



### ***The Class of 2014***

The class of 2014 was our largest graduating class ever with 2123 students receiving degrees from our four schools. This issue pays tribute to our graduates with highlights of just a few of their accomplishments and future plans, and also salutes the distinguished careers of retiring faculty who have been awarded emeritus status.

### **Doctoral Programs**

Psychology major **Tyler Hunter**, Outstanding Senior in the School of Social Sciences and Education, and a distinguished Hawk Honors student, will begin his Ph.D. studies in neuroscience this fall. Tyler is one of the very few undergraduate students I recommended for acceptance in the CSU Doctoral Incentive Program. Tyler has been accepted into the doctoral programs at UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham and will select from among the institutions.



**Heidi Hongxin He** has been accepted into the CSU Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Program and participated in the CSU Doctoral Incentive Program.

**Jovanni Garcia**, double major in history and French was accepted into the doctoral program in history at SUNY Binghamton. She has been awarded a Clifford D. Clark Fellowship for graduate study which provides up to five years of funding.

**Martin Jimenez** has been admitted to the PhD program in geology at Penn State. His studies will be fully supported through a research assistantship.

**Rachel Tatro-Duarte**, a student at our Antelope Valley Center, has been admitted to the University of North Dakota's PhD program in English with tuition fully paid. In addition, she will receive a Graduate Teaching Fellowship with a stipend of \$17,000 per year. Rachel won CSUB's Graduate Student Initiative grant and will be attending the American Classical Studies summer school in Athens studying advanced Ancient Greek.

**John Wilson** has been accepted into UCLA's PhD program in geology and will receive a research assistantship that will fully support his doctoral program.

### **Master's Programs**

**Jordan Martin** has been admitted to CSUB's Master of Science program in geology with full funding through the National Science Foundation (NSF) Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) program.



**Paul Rendes** has been accepted into the master's program in public history at Sacramento State University.

**Cristina Rivas** has been accepted into the Master of Science program in geology at CSUB. Her program of study will be fully supported through the NSF CREST program.

**Jesse Stevens** (BA 2012) was accepted into the master's program in public history at Sacramento State University.

**Miguel Torres**, theatre graduate, will begin his Master of Fine Arts in acting this fall at CSU Fullerton with a \$30,000 scholarship to be awarded over three years.

### Post-baccalaureate Programs

**Leah Avila** has been accepted into the secondary teaching credential program at CSUB.

**Kristin Self** has been accepted into CSUB's secondary teaching credential program.

### Career-Ready Graduates

Several of the 48 bachelor of science in nursing graduates have accepted positions at local hospitals:



**Sunil Abraham:** Mercy Southwest ER;  
**Anne Baker:** Mercy Southwest NICU;  
**Cynthia Banuelos:** Mercy Telemetry;  
**Brynne Callahan:** Memorial Labor and Delivery  
**Mijin Do:** Memorial Labor and Delivery;  
**Rojin Esmail:** Mercy Southwest Labor and Delivery  
**Jennifer Fitzsimmons:** Memorial NICU  
**Shelly Freesemann:** San Joaquin ER  
**Breanna Hudspeth:** Memorial Float (Pediatrics, PICU, NICU, Postpartum)  
**Julie Hutton:** Memorial ICU;  
**Taylor Mashburn (Bowyer):** Labor and Delivery  
**Angel Moreno-Avila:** Step Down  
**Christine Nguyen:** Mercy Southwest Telemetry;  
**Hien (Cathy) Nguyen:** San Joaquin ER

**Edgar Mobleza:** Mercy Downtown/Southwest Float (Pediatrics, PICU, NICU, Postpartum)

**Natalia Obando:** San Joaquin Recovery

**Nadienne Phua:** San Joaquin Telemetry

**Sarah Smith:** Mercy Downtown Telemetry

**Tiffany So:** Memorial ER

**Stephanie Webster:** Memorial NICU

**Alison Wiener:** San Joaquin ICU

### Grants, Scholarships, and Awards



Incoming Associated Students, Inc. president, student-athlete (track), and honors student **Derek Stotler** is the recipient of PG&E's 2014 Bright Minds Scholarship. The senior business management major will receive up to \$20,000 each year for up to five years. After graduating from CSUB, Derek plans to attend graduate school in business.

