Veteran Success Center

Our 2nd Annual Veterans Day Celebrations were a huge success and made the front page of the Bakersfield Californian with 461 in attendance. CSUB and the Kern County community came out to support Veterans and recognize their service and sacrifices to our county. We were able to bring two MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) military vehicles to campus. All attendees had a chance to gear up and sit in the armored vehicles. The landing of the Black Hawk Helicopter was spectacular and could be seen from the east side of campus. Our goal was to bring awareness of our veteran students on campus and to showcase real examples of military transportation. Our event gained popularity among Kern County as we had several politicians in attendance including Senator Shannon Grove who was the guest speaker. We recognized three outstanding veteran student leaders with leadership medals for their participation with the event and the service they continue to provide to our community.

Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities

Ethics Fair
On September 23, 2019, OSRR held an information table during Ethics Fair, an event organized by the Kegley Institute of Ethics. OSRR spoke with students about the importance of ethical behaviors and University expectations. An interactive game allowed students to provide feedback surrounding personal ideas regarding ethical beliefs.

National Hazing Prevention Week Kick-off
On September 23, 2019, OSRR held an information table during National Hazing Prevention Week Kick-off. OSRR used an interactive game to create conversation around the topic of hazing. Students learned about the adverse effects hazing has on all participants, and safer alternatives to build community among groups.

Antelope Valley

Rowdy Day
Rowdy Day on September 16, 2019 was a huge hit with all of our students and visiting guests from CSUB. Students enjoyed interacting with President Zelezny and dancing with Rowdy. Earlier that week, we promoted campus clubs and activities with our Club Outreach Week. There was plenty of pizza and free giveaways to attract new students to check out our campus clubs and find ways to get involved.
Meet Dr. Gary Longwith, Learning Disabilities Specialist

Name and Brief History
I was born in Albany, Oregon in 1960. As a military dependent, I lived in Oregon, France, Hawaii, Japan, New Mexico, Texas, and California. I was a band nerd in high school and played the trumpet. I joined the United States Air Force in 1979 as a Military Police Officer and was assigned to Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Upon leaving the military, I moved to California and began a career in law enforcement. In 1995, I left my position as a Sergeant to pursue a career in psychology.

Family
I married Cheryl in 1980, and we have two children. Cheryl is a retired dispatcher for the Kern County Sheriff’s Office. Our son is a front-end software professional and lives in Long Beach, CA. Our daughter is an office manager for my private practice located here in Bakersfield, CA, and we have two grandchildren.

Education
I attended college in Maryland, Illinois, and California. During my matriculation, I obtained undergraduate degrees in Criminal Justice and Liberal Arts, a Master’s in Psychology, a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, and a Post-Doctoral Master’s in Clinical Psychopharmacology. I became licensed as a Clinical Psychologist shortly after completing my doctorate and began work in the field of Clinical Psychology, Medical Psychology, Neuropsychology, and Forensic Psychology.

Professional Job Duties
I have a private practice in the Bakersfield community. I also work part time as a Learning Disabilities Specialist in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) and serve as a lecturer for Criminal Justice (CJ). In my private practice, I conduct psychological evaluations for civil litigation cases; evaluations for the Superior Court to determine a defendant’s competence to stand trial; determine if a defendant is not guilty by reason of insanity; conduct risk assessments in the adjudication process and assess individuals for family reunification cases to help the Court decide child/children placement issues. I specialize in juvenile transfer hearings and false confession cases. I conduct evaluations for the Department of Homeland Security and evaluate police officer candidates in several California jurisdictions to determine whether the applicants are psychologically suitable for hire as a law enforcement officer.

How long at CSUB...
I began my CSUB career in 2012 in the SSD Office as a Learning Disabilities Specialist Contractor. I was then hired for a part-time position in 2013 where I remain today.

Favorite parts of your job...
I really enjoy the interaction with our amazing staff and faculty throughout the campus community. My favorite part of the job is working directly with students to assess their individual needs. It is gratifying to see the student’s relief and excitement when learning the reasons for their difficulties. I enjoy helping them learn how to advocate for themselves, and the importance of using services, accommodations, and interventions.

What drives you to help students graduate...
When I look back on my academic history, I can identify with students who struggle in higher education. As a student I was confronted with financial constraints, time constraints, and access problems. I see myself in each student and consider myself a conduit; as well as an example of how they too can succeed if they are understood and pointed in the right direction.

Hobbies...
In my spare time, I am a private pilot with a love for aviation. I enjoy building and restoring experimental aircraft. I also teach flight physiology at the California Aeronautical University.

Favorite foods...
Pepperoni pizza, hamburgers, and chocolate ice cream.

