

Liberal Studies Conference, “Future Teachers Making a Difference in Children’s Future” a great success....

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the Liberal Studies Program held its first annual conference at CSUN. About a 100 Teacher Preparation Option students attended a variety of workshops on topics such as fun and engaging science activities in the classroom, Career Center services for teachers and how to have a successful LAUSD job search, classroom management, and working with students with special needs. The presenters consisted of CSUN alumnae, LAUSD teachers and administrators, and CSUN faculty and staff. Here are some of the comments shared by the attendees:

I really enjoyed the Music and Dance workshop. It was very informative and FUN!

I found the two workshops that I attended to be the most helpful. Especially the one about classroom management. It helped to calm a lot of my fears and answer a lot of questions.

It was such a worthwhile way to spend a Saturday morning.

Below are some of the conference pictures. Please check your CSUN email account and the Liberal Studies website for our future events.



Liberal Studies students check-in at the conference.



Students enjoy a continental breakfast.



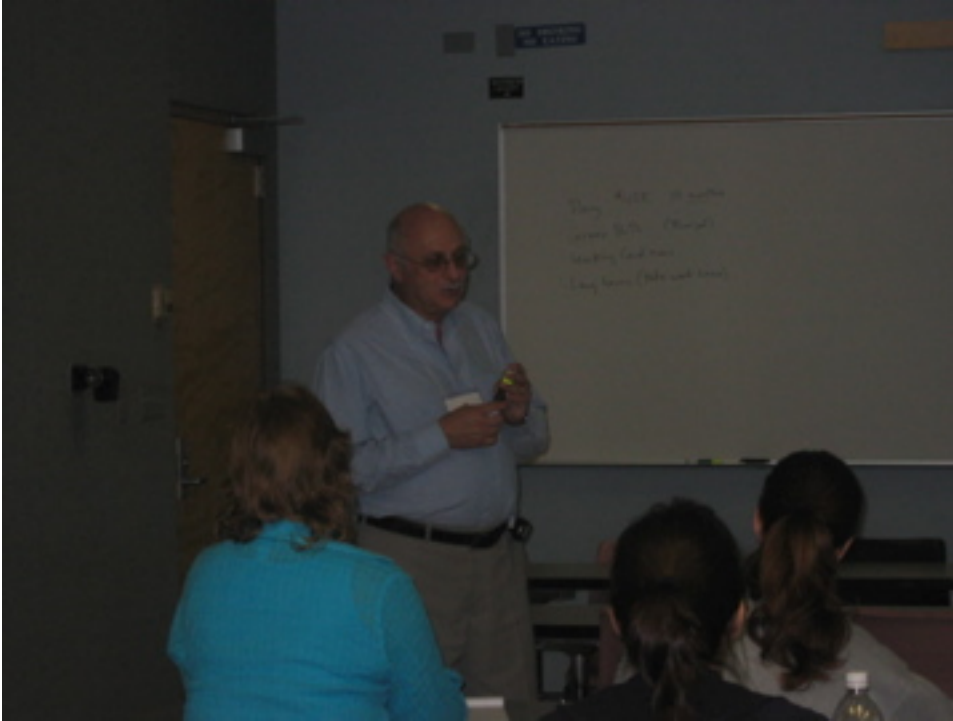
CSUN Chemistry majors assist Dr. Dorothy Nguyen-Graff (not pictured) with the session on Fun and Engaging Science Activities in the Classroom.



Dr. Kathy Peckham-Hardin (left) and Dr. Sally Spencer from CSUN's Special Education Department lead a session on working with students with special needs.



Alumnae Panel: Christina Riggs (left), Tina Suwarno (center), and Christine Hobbs lead a session on What to Expect your First Year of Teaching.



Steve Brandick discusses the types of support available through LAUSD's Career Ladder Program.



Dr. Sharon Klein (left) and Dr. Sue Sears lead a session on Perspectives on Emerging Literacy.



Sonya Adlersberg from CSUN's Financial Aid Office explained how students can finance their undergraduate, graduate, and credential program at CSUN.



Dr. Michael Spagna, Eisner Chair and Executive Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning, Michael D. Eisner College of Education, delivers the keynote address at the conference.



Exhibitors provide students with information about their organization.



Tony Osumi, an LAