



New Faces in New Places

Dr. Jenny Zorn joins us today on her first day as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, succeeding **Dr. Soraya Coley**, now President of Cal Poly Pomona. Please stop in to say “hello” and



“welcome.” We thank **Dr. Kathleen Knutzen**, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education, for her excellent service as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Read [more](#) about Provost Zorn.



Dean of the School of Business and Public Administration

Garo Kalfayan, J.D. joined us on July 1 as Dean of the School of

Business and Public Administration. He brings to the position almost 30 years of higher education experience, serving since 1987 as Professor of Accountancy, Associate Dean, Director of MS Accountancy Program, Chair of the Department of Accountancy, and Interim Dean of the Craig School of Business at Fresno State. Born and raised in Visalia, he holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley; J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law; and an LL.M. (Taxation) from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law. Garo also holds active professional licenses as a certified public accountant and a real estate

broker. He succeeds **Dr. John Emery** who served as dean since 2008 and has returned to the BPA faculty. Please join me in welcoming Garo to our community and campus.

Curt Asher Named Dean of Walter Stiern Library



Interim Dean of the University Library **Curt Asher** has been appointed as the permanent dean, effective July 1. Curt has served as interim since 2012. Since joining CSUB in 1998, he has served in interlibrary loans, special collections, and collections development. A Navy veteran, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Western Washington University and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin’s Graduate School Library and Information Science.

Dr. Maria Paleologou Appointed Interim Ombudsperson

Dr. Maria Paleologou has agreed to serve as the interim campus Ombudsperson and will assume her new role effectively immediately. She succeeds **Dr. Randy Schultz** who has been appointed Interim Dean of CSUB Antelope Valley Campus. Dr. Paleologou is a faculty member in the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies and has many years of experience serving as an educator, advisor, and mentor. She will report to the Office of the President, but the campus Ombudsperson operates separately and independently from any University office or department. She may be reached via telephone at 661-654-2417; via email at

mpaleologou@csub.edu; or at her office (FT 104D). A search to identify a permanent replacement for Dr. Schultz as Ombudsperson will take place during the fall quarter. Please join me in welcoming Maria to her new role.

CSUB Athletics Department Receives Transformational \$870,000 Grant

The National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) has awarded CSUB a three-year \$870,386 grant through its Accelerating Academic Success Program (AASP). The program is designed to help student-athletes in Division I schools reach degree completion. In the press release announcing the grant earlier this week, I said, "Working together, a committee of CSUB faculty and staff developed an exceptional plan for improving the academic success and personal development of our student-athletes. The excellence of the proposal was recognized by the NCAA with the awarding of this grant. Already our student-athletes have been doing well academically, but with this grant we will be able to extend their academic success and enhance their preparedness for their lives beyond their student-athlete experience." Uses for the grant funds include academic support programming, technology upgrades, summer school financial aid, facilities and staffing, career planning, professional development, and life skills. The members of the AASP grant oversight committee include **Dena Freeman-Patton**, Associate Athletics Director of Academic Enhancement, Chair; **Kenneth Siegfried**, Interim Director of Athletics; **Marcus Brown, J.D.**, Associate Athletics Director of Compliance; **Cindy Goodman**, Sr. Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator; **Dr. Thomas Wallace**, Vice President for Student Affairs; **Dr. Jacqueline Mimms**, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management; **Dr. Jacquelyn Kegley**, Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies/Chair of the Academic

Senate; **Dr. Roy LaFever**, Faculty Athletics Representative, Professor of Chemistry; **Cheryl Holsonbake**, Senior Research Associate, Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment; **Vincent Oragwam**, Director of Grants and Contracts; **Rod Barnes**, Head Men's Basketball Coach; and **James Garces**, Student-Athlete, SAAC Representative.

High School Equivalency Program Receives \$2.4 Million Grant

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Migrant Education has awarded our High School Equivalency Program (HEP) a 5-year grant of \$474,750 annually for a total award of \$2,373,750. The purpose of the program is to assist students and/or their parents who are engaged in migrant and other seasonal farm work to attain a high school equivalent (HSE) certificate or General Education Diploma (GED), receive post-certificate job placement or begin postsecondary education, vocational training, or improved employment in Kern County. Congratulations to Lou Montano, Omar Correa, and staff on the continuation of this important program.

School of Business Receives Confirmation of Accreditation

The School of Business and Public Administration (BPA) is proud to announce their Extension of Business Accreditation through The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in April 2015 through their commitment to quality and continuous improvement. AACSB Accreditation is known, worldwide, as the longest standing, most recognized form of specialized/professional accreditation an institution and its business programs can earn. Only 5% of business programs worldwide achieve this quality standard, distinguishing CSUB nationally.

