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## PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CAMPUS UPDATE

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Honors, pinnings, hoodings, degree conferral, and tassel-turns now behind us, I extend a sincere thank-you to every faculty member, staff person, and administrator at CSUB for your commitment to our students and to raising the level of educational attainment and quality of life in our region. No matter the number of commencement ceremonies one attends over the years, it never gets old. Each celebration brings its own sense of excitement and renewal as students don caps and gowns, honor cords, and sashes in anticipation of the moment of conferral. As you read in this issue the post-graduation plans of some of our students, please take the time to thank another faculty or staff member, alum, donor, corporate partner, K-12 and community college colleague, or community member for partnering with us to help our students realize these achievements. Special thanks go to **Soraya Coley**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and **Susan Hopkins**, Director of University Advancement Events, and their team for their tremendous work planning and coordinating commencement and related celebrations.

### Student Post-Graduation Plans

**Patricia Acosta**, Psychology major, is a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and will participate in a 10-week summer research institute at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine. She will receive up to \$6,325 for expenses. She also has been accepted into the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program which provides forgivable loans of up to \$10,000 per year for a total of \$30,000 to a limited number of doctoral students. She is a Dean's List honoree.

Psychology major **Brooke Andrade** has been accepted into the Psy.D. program in Clinical Forensic Psychology at the California School of Forensic Studies.

Mathematics major and Hawk Honors student **Robert Bassett** will pursue a Ph.D. at UC Davis. He will receive a \$35,000 scholarship. He is the Outstanding Undergraduate in the Math Department and the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering. He placed first in the Undergraduate Student Research Competition and the Undergraduate Student Research Poster Competition. He is a Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation scholar, attended the Math in Moscow program at the Independent University of Moscow, the Research Experience for Undergraduates 2013 summer program at Texas A&M, and the Carnegie Mellon Summer School Conference in applied mathematics.

**Miguel Becerra** graduated with honors in Sociology and went on to earn a Master's degree at UC Santa Barbara. His submission for a book chapter based on his thesis has been accepted for publication in the book Converging Identities: Blackness in the Modern African Diaspora.

Hawk Honors student **Jennifer Beltran** has been accepted into CSUB's Teacher Education Math Blended Program. She also will be teaching at McFarland High School.

Philosophy major **Uriah Burke** has been accepted in the M.A. program at the University of Toledo with a teaching stipend of \$8,200 per year for two years.

Chemistry major **Garrett Cabral** has been accepted into San Diego State University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

**Demetrius Castelazo** has been accepted into Cal Poly Pomona's M.S. in Economics program. A Hawk Honors student majoring in economics, he is the department's outstanding graduate, received the Audrey K. Bender scholarship, and graduated cum laude.

Sociology major **Isabel Cazarez** has been accepted into the MSW program at CSUB.

**Nicholas Danes** has earned a spot in UC Merced's Ph.D. program in Applied Mathematics. The mathematics major is a Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation scholar. He attended the Research Experience for Undergraduates 2013 summer program at Chico State and the Carnegie Mellon Summer School Conference in Applied Mathematics.

**Brenda Del Riego** has been accepted to San Jose State University's M.A. in Sociology program.

English major **Katherine Downey** has been accepted into the Teacher Credential program at CSUB.

**Christopher Ryan Drakos**, Political Science – International Relations major, has accepted a position as a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management.

Graduate student **Megan Finch**, an English major, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Brandeis University. She won the Dean's Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper and received the Gilmore-Valenze Prize in English and American Literature.

Hawk Honors student **Breanna Flores** will pursue a Master's Degree in Public Administration at CSUB. She also will be employed at the Kern County Probation Department as a Juvenile Corrections Officer. She is a National Society of Leadership and Success inductee and received the National Engaged Leader Award and a T. Glen Bowen Scholarship.

CSUB employee and MBA student **Anthony Frutos** has been admitted to the M.S. Information Technology program at the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics at CSU Fullerton. He also has accepted a position as Senior Analyst with the City of San Jose's Finance/Purchase Division.

**Theresa Gaumond**, an English major, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture at North Dakota State University. She also received a teaching assistantship in Composition.

**Khushwinder Gill**, a Chemistry major, has been accepted into the School of Pharmacy at both UC San Francisco and UC San Diego. She is a National Society of Leadership and Success inductee, a McNair Scholar, and member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society. She received scholarships from the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Student Preparation for Academic Research Careers and the Council on Ocean Affairs Science and Technology programs, as well as the National Science Foundation and Horatio Alger Association.

**Derrian Goebel**, an English major, has been accepted into the M.A. English program at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Former ASI president **Lauren Goodsi**, who majored in criminal justice, will enroll in the University of Southern California's Master of Education in Post-Secondary Administration and Student Affairs in the Fall.

Hawk Honors student **Laura Harris** has been accepted into CSUB's M.A. in English program. She also is pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Writing at CSUB and will attend CSU San Bernardino's Open University to earn a Graduate Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language.

Hawk Honors student **Christine Hluza** will be attending Northern Arizona University's M.S. in Biology program. She received a Science Foundation of Arizona graduate research fellowship which covers tuition, research expenses, and cost of living.

