

Academics is Soaring: September 26, 2016

Colleagues:

We are fully a semester campus now! Once again, I will congratulate each and every one of you who worked hard to get us to this point.

We will have one last Friday of ice cream in the ADMIN101 conference room from 1:00-3:00 this Friday, September 30. Come enjoy a cool treat and chat with colleagues across campus.

Already the year has begun with many achievements to celebrate.

-CSUB has been ranked 12th in the nation by the Washington Monthly of all Top 100 Master's Universities! Of all the CSUs, only CSU San Bernardino and CSU Stanislaus outranked us. Check out the detailed postings at: http://wmf.washingtonmonthly.com/college_guide/2016/WM_2016_Embargoed_Rankings.pdf

-A delegation of ten from CSUB attended the CSU Student Success Conference last week. It was an engaging and inspiring conference of best practices across the system. **Vernon Harper, Kris Krishnan, and Vikash Lakhani joined me and the President** in presenting how CSUB made the change to semesters while keeping our goals focused on student success.

-The retired faculty have established an official chapter of the CSU Emeritus Retired Faculty and Staff Association. Last week they met for a beginning of the year dinner and the room was filled with warm conversations and reconnecting with their colleagues. It was a real pleasure for me to see their excitement to be engaged with the university and each other.

-An example of our outstanding students: **Logan Lirette**, a gifted **English major/Comm-Digital Media minor**, was accepted to the prestigious Loyola Marymount Film School for this fall. **Immaculate De Silva**, one of our Alpha Chi graduates has received a \$1000 Alpha Chi Region VII graduate scholarship. She will be attending Columbia University for a MPH for Cancer Epidemiology. **Geology student Sade Haake** received the GSA/ExxonMobil Field Camp Scholarships Award

-The Australian International Academic Center (AIAC) announced its selection of **J.J. Wang, Advanced Studies Department**, as a member of its Advisory Board along with colleagues from Vanderbilt and University of South Florida. According to http://aiac.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=183&Itemid=690, "AIAC advisory board members are distinguished scholars from various scientific and academic fields. AIAC Advisors' professional and technical guidance is sought in supervising scientific quality of publications published in AIAC journals, evaluating journal proposals and research grants proposals, and giving financial aids and scholarship applications related to their area of expertise."

-Study abroad opportunities are there for our students. For example, four **Helen Hawk Honors** students attended a summer program July 4-29 at The Hague University of Applied Sciences in Holland to study "Water, a Global Challenge." And **Brian De Anda a History major** who spent 2014-2015 in Italy, spent the last academic year in Sweden. **Extended University** organized a summer program at HYOGO University in Kakogawa, Japan, making the local news there.

-The Runner Reader program is even more expansive this year beyond the One Book, One Kern book *The Big Thirst*. Under the leadership of **Emerson Case, English Department**, CSUB purchased 420 copies of *A Long Walk To Water* (a "junior" Runner Reader) for seventh and eighth graders at Sequoia and Downtown schools (parts of the Bakersfield City School District). In addition, BCSD will be buying all K-3 students a book called

All the Water and all 4-6 grade students a book called *One Well: The Story of Water*. Emerson purchased 630 copies of *One Well* for the Kern Rural Teacher Residency Program, 37 different books for Buttonwillow for the Runner Read and Ride program, 200 copies of *A Long Walk To Water* for seventh and eighth grade students at Rio Bravo-Greeley school, and 700 copies of *A Long Walk To Water* for students at Actis Junior High in the Panama-Buena Vista SD.

-Dr. Isabel Sumaya, Psychology Department was recognized by the Girl Scouts of Central California with their Women Inspiring Girls Award for 2016. The awards recognize award recipients for blazing trails in community and career fields. She will receive the award next week at their annual luncheon.

-The first Advanced Summer Institute at CSU was held in June at the **Faculty Teaching and Learning Center**. The institute focused on online teaching/hybrid pedagogy, student engagement and interaction in the online/hybrid instructional environment. Participants included **Denise Johnson Dawkins, Allison Evans, Di Wu, Jianjun Wang, Michael Ault, Melanie Reed, Jean West, Adam Pennell, Charles MacQuarrie, Rose McCleary, BJ Moore and Dianne Turner**. The Community of Inquiry Model and its three components (teaching presence, social presence and cognitive presence) were the center of discussion. Participants were encouraged to share activities and strategies that were successful in achieving these elements of pedagogy as well as what they found most challenging. In addition to the theory and research presented relative to the Community of Inquiry Model, numerous tools were introduced to support the three levels of presence.

-The sixth Summer Institute for Online Teaching took place in June with twenty faculty attendees. This institute focused on providing support to faculty in designing their online courses in a manner that adheres to the Quality Matters standards. **TLC staff and Dr. Bob Carlisle**, conducted hands-on experiences for the participants to design/redesign their online/hybrid courses. **Dr. Phyllis Heintz, Dr. Michael Ault and Shan He** also presented and assisted in facilitating the sessions. In August, the faculty presented their plan to submit their courses for an internal peer review.

-Economics Professor Richard Gearhart was featured in a WalletHub piece about the best and worst cities for first-time home buyers. You can find it here: <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-first-time-home-buyers/5564/#richard-gearhart>

-Our first fall semester financial aid disbursement disbursed a total of **\$31,190,630.96** to a total of 5,893 students. The **Financial Aid** offices worked hard to process all of these files for students. Thanks to all!

-Criminal Justice Department Professor Anthony Flores work is on the topic of racial bias within the criminal justice system. Last month he was interviewed by The Washington Post. Here is the link to the article. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/08/18/why-a-computer-program-that-judges-rely-on-around-the-country-was-accused-of-racism/>

-The Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) Chapter at CSUB **BPA** has attained recognition of High Honors by BGS International for the 2015-2016 academic year! A BGS Chapter attains High Honor status through a high level of engagement by members and the Business School (BPA) values the recognition BGS provides members. BGS International only recognized 24% of chapters out of 500 collegiate schools in the U.S. as attaining High Honors. Congratulations to Faculty Advisors **Dr. Ji Li and Dr. Di Wu** and the student leadership team for their hard work and dedication to CSUB BPA's Beta Gamma Sigma Chapter.

-The University Accounting Association (U.A.A.) held their annual Welcome Back Social on Wednesday, August 31. Students networked with U.A.A. members, **BPA faculty**, and local professionals over pizza and trivia games. Information was provided on how to join U.A.A. and about the opportunities U.A.A. has to offer a student member.

-BPA's John Brock Scholarship Banquet was an enjoyable evening of celebrating the four students who were selected to receive scholarships: **Jesus Orozco- MBA student, David Pacheco- Business Administration major with a concentration in Supply Chain Logistics, Katie Verhoef- Business Administration major with a concentration in Agricultural Business and Marketing, and from the AV campus: Milton Goddard- Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing.** The Dinner honored **Joe MacIvaine, this year's community service recipient.**

-On Friday we celebrated with an Opening Reception and Ribbon Cutting for the Peter Harbach Study Area at the **Walter Stiern Library.** Mr. Harbach was a humble man who lived a life dedicated to education and reaching out to create opportunities for learning for others. We are grateful for his generosity to our students.

