



CSU Board of Trustees Confer Title of President Emeritus

At the May 16, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, I was honored to receive the Trustees' conferral of the title of President Emeritus, effective upon my retirement. The award is given to reflect outgoing presidents' many years of service to students, faculty and staff. As I have shared often, and said upon receiving the recognition, it has been my privilege and honor to serve our community and our students as president of CSU Bakersfield over the past 14 years. I have always been very clear when people have given me compliments that the work we have done is the result of the commitment and hard work of the faculty and staff at the university who are outstanding, along with the support that we receive from our alumni, our community, and the various supporters of the university. I appreciate and am humbled by the award.



Chancellor Timothy White, Horace Mitchell, CSU BOT Chair, Rebecca Eisen

Remembering Former Mayor Dr. Harvey L. Hall

We celebrate the life of **Harvey Hall**, our friend, champion, longest-serving mayor of Bakersfield, and founder of Hall Ambulance. Harvey passed away on May 19 at the age of 77.



Our former Mayor Hall distinguished himself as a tireless voice for the citizens of Bakersfield and

served as the *"Mayor of All the People."* He lived up to his stated goal at his January 2, 2001 swearing-in ceremony: "Our city is one of greatness and it will be my goal every day to make every day better than the day before and to try and make this city the best city in America." He was elected mayor of Bakersfield in 2000 under the slogan "Unity in the Community." He embraced and took pride in the diversity of our community.

Over his 16 years of service, he donated his entire mayoral salary to the Mayor's Scholarship Fund, awarding more than \$250,000 in scholarships to nearly 300 high school, community college, and CSUB students. He delivered the commencement address for our June 13, 2014 commencement ceremony and was present for the ribbon cuttings for our engineering complex on April 3, 2013 and new student housing complex on November 18, 2014. He was an avid supporter of CSUB athletics and a familiar figure at athletics competitions bedecked in Roadrunner gear. He was esteemed widely as a pioneer of emergency medical services in the state. In celebration of its 45th anniversary, Hall Ambulance donated eight

life-saving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to the Athletics Department, one for each of our eight sports facilities.

His numerous awards include receiving the CSUB School of Business and Public Administration's *John Brock Community Service Award*. In 2014 I awarded him the CSUB President's Medal. In recognition of his lifetime of selfless service, leadership, philanthropy, and his distinguished achievements which embody the values of California State University, Bakersfield, the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and California State University, Bakersfield conferred upon him in 2017 the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

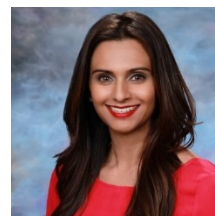


John Nilon Elected to Second Two-Year Term as Alumni Trustee

The CSU Alumni Council unanimously re-elected **John Nilon** (BA Political Science '79, MPA '88) to a second two-year term as Alumni Trustee on the CSU Board of Trustees. His second term will begin July 1, 2018. John chairs the Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds; is vice chair of the Committee on Finance; and is a member of the Committees on Educational Policy and Collective Bargaining. He also chaired the committee to select the incoming CSUB president. He is committed to advancing the progress made with the Graduation Initiative 2025 and advocating for needed resources. Congratulations, John.

New Members Elected to the CSUB Foundation Board of Directors

Please join me in welcoming four new members of the CSUB Foundation Board of Directors:



Raji Brar

Owner and COO - Country Market & Restaurants



Dr. Uma Varanasi

Nephrologist - Kern Nephrology Medical Group



Hugh McMahon

Executive Vice President, Real Estate - Tejon Ranch



H.A. Sala, Criminal Defense Attorney - H.A. Sala, Professional Law Corporation

Three Honorees Receive President's Medals

At the President's Associates dinner, I was pleased to present the CSUB President's Medal to three outstanding individuals for their leadership, service, and commitment to the university. Congratulations to:

Steve Renock, president and CEO of Kern Schools Federal Credit Union. Kern Schools' partnership with CSUB began in 1995 and includes support for athletic scholarships, men's basketball, the Bakersfield Jazz Festival, the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame, and the School of Business and Public Administration John Brock Development. He has served on the CSUB Foundation Board of Directors since 2015.



