

RAISING to RISE



Faculty Feature

Dr. Anna Jacobsen's journey with CSUB began in 2006. She started off as a post-doctoral researcher, with a dual Ph.D. in Plant Biology and Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, & Behavior, and later accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the department of Biology. Today, Dr. Jacobsen is the Director of Research & Mentoring for the CSUB Title Vb STEM Graduate Excellence program and a Professor of Biology. In addition, she serves on the CSUB Foundation Board of Directors as a Faculty Representative.



When asked what brought her to CSUB, Dr. Jacobsen states “the attractive biologically diverse terrain of the Southern San Joaquin Valley. In addition, I wanted to be at a university that could truly make an impact. Being the only university within a 90-mile radius and (having) the opportunity to work with many first-generation students was extremely appealing to me,” she said.

Dr. Jacobsen continues to focus on motivating and encouraging her students to pursue their master's or doctorate degrees so they can further their knowledge and make an impact for their community. Dr. Jacobsen and the Graduate Student Center continue to work closely together to ensure that students seeking higher education can obtain the resources, mentoring and other necessary support to turn their dreams into a reality.

“Student success is the most important facet of what keeps me going with helping them find their purpose,” said Dr. Jacobsen.

In addition to her time and volunteer service, Dr. Jacobsen supports the Student Research Scholars Program (which is funded by our President's Associates), the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering, and our Graduate Student Center.

Dr. Jacobsen supports these program areas because she believes “that we are providing robust programs in the Southern San Joaquin Valley and people need to be aware of them.”

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What is “Raising to Rise?”

The Faculty and Staff Initiative is a collaborative effort that offers every faculty and staff member at CSUB the opportunity to make a gift to support student success and our innovative programs. It is also an opportunity to build awareness of the various programs and initiatives offered by CSUB.

No matter the size or designation of the gift can make an impact and support areas such as our Veterans Success Center, Housing and Food Security, Kegley Institute of Ethics, or any of our academic schools focused on producing outstanding students that will go out to our community and beyond and have a positive influence on people they come in contact with.