It's wonderful to be back in the swing of a new academic year!

Proud to be a Runner,

Jenny

Jenny Zorn, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academics is Soaring: September 26, 2016 PART TWO

Colleagues:

-Having just watched the presidential debate, I am moved to urge you to visit "The Winner Takes All: The Race to the White House" exhibit on display in the Historical Research Center on the second floor of the library through December 15. I found it to be so interesting that I just couldn't view it all in one visit! The exhibit displays how U.S. presidential elections have evolved over the years and have shaped today's campaign methods. Students created the display under the direction of curator and archivist **Chris Livingston, CSUB Librarian.** Founding faculty member, Dr. Charles McCall generously donated a substantial amount of political items, some of which comprise the bulk of this exhibit.

-For the opening of the exhibit the Dezember Reading Room hosted a fascinating and thought provoking panel discussion: Walter Presents - Election 2016 Panel, "The Election, Politics, and God" with **Dr. David Schecter, Dr. Jeanine Kraybill, and Dr. Mark Martinez** exploring the intersection of religion, politics, and how the president really gets elected.

-Last week's 12th Annual Kegley Institute of Ethics lecture was perfect for CSUB. John Quinones of ABC's "What Would You Do?" spoke about his childhood in a poor family of migrant workers and some of his favorite stories of his investigative reporting work that has landed him seven Emmys.

-And this week as I walked past the Engineering Complex and Science Building I was remembering this summer's Chevron REVS-UP Program. Along with the Chevron Executive and Dean Madden, I visited a few of the student projects as directed by Dr. Dayanand Saini, Karim Salehpoor, Maureen Rush, and Alberto Cruz. I was impressed with what these high school students were able to learn and accomplish in just four weeks. Each project group was a collection of students from different high schools, so they weren't from just one or two outstanding high school teachers' classes. I was also proud of the faculty and how engaged they were in the projects and their obvious enjoyment in working with the students. I was also pleased to hear the Chevron Executive engage the

students in discussion about real world applications of their projects. Andrea Medina directs the REVS-UP Program and its partner for middle school students REVS-PUPS.

-This weekend CSUB hosted the Tejon Tribe Pow Wow. It is a fun couple of days to sit and enjoy the Grand Entry of dancing and amazing and colorful regalia. My personal favorite part of the days was the Tiny Tot dancing competition. They dance better than me, for sure!

-The kickoff to Hispanic Heritage Month was a tasty lunch of tacos, spirited mariachis, and historical readings all organized by the students.

-I am looking forward to tomorrow night. The Hispanic Heritage Month Committee and Campus Programming partnered with the Walter Stiern Library and Walter Presents to bring Moctesuma Esparza to campus to discuss his life journey and the importance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Please join us if you are able!

Moctesuma Esparza, an award-winning filmmaker, producer, entrepreneur and activist, is revered for his contributions to the movie industry and commitment to Latinos. Esparza established Maya Cinemas, a chain of modern movie theatre complexes with the focus on providing main stream entertainment in Latino centric underserved communities. A few of his production credits include: *Selena*, *Introducing Dorothy Dandridge* (HBO), *The Milagro Beanfield War*, *Gettysburg*, *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez*, and *Walkout* (HBO). Esparza founded the Los Angeles Academy of Arts and Enterprise Charter School, is Co-Founder of NALIP, Co-Founder and former Chair of the NAA, and is a Founding Board Member of the Sundance Institute. He has served the City of Los Angeles as a Commissioner to the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System and was also appointed by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to the planning commission of the National Museum of the American Latino. He is also a trustee of the American Film Institute. He has been nominated for an Academy Award, Golden Globe and Emmy and has been awarded over 200 honors and awards including an Emmy, Clio, John F. Kennedy Journalism Award, Ohio State Award, Cine Golden Eagle and The EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the Los Angeles Region as well as being listed as one the most influential Latinos in the US consistently for over three decades.

Half an hour later and still....

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Academics is Soaring: November 11, 2016

Colleagues,

Faculty, staff, and students have been very productive in the past few weeks with many highlights to note.

Governor's Award!

A project nominated by the **Walter W. Stiern Library** at California State University, Bakersfield was selected by Governor Jerry Brown to receive the Governor's Historic Preservation Award for 2016. The project—*Interpreting the Drawings and Career of Architect John P. Pederson*— was described by the state office of Historic Preservation as “an exceptional example of historic preservation efforts on behalf of California's cultural heritage.” In accepting the award in Sacramento this week, **Dean Curt Asher** accompanied **Historian John**

Edward Powell, student Bram Livingston, and donor Konstantine Shaw who undertook the complex project last year, which involved the discovery, inventory, description, and preservation of the Pederson papers. Through extensive research, they established provenance of the items and pieced together the rich and varied history of Pederson's career. The Pederson papers are housed in the Walter Stiern Library and are among a number of important collections that archivist and curator **Chris Livingston** has obtained for the library's Historical Research Center.

BPA Marketing Faculty **Vince Carter and Jean West** received the Corporate Vision's 2016 Marketing, PR, and Communications Award: Academic Recognition Award in Marketing-California.

The **Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) Chapter** at CSUB in the School of Business and Public Administration attained recognition of High Honors by BGS International for the 2015-16 academic year!

Staff facilitating the sixth Summer Institute for Online Teaching: **Chris Shiery, Anthony Bolanos, Anissa Fontenot, student assistants Kathy Arrios and Andreas Razo, and Director Charlene Hu** developed and presented a great program for the faculty.

The California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) student center coordinators were selected to present their proposal "Decentralized Student Intervention: One Size Does Not Fit All" at the NACADA 2016 Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA on October 7, 2016. The team of presenters, **Dr. Anna Laven, Jennifer McCune, Yvette Morones, and Jaimi Paschal**, explored the impacts of implementing a tiered advising model on retention at CSUB.

Dr. **Kim Flachmann, English Department**, was selected as the 2016 Jim Burke Light and Liberty Award recipient and was honored at the Kern High School District's Principal Partners' Day on October 13, 2016.

The CSU website hosts research highlights for each campus. This particular entry highlights the NSME research activities. <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/research/highlights/bakersfield>

Our **Alpha Chi Chapter** has received **Star Chapter** status for our scholarly activities and member recruitment during the 2015-16 academic year.

Geologist Chris Krugh spoke about earthquake risk in Southern California in the local media.

<http://www.kerngoldenempire.com/news/increased-chance-of-earthquakes-in-southern-california-this-weekend>

AVP of Institutional Research Planning and Assessment **Kris Krishnan** has been selected to serve on the California Association for Institutional Research (CAIR) Board of Directors.

