The 3rd annual International Education Week

The 3rd annual International Education Week coordinated by a committee of faculty, staff and students offered an opportunity for all to participate, learn about different cultures, meet new people, taste cuisine from around the world and enjoy a cultural show! The week started with a resource fair with 19 campus clubs, departments and off campus groups who tabled and provided information and opportunities for International Education, support services and getting involved. Students shared their study abroad experience on a panel and provided wonderful information, tips and support for students interested in studying abroad. The following day was the highly anticipated International Food and Culture Show. We had over 12 dishes prepared, cooked and served by our CSUB students, faculty and staff and over 200 attendees raved about the quality and taste of the delicious and diverse flavors from around the world! For the first time during this week, there was a culture and fashion show. There were 9 student groups who performed a wide variety of singing, dancing, step performances, a puppet show and ended the evening with over 20 students participating in the fashion show with traditional clothes that represented many countries around the world.

The next day was a wonderfully fascinating Brown Bag Discussion where Professors Andy Alali, Monica Ayuso, Luis Vega and student leader Zainab Okikioposu shared their experiences with finding their International Identity. Their stories were captivating and all very diverse in their experiences coming to the United States! The week ended with a Friday night Fifa tournament where students hung out in the Student Union and played FIFA with snacks and drinks! Thank you to all who participated in the planning and coordination and all who enjoyed the many festivities!

4th Annual Disability Awareness Month

SSD staff were excited to host our 4th Annual Disability Awareness Month (National Disability Employment Awareness Month) in October. Reflecting a commitment to a robust and competitive American labor force, the theme for 2018 was “America’s Workforce: Empowering All.” This national observation celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. CSUB marks the occasion by providing a month of programming and activities geared towards educating the campus community on all facets of disabilities. We began our celebration by hosting an Open House on October 2nd.

Participants had the opportunity to learn more about our services while interacting with SSD staff. Refreshments and games added to the lively festivities. Other events included an interactive Learning Disabilities Workshop, Disability Trivia Day, In Your Shoes, and a Department of Rehabilitation Panel. We are grateful to Student Affairs and the entire campus community for their support of our Open House and other events during the month.
Promoting Academic Integrity

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities hosted a tabling event to raise awareness about the importance of academic integrity in preparation for finals week. Graduate Student Leader, Zachary Kicenski, talked to students about the various forms of academic dishonesty, answered questions about students’ rights and responsibilities, and handed out snacks.

Children’s Center Learns about STEAM

This fall the children at the Children’s Center learned about Science Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). They also learned about animal hibernation, the exploration and dissection of pumpkins, and engineering 3D models.

The children experienced CSUB Student Life through departments across the campus such as the American Language Institute at CSUB, who performed a Japanese and Russian folk tale puppet show here at the Center. In addition, the Children’s Center participated in the annual Halloween Parade where the children showed off their favorite costumes to the campus community.

Zainab Okikiposu speaking at the 3rd annual International Education Week
Student Affairs Creates and Implements “Umbrella” Assessment Tool: Focus on Student Involvement

The Student Affairs Directors developed a survey tool for students that represented skills outlined in CSUB’s University Learning Outcomes (ULOs) that were most relevant to Student Affairs. During the Spring 2018 semester, the Student Affairs Division developed a Student Affairs Assessment Team (SAAT). This team of three included EJ Callahan, Director of Student Union & Organizational Governance; Ilaria Pesco, Executive Director of Associated Students, Inc.; and with overall leadership provided by Jim Drnek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. The SAAT was responsible for developing the Student Involvement Survey, working with Institutional Research (IR) on implementation of the survey, reporting of survey results to a variety of constituent groups (on-campus and off-campus), and working with Student Affairs units on targeting student outcomes based on survey results.

The final survey was sent via email to CSUB students late in the Spring 2018 semester, and a total of 1,937 usable responses were received from the total population of approximately 10,000 students.

Results indicated that student involvement had the greatest, positive impact on these ULOs (Question to survey respondents: My involvement has enhanced my……): Personal Growth & Development (76%); Communication Skills (72%); Goal Setting (69%); Healthy Relationships (68%); Planning (67%); Time Management (65%); Leadership Skills (65%); Influencing Others (65%); Presentation Skills (64%); Problem Solving (63%); and Teamwork (59%).

Several units within the Student Affairs Division took the lead on providing educational programming to address the opportunities to improve the learning experience for CSUB students. The study will be replicated in Spring 2019 to explore the possibility of patterns and trends. Additional programming will be developed in response to trends and patterns that emerge, and Student Affairs will continue to look at opportunities for student growth.

Upcoming Events

**Homecoming Week**
February 15-23, 2019
Events: https://www.csub.edu/homecoming/

**WAC Tournament**
March 13-16, 2019
Las Vegas, NV

**Spring Career Expo**
March 20, 2019
SRC Gym

**Ethics Bowl**
March 20, 2019
Student Union MPR

**GradFest**
April 10-11, 2019
Student Union Patio

**Greek Week**
April 22-26, 2019

**Celebrate CSUB**
April 27, 2019

**Spring BBQ**
May 9, 2019
Icardo Center

**Study Strong Week**
May 14-18, 2019

**Graduate and Hooding Ceremony**
May 22, 2019
Main Soccer Field

**Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony**
May 24, 2019
Main Soccer Field