



UC, CSU and CCC Support DACA Continuance

I am providing a [link](#) to a letter from CSU Chancellor Timothy White, UC Chancellor Janet Napolitano, and California Community Colleges Chancellor-Designate Eloy Ortiz Oakley supporting the preservation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

In addition, Chancellor White's [Open Letter](#) to CSU faculty, staff and students addresses concerns regarding the well-being of our students and other members of our campus community who lack documentation and fear actions based on potential changes to immigration policy and related enforcement action.

Post-2016 Presidential Election Fora

CSUB is fully committed to maintaining an inclusive, safe and welcoming campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, alumni, and other members of our campus community. We embrace and encourage our community differences in age, ability/disability, gender, gender identity (including transgender), gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and veteran or military status, and other characteristics that make our community unique.

Last week I was joined by Vice Provost **David Schecter** in a campus [Brown Bag Discussion Bonus](#). David provided a brief overview of the election results by specific voter characteristics, after which I led a discussion on "Responding to Concerns and Anxieties, and Maintaining a Safe and Welcoming

Campus." Senior Assistant Librarian **Terezita Overduin** provided post-election [resources](#) which also are available on the library's website. After the event, I added my [signature](#) to those of more than 400 college and university presidents nationwide who support the continuance of DACA.

Next Monday, December 5, at 6pm in the Student Union Multi-purpose Room, the Kegley Institute of Ethics will host a [community conversation](#) on the presidential election and its aftermath: "How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going: Reflections on the Presidential Election." The event is free and open to the public with free parking after 5:30 in Lots K1, K2, J, and M.

Victor Martin Named VP for University Advancement



After an extensive national search with an outstanding pool of candidates, I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Victor Martin** as the Vice President for University Advancement, effective December 1, 2016. Victor has been serving as the Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Interim Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation since February 12, 2016. Prior to his interim role, he served as Director of Development from June 2013 to October 2015 and Associate Vice President for Development from October 2015 to February 2016.

Victor brings to the position more than 11 years of experience in campaign management and

fundraising. In his permanent role, he will serve as a member of the President's Cabinet with direct responsibility for the University's advancement program, including alumni affairs; community and governmental relations; fundraising and development operations; publications; and public affairs and communications. He also will serve as the Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation and will work directly with its board of directors in supporting its fundraising and advocacy efforts.

He holds an MBA and BA from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. He is a member of the boards of directors of the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Institute for Religion, Education and Public Policy, and is a member of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Installation Committee; American Cancer Society Gala Committee; and Bakersfield Jazz Festival Committee.

I extend a special thank you to the search committee chair and members:

Thomas Wallace, Vice President for Student Affairs, committee chair;

Ed Paine, Chair of the President's Community Advisory Council;

Jacquelyn Kegley, Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies;

Oscar Alvarez, Associated Students, Inc. Vice President of University Affairs;

Sarah Hendrick, Director, Alumni Engagement;

Roy LaFever, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry and Faculty Athletics Representative; and

Kenneth Siegfried, Athletics Director.

Please join us in welcoming Victor to his new role on the CSU Bakersfield leadership team.

2017 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The Alumni Association announced today the 2017 inductees into the CSUB Alumni Association Hall of Fame. We are pleased to honor the following alumni:



David Reese ('84, '12): David is the principal of Bakersfield High School (BHS) and has served in the Kern County education system for 18 years. He has fully implemented "The Driller Way," a schoolwide initiative which encourages students to embrace the virtues and character traits that lead to a successful life. A pioneer in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education, Reese was instrumental in ensuring that BHS was the first school to introduce Project Lead the Way. He also championed and co-created the archiving program at BHS as a way of preserving much of what is valuable to the Bakersfield community.