While I regret I could not attend this event, Cliona Murphy reported it was a great success: **Miriam Vivian, History Department** organized a "*splendid conference "Kern County at 150: Exploring our Region's Past."* There were six panels, a keynote speaker, a lunch at Wool Growers, and a walking tour downtown. All sessions were full, including the excellent keynote presentation in the Dezember Room. Not only did our students (graduate and undergraduate), former students, and members of the public attend, they also presented. The presentations not only celebrated moments in our county's history, but also honestly and starkly discussed social tensions and environmental mistakes as well. "

Congratulations to the Nursing Department! Chair **Phyllis Heintz** reports, "*We have accreditation of the MSN FNP Program by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. So much work went into this achievement. It is an important element to be in place for our graduating FNP students to achieve their certification. Congratulations to Dr. Debbie Boschini, Dr. Heidi He, and the MSN faculty for all their contributions!"*

And The Alzheimer's Day Care Center, where the Nursing Department takes students for geriatric nursing, thanked our students for their nursing care on their Facebook page. ADAKC's motto is "the heart never forgets."

Jeff Moffit, Kinesiology Department led the student team that won the regional competition at the Southwest American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) conference. We took two teams for the student Jeopardy competition and the team of Eryn Chang, Don Baylon, and Andrew Hudson won! They will bring home a trophy and won free registration and \$500 dollars to go to the national conference in Denver in June. This is a big deal at this conference because the SW team typically wins the Jeopardy competition at nationals. No pressure though!

Mahmoud Suleiman is making contributions in his Fulbright residency at ANNU in the West Bank. See these links for a look at his work.

<https://www.najah.edu/en/community/community-news/2016/10/19/an-najah-organizes-a-literacy-workshop-for-teachers-in-local-school-districts/>

<https://www.najah.edu/en/academic/academic-news/2016/10/06/an-najah-holds-a-workshop-on-the-philosophy-of-evaluation-in-education/>

I joined a delegation of CSUB women at the Bakersfield Women's Business Conference where we participated in the workshop sessions, the plenary sessions, and the resources conference. It was an inspiring day for all of us.

Tomas Martinez, Claudia Catota, and I accompanied 12 students to the Hispanic Association Colleges and Universities (HACU) national conference where they were inspired and made great connections for graduate schools, internships, and jobs. Some appreciated the opportunity to attend because it was a "life changing" experience for them.

A delegation of six women attended the American Council on Education (ACE) Southern California Network Women's Leadership Forum at CSU San Marcos where we were inspired by a panel of Women Presidents and Chancellors and the keynote speaker, Shelley Correll from The Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford who worked on Sheryl Sandberg's book *Lean In*.

I was a presenter at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Joint Conference on International Education in Beijing, China where I spoke about international opportunities on the CSUB campus for student and faculty exchanges, degree programs, and English language training. We have established many relationships that we help us in our efforts to internationalize the campus.

Vice Provost David Schecter spoke at the campus Brown Bag Series the week prior to the election. His talk "How the President Really Gets Elected" focused on the electoral college. His presentation clearly was relevant for this presidential election.

Last week the **Asian Faculty and Staff Network** worked with the students to organize the First ever celebration of Diwali, the Festival of Lights in India. More than 160 people attended the event to learn about the cultural history of Diwali, enjoy musical and dance performances, enjoy wonderful foods, and participate in activities. It was a grand success for the inaugural event.

The CSUB Small Business Development Center hosted a conference in Ridgecrest in conjunction with opening their new branch center there. **Director Kelly Reardon** worked with the local small businesses and the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station to coordinate the event. It was a beautiful drive out to that part of the county through the Red Rock Canyon area which inspired me to return for the hiking trails there.

Last week we hosted a delegation from Bucheon, South Korea thanks to the relationships established through the Sister City program with Bucheon and Bakersfield. **Eun Ja Park**, retired faculty member in Advanced Education has led delegations to Bucheon, including one a couple of years ago with **Mrs. Mitchell** leading the delegation. We hosted a student program on campus last year in Extended University and **Dean Mark Novak** is working to broadening those programs and the relationship.

The visit also included fabulous choral performances by the Bucheon City Chorale and the Bakersfield Master Chorale led by Music Director **Robert Provencio from our Music and Theatre Department**. The performances at the Welcome Dinner and then the following evening at the “East Meets West: A Choral Exchange” were amazingly delightful and soulful.

It’s great to be a Runner!

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Recent TV appearances of CSUB faculty, November 22, 2016

Colleagues:

Jan Gillespie and Luis Cabrales have been in the media discussing their research and expertise in locally relevant issues.

This from Dirk Baron:

Just in case you missed this, Jan Gillespie was on national TV last week starring in the “Treasures of the Earth:Power” episode of the PBS series NOVA! Here is a link to the show <http://www.pbs.org/video/2365892300/> Jan’s segment starts around 18:30 min.

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Jan is here: <http://bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/oil-field-water-cleaned>

Thanks, Jan and Luis for your important work!

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Academics is Soaring: February 5, 2017

Colleagues,

We're off to our second semester and a great deal is happening around campus.

Our focus this semester will continue to be in three priorities:

-The Graduation Initiative on Student Success

-Implementing the quarter to semester conversion and evaluating where to make adjustments

-The remaining dean searches. During this month, the AV Dean candidates will visit both the Lancaster AV Center and the Bakersfield campus.

The semester started with the release of the upward mobility report. **CSUB is ranked #3 in the nation in upward mobility!** We all should be proud of the impact we have with our students and their lives.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/18/opinion/sunday/americas-great-working-class-colleges.html>

Friday kicked off the day with a motivating Unity breakfast for Black History Month. **President Mitchell's** inspirational message included a reference to the song *Wake Up Everybody* by Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes. I encourage you to look up the full lyrics, but they begin with:

“Wake up everybody, no more sleepin' in bed

No more backward thinkin' time for thinkin' ahead

The world has changed so very much from what it used to be

So there is so much hatred war an' poverty

Wake up all the teachers, time to teach a new way

Maybe then they'll listen to whatcha have to say.....

The Breakfast featured keynote speaker, Bakersfield Police Chief Lyle Martin who recently was appointed to the post. He brought wonderfully encouraging and inspiring message.

Friday ended with a glorious 3.5 hours of gospel singing to a packed crowd in the Dore' The first CSUB Gospel Fest is sure to become an annual event.

The Dezember Room of the Library was packed for the Chinese New Year celebration organized by the Asian Faculty and Staff Network. Hosted by students Johnny Kim, computer science and Daisy Shao, Accounting it was a fun filled event with a Lion Dance by Arturo Chavez and **David Gove, Professor of Mathematics**; the Chinese New Year Song by the children from the Children's Center; and a dance performed by 10 year old Ella Gove.

The official ribbon cutting for the Kegley Center for Student Success which provides academic support for students and was made possible by the generous \$200,000 donation from **Jackie Kegley, Philosophy** (the largest donation from any CSUB faculty member) and a grant from the NCAA.

I participated in the Safe Zone workshop and was encouraged to learn how we can support our LGBT+ colleagues and students. **Counselor Michael Harville** led us through discussions and provided guidance on the issues.

We opened a Veterans' Center for our student veterans. **Roy LaFever, Chemistry and Biochemistry** is serving as the faculty advisor as we develop our support of our veterans.