Dr. Kim Flachmann, professor of English, joined the faculty in 1972 and has served as our writing program coordinator since 1986. Among her many achievements are successful proposals to fund our Reading Institute for Academic Preparation program, which teaches high school and college faculty the theory and practice of teaching vocabulary. Her numerous teaching awards include CSUB's Millie Albin Excellence in Teaching Award (1998-99); the 2009 California Association of Teachers of English Excellence in Teaching Award; and the Kern High School District's 2016 Jim Burke "Light and Liberty" Award for service to Kern County education.



Dolores Huerta, a living legend and icon whose name is synonymous with civil rights. As co-founder with Cesar Chavez and secretary-treasurer of the United Farm Workers, she was a national leader in the movement for farmworker rights. President Obama awarded her the President's Medal of Freedom in 2012. She received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights and the Puffin/National Prize for Creative Citizenship. She established the Dolores Huerta Foundation in 2012.



Dena Freeman-Patton Receives ShePower Leadership Award



Deputy Athletics Director **Dena Freeman-Patton** received the SheEducates award at the second annual ShePower Pink Gala. Dena was one of six honorees and was recognized for leading the efforts to secure an \$870,000 grant to open the Kegley Student Success Center.

Under her leadership, student-athletes have maintained a 3.0 or above GPA and a 75% graduation rate. Fellow honorees included **Supervisor Leticia Perez** (SheLeads); **Heather Frank** (Woman of the Year); **Dr. Kimberly Dixon** (SheHeals); **Judge Tiffany Organ Bowles** (effecting change in local government); and **Christina Martinez**. The gala was hosted by **Arleana Waller**, ShePower CEO. Gala proceeds benefit ShePower Leadership Academy, an empowerment, mentorship and personal development program for girls ages 8 to 18.

Alumni Association Board of Directors Welcomes New Members

Ryan Drakos, (BS '13, MBA, '16), accounting manager at Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, and **Jacqui Kitchen** (BA History, '06, MPA, '14), development services director for the City of Bakersfield, will join the Alumni Board of Directors on June 1. Welcome home!



Jan Gillespie Receives AAPG Research Award



Dr. Janice Gillespie, Professor of Geological Sciences, received the prestigious Research Award for 2018 from the American Association of Petroleum Geologist's (AAPG's) Division of Environmental Geosciences. Her research areas include the subsurface architecture of petroleum reservoirs and groundwater aquifers and the movement of fluids through them.

Students' Post-Graduation Plans

Congratulations to all of our students who completed the requirements to complete their degrees during this academic year. Great thanks to our faculty and staff for their guidance, mentorship and support of our students. I always enjoy sharing our students' academic and career plans after graduation.

Employment

The following graduates of our Teacher Education Credential program have accepted

offers of employment for teaching positions for the 2018-19 school year:

Bakersfield City School District

Multiple Subject: **Joshua Alvarado, Calley Collignon, Alfonso Gomez, Robert Homa, Margaret Lopez, Jesse Marmolejo, Maria Munoz, Jordyn Richardson, Lisa Rountree, Alejandra Sanchez, Jordan Taylor**

Single Subject: **Kinlynn Austin, Michele Johns**

Beardsley School District

Multiple Subject: **LeAnna Chebbi**

Delano Joint Union High School District

Single Subject: **Vanessa Canales, Shawn McQuilliams, Erica Torres**

Delano Union Elementary School District

Multiple Subject: **Kaitlyn Smith**

Single Subject: **Alejandro Arvisu, Brian Hufnagel, Jaime Rodarte**

Greenfield Union School District

Multiple Subject: **Cristian Coronel, Daniel Jameson, Mnwah Musaad**

Single Subject: **Adrienne Harris, Deborah Walters**

Grimmway Academy

Multiple Subject: **Alicia Alaniz, Madison Anderholt**

Single Subject: **Javier Devora**

Kern High School District

Single Subject: **Troy Guess, Robert Ramirez Marin, Jayme Phillips, Antoinette Scheler, David Sellens**