**Melissa Bowen**, master's student in history, and **Dr. Cliona Murphy** were awarded the Student Research Scholars Program grant for 2014-15. The title of the project is "The Beautiful Miss Elvery: The Life, Art, and Politics of Beatrice Moss Campbell, 1883-1970." The grant will allow Melissa to conduct research in Ireland for her master's thesis.

**Gokh Alshaif**, political science and religious studies double major, and **Noor Qwfan**, public policy and administration major, received the **Michael Flachmann** award for outstanding research presentation at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual CSU Honors Consortium Conference in Fullerton for their research project, "Daughters of Sojourners: Yemeni American Females' Experience in Education." They also presented at the Social Science Research and Instructional Council conference at CSU Fullerton and were honored with the \$5,000 **Betty Nesvold** Award for best graduate research paper. Political Science professor **Dr. Kent Price** is their faculty mentor, **Dr.**

**Rhonda Dugan**, associate professor of sociology, is CSUB's SSRIC's representative, and **Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley**, professor and department chair of philosophy and religious studies, is the faculty advisor for the honors program.

Three geology students, **Lisa Anderson**, **Nick Moreno**, and **Azael Salinas**, were awarded a \$2,000 scholarship each from the Geological Society of America/ExxonMobil Field Camp Scholar Award. The competitive scholarship is awarded to outstanding geology students based on diversity and merit. Among the 20 scholarships awarded from an applicant pool of 130 across the nation, CSUB is the only institution to receive multiple awards. The scholarship will be used to fund a six-week camp experience at the Wasath-Unita Summer Field Camp, a capstone course that prepares students for careers in the geosciences.

### CSUB Alumna Wins an Emmy

Communications alumna **Celia Kelly** ('10) is now an Emmy Award-winning features producer for her work on Game Day, the college football pre-game features at ESPN. Celia entered ESPN's Production Assistant Training Program at ESPN immediately after graduation and was hired after her internship.



### HEP Graduates

Thirty-one students graduated from our high school equivalency program last month. The HEP program at CSUB is one of 45 federally-funded programs across the country and the only one that offers a six-week summer residential intensive to help high school students complete their equivalency degree and transition into postsecondary education. Since the educational equity program was first offered in 2010, 175 participants have successfully completed the program. HEP

participants are enrolled at CSUB, the Bakersfield Adult School, Bakersfield College, and Taft College. For more information, contact **Omar Correa**, program coordinator, at 654-6525.

### Emeriti Faculty

Upon faculty recommendation, I was pleased to award emeritus status to retiring faculty



whose careers over many years were distinguished with exceptional scholarship and exemplary teaching and service to CSUB and our students. **Dr. Debra Cook Hirai**, whose career spanned 1994-2013, was awarded the title Associate Professor of Teacher Education, Emerita for her professional development work training high school math and science teachers how to strengthen students' understanding of the "academic language" used by professors and in textbooks, to improve student achievement.

**Margaret Nowling** has been a member of the Art faculty since 1995 and is known for using innovative approaches to teaching in a wide range of classes to give students a foundation in the fundamentals of art. She has served as curator of the Todd Madigan Gallery at CSUB and the gallery at Bakersfield College, and was instrumental in obtaining certification of CSUB's art education program from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. She was awarded the title Lecturer of Art, Emerita.

**Dr. Stanley Eugene Clark**, a founding faculty member of the Political Science Department, was awarded the title Professor of Political Science, Emeritus. His 40-year career is marked by distinguished service to the university and the community, including serving as department chair; interim dean of

Humanities and Social Sciences; Director of the Politics Research Center; Director of the Liberal Studies program; board member of the California Center for Education in Public Affairs; the Bakersfield Sister City Project; and the Homeless Center. His research agenda includes food policy in the Central Valley.