CSUB's collaboration with Tejon Ranch is featured twice in this Tejon Ranch newsletter: the research of our students with **David Miller, Geological Sciences** and **Mitchell Coleman Biology**. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/uMy36kYLJ5Zvo/>

Reem Abu-Lughod, Criminal Justice spoke on a broadcast focused on homicides in Kern County. She appears after 12 minutes into the broadcast. <http://www.kerngoldenempire.com/kc-in-depth/kcid-homicide-tracker/640822106>

Heidi He, Nursing was awarded the OSHPD FNP grant. She presented the grant in Sacramento in a highly competitive process and presenting before the OSHPD Commission is an important component. The award is for \$79,582 over one year. This the maximum award given the size of our program.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded CSUB with a five-year grant of as part of its Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) program. This grant of \$4,931,740 will continue development for the Center for Climate Science and Natural Resource Solutions for Water-Limited, Paired Mountain/Valley Systems under the CREST NSF Program, Phase II. It will focus on research topics aimed at better understanding the role of drought, evaluating potential responses, and assisting with adaptive planning in response to those changes.

Research activities will be conducted by CSUB students under the guidance and mentorship of CSUB faculty: **Eduardo Montoya, CREST Director; Graham Andrews, Geological Sciences; Jan Gillespie, Geological Sciences; Junhua Guo, Geological Sciences; Anna Jacobsen, Biology; William Krugh, Geological Sciences; Robert Negrini, Geological Sciences; Brandon Pratt, Biology; and Dayanand Saini, Physics and Engineering.**

Institutional Research Planning and Assessment (IRPA) administered a brief survey on behalf of the **Center for Career Education & Community Engagement (CECE)**. The survey was designed to capture employment and salary information of our recent alumni (AY 2015-16). Infographic charts can be obtained at the following IRPA webpage. <http://www.csub.edu/irpa/CSUB%20Infographics/index.html>

Yeunjoo Lee, Advanced Education Studies and **Christie Howell, Teacher Education** were awarded a two-year \$250,000 grant from the California Commission on Teacher Credential for their grant proposal entitled: **"Integrated Teacher Preparation Grant."**

Allison Evans, Psychology; Vida Vakilian, Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences; and Charlene Hu, TLC who were awarded a total of \$50,103 for the 2016-17 Course Redesign with Technology Projects.

A few of the publications that our faculty have produced in recent weeks include:

Sociologist Isabella Kasselstrand with Phil Zuckerman, Robert James Little, and Donald Westbrook. "Danish Youth Who Choose Not to Have a Lutheran Confirmation." *Journal of Contemporary Religion*.

Jackie Kegley, Philosophy. "Lost Individuals and Lost Communities: How Do We Restore Relationships? Insight from Josiah Royce." *The Pluralist. The Journal of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy*, II(3), 26-41. "Josiah Royce and C.I. Lewis: Teacher and Student with Many Shared Affinities." *Transactions of the Charles S. Pierce Society, A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy*, 52(2), 220-238. "Do Not Block Inquiry: Philosophy in America- The Tradition of Socrates and Peirce," *Existenz*, 11/1 (2016). Chapter in *Cosmopolitanism and Place*. "Not Black or White but Chocolate Brown: Reframing Issues."

Congratulations to students Natalie Rivera and Milka Lara who were awarded California MFT Educational Stipends and to the CSUB faculty who have mentored them! The California MFT Stipend Program is funded through the Mental Health Services Act and administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to address the statewide workforce need for mental health practitioners in underserved communities of California. The long-range objective of the MFT Stipend Program is to promote public mental health as a career option for those entering the MFT profession. CSU Bakersfield is a member of the Consortium of the Central Valley which received 56 applications. These two students applied for the stipend and both were awarded one of the 14 stipends of \$18,500 awarded by the Consortium to defray the cost of their graduate education. Selected recipients will be required to complete one year of paid or unpaid employment at a mental health service agency operated by or affiliated with a county's mental health or behavioral health department in California.

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A report from NAFSA identifies the financial impact of international students to the CSUB area.
<https://istart.iu.edu/nafsa/reports/district.cfm?state=CA&year=2015&district=23>

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Academics is Soaring: April 18, 2017

Colleagues,

Welcome back from your very first real spring break! I hope you were able to take a spring break trip with your school age children, spend time with friends and family, catch up on some work, or just relax and rejuvenate for the last stretch.

In the past few weeks we've had many academic activities that bring such high quality to the CSUB experience.

In February the **Theatre Department** hosted 500 High School students and their teachers for a day long Spotlight Festival. I wasn't able to see the festival in action, but I did see all of the students on campus.

AVP Vernon Harper organized a field trip for Reagan Elementary students to visit campus. The 150 fifth graders met Rowdy, had a campus tour, and they learned about the importance of attending a university. The fifth graders were led by our Honors Ambassadors, who were organized by **Jackie Kegley, Honors Director**.

These types of programs bring students to a university campus, sometimes for the first time in their lives.

Jim Scully in the Music Department played at Seattle's King-FM radio station on Northwest Focus Live with Sean MacLean--premiering a work by LA composer Jordan Nelson (Colburn School); performed as a guest artist at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, playing with PLU faculty Erik Steigher; and premiered Michael Lee's (faculty at USC) new work for chorus and guitar with the NY Virtuoso Singers, for their Morton Gould Award Recipient's Concert, at St. Ignatius Church in NYC. If you haven't heard Professor Scully play, you need to put it on your bucket list, it is a real joy.

CAFS faculty member Elaine Correa had a book chapter published:

Correa, E. (2016). "Out of Order!" Exposure, Experience, E-Learning, and Evaluation: An Interdisciplinary Studies Approach @ Service Learning" in Reneta Lansiquot (Ed.) *Technology, Theory, and Practice in Interdisciplinary STEM Programs: Connecting STEM and Non-STEM Approaches*, (pp. 83-106) New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

CAFS Associate Professor, Dr. Christie Howell in collaboration with **Special Education Professor, Dr. Yeunjoo Lee**, were awarded \$250,000.00 from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for their proposal to develop and implement a four year integrated Educational Specialist Credential Program with a Baccalaureate degree in Child, Adolescent, and Family Studies (CSPED). The research team consists of Dr. Yeunjoo Lee and Dr. Christie Howell (Co-Principal investigators) , **Dr. Calli Lewis Chiu and Dr. Elaine Correa** (AV and Bakersfield Campus Key Faculty). The project runs over the 2017-2018 academic years with the expectation of full implementation of the CSPED program in Fall 2018.

The **Runner**, under the supervision of **Professor Jennifer Berger**, has had an exciting run of accomplishments. About 14 Runner students attended the annual Associated Collegiate Press National Journalism Conference in San Francisco. During the conference the California College Media Association hosted its annual awards banquet - and The Runner received 14 awards, including third place for best newspaper! The past two years, we've received three awards, so this was a significant accomplishment. Staff members traveled to the WAC tournament for Men's and Women's basketball as well as to the Final Four of the NIT Men's Basketball tournament.