Favorite music/band...
Creedence Clearwater Revival, Pink Floyd, REO Speedwagon, Adele, Elton John, Shania Twain, Chicago, Bruce Springsteen, and Boston.

One thing people would be surprised to know about you...
During my military service in 1981, I was selected (1 of a 38-man team) and assigned to the Presidential Support Group. In that position, I protected the President, Vice President, First Lady, Congressional and Senate personnel, Foreign dignitaries (both stateside and abroad). It was my job to insure the presidential aircraft remained safe regardless of where we were at any given time. In this capacity, I traveled the world.
Student Union & Organizational Governance

Club Fair & RunnerSync
The RunnerSync Student Organization Management program turned 5 years old and is now hosted by “Presence”. RunnerSync allows clubs to manage membership, events, attendance, forms and more. New changes include the ability to check-in attendees using mobile devices and sign waivers via a phone or tablet. Programs and departments can also have RunnerSync pages. Any events added to CSUB’s “Campus Life” 25Live calendar will be automatically transferred to RunnerSync to advertise to students and track attendance.

LEADER Program
The LEADER Program helps students reach professional and leadership development goals. Students develop their intrapersonal awareness and interpersonal relationships that prepare them to be great leaders. They reach these goals by building individual, group, and community values. The program makes being a leader an everyday, tangible task that we should expect from ourselves and others.

"One key thing that I learned is that anyone can be a leader"
- Carly Elliott

“I loved this program because I learned so much about myself and how to be a better leader.”
- Samantha Chavarin

Center for Career Education and Community Engagement
The Center for Career Education and Community Engagement (CECE) hosted its Fall Career Expo and STEM Fair on October 10, 2019 in the Student Recreation Center. This event brought together a multitude of industries including government, healthcare, agriculture, engineering, logistics, education, and law enforcement. The event attracted 495 CSUB students and alumni looking for internship and career positions with 53 employers/organizations. CECE also teamed up with JC Penny for the second annual “Suit Up” Event which was held on October 6, 2019. CSUB students and alumni had the opportunity to shop for professional dress at deeply discounted prices, not available to the public, as they prepared for career fairs, internships, graduation, and future job interviews.

Early Assessment Program
Our Fall Counselor Conference was held on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Housing East Multipurpose Room. The purpose of this event is to provide our local Counselors with campus updates, highlights, and timelines pertaining to Fall 2020 applicants. We had 75 representatives, 14 representatives from our local Community Colleges and 61 from our local high schools. Counselors had the opportunity to hear from several on campus departments and representatives from academic schools and ended the day with the opportunity to explore our campus.
Congratulations to the Campus Beautification Award Recipients!

SEPTEMBER - WRESTLING TEAM

OCTOBER - COUNSELING CENTER

NOVEMBER - HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

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Athletics

What fuels me as a scholar, an athlete, and a leader is being part of a culture and a community that is bigger than myself. Growing up in Snohomish, Washington, Bakersfield was a town 1000 miles away that I had only once heard of in a song. After my first visit to the California State University, Bakersfield campus, I knew this was where I wanted to fulfill my volleyball dreams, even if that meant me joining the squad as a walk-on. Initially, my goal was to earn a scholarship, but as I grew as a player, a teammate, and a member of the Bakersfield community, my focus became less about what I needed and more about what my team, Athletics Department, and community needed.

At the start of my Redshirt Senior season – my fifth and final season – my head coach, Giovana Melo asked me to stop by her office. Over the course of my career, visits to Coach Gi’s office were routine. However, this visit would prove to be different. As I sat down in her office, I was greeted by the coaching staff and was handed a letter. While opening the letter, I still had no notion that I was about to experience a moment that every walk-on dreams of – being awarded a full-ride scholarship. The words were there on the letter but blurry and hard to read through my tears.

For four years, I had invested my heart and soul into the Blue and Gold and in that moment, my coaches and the Roadrunner Scholarship Fund reciprocated. No matter how many times I tell my story, I am equally as emotional as the last. It is with great pride that I say, I am 3x All-Academic Big West, 1x All-Academic WAC, a WAC Champion, an NCAA Tournament participant, S.A.A.C president, and now a Roadrunner Scholarship Fund recipient.

My scholarship represents something much bigger than myself; it represents the strong community that I am part of and the unconditional support that it gives me. My scholarship has allowed me the opportunity to cultivate and define myself as a scholar, an athlete, and a leader, while also positioning me as I begin my professional career.

Bakersfield is no longer just a town I knew from a song; it is home. It is the town that has the people that made my dreams come true. It is the town that will continue to support and elevate me in the quest of my future dreams.

Thank you, Roadrunner Scholarship Fund.

Ally Barber