**Dr. Marla Iyasere** came to CSUB as an adjunct English lecturer in 1973, became a full professor in 1984, and was appointed as associate dean of the then-School of Arts & Sciences in 1992. Due to the school's growth, it was reorganized in 2000 into the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (HSS) and the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, & Engineering (NSME). Dr. Iyasere served as interim dean of NSME and was named the founding dean of HSS in 2001 where she served until 2008.

**Janette Titus** earned bachelor's and master's degrees in English from CSUB and in 1989 joined the English Department faculty as a lecturer. She served as director of the Intensive English Language Center which provides English immersion courses to prepare international students for academic success; customized workplace English language programs for local businesses; and courses for local residents who wish to improve their English language, reading, and writing skills.

### University Grants

The South Kern Math Partnership, a collaboration among CSUB's School of Social Sciences & Education's Teacher Education Department and the Lamont, Fairfax, and Vineland Elementary School Districts, has been awarded a three-year \$1.4 million grant. The California Mathematics and Science Partnership (CaMSP) grant was awarded by



the California Department of Education to fund the training of 47 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in mathematics and science content, instructional skills, and the Common Core State Standards. The intensive summer training, led by **Dr. Tony Alteparmakian**, assistant professor of teacher education, includes externships in STEM-related careers and is designed to improve student learning outcomes in the three rural, high-poverty schools.

The California Endowment has awarded a \$20,000 grant to the School of Social Science & Education's Quality of Life Center to offer a Fitness for Life course this fall as part of the center's 'Runner Wellness Program. Students from South Kern (Arvin, Greenfield, Lamont, and Weedpatch) will be recruited to take the 1-unit course in the fall, as adults in this region are twice as likely to report their health status as "fair/poor" as do respondents from Kern County as a whole. For more information on the program, contact the School of Social Sciences and Education at [www.csub.edu/sse](http://www.csub.edu/sse).



### Welcome to CSUB

**Dr. Sathasivam "Kris" Krishnan** joined CSUB May 5, 2014, as the new Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment (IRPA) from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey where he served as Associate Provost. Dr. Krishnan holds a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering, an MBA from the University of Texas, Arlington, and an EdD in Educational Leadership from Rowan University. He is assuming the position vacated by the retirement of **Dr. Laura Hecht**.

**Dr. Imeh D. Ebong** will join us effective July 1, 2014, as the new Associate Vice President for Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs (GRASP) bringing more than 21 years of service

in grants and contracts. He is the recipient of more than \$14 million in grant funding. Most recently, he served as the Assistant Vice President for Research at the University of North Florida. Dr. Ebong holds a BS degree in Physics and Mathematics from Southwestern College, an MS degree in Physics from Wichita State University, and a PhD in Physics from Arizona State University.

**Dr. Mark Novak** will join us effective July 1, 2014, as the new Dean of Extended University (EUD). He comes to us after having served as the Dean of Extended Studies and Associate Vice President for International Studies at San Jose State University for 17 years as well as Professor in the Sociology Department. Under his management, total revenue in Extended Studies grew from \$10 million in 1995-96 to a projected \$30 million in 2013-14, making it one of the largest revenue generators in the CSU. He holds a BA from Rutgers University and a PhD in Sociology from York University in Toronto, Ontario.

Special thanks and recognition are extended to **Dr. Randy Schultz** who served in the interim EUD role after **Dr. Craig Kelsey** stepped down to assume the position of interim AVP for our Antelope Valley Center and Director of the Quarter to Semester Conversion Project. We thank Craig, who joined us in 2006, for his work to extend educational access and professional development opportunities in the region. His success in managing the “self-support” operation provided resources that supported the academic mission of the university during the bleak budget downturn.

### ***Upcoming Events***

Whether you are looking for academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, sports, or a calendar of highlight events, find them on [RunnerCal](#).

### ***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 welcome to attend. Meetings are held during the academic year every third Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room. The next meeting will take place October 17, 2014.

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



Horace Mitchell  
President