Geology Professor Tony Rathburn participated in the verification cruise of the Research Ship *Sally Ride*. When a new ship is introduced to the fleet of research vessels, it must first go through a series of science verification cruises. These expeditions are designed to test ship operations and the use of various types of gear to collect research samples. Scientists from around the country are invited to submit proposals to conduct these tests and evaluate the ship's performance. The most recent ship to be added to the American Research Fleet is the *R/V Sally Ride*, named after the first American female astronaut and the youngest American to fly in space (aboard Space Shuttle Challenger in 1983). Dr. Ride became a professor of physics at UC San Diego in 1989, and was director of the California Space Institute. She died at the age of 61 in 2012. Together with teams of scientists and technicians from Oregon State University, the United States Geological Survey, The University of Rhode Island, Sacramento State University, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Woods Hole Oceanographic institution, Tony Rathburn, CSUB Professor of Geology, recently participated on one of the verification cruises aboard the *R/V Sally Ride*.

Before he left for the cruise, Dr. Rathburn asked students and staff to decorate Styrofoam cups with colored markers. He placed the cups in an onion bag donated by the ship's cook, and attached it to the multicorer before the package was sent 1165 m to the seafloor. Pressure at that depth squeezed much of the air out of the cups, reducing them in size by a least 50%. These shot glass sized souvenirs of the deep were brought back to the Styrofoam cup artists at CSUB.



CSUB hosted an Immigration Town Hall of 15 lawyers to give advice to DACA students and community members. The multipurpose room was packed and filled with emotion and deep concern. Personally, I learned a great deal about what the families face on a daily basis.

Putting CSUB on the map in Cuba! CSUB sponsored the conference of Irish scholars in Latin America when it was held in Cuba. This was a high profile conference with Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, speaking at the launch of the exhibit “The Irish in Latin America”. **Cliona Murphy, History and Carol DellAmico, English** were among the planning team for the conference.

Nursing Department’s Dr. Denise Dawkins successfully defended her Special Programs grant to support Sim Center at the OSHPD Funding meeting in San Diego. This is a very competitive process and she was fully funded at \$124,196. She received the second highest award.

The Nursing Department’s Capitation grant was also successful in obtaining \$192,000 to support nursing education, our highest award to date.

Bob Yohe, Anthropology received a Graduate Student-Faculty Collaborative Initiative Award for his work with student, Steve Teteak, titled, “Trade in Spanish California: An Archaeometrical Analysis of Glass Beads.” The research investigates the changing form of glass beads to highlight transforming commercial and social interactions in California.

Maryann Parada, Theatre Department received a Graduate Student-Faculty Collaborative Initiative Award for her work with student, Estrella Amaro-Jepesen, titled, “From Teatro Campesino to now: Latino Theatre in Kern County.” The research examines Chicano and Latino theatre in Kern County.

Kathy Szick Biology Department received a Graduate Student-Faculty Collaborative Initiative Award for her work with student Ivette Yanez, titled, “Investigation of TTX Binding Protein in Newts.” The research is focused on understanding the nature of the protein binding gene in newts.

Under the direction of **AVP Jacqueline Mimms** CSUB received one of the largest awards (\$20,000) from the Chancellor’s Office for: Roadrunner Parent Association, Preparing for College Success (work in the high schools), and College Making It Happen.

The CSUB Student Research competition, *Sponsored by the Office of Grants Research and Sponsored Programs and Associated Students, Inc.* was quite competitive this year. The research was well presented with excellent methodological designs, making for difficult choices for the judges. The following winners were announced:

Physical and Mathematical Sciences

[Undergraduates]

1st Place – Andrew Hudson (Kinesiology)

2nd Place – Erik Ostlund (Physics)

[Graduates]

1st Place – Rosetta Lottie (Masters in Health Administration)

Engineering and Computer Sciences

[Undergraduates]

1st Place – Alex Rinaldi (Computer Science)

2nd Place – Korey Cain (Electrical Engineering)

Behavioral and Social Science

[Undergraduates]

1st Place – Nasseem Alshaif (Psychology and Religious Studies)

[Graduates]

Matthew L. McClellan (Masters in Public Administration)

Biological and Agricultural Sciences

[Undergraduates]

1st Place – Jaycie Fickle (Biology)

2nd Place – Kathryn Johnston (Biochemistry)

[Graduate]

Mitchell Coleman (Biology)

The **Nursing Department** received a strong positive report from its 5 year Continuing Approval Visit conducted by the California Board of Registered Nursing. They praised our program for the high NCLEX pass rates, strong student and employer satisfaction reports, meticulous record keeping, and the deep engagement and dedication of the faculty. The reviewers spent 2.5 days touring our campus facilities, combing through binders and boxes of files and records that filled a classroom, then visited clinical sites to observe students conducting patient care under the watchful eye of their faculty. The next steps include presenting our program at the next Education Licensing Committee Meeting in May, then to the full Board of Registered Nursing in June for final approval.

Kate Mulry, History has been accepted to participate in the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture 2017 Scholars' Workshop this summer. She submitted her work in progress, "They Will Mix and Interchange their Colours!: Inoculating Sap and Blood in the Eighteenth-Century Anglo Atlantic." The funded workshop will provide her with valuable feedback from other scholars and editors on bringing it to publication.

With leadership from **Christopher Myers, Philosophy and Religious Studies and Kegley Center Director** and **Brandon Pratt, Biology** the **Kegley Institute of Ethics** put the focus on the research on tree-death in our local forests. **Joyce Kohl from the Art Department** coordinated an associated gallery show with the event. <http://www.kerngoldenempire.com/news/local-news/where-are-all-the-trees/677707294>

Tim Vivian, Philosophy and Religious Studies wrote an article that will be published this year in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* and will eventually be part of a co-authored book manuscript that should be finished this summer. He also penned a very different article that will appear in *Anglican Theological Review*.

The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) hosts a national conference each year where research is presented, professionals meet, and students learn. The conference organizers produce a student academic

competition (College Bowl) at this meeting with teams from each of the regional chapters vying for a national title. The regional chapter to which we belong is the Southwest ACSM. The chapter holds a conference in California each fall. They too host a student academic competition and the team from the winning university is invited to participate in the event at the national meeting as the representative of the chapter. Small groups of motivated CSUB Kinesiology students have been attending this meeting for approximately 15 years and have participated in the competition. In the fall of last year, CSUB's Kinesiology student team won the competition over teams from state and private universities in New Mexico, Arizona, and California. CSUB's team (Eryn Chang, Don Baylon, and Andrew Hudson) is making plans to compete at the national conference but their greatest challenge is having the resources to make the trip to Denver in June. Their faculty mentor is **Dr. Jeff Moffit**.

It's great to be a 'Runner!

Jenny

Jenny Zorn, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Academics is Soaring: April 30, 2017

Colleagues,

As we head into the last few weeks, the celebrations are in full bloom.