Douglas R. Greener ('04, '07): Greener is Fire Chief of the Bakersfield Fire Department (BFD), where he has received a nationally recognized upgrade to an Insurances Services Office (ISO) rated Class 2 Fire Department, placing the BFD within the top 1.5% of Fire Departments nationwide. Greener has also been instrumental in securing the capital improvement and rehabilitation of aging and antiquated fire department facilities. Recently, he helped successfully bring one of the largest pieces of the World Trade Center on the West Coast to serve as the centerpiece of the BFD 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial in Bakersfield, a project whose funding and construction he oversaw. Greener has been a member and past president of the CSUB Alumni Association.



Michael A. Neal ('73, '82): Neal was part of the second graduating class at CSUB, which was then known as California State College Bakersfield. As part of such a young higher education institution, Neal had the opportunity to take part in the creation of the accounting club on campus, and served one of the first presidents of the CSUB Alumni Association as well as the Roadrunner Club. Neal was not only a student of CSUB, but also had a long standing career with the University where he served as Vice President for Business & Administrative Services and was a member of the President's Cabinet until his retirement in 2014. Neal's community involvement includes serving as a board member of the California Almond Board and the Kern County Farm Bureau, in addition to volunteering with the American Cancer Society and several church organizations. Neal was also a member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, Kern Agricultural Board, Berrenda Mesa Water District, and Bakersfield West Rotary Club.



Tara-Nicholle Nelson ('96, '98): Nelson served as the first and only Vice President of Marketing for MyFitnessPal, an online application used by more than 120 million people worldwide that gives users access to information about healthy food recipes and fitness activities, and allows them to track and share this information with other users. Nelson is the founder and CEO of Transformational Consumer Insights, Inc., a strategy and customer research firm. She has authored two critically acclaimed books on real estate, published over 3,000 articles and syndicated columns on real estate and behavioral finance, and has served as the print, web and broadcast expert spokesperson for cable television network HGTV and real estate portal Trulia.com. Nelson also has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Influential Women in Real Estate, 2008-2009 in the

Swanepoel Trends Report, as well as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Real Estate, 2008-2009 in the Inman News, and the Revvie Award for the Top Marketing Executive of 2015. She is the President of the Board of Directors for City Slicker Farms.

The group will be honored during a Black Tie Awards Dinner on February 18, 2017 at the Bakersfield Country Club.

For more information about the CSUB Alumni Association or the Alumni Hall of Fame, please visit www.csub.edu/alumni. For event tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please call (661) 654-3211 or email alumni@csub.edu.

Applause! Applause! Applause!

Jan Gillespie, Professor of Geological Sciences, made a national television appearance on NOVA's "Treasures of the Earth: Power" episode on PBS. Her segment begins at the 18:30 minute mark.

Luis Cabrales, Assistant Professor of Physics and Engineering, and Jan also were on local television discussing new technologies to clean produced water from oil fields. Luis' [segment](#) begins at the 2:50 mark. You may view Jan's segment [here](#).

A project nominated by the **Walter W. Stiern Library** was selected by Governor Jerry Brown to receive the Governor's Historic Preservation Award for 2016. *Interpreting the Drawings and Career of Architect John P. Pederson* was described by the State Office of Historic Preservation as "an exceptional example of historic preservation efforts on behalf of California's cultural heritage." Congratulations to **Curt Asher**, Dean of the University Library, historian **John Edward Powell**, student **Bram Livingston**, and donor **Konstantine Shaw** who undertook

the complex project last year, which involved the discovery, inventory, description, and preservation of the Pederson papers. The Pederson papers are among a number of important collections that archivist and curator **Chris Livingston** has obtained for the library's Historical Research Center.

Campus Beautification Winners

We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding efforts to keep CSUB beautiful. September's winner is our **Men's Baseball Team** for their adopted area, Hardt Field and Modular Building. October's winner is **Human Resources and Payroll Services** for their adopted area, the Administration Building. If you are interested in adopting an area or wish to learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/.



Men's Baseball Team



Human Resources and Payroll Services

President's Campus Holiday Reception

Thursday,
December 8th, 3 pm,
Dezember Reading
Room



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 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 welcome to attend. The next meeting will take place Friday, January 20, 2017 at 10:00 am. in the Albertson Room.

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

Take Care,

Horace Mitchell
President