



### *Presidential Search Update*

The CSU Trustees' Selection Committee for President of California State University, Bakersfield will meet in closed session on Thursday, March 1, 2018 and Friday, March 2, 2018 to consider candidate qualifications and determine which candidates to advance to the next level of consideration. The Board of Trustees will interview recommended candidates on Monday, March 19, 2018. The presidential search website can be accessed [here](#). Questions regarding the search process may be directed to **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Chief of Staff to the President, at [eyoung3@csub.edu](mailto:eyoung3@csub.edu) or **Dr. Lars Walton**, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, at [lw Walton@calstate.edu](mailto:lw Walton@calstate.edu).



### *#6 in the Top 100 Most Affordable Universities*

Best Value Schools ranks [CSUB #6](#) in "The Top 100 Most Affordable Universities in America 2018." We were selected from a list of public

and private non-profit baccalaureate universities across the country with enrollments of at least 4,000 undergraduate students. The net cost of attendance was collected from the National Center for Educational Statistics. Our cost of \$6,000 per semester was cited, along with the diversity of our more than fifty degree programs, state-of-the-art facilities, Division I athletics program, and our "respect for students' diverse interests and goals," as pivotal for the Central Valley as we develop the personal and intellectual potential of our students.

### *Students Vote Yes for \$37 Million Student Union Expansion*

With 61.4% of the vote supporting the "Roadrunners need room to roam" student fee increase referendum, we will begin plans to expand the Student Union and develop a new aquatics facility. The cost includes \$27 million for the 40,000-square-foot, two-story Student Union expansion and \$10 million for the 40,000 square-foot aquatics center. Benefits for CSUB Antelope Valley will include upgraded classroom furniture, technology (computer lab, classrooms, ITV classrooms, study rooms) and transportation to athletics events, among other perks. For answers to frequently asked questions, including specifics on the student fee increase, please visit the OurNewSU [website](#). Congratulations to Associated Students, Inc. President **Mariela Gomez**, the ASI Board of Directors, and our students for this transformational initiative.

### *Budget Advocacy Day in Sacramento*

Since the governor is proposing an allocation to the CSU that is \$171 million less than the Board of Trustees requested, the system will be actively engaged in advocacy with the governor and the legislature. The CSUB delegation traveling with me to Sacramento on March 7, 2018 for Legislative Advocacy Day will include:

- **John Nilon** ('79.'88), Alumni Trustee, CSU Board of Trustees;
- **Dr. Jenny Zorn**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- **Thom Davis**, Vice President for Business and Administrative Affairs;

- **Victor Martin**, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the CSUB Foundation Board;
- **Mike Lukens**, Director of Public Affairs and Communications;
- **Mariela Gomez**, President, Associated Students, Inc.; and
- **Tara-Nicholle Nelson** ('96, '98), author; Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Lightspeed Venture Partners; founder and CEO of SoulTour, a startup technology and media platform; and former VP, Marketing for MyFitnessPal and Under Armour Connected Fitness.

I appreciate greatly all of the letters that have been written by members of the Foundation Board and others as part of our advocacy efforts.

### *CSU Spotlights CSUB Professor's Water Treatment Research*



The CSU is highlighting the research of **Dr. Luis Cabrales Arriaga**, Assistant Professor of Engineering, in a student success profile on the CSU [homepage](#). Dr. Cabrales is profiled by the CSU for his work with undergraduate student researchers in how to clean oil, gas and dairy wastewater efficiently and cost-effectively for use in agricultural irrigation. "We want to generate efficient water treatments that could help to reuse the water from different industries," he stated. "My students have a real opportunity to make an impact on the local economy...If we can find a cheaper way to make more water available to the farms, this will in turn create more revenue for the county and the state."

### *CSUB Receives \$150,000 Grant Funding for Hunger-Free Campus Designation and Edible Garden Innovation Pilot Program*

We are one of twelve CSU campuses selected to receive an SB 85 Hunger-Free Campus Designation Award from the Chancellor's Office (CO). We were awarded the maximum \$75,000 for our proposal to support on-campus food distribution and food pantry, meal-sharing, Cal-Fresh enrollment, establish a Basic Needs Hub adjacent to the food pantry, and implement "Runner Stop," our campus version of the Single Stop multiple resource program.

We also received one of only two \$75,000 grants for a Basic Needs Pilot Innovation Award, which was above our \$70,249 request. Our proposal for the CSUB Teaching and Learning Edible Garden and its outdoor kitchen will:

- 1) develop a "Farm to Pantry" program to provide students with access to "super local" nutritious produce grown on their own campus, by their own peers; and
- 2) develop an educational program that promotes healthy eating by teaching students how to prepare culturally relevant, healthy meals in the garden's outdoor kitchen.