-At the end of March several of us attended the First Annual Cesar Chavez Legacy Breakfast at the community event organized by FIELD Farmworker Institute for Education & Leadership Development. Keynote Speaker was Antonio Villaraigosa, 41st Mayor of Los Angeles. Si Se Puede.

-Our research activity was recognized at the Research Excellence Awards Reception. We recognize faculty and staff who have garnered research grant funding. Our research activity continues to grow.

This year:

Total Number of Proposals Submitted = 44

Total Requests for the Proposals = \$16.8M

Total Requested F&A Costs = \$2.49M

Total Number of Funded Projects Managed = 101

Total New & Continuing Awards = 48

Total Dollar Value of 2016-2017 Awards = \$14M (was about \$11M at this time last year)

Estimated 2016-2017 F&A Recovery = \$970K

-The Student Leadership Awards night honors all of our outstanding student leaders. They are leaders in student clubs and organizations and when I see them it is clear that we have developed strong leaders for the future.

-Pi Alpha Alpha: The National Honorary Society for Public Affairs and Administration inducted new members. The **Public Administration** faculty always host a special event for the students and their families. **Thomas Martinez, Public Administration Department** is the Chapter Advisor and **Sonia Morentin** is the organizer of the event. It is always rewarding to speak with the students at these event.

-This weekend was one of our marquee events of the year for the Bakersfield community. The 31st Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival provided another weekend of world class jazz. The crowds are always so engaged with the music and it reaches us from our nodding heads to our tapping toes. This was my first time at the Festival and

I realized it is truly a festival with visual artists providing their work as well as the musicians. Thanks to **Doug Davis** for his many years of organizing this and for **Jim Scully** who is the new Director.

-Once again I was able to attend the presentations of the faculty in the Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum program. This program functions as a faculty learning community to incorporate different pedagogical tools to improve writing across their courses. Each of the 18 faculty worked with a faculty consultant who helped them develop their plan for a course they were teaching this term. The faculty consultants **Keith Kirouac, Dale Drennan, and Jeff Egan** provide insights and advice for the faculty. **Kim Flachmann** coordinates the program, sponsored by the **TLC**, with the details handled by **Chris Shiery**. I always considered myself a good teacher, but I was humbled by how reflective these faculty are as they work to improve their pedagogy and student learning. They are so thoughtful and introspective.

-This weekend we hosted the CSU Honors Conference. Our students presented their research and our faculty served as session moderators. **Jackie Kegley, Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director of the Helen Hawk Honors** program was the conference organizer and **Kathy Lund** handled all of the details.

-Tonight was the University Honors Ceremony where we inducted students into Alpha Chi National Honor Society and awarded Honors to students in the Helen Hawk Honors Program. **Jackie Kegley, Philosophy and Religious Studies and Director of the Helen Hawk Honors** program was the co-organizer with **Joel Haney, Music and Kathy Lund** handled all of the details.

-You have another couple of weeks to view **History Department's Mustafah Dhada's** sketches and sculpture works on the first floor of the Walter W. Stiern Library. I found his sculpture intriguing and the sketches revealed his concept of simultaneously representational and abstract. It is worth the visit.

-While you are there, check out the students' artwork at the entrance. **Joyce Kohl, Art Department** once again asked students in her 3D Sculpture class to create the exhibit "Books in Transition." Their interpretations of their books and how to transform them into 3d sculptures are fascinating to me. I enjoyed this exhibit last year and am glad to know this is a spring term tradition.

-Many of you attended the annual Celebrate CSUB this weekend. This is such a fun day of activities, food, and displays that allow our campus to shine for our incoming students who attended orientations that day. Departments provided activities for kids of all ages. I was able to observe the children and not get goosed at the non-Newtonian fluid activity where the goo acts like a liquid when being poured, but like a solid when a force is acting on it. You can grab it and then it will ooze out of your hands.

-I attended the University Accounting Association awards lunch organized by the students with **Sonia Morentin** coordinating the details and **Harvey McCown** serving them as Advisor. Once again they recognized some outstanding students and I always enjoy taking part in these celebratory occasions.

-The Faculty Recognition and Affordable Learning Solutions Day recognized faculty who have earned the Online Teaching Certification, faculty who accepted grants for Course Redesign, and who have participated in the Affordable Learning Solutions that lower the cost of textbooks for our students. The **Economics Department** was recognized for their efforts that saved students more than \$100,000 in 6 sections of ECON courses. Next year they plan to double that effort. They received a \$10,000 check for their department because of their efforts. Thanks to **Charlene Hu, TLC** who coordinated the Online program, **AVP Vernon Harper** who oversees the Course Redesign efforts, and **Sandra Bozarth, Library** who coordinates the Affordable Learning Solutions and organized the celebration.

-The Financial Management Association hosted the 3rd Annual Foreign Trade Obligations and Implications Event with expert speakers who discussed opportunities for export overseas, export barriers, intellectual property protection, distribution channels, and foreign customer relations. Their Advisor, **Mahdy Elhusseiny, Finance** pulls together the panel of experts and I always enjoy participating in this event and seeing the number of students who attend and are engaged with the topics they discuss.

-A group of CSUB Women attended the Kern County's Women's and Girls' Fund Luncheon. This is an annual event that awards this year's grants and honors outstanding women and girls in the community. Gayle Batey, one of our campus partners was recognized this year. It was an honor to be able to attend and applaud Gayle for her work.

-**English professor Matt Woodman** organized the annual Walter Presents Local Poets Reading "Work" Inspired Poems. The poems are published in a publication *Writing Work* which are a collection of the readings that reach the audience's heart, mind, and soul. I was so enthralled by the poets and their readings. The Dezember Room was packed! Keep your eyes out for this event next year. It's a wonderful way to spend an evening.

-Last year I attended and participated in the Annual Service Awards and this year I asked that we include faculty in this. These are the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40-year milestone awards. From now on faculty will receive these every five years. So, when you reach your milestone year you will receive an award. We made the effort to catch up with faculty who had never received these awards, so we awarded all faculty who have more than 30 years of service with an award. There were some with 43 and 44 years of service!

-Retiring, Emeriti Faculty, and those entering FERP were honored in a reception that Senate Chair Debbie Boschini tallied as a total of more than 400 years of service. These faculty were the faculty who built their programs and established so many lasting traditions and legacies for our campus and community.

-The Ninth Annual Gender Matters Symposium pulled together artwork, posters, presentations, panel discussions, and a keynote speaker. This annual conference is hosted by the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and Club GEN (Gender Equality Now!). **Jean West, Gender & Sexuality Program Coordinator and Professor of Marketing** is the organizer of the event. I enjoy hearing the variety of presentations and discussions that ensue.

-We hosted the Southern California Irish Studies Colloquium for the Society for Irish Latin American Studies: Ireland, Latin America, and the Caribbean Connections, Contexts, and Comparisons. Carol Dell'Amico, English and Cliona Murphy, History were the co-organizers of the conference. I wasn't able to attend the event, but I am pleased to see us hosting these academic conferences and programs.

