



Commencement 2016 is CSUB Strong

Our 2016 graduating class is almost 2500 students strong. Students applying for graduation include 2,027 undergraduates and 460 master's degree candidates from our four schools: Arts and Humanities (A&H); Business and Public Administration (BPA); Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering (NSME); and Social Sciences and Education (SSE).



	Undergraduates	Master's Candidates
A&H	225	28
BPA	455	110
NSME	431	60
SSE	916	262

The numbers reflect a 15% increase in the applications for graduation in 2015 (2,117 applicants, 1742 undergraduate and 358 master's candidates).

Upon recommendation of the faculty, I will confer degrees during our three commencement ceremonies:

Ceremony	Date	Time	Location
Graduate and Hooding	Tues. 6/7	6:00 p.m.	Icardo Center
A&H BPA NSME	Fri. 6/10	7:00 a.m.	Amphitheater
SSE	Sat. 6/11	7:00 a.m.	Amphitheater

At our graduate and hooding ceremony, I also will present our new doctors of education who graduated from our collaborative Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership with Fresno State.

Speakers



CSUB alumna **Tara-Nicholle Nelson, J.D.**, will address students at the Graduate and Hooding Ceremony on June 7. Ms. Nelson earned bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from CSUB and a juris doctorate from the UC Berkeley School of Law. She was the first and only Vice President of Marketing for MyFitnessPal, a digital health and fitness application. In her first year overseeing acquisition and growth, media relations, content marketing, social media, and user insights, the company grew from 45 million to 100 million users and from raising an \$18 million Series A to a \$475 million acquisition by Under Armour. Ms. Nelson is the CEO and Founder of Transformational Consumer Insights, a research and management consulting firm, and is President of the board of directors of City Slicker Farms, a community farming and food security non-profit organization in West Oakland.



Stephen Schilling, Chief Executive Officer of Clinica Sierra Vista, will serve as keynote speaker for the June 10 combined ceremony for A&H, BPA, and NSME. Under Mr. Schilling's leadership,

Clinica Sierra Vista has grown from a single storefront location to the fourth largest community health center in the nation (out of 1300) and is hailed as a model of accredited ambulatory health care delivery systems. Clinica Sierra Vista has more than 1,200 employees in 75 locations in Kern, Fresno, and Inyo counties and an annual operating budget of \$105 million, and provides medical, dental, and preventive healthcare and outreach services to some 200,000 low- and moderate-income families annually. Mr. Schilling earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Chico State. He will be awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, at the commencement ceremony.



SSE is pleased to welcome Kern County Superior Court Judge **Robert Tafoya** as speaker for the June 11 ceremony. Judge Tafoya holds a bachelor's degree in history from CSU

Sacramento, a master's degree in education from the University of Southern California, and a juris doctorate from the University of California Hastings School of Law. At the time of his 2002 appointment to the bench, he was a certified family law practitioner, having practiced law for 23 years.

CSU Board of Trustees Representatives

The CSU Board of Trustees will be represented by members **Hugo Morales** and **Steven Stepanek** at our June 10 ceremony. Hugo Morales is the Executive Director and co-founder of Radio Bilingue. Dr. Stepanek is chair of the CSU Northridge Department of Computer Science.



Tickets

Complimentary [tickets](#) are required to ensure adequate seating at the degree-conferring ceremonies. Tickets have been distributed to students electronically via email. All tickets have been distributed. The venues are at capacity.

Honors Recognitions and Cultural Celebrations

In addition to our three official degree-conferring ceremonies, we recognize our students' accomplishments at several honors and cultural celebrations, some which took place earlier this month:

A&H Honors

Wednesday, June 1, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Dezember Reading Room

BPA Honors

Friday, May 20, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Stockdale Country Club, 7001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield

NSME Honors

Thursday, May 26, 2016
5:00 p.m.
Solario de Fortaleza, Student Recreation Center (SRC)

SSE Honors

Thursday, June 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Solario de Fortaleza, SRC

Antelope Valley Reception

Sunday, June 5, 2016
3:00 p.m.
Hellenic Center, Antelope Valley Campus

Black Graduation Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, June 4, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Icardo Center

Children's Center Graduation

Thursday, May 26, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Children's Center

CSUB Athletics Rowdies

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:00 p.m.

Fox Theatre

Emeriti and FERP Reception

Thursday, May 17, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Dezember Reading Room

Chicano Commencement Celebration

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Icardo Center

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Saturday, June 11, 2016

5:00 p.m.

The Bridge Bible Church
12225 Stockdale Highway**SSE Credentials Reception**

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Student Housing East MPR

Veterans Recognition Reception

Friday, May 20, 2016

2:30 p.m.

Division I Athletics' Continuing Success

Congratulations to our Women's Softball Team for winning the Western Athletics Conference and advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Head coach **Crissy Buck-Ziegler** led our WAC champions to their first NCAA Regionals appearance since transitioning to Division I competition.

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 at one of our commencement exercises, around campus, or at an upcoming University or community event. Take care.



Horace Mitchell
President