School of Social Sciences and Education Receives Continuing Accreditation

Indicating its achievement of rigorous standards in the professional education community, the School of Social Sciences and Education has earned continuing National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Preparation (NCATE) accreditation for initial and advanced teacher preparation. In awarding the continuing accreditation, the Continuous Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation gave special congratulations in that it found no areas for improvement needed relative to any of the accreditation standards. The next accreditation visit will take place in 2021.

CSUB Student Health Center Ranks No. 1

The CSU uses benchmarks to assess the relative performance of Student Health Centers within the system. In a 2015 Point of Service Customer Satisfaction Survey, CSUB Student Health Services achieved first place among the 23 campuses in reception, nursing/medical assistants, laboratory, x-ray, and health education, and was ranked second in the system in pharmacy. These impressive measurements are indicators of the high quality patient care our University provides. The Student Health center is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. To learn more about the CSUB Student Health Center, our services, and staff, please visit <http://www.csub.edu/healthcenter/studenthealthservices/index.html>.

SBDC is a Model Center

In a district and regional review of its operations, the CSUB Small Business Development Center has been hailed as one of the best centers within the SBDC network and a model for other SBDCs. The center was noted for strong leadership provided by

Executive Director **Kelly Bearden**, as well as teamwork, consultations, collaborations, technological innovations, and programming, that led it to exceed its goals.

CSU BAKERSFIELD • QUARTER TO SEMESTER



CSUB has begun the process of converting from quarters

to semesters. Our first semester term will be fall 2016. The conversion is taking place as part of the California State University (CSU) Student Success Initiative to improve the educational outcomes and degree attainment for all students. The transition also aligns the University with other CSUs, California community colleges, and high schools on the semester system, streamlining the transfer process and smoothing the transition from high school. Before the Q2S transition, all students will be expected to meet with their faculty or staff academic advisor to complete an Individualized Academic Plan (IAP). Students who follow their IAPs and maintain the same consistent rate of credit accumulation will be able to complete their degree as they had planned. For more information, please visit the Q2S webpage at <http://www.csub.edu/q2s/>.

CSUBrags

Efrain Rodriguez (Sociology) has been selected to be among the 71 Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Scholars for 2015-16. His faculty mentor is **Dr. Dale Willits**.

Nursing major **Charmaine Parubrub** has been selected as a recipient of the CSU Trustees' Awards for Outstanding Achievement for 2015-16. She will receive her award at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8, 2015.

Eric Rodarte (Political Science) has been accepted into the *Congressional Internship Program* sponsored by The Panetta Institute for Public Policy. The program runs thirteen weeks beginning with a two-week training session at the Panetta Institute followed by eleven weeks in Washington, D.C. to serve as interns to a California member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

New Student Email – Office 365

Beginning this fall, there will be a significant change in the way CSUB communicates with students. All CSUB students will be issued official CSUB email addresses (example: studentnetID@runner.csub.edu). We'll be utilizing Outlook as a part of the Microsoft Office 365 software suite. The initial Office 365 rollout will take place on July 31, 2015 and will include email and calendar functionality with additional programs (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.) added at a later time.

The purpose of the email phase of this program is to:

- Provide an easy-to-access, streamlined way for students to receive communications from the University, addressing specific concerns voiced by students related to missing communications from the University
- Allow students to seamlessly access their email account on a variety of platforms - desktop, laptop, tablet and mobile devices
- Allow students to familiarize themselves with the leading business email program (Outlook), which is utilized by an estimated 80 percent of the business world

A set of frequently asked questions concerning the email program has been compiled and posted at www.csub.edu/email. You can refer students with questions to these FAQs or have them email studentemail@csb.edu with any questions not addressed elsewhere.

Camp Blast

Earlier this month, nearly 500 elementary and middle school



students grades 4-8 and 42 teachers attended Camp BLAST!, a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) summer academy held each year. The camp is a collaboration among CSUB's Math and Teacher Science Initiative and the Lamont School District, Semitropic Elementary School District, and Buttonwillow Union School District. The program has a dual mission to light student interest in STEM and to enhance the field experience and curriculum of pre-service STEM teachers. Students chose from three educational themes in the Engineering Design Process (EDP): rocketry, "trash 4 teaching," or video technology. Each theme included hands-on activities for experiential learning, including rocket building, a solar oven demonstration, and video recording on iPads. Students kept STEM journals in which they recorded daily reflections connecting the EDP to new learning from their most recent experiment, activity or challenge. For more information, please visit the CampBlast! website at <http://grostem.org/camp-blast.html>.

University Day 2015 – Save-the-Date

Our annual **University Day** is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015. Registration will begin in August. We hope you will join us as we formally kick-off the academic year!



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](#). Access the calendar on our website by clicking the “Events” link at the bottom of the home page.

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 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