Liberty Elementary District

Multiple Subject: **Evelyn Zuniga Kain**

McFarland School District

Single Subject: **Kali McCormick**

Mojave Unified School District

Single Subject: **Josh Hart**

Norris School District

Multiple Subject: **Ashleigh Dickinson**

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District

Multiple Subject: **Stefanie Blythe**

Riverside School District

Single Subject: **Fernando Munoz**

Rosedale School District

Multiple Subject: **Alexandra Guerrero**

Southern Kern Unified School District

Single Subject: **Andrew Hansen**

Taft Union School District

Single Subject: **Christian Munoz**

Tehachapi Unified School District

Single Subject: **Kim Goldstein, Lisa Newman**

Nursing

Of our 51 graduating nursing students, 45 have accepted offers of employment with local hospitals.

Adventist Health

ER: **Ryan Hammond, Kirandip Kaur, Rubio Sergio, Samantha Zavala**

Labor & Delivery: **Andrea Rojo (Oseguera)**

MICU: **Alyssa Haddox, Patricia Matundan**

Step Down Unit: **Elizabeth Saldana**

Surgical ICU: **Stacie Sands, William Smith**

Telemetry: **Kimberly Morton, Paz Rodriguez Gonzalez, Daisy Zamora**

Kern Medical

Direct Observation: **Melissa Reynoso**

ER: **Cynthia Cortez, Leslie Wilson**

ICU: **Lauren Turpin, Danielle Wilson**

Med/Surg: **Tatiana Alvarez**

Neonatal: **Aubrey Rocha**

Perinatal: **Daisy de Leon**

Pediatrics: **Carla Peralta**

Psychiatry: **Ricardo Flores**

Kaweah Delta

ER: **Francis Tesoriere**

Memorial Hospital

Cardiac ICU:	Tony Uong
ER:	Krystal Bermudez, Emily Vides
Family Care:	Hua Lee
Labor & Delivery:	Mailee Cha, Ashley Foster, Kassi Nelson,
Med/Surg:	Angela Bilyeu
Pediatric ICU:	Rachel Rich
Surgery:	Patricia Ocampo
Telemetry:	Navneet Kaur, Luminne Lavilla, Ana Ramos-Torres

Mercy Hospital

<u>Med/Surg:</u>	Gelynn Agustin, Leyvi Carrillo, Anh Dao, Floryn Lacar, Ashley Manuel, Andres Razo,
<u>Labor & Delivery:</u>	Julie Brinkman, Deanna Zahriya

Ph.D. Programs

Alexander Rinaldi (Outstanding Graduating Senior for Computer Science) will be attending the Computer Science Ph.D. program at UC Santa Cruz in Fall 2018 with support from a research fellowship.

Masters Programs

Jeremy Ice (Outstanding Graduating Senior for Electrical Engineering) will be attending the Electrical Engineering M.S. program at UC Irvine in Fall 2018.

More good news about our students who are pursuing advanced degrees will be included in the next issue of the *Update*.

President Mitchell and First Lady Barbara Mitchell Retirement & Scholarship Gala

In collaboration with our K-12 and community college partners, CSUB has been very successful in increasing the college-going rates among Kern County students. Barbara and I want to support the university's efforts to increase CSUB students' opportunities to further expand their educational experiences through study abroad where they can learn first-hand about other cultures, peoples, countries, and perspectives. In support of that effort, we have made a personal commitment of \$50,000 to endow scholarships that will support CSUB students who pursue study abroad. We invite you to share in this initiative. The gala will take place Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center. Social hour is at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Individual tickets are \$150.00. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. A few tickets are still available. For information, please contact **Dina Ebeling**, Initiatives and Presidential Events Specialist, at 654-2241 or debeling@csub.edu.

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 May winner, **University Advancement**, for their adopted area. University Advancement also won in April. We also congratulate **General Accounting**, our March winner. 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, visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/.



University Advancement, April and May winners



General Accounting, March winner

Events Calendar

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 invited to attend. Meetings will resume in the fall. I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event.

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell
President