back upsets and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a victory over tournament host and second seeded UTRGV.

The first set was back and forth early, but after an Aleksandra Djordjevic kill, UTRGV had to take the first timeout of the match with the ’Runners taking a 10-6 lead. UTRGV made a run and the match was tied at 13. It remained tied at 15, 16 and 17. UTRGV made it 24-24 fighting off a CSUB set point. Tied at 25, this time CSUB fending off a UTRGV set point. CSUB led 20-16. ’Runners trailed 15-14, but finished the set on an 11-3 run to tie the match at one with a 25-18 second set victory.

The ’Runners doubled up UTRGV early in the third set by taking an 8-4 lead. CSUB would take an 11-6 lead and UTRGV would call their first timeout of the set. ’Runners made it 24-22, but UTRGV would win two in a row to make it 24 all and fend off two set points. 25-25, 26-26, 27 all. Unbelievable volleyball from both teams. The ’Runners fight off UTRGV set point and tie it at 28 and CSUB would win the next two points to win the third set 30-28.

The fourth set, as expected, was back and forth and was tied every time all the way to 7-7. UTRGV would take a timeout with the ’Runners taking a 13-11 lead. The ’Runners would go on and win the WAC tournament with a 25-18 victory in the fourth set and earn the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

CSUB was led by Haynes 19 kills, Djordjevic ends the match with 14 kills and 12 digs and Lopes had 19 digs. Djordjevic was voted WAC tournament Most Valuable Player and deservedly so.

Giovana Melo, CSUB’s Director of Volleyball received a Gatorade bath right before being interviewed. After drying off, Melo was asked what it meant to her and the girls. Melo said, “I’m seriously out of words. The girls have fought so much throughout the whole year and it means everything. It means a lot to me because of them.”

The crowd of 1,634 fans at the championship match is a UTRGV record for a volleyball match and those fans were treated to an instant classic.
Congratulations to the Campus Beautification Award Recipients during the Fall Semester

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL REMEMBERS & HONORS INDIVIDUALS

Planned by the CSUB Counseling Center, the CSUB Candlelight Remembrance took place on October 24, 2017, from 5-8pm in CSUB’s Runner Park. The Candlelight Vigil served as 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 were guest speakers at the event. CSUB students had the opportunity to write notes and positive affirmations on cups and light candles.

CSUB student organizations also participated, by providing information and resources that CSUB students could utilize to engage in positive and productive activities. The Candlelight Remembrance teaches individuals that, “You Are Important,” 120 students, faculty and staff participated.

CSUB Counselor & Master of Ceremonies, Eric Lord speaks to attendees and participants of the CSUB Candlelight Vigil

Candles form the shape of a heart, expressing love, honor, and remembrance to those affected by suicide and mental health issues during the CSUB Candlelight Vigil held October 24, 2017 at CSUB
STUDENT HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

The Res Life team took 24 delegates (consisting of RAs, CAs, and RHA) to CSU Channel Islands on Saturday, November 18th, for the Central Region Student Leadership Conference (Central RAP). Jasmine and Ace (CAs), in conjunction with RA Jose were selected to present a session called “Know Your Risk”. Students were able to learn about the dangers and prevention of STDs and HIV, along with the prevalence of these diseases amongst the 17-24 age group.

The CSUB Housing Res Life Team came in Second Place out of 36 programs and 100 presentations at Central RAP for the ‘Know Your Risk’ presentation, as well as for their banner design!

12 Res Life team members spent the afternoon hosting a sports and field day event for the children at Mercy Housing Madison Place Apartments. Res Life will also be partnering with Mercy Housing to help the children in the after-school program at the facility make holiday cards for senior citizen centers in Bakersfield.

As a reverse trick-or-treat event, Res Life volunteers went door to door in the Student Housing East and West communities trading donations for treat bags. Over ten boxes of non-perishables, recyclables and household materials were donated from the residents in the Res Life communities to the Ronald McDonald House of Bakersfield.

Food Pantry Coordinator Kassandra Hernandez hosted an informational event on Nov. 15th entitled What’s for Dinner? about the food pantry and how residents can access it. Residents also had an opportunity to learn how to make healthy, microwavable meals.

A Res Life team of eight spent the afternoon at the Ronald McDonald House at the end of September putting together packets for the upcoming Ronald Fun Run for local elementary schools. Resident Assistants Jalynn and Matthew collaborated with Leanndra, RCC for Academic Success, on October 19th in a program entitled, “Raise the Grade-Study Skills and Test Prep”, to help prepare residents for their upcoming mid-terms. Residents learned about different ways to schedule their study time and how to execute effective studying habits.

Residential Community Coordinator for Academic Success, Leanndra Alejo, will host a series of study parties for residents in preparation for finals. They occurred on 11/30, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/15. Residents will have access to free tutoring, scantrons and snacks during the parties.

CSUB CELEBRATES 3RD ANNUAL DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

The Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Office held the 3rd Annual Disability Awareness Month during the month of October, 2017. Highlights of the month included “An Evening with Tommy Edison”; an Emotional Support Animal/Service Animal Panel; and a Chalk the Walk Event.