Philosophy major **Thien Tin Le** has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Temple University and will receive the Presidential Fellowship which provides full tuition and a four-year stipend. He is the Outstanding Graduate in Philosophy and in the School of Arts and Humanities, won first prize in the CSU Student Research Competition, the CSU Student Research Poster Competition, and was elected President of the Philosophy and Religious Studies Club. He attended the Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy in 2011 and the Summer Seminar in Philosophy in 2012 at Rutgers University. He also completed a Clinical Ethics internship at the Kegley Institute of Ethics at Kern Medical Center. His paper on Platonism was published in the journal, *Res Cogitans*.

**Christian Dymally-Lee**, a Business Administration major, has been accepted into the M.A. in Kinesiology Sports Medicine program at CSU Long Beach.

**Heath Emerson** has been admitted to the M.A. Sustainable Communities program at Northern Arizona University.

Hawk Honors student **Hoan Lee** has accepted a paid summer internship at Chevron.

**Kevin Patrick Lohmann**, a theater major, has been accepted into the MBA program at San Diego State University. He is the Outstanding Undergraduate in Theater and won the Dean's Award for Best Paper.

**Breanne Maranto** has been admitted to the M.S. in Teaching Licensure program at Iowa State University, Ames.

**Loren Matoon**, a Liberal Studies major, has been accepted into CSUB's Teacher Credential Program, Multiple Subjects.

Biology major **Terrance McGill** will begin medical school at the Ross University School of Medicine. He is a Dean's List honoree.

Hawk Honors student and Psychology major **Linda Medina** has been accepted into the M.A. Education Specialist Program in Psychology at CSU Long Beach. She received an \$18,350 U.S. Department of Education Special Education Program fellowship.

Mathematics major **Victoria Miller** will pursue a Ph.D. in statistics at UC Santa Barbara. She is a Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) scholar.

**David Mitchell** has been accepted into Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff's M.S. in Statistics program. He is a Hawk Honors student.

**Gabriel Munoz**, a Psychology major, has been accepted into the MSW program at CSUB.

Graduate student and History major **Jeff Newby** has been accepted into the highly competitive Japanese Exchange and Teaching program for 2013-15. The program seeks to enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations. It also aims to improve foreign language education in Japan and to encourage international exchange. Jeff is the second CSUB history graduate to be accepted into the program. He will be teaching at Kamiichi, Toyama Prefecture.

Business Administration major **Julissa Guerra Percolla** graduated summa cum laude. She has been accepted into the University of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry's Doctor of Dental Surgery program in San Francisco. She has been awarded the Dean's Scholarship for \$60,000. She is an Alpha Chi Society inductee, member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, and is the Outstanding Student in Management and in the School of Business and Public Administration.

**Dianne Phillips**, a post-baccalaureate Psychology major, has received a fellowship and will pursue a Ph.D. in Development Psychology at UC Riverside.

Hawk Honors student **Fatima Ramos** will attend San Diego State University where she will pursue a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She also received an internship.

**Sergio Rodriguez, Jr.**, a History major, will enter the Single Subject Teacher Credential Program at CSUB.

**Devin Russell**, a post-baccalaureate Psychology major, will enroll in Arizona State University's Ph.D. program in Cognitive Psychology.

**Joshua Shin**, a Sociology major, has been accepted into the M.A. Sociology program at George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Science. He has been awarded a university fellowship that will cover his full cost and a graduate assistantship stipend. He is an inductee into Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honors Society.

Psychology major **Ivan Silva** has been admitted to the M.S. Psychology program at CSU Long Beach.

The University of Central Missouri will provide full tuition, fees, room and board to Communications major **Mariah Schultz**. She will pursue a Master of Arts in Mass Communication.

Accounting major **Sam Tayyari** is working at BandMerch, a worldwide entertainment merchandising company. He has been selected as a Google Glass Explorer and will help develop applications for the wearable computing device.

**Lizbett Tinoco**, an English major, has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Rhetoric, Writing, and Culture at the University of Texas, El Paso. She also has been awarded a graduate assistantship in Composition.

**Nehemias Ulloa**, a Hawk Honors student, will pursue a Ph.D. in Statistics at Iowa State University. He will receive an Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fellowship which covers the full cost for the five-year program.

Hawk Honors student **Demetrius Vadim** has been accepted into Cal Poly Pomona's M.S. in Economics program.

**Corina Vasquez**, Psychology major, has been admitted to the M.S. Counseling Psychology program at CSUB.

CSUB Antelope Valley student **Kristel Watson** completed the Teacher Education Single Subject Credential Program and will be teaching English at the Palmdale Aerospace Academy for the 2013-14 school year.

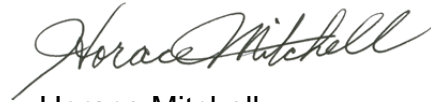
**Summer Hours**

Our summer operating schedule, for both the Bakersfield and Antelope Valley campuses, began the week of June 16 and will continue through September 5. We will observe a Monday through Thursday, 10-hour work day schedule. Campuses will be closed Fridays. There will be two weeks scheduled where all staff will work 8-hour work days: the weeks of July 28 and August 25. This is necessary to comply with the Fair Labor Standards Act and to reconcile the number of hours worked in the summer for payroll purposes. Should you have questions, please contact the Human Resources Department at ext. 2266.

**University Day 2013**

University Day is Monday, September 9, 2013. Please also hold Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for a faculty and staff presentation on student learning by Dr. Sandra McGuire. For details, please refer to my June 18<sup>th</sup> memorandum at [http://president.csub.edu/fil\\_files/221.pdf](http://president.csub.edu/fil_files/221.pdf).

Exhale. Enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event. Take care.



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