-I wasn't able to attend the Kegley Institute Event with Mira Sorvino and the discussion on human trafficking, but it was clearly a thought provoking lecture delivered with passion. Thank you to **Christopher Meyers, Philosophy and Religious Studies** for bringing another important discussion to campus along with the follow up panel that discussed human trafficking locally. Thanks to **Shelly Carson** for handling the organizational details for the event.

-The poetry reading by Brendan Constantine was arguably one of the best programs we've ever had in the Dezember Room of the Library. The Writer in Residence program is sponsored by the Library. I wasn't able to attend, but I understand the room was filled and the audience members were captivated.

-I participated in the President's Associates dinner where we thank the donors to the President's Associates program that sponsors student researchers and their faculty advisors. Each project is awarded \$2,000 for a research investigation and I am always impressed with the students and their passion for their work. The faculty mentors glow with pride for their students and their work.

-The Ethics Bowl is a fun evening (well, it was fun for me because I was just observing, the students were the ones working hard) where the student teams are discussing the ethics of some challenging case studies that are relevant to current issues currently facing our society today. **Christopher Meyers and Nate Olson, Philosophy and Religious Studies** coordinate the evening. **Nate** will teach the course in the fall that will prepare the students to participate in the regional Ethics Bowl. The students are very impressive!

-Finally, attached is the most recent flyer identifying CSU Bakersfield Accolades. These are all bragging points that are the results of all of your hard work and dedication to our students.

It's great to be a 'Runner!

Jenny

Jenny Zorn, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Academics is Soaring: June 18, 2017

Colleagues,

This weekend I am appreciating the fact that we have been finished a month and those other quarter campuses are having commencements this weekend. This is the time we appreciate the advantage of a semester calendar!

I often have people outside of academia ask if we are winding down for the end of the school year. Ha! It's more like a mad sprint in those last few weeks and days! Now that summer is really here with triple digits rolling in, I'll remind us of that mad sprint that we made back in May and what people are already accomplishing this summer!

I attended the Beta Gamma Sigma Induction ceremony where students and faculty were inducted into the Honor Society for collegiate schools of business. Faculty advisors **Ji Li and Di Wu** recognized the new inductees and several alumni speakers inspired the students and upcoming graduates.

The university's first ever Lavender Recognition Celebration recognized the upcoming graduates in the LGBTQ+ community. This historic event was organized by the LGBTQ+ Affinity Group under the leadership of **Matthew McClellan, Arts and Humanities and Kris Grappendorf, Kinesiology**.

The university also celebrated the 37th Annual Chicano Celebration organized by the **MEChA club and its President Guadalupe Nunez**.

The Black Graduates Recognition Ceremony was another meaningful celebration of our graduates. Once again it was meticulously organized by **June Grimes, Enrollment Management**.

Cliona Murphy, History Department and a CSUB delegation attended the Phi Beta Delta conference for International Scholars. **Di Wu, Accounting and Finance, Rosemary Stribling, Kegley Advising Center, and Luiza Martens, Masters student in Public Administration** presented their research at the conference and **Dr. Thomas Wallace, VP of Student Affairs** joined the delegation as we work to establish our new Phi Beta Delta Chapter under Cliona's leadership as the Chapter Coordinator.

At the **Phi Beta Delta National Conference** I was honored to receive the Bronze Level Certificate from Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

The CSUB **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** was recognized as Nonprofit of the Year at the North of the River Chamber of Commerce Board Installation & Awards Luncheon.

In presenting the award, NOR Chamber President John Heath said, "I felt like choosing somebody that has been helping and developing the business community." Being a business owner himself, Heath added, "I was able to actually use their services before I started my company. So they have been very instrumental in a lot of businesses in town." CSUB **SBDC Director Kelly Bearden** accepted the awarded on behalf of the Center.

I was especially honored to receive an award from the The Runner. It sincerely means a great deal to me since I was a writer on my school newspaper during my undergraduate studies.

This year, The Runner started a few new traditions for thanking their supporters. In addition to hosting the first annual Thank You Event, they also are acknowledging their supporters with a couple of new awards. These awards include the "Golden Key Award" for supporting the mission of The Runner, and "Circles of Support" for advertising. They will be posting all of these awards to their website at TheRunnerOnline.com.

Golden Key Award – Dr. Jenny Zorn, CSUB Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

The provost has been a key supporter of The Runner staff this year, particularly in sponsoring the students' abilities to expand their education and experiences off-campus. She sponsored our sports reporter and photo editor to go to Las Vegas and New York to cover the basketball team's runs in the WAC Tournament and the NIT. She also funded members of our staff to attend the Associated Collegiate Press National Journalism Conference in San Francisco and to attend the California College Media Association's banquet, where they received 14 awards for their work in 2016. We are grateful to Dr. Zorn for your ongoing support of student media at CSUB!

Publisher's Circle – Advertising Total \$5,000+

The School of Business and Public Administration at CSUB

Editor's Circle – Advertising Total \$1,000+

The School of Arts and Humanities at CSUB

CSUB Office of the President

Walter Stiern Library

CSUB Athletics Department

CSUB Campus Programming

Refuel Agency

Headliners – Advertising Total \$500+

Rio Acai Bowls

Dailey Marketing Group

Golden Empire Transit (GET)

U.S. Army

Correspondents – Advertising Total \$30+

CSUB Extended University

CSUB Office of University Advancement

The School of Natural Science, Mathematics, and Engineering at CSUB

Todd Madigan Gallery at CSUB

CSUB Office of Student Affairs

CSUB Media Production Lab

Japan and Beyond Club at CSUB

Vickie Halterman, Scentsy

Kern County Rideshare

Castle Book Room

Pho Vy Restaurant

Masala Grill

Bakersfield Escape Room

JB Cuts

Big Bottom Bath

Ted's Vapor Hut

Zombie Apocalypse Gear

Royal Nails

Smooth Move

Delano Real Estate

Kern County Right to Life

Sponsor's Circle – Contest Donations

Big Bottom Bath

Faces by Faith

Bakersfield Escape Room
Rivers End Rafting & Adventure
Bakersfield Craft Beer Festival
Masala Grill
Rio Acai Bowls
Joseph's Italian Restaurant
Awesome Fitness

The Kern County Chapter of the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL) held their annual RN of the Year Award Dinner with the following awards presented to CSUB faculty.

Dr. Annie Huynh, Nursing was awarded the Clinical Practice – Outpatient RN of the Year Award

An excerpt from her nomination:

Dr. Annie Huynh is a practicing Family Nurse Practitioner at Kern Medical Center and Pinnacle Emergency Physicians medical group. She is dedicated to providing patient centered care to clients in our medically underserved area. AS a nurse practitioner, Dr. Huynh diagnoses, treats, evaluates, and manages complex acute, critical, and chronic illness and diseases. Dr. Huynh is passionate about improving the health of our community. Her research focus addresses the issue of tobacco smoking and its enormous public health threat. She evaluated the effectiveness of a mobile application in tobacco cessation education which she presented at the Western Institute of Nursing conference in April 2017.