Tommy Edison, also known as “The Blind Film Critic,” used his unique brand of honest and self-deprecating humor to reduce the stigma of living with blindness. While an audience of 150 faculty, staff, and students intently listened, Tommy shared his painful struggles to accept the reality of his blindness. Tommy has worked in radio,
RENOVATED CAFE RIBBON CUTTING AND NEW CAMPUS EATERIES

On the evening of November 7, another first occurred in CSUB history where Student Affairs, Business & Administrative Services, and CSUB Dining Services unveiled several new restaurant options at CSUB. Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Thomas D. Wallace began the celebration by using a ceremonial pair of scissors to cut the blue and gold ribbon. More than 500 members of the campus community celebrated the new era of dining at CSUB as they surrounded the blue and gold ribbon adorned with a CSUB balloon arch at the west entrance to the Runner Café.

Over the summer, the Runner Café had undergone significant renovation and expansion. The newly renovated café features an updated dining space with bar height tables and chairs, along with a large salad bar, and other modern food options. In addition to the food and furnishings, a large window was cut in the east wall of the Cafe allowing patrons to see through the Stockdale Room and outside to the beautiful Stockdale Court.

The very same night, the CSUB community was treated to the first ever opening of a nationally branded concept on campus called, “Panda Express.” Again, another campus space on campus, (this one, located inside the Student Union) was updated, and modernized for the benefit of CSUB students.

Additional campus restaurant openings at the end of the fall 2017 semester included “Which Wich? Superior Sandwiches” in the location formerly occupied by Togo’s in Science III, and Starbucks located inside the Student Union at the Runner Bookstore.

ASI HOSTS E-WASTE DRIVE

ASI hosted an E-Waste drive on Saturday, October 14, 2017 as a part of Campus Sustainability Month. Faculty, staff, students, and the Bakersfield community were able to recycle their electronic waste and bring any papers they wanted shredded. This semester, we were able to divert 14,194 pounds of e-waste from the local landfills which is 5,000 more pounds than last semester. ASI will host another E-Waste drive on March 3, 2018 from 9 am - 1 pm in Lot I.

PRESIDENT SEARCH - STUDENT OPEN FORUMS

ASI President Mariela Gomez hosted 3 forums so that students could give her feedback on what they would like to see in the next CSUB President. Over the course of 3 days, 70 students came and shared their opinions. Here’s some highlights of what they would like to see in the next CSUB President:

• New president should be present on campus, come to events, interactive with students, and come to club and organizations events
• Understand his/her role, very approachable, able to communicate with students on our level, knows his audience, and able to wear different hats with ease
• Makes you feel heard, makes one on one connections with students
• Motivated and excited for the campus to grow both academically

A panel consisting of a disabled student, SSD staff member, and a disability community member convened to discuss the topic of Emotional Support /Services Animals. The purpose of this panel was to educate and share information with the campus community. CSUB is currently evaluating and updating campus policies regarding Emotional Support/Service Animals.

The campus community was invited to participate in “Chalk the Walk”, an interactive art project designed to provide students the opportunity to work together to design a chain of artwork. Through the use of puzzle piece sections, we focused on the idea that we all fit together, while also playing a critical role in the lives of others. With the support of ASI we were able to award prizes for the top 3 pieces.

television, and maintains a YouTube channel highlighting film and movie reviews.

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and physically and has strong relationships that can bring innovative things to CSUB

• Set goals for diversity, look to include people from “other” groups, look out for marginalized groups
• Good working relationship with the community — has a really good track record with it
• Help put CSUB on the map
• Experience with students — don’t want a “big business guy”
• Experience with doing research at a teaching university
• Warm and welcoming, genuine interest in students, background reflects importance of students, not intimidating, transparency is important, and needs to be a good cultural fit
• Need a new president who is willing to listen to students and actually wants to work with them to improve the community
• Need a new president who is forward thinking, progressive, both socially and culturally progressive, accepting, open minded, ambitious, not afraid to take chances, is willing to take a risk, and is good with change
• We don’t want someone who is conservative and wants just to keep the status quo
• We don’t want a quiet president. We want someone who is willing to speak up on controversial issues like DACA and Freedom of Speech

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2017

The 2nd annual International Education Week was complete with social, educational and cultural events. Students had the chance to learn about different cultures, join cultural clubs, learn about studying abroad and cook and share dishes from their native country. There was also an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to represent their native country during halftime at one of the women’s basketball games and hear from Dr. Suleiman about his Fulbright experience in Palestine.

RUNNER NIGHTS FALL CARNIVAL 2017

In our third year planning Runner Nights, the committee was determined to make this one bigger and better than the last one for the students at CSUB. The carnival was full of activities planned and coordinated by our clubs and organizations, a dunk tank with CSUB athletes, a photo booth, a Ferris wheel, super slide, fun house and a multi-player game with a cool DJ to play the hits the entire night. The event brought in just under 2,000 students (1,987 to be exact) and everyone seemed to find something or multiple things to enjoy until 1am!

OkSOBERfest ON THE STUDENT UNION PATIO
October 18 & 19, 2017

SHS holds this event every year to align with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. This year, SHS and the campus Alcohol and Drug Education Committee partnered with 8 other departments across campus and reached nearly 250 students. This year, students learned what a standard drink size is, the signs of alcohol poisoning, and what resources are available to them on campus. Students were
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