Once in full bloom and ready for harvest, the edible garden will supply the "Pop-Up Produce Pantry" portion of our food distribution program. As with the food pantry, the garden also will create student leader positions, internships, and volunteer opportunities to staff and run the Farm to Pantry program. The CO noted, "This was a highly competitive pool, and your proposal was among the best presented to the committee of reviewers tasked with assessing the concept model, scalability, and adaptability for sustainability and long-term impact." Congratulations to members of the CSUB Housing and Food Security Committee, who wrote the grant: **Ilaria Pesco**, ASI Executive Director;

**Kassandra Hernandez**, Food Pantry Coordinator and CSU STEM VISTA; **Summer Sullivan**, Edible Garden Coordinator and CSU STEM VISTA; **Manuel Barrera**, Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs Development Analyst; and **Dr. Evelyn Young Spath**, Chief of Staff to the President. The committee is chaired by **Dr. Thomas Wallace**, Vice President for Student Affairs.



### **CSUB VITA Offers Tax Preparation Assistance**

IRS-certified accounting students in the School of Business and Public Administration (BPA) are providing free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The no-cost services are available to persons with annual incomes of \$54,000 or less; limited English speakers; the elderly; persons with disabilities; and veterans. Director and site coordinator for CSUB VITA, **Dr. Benjamin Bae**, Professor of Accounting, shares that free tax preparation services also are provided to students, staff and faculty, saving them \$100-\$300 in tax preparation fees. The VITA initiative is a collaboration with BPA, the Office of the President, and the Division of Student Affairs in partnership with Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAP-K). Assistance is available by appointment on Saturdays from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through April 14 in the Business Development Center, Room A218. To make an appointment, please call 654-3406.



CSUB VITA Accounting Students

### **CSUB Faculty Hall of Fame Call for Nominations**

In a new university tradition, the CSUB Faculty Hall of Fame (FHF) Distinguished Faculty Award will recognize selected retired faculty members for their dedication and commitment to student success. Along with recognition at a reception in the Dezember Reading Room on April 18, the selected faculty members' photo and biographical sketch will be displayed on the second floor of the Walter Stiern Library. Nominations are open through March 16, 2018 and may be submitted online at: <http://csub.libguides.com/FacultyHallofFame>. For more information, please contact **Terezita Overduin** at [toverduin@csub.edu](mailto:toverduin@csub.edu).

### **Rising Runners Honored**

Four outstanding alumni, one from each of our four schools, were honored at the Rising Runner Awards Ceremony last week. The Rising Runner program serves to keep recent alumni engaged with their alma mater and inspire current students with examples of the career success of recent alumni. Selected alumni from the last 10 years are recognized for excelling in their careers and giving back to the community. This year's honorees are:

- **Derek Abbott** ('10), School of Business and Public Administration, vice president of community development and resource planning at Tejon Ranch;
- **Ryan Drakos** ('13, '16), School of Social Sciences and Education, accounting manager at Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds and a CSUB adjunct lecturer;
- **Kate O'Sullivan** ('07), School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering, geologist and lecturer at CSUB; and
- **Michael Pawloski** ('07, '11), School of Arts and Humanities, medical social worker at Hoffman Hospice.

For expanded profiles of this year's awardees, please visit [Alumni News and Features](#).

### ***Run. Hide. Fight. CSU Active Shooter Safety Video***

“This may be the most important [video](#) you will ever watch.” So begins the active shooter safety training video released by the Chancellor’s Office last week. “Run. Hide. Fight” are the three survival strategies for active shooter response promoted by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security. Although involvement in an active shooter incident is unlikely, the risk is real. The Chancellor’s Office encourages us to watch the video and share it, not only with fellow faculty, staff, and students, but also with family and friends. Our University Police Department provides active shooter training for the campus. To schedule training, contact **Chief Martin Williamson** at 654-2677.

### ***Campus Beautification***

The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the campus community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. Congratulations to February’s winner – the **CSUB Swimming and Diving Team** for their adopted area. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. To adopt an area or learn more about the committee, visit [http://www.csub.edu/about\\_csub/beautify/](http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/).



CSUB Swimming and Diving Team

### ***Save the Dates!***

#### **2018 Bakersfield Jazz Festival at CSUB**

April 27-28, 2018

#### ***Celebrate CSUB! 2018***

April 28, 2018

#### **President’s Retirement - Campus Celebration**

May 4, 2018

Icardo Center

(Expect invitations in mid-March)

#### **Athletics Spring BBQ**

May 10, 2018

#### **2018 Commencement**

May 17-18, 2018

### ***What’s Going On?***

Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events on [Events Calendar](#). 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 is Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. 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