Ms. Karen Lillie, Nursing was awarded the Education – Academia RN of the Year Award

An excerpt from her nomination:

Karen Lillie is the Board of Registered Nursing recognized content expert for Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing for CSUB. She provides an impressive pattern of service to the Department of Nursing, exceeding expectations of a faculty member in both breadth and depth. Ms. Lillie has been instrumental in the many CSUB accreditation visits. She leads by example, serving as a mentor for several new faculty members. She is an active member of the Xi Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, having served two years each as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Leadership Succession Chair. Ms. Lillie is a strong advocate for nursing students and is the faculty member students turn to when they are experiencing life or school challenges. She is deeply engaged with student success; when she sees a student need, she immerses herself in seeking solutions. Ms. Lillie incorporates evidence-based practice into her teaching and uses innovative teaching strategies that help students understand the lived experience of their mental health clients.

Please join me in congratulating the **Nursing** faculty team involved writing the grant for the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The team successfully acquired a grant for \$40,000 to develop five case studies to contribute to the national CDC repository for immunization resources supporting undergraduate nursing education. All schools of nursing will be able to access these case studies.

The review of the case studies is rigorous, involving the CDC clearance process at four different levels.

This was a highly competitive national grant. Only CSU Bakersfield and the University of Missouri received awards.

The team includes:

Dr. Heidi He (principal investigator)

Dr. Denise Dawkins

Dr. Annie Huynh

Ms. Maria Rubolino.

CSUB hosted the 21st Annual Psi Chi Research Conference, the longest standing student run research conference at CSUB. This International Honor Society for Psychology majors organizes the conference with a keynote speaker and student research presentations under the direction and guidance of Faculty Advisor **Isabel Sumaya, Psychology**.

This year Robert Yohe published (with **Suzann Henrikson**, Jim Woods, and Gene Titmus) Mammoth Hunting in the Desert West: Recent Analysis of Fluted Points from the Wasden Site (10BV30). **American Antiquity (July 2017)**.

Did you see the "Ghost Log 1"--- project by L.A. Artist Noel Korten, working with our student and staff. In front of the Science 1 Building, the sculpture commemorates the die-off of 102 million trees in the Sierras and Sequoias over the last couple of years? **Joyce Kohl, Art** coordinated this project.

Stephanie Borges, a junior majoring in philosophy, was accepted to attend the Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) to be held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), June 20-27, 2017. This week-long program is designed to encourage undergraduate students from under-represented groups to consider future study in the field of philosophy. Transportation to and from the Institute, room and board, and a small stipend is provided for participants. <http://www.piksi.org/programs/boston/>

Debra Jackson, Philosophy was accepted to attend the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute, "Diverse Philosophical Approaches to Sexual Violence" to be held at Elon University, June 18-30, 2017. This two-week long summer institute will gather emerging and established scholars to explore the different meanings of sexual violence in distinct social contexts, diverse ways of framing the harms that sexual violence imposes, the relation (or lack of same) between sexual violence and other sexual acts, the meaning of various forms of individual and collective responses (including the role of the state), and other questions. A modest stipend is provided to participants to help cover travel costs, books and other research expenses, and living expenses. <http://blogs.elon.edu/neh/>

CSUB **Geological Sciences** students were awarded field camp scholarship awards by the San Joaquin Geological Society (SJGS) and the Pacific Section of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (PSAAPG).

Michael Juybari-Johnson
Alejandro Rodriguez
Darby Scanlon
Cindy Rodriguez
Zach Levinson
Diana Hernandez Garcia

Elaine Correa, Child and Family Studies published the following:

Fabbro, F., Agosti, A., **Correa, E.** (2017). Pratiche digitali nella scuola primaria: il bambino è protagonista? (Digital practices in primary school: is the pupil protagonist?) *Form@re Open Journal per la formazione in rete Tecnologie nella scuola e apprendimento. Criticità e potenzialità* , Vol 17, No. 1, (pp. 68-81).

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13128/formare-20195>

Correa, E., and Wilkinson, C. (2017). "Breaking the silence: teaching about difference", *Journal for Multicultural Education*, Vol. 11 Issue: 2, (pp.70-81).

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/JME-10-2016-0056>

Monica Ayuso, English published the following: "Towards Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Three Novels from Haiti" in *Journal of Haitian Studies*, Fall 2016, Vol 22 #2: 83-104.

J.J Wang, Advanced Studies submitted his report on First 5 Kern. **Isabel Sumaya and Rose McCleary** led IRB service for the Kern County Child and Family Commission (First 5 Kern). The County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved J.J. Wang's report (see https://www.csub.edu/~jwang/BOS_5_23_2017.mp4). This program benefited our students at CSUB, as First 5 Kern funded the Ready to Start program at Kern County Superintendent of Schools that offered more than 20 internship positions for CSUB students each summer.

Dayanand Saini, Physics and Engineering Department, received an 18-month planning grant from the U. S. Department of Energy, in consortium with Electric Power Institute, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, BKi, Clean Energy Systems, and SoCalGas for their grant proposal entitled: “**California CO2 Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (C2SAFE)**.” Dr. Saini would work with researchers from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on CO2 Storage Basin Assessment. One of the goals of this project is the demonstration of safe, reliable containment of CO2 in deep C=geologic formations of California with CO2 permanence greater than 99%. Congratulations!

Dayanand Saini, Physics and Engineering, published a book *Engineering Aspects of Geologic CO₂ Storage: Synergy between Enhanced Oil Recovery and Storage*. The book (<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319560731>) is published by Springer, a global publisher that serves and supports the research community.

Saini and two of his undergraduate engineering sciences research students have a filing of a United States provisional patent application for their invention (Ion Exchange Column and Methods of Making and Using the Same) and he now is working towards the commercialization of the technology.

Saini recently published a journal article titled “Monitoring of Injected CO₂ at Two Commercial Geologic Storage Sites with Significant Pressure Depletion and/or Re-Pressurization Histories: A Case Study”, in the special issue of the *Petroleum Journal* (Volume 3, Issue 1, March 2017) which was focused on carbon capture, utilization, and storage.

Abbas Grammy and Aaron Hegde are once again offering their Enterprise College: Economics for Future Leaders course program this summer. Speakers for the course include: **Dr. Steven Daniels, Dr. Vince Carter, and Dr. Donna Simmons, Dr. Richard Gearhart, and Dr. Nyakundi Michieka**. Staff Support is **Trisha Bales**.

In May, as part of our internationalization efforts on campus, the President signed an MOU with a Cambodian University. **Eun-Ja Park, retired faculty member in Teacher Education and I** traveled with the Bakersfield Sister City delegation to Bucheon University to deliver an MOU for President Mitchell. It is an agreement for student exchanges and we are working on other collaborations with them. We also visited Catholic University in Bucheon and re-established our relationship in an effort to provide some student study abroad opportunities for our students and to expand to other collaborations with them. Sandra Sorano, retired Chancellor of the Kern Community College District also traveled with the delegation and we are working on developing relationships that will benefit our internationalization efforts.

Summer is here...continue recharging and find a way to stay cool!

Best regards,

Jenny

Jenny Zorn, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs