



Angelo and Mary Mazzei Gift \$500,000 for Energy & Engineering Innovation Center



Angelo and Mary Mazzei, founders of Mazzei Injector Company, have made a lead gift of \$500,000 to support the construction of the School

of Natural Science, Mathematics, and Engineering's Energy & Engineering Innovation Center (EEIC). The Mazzeis were moved by the need to increase the number of qualified engineers to meet the workforce demands of our STEM-heavy economy; the success of NSME engineering programs; and our demonstrated commitment to develop STEM programs. The EEIC is proposed as a 53,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility that will support cutting-edge, collaborative, inter-disciplinary research; high-impact teaching practices; and community outreach. The building will house the Department of Physics and Engineering; the California Energy Research Center (CERC) and related student-faculty research; the Fab Lab; and NSME's Office of Grants and Outreach, as well as teaching, computer, and research laboratories and a 240-seat auditorium. This academic building is a priority for CSUB and the CSU Board of Trustees (BOT).

The Mazzeis started their company in 1978 with an innovative invention that helped farmers add liquid fertilizer to their irrigation water. Over its 40-year history, the company has developed products and obtained patents to address many issues in the water industry, including water re-use, wastewater, aquaculture, pool and spa, and the wine industry. Their lead gift, along with

designated campus resources and the attainment of substantial additional community support, will lower the cost of the building to the BOT and move the project higher on the BOT's priority list.

New Emeriti, Retiring, and FERP Faculty Honored

We recognized new emeriti and retiring faculty, and those entering the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) at a ceremony in the Dezember Room of the Walter Stiern Library. **Dr. Vernon Harper**, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs, served as the event's emcee. Please join me in thanking and congratulating our faculty for their service.

Honorees for the Emeritus Awards:

Dr. Sophia Adjaye, Professor of English

Dr. Dirk Baron, Professor of Geological Sciences

Dr. John Dirkse, III, Director of Academic Operations & Support

Dr. Joseph Fiedler, Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Phyllis Heintz, Chair, Department of Nursing

Ms. Patricia Henry, Associate Professor of Social Work

Dr. Glenda Hudson, Professor of English

Dr. B.J. Moore, Assistant Professor of Public Policy Administration

Dr. Cliona Murphy, Professor of History

Dr. Paul Newberry, Faculty Director of General Education

Dr. Tim Vivian, Professor of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Drs. Dirkse, Fiedler, Heintz and Ms. Henry are retiring from their service to the university.

2018 Student Research Competition Winners Advance to State

Twenty-eight undergraduate (U) and twelve graduate (G) student researchers made oral presentation before a panel of faculty jurors at the annual CSUB Student Research Competition. The showcase of research and creative activities in academic programs across all disciplines is presented by the Office of Grants, Research and Sponsored Programs (GRaSP). **Dr. Imeh Ebong**, Associate Vice President for GRaSP, oversees the competition. Winners in six categories advance to the state level CSU system-wide competition in Sacramento on May 4-5. We applaud our student researchers and their faculty mentors and are rooting for our students competing at state.

Physical and Mathematical Sciences:

Tavis Price, (U), Chemistry and Biochemistry
Sade Haake, (G), Geological Sciences

Business, Economics and Public Administration:

Alex Rishch, (U), Economics
Ivory Parker Jr., (U), Economics
Rabia Sohail, (G), Health Care Administration

Engineering and Computer Sciences:

Jeremy Ice, (U), Computer and Electrical Engineering

Biological and Agricultural Sciences:

Jazmine Mejia Munoz, (U), Biology
Mitchell Coleman, (G), Biology

Behavioral and Social Sciences:

Susanna Villarreal, (U), Psychology
Estrella Amaro Jeppesen, (G), Modern Languages

Health, Nutrition, and Clinical Services:

Kathryn Johnston, (U), Chemistry and Biochemistry

2018 Faculty Research Poster Presentations

This year's faculty research poster presentations continue to explore an array of contemporary, relevant social issues. Thank you to all faculty who participated.

Mohsen Attaran, Ph.D., **John Stark**, Ph.D.,
Derek Stotler, MBA

School of Business and Public Administration
Opportunities and Challenges for Big Data Analytics in American Higher Education- A Conceptual Model for Implementation

Debra Jackson, Ph.D.

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Four Epistemic Harms from Rape Culture

Steven Gamboa, Ph.D.

Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies
Google-car's Extended Mind

David Miller, Ph.D.

Geological Sciences
Partners supporting undergraduate earth science research at CSUB: measuring student success in the STEM pipeline

Jorge Moraga, Ph.D.

Program in Interdisciplinary Studies
Straight Outta México! Combatting Anti-Latino Stereotypes via Raaider Nation and Globalized NFL

Tracey Salisbury, Ph.D.

Program in Interdisciplinary Studies
The New Black Film Wave – Inclusion or Illusion?

48th Annual Commencement



I often have said that one of my greatest joys as president of CSUB is awarding degrees to our students who have completed their programs of study. Our 48th annual Spring Commencement will mark my last occasion to award degrees as president. I thoroughly have enjoyed my 14 years at CSUB and look forward to celebrating the academic achievements of the Class of 2018. Following is the commencement ceremony schedule.

Graduate and Hooding Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 17 – 6:00 pm – Icardo Center
Doors open at 4:00pm.

A reception will begin outside of the Icardo Center immediately following the ceremony.

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

Friday, May 18 - 8:00 am – Main Soccer Field
Gates open at 5:30am at the Main Soccer Field and doors open at 5:30am in the Icardo Center. Seating is first-come, first served. Parking is complimentary.

Conferral of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) to Mrs. Ruth Gayle Batey and posthumously to the late Benjamin Batey.

A reception will take place in the Student Recreation Center Gym, Solario, and North Lawn immediately following the ceremony.

For a listing of cultural, honors, and recognition events, visit: www.csub.edu/commencement.

President's Campus Retirement Reception

First Lady Barbara Mitchell and I look forward to seeing and talking with each of you on Friday, May 4, 2018 in the Icardo Center from 3-5pm at the campus reception for our retirement. If you have not responded to the invitation sent earlier in April, you may RSVP to rsvp@csub.edu. We invite you to wear international attire that celebrates your cultural heritage should you so desire.

CSUB - A Beautiful Campus

The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. Congratulations to our March winner, **University Advancement**, for their adopted area. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or learning more about the Campus Beautification Committee, visit http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/.



University Advancement

Events Calendar

Find academic, alumni, arts & culture, campus life, community, or athletics events 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 invited 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