In its third year at CSUB, Alternative Spring Break continues to give back to our community in a major way! The executive group of Sensational Sophomores chose to give back to our environment and spend their week cleaning trash, removing invasive weeds and planting for Tejon Ranch Conservancy and Wind Wolves Preserve. The most important aspect, I believe, is the relationships the students build through their hard work! We had 30 student leaders participate in at least 2 out of the 4 days totaling 300 hours of service. The Director of Community Engagement, Alasia Khiev wrote, “Alternative spring break is about spending the week break we get from school to go out and use that time off to give back to our community. I know that when people think about giving back to the community, they generally just give mind to the human population, but with this alternative spring break project, I wanted to arrange something different and dedicate our time to those who don’t have a voice, to those who are struggling and have less and less areas for habitation. Overall, I want this spring break’s projects to help students come together and help them appreciate the world around us just a little bit more by showing them that it’s not just us humans who need help, it’s also the animal and plant life around us because it’s not them living in our world, it’s us living in theirs.”

CSUB Athletics continues to excel by maintaining a 3.0 or above cumulative GPA for 7 consecutive terms. Both CSUB soccer teams lead the way with women’s Soccer earning the highest women’s team GPA for the Spring term of 3.52, while Women’s Swimming and Diving was a close second with a 3.26 and the Men’s Soccer team claimed the highest for the men’s team GPA for Men’s Soccer with 3.28. Women’s Softball, Women’s Track and Field, Women’s Cross Country also earned above a 3.0 cumulative GPA for the Spring semester.

CSUB celebrated 55 graduating Senior Student-Athletes. They had an average GPA of 3.19 and 84% were 1st generation college students. Deputy Athletics Director Dana Freeman-Pattison received the Sh.Educates award at the second annual Sh.Educates Gala. Dana was one of six honorees and was recognized for leading the efforts to secure an $870,000 grant to open the Hagley Student Success Center. Dana has led efforts student-athletes have maintained a 3.0 or above GPA and a 75% graduation rate. Replacement of the iconic blue water tower in Isardo Center is underway. Expected to be completed prior to the first volleyball practice on August 8th.

CSUB Athletics Fundraising for 2017-18 is expected to reach 3 million, which is the highest ever in ten years.

Ziggi’s will serve on the Visalia Bakersfield Board of Directors.

Dignity Health increased their sponsorship level from $125,000 to $225,000.

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Campus Programming Highlights

FIFTH ANNUAL ETHICS BOWL

On March 14th, in collaboration with the Kegley Institute of Ethics, we held the 5th Annual Ethics Bowl. The event is aimed at providing our students with a fun environment to compete with their peers about complex ethical issues currently facing our society. Teams included students formed from classes in related fields and students from different departments on campus that did not necessarily have experience in debates. We had the largest turn out yet with about eighty attendees including participants and spectators. Judges included professors, campus administrators, and people from our community that all volunteered their time to help facilitate the three rounds and give great constructive feedback to our students.

CECE Highlights

SPRING VOLUNTEER FAIR

1/31/18 - CECE’s Spring Volunteer Fair allowed students to meet with a variety of non-profit organizations and learn about volunteer options available in the community.

CECE HOSTS TEACHER CAREER EXPO

2/21/18 - 36 school districts came to the CSUB SRC looking to hire teaching candidates.

CECE HOSTS SPRING CAREER EXPO

3/21/18 - The Spring Career Expo brought 59 employers looking to hire interns and graduates.

CECE HOSTS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FACULTY RECOGNITION CEREMONY

4/19/18 - CECE recognizes faculty for their engagement in the local community at the annual Community Engagement Faculty Recognition Ceremony.

Children’s Center Highlights

The Children’s Center “Shining Stars” of 2018 graduated on Thursday, May 3rd! The evening was filled with a mixture of happiness and nostalgia because most of the graduates have been at the Center since they were 18 months.

Student Health Services Highlights

Sexual Responsibility Week” events were held February 13 and 14 on the Red Brick Road. The purpose of this event was to educate students about sexual health, and to provide them with resources and sexual health items. We talked with students about STD rates, STD testing, contraception, and the services available at SHS. We partnered with Title IX and the Campus Advocate to provide resources around discrimination, sexual assault, and dating violence.

Services for Students with Disabilities Highlights

Services for Students with Disabilities hosted two workshops aimed at helping at risk students with issues such as study skills and communication strategies. SSD hosted three Windmills trainings designed to challenge perceptions about disabilities.

The Autism Awareness Panel was held in April with a panel discussion featuring a community expert and advocate, a parent of a child with autism, and a young man living with autism. The event gave the campus community the opportunity to hear firsthand about the struggles of living with autism while also learning about current policy and advocacy efforts taking place at the state and local level.

SSD had the privilege of working each of the cultural commencement ceremonies as well as the graduate hooding and undergraduate commencement this past May. In doing so, we ensured that all students and their guests had the best possible experience with a safe, comfortable, and accessible environment to enjoy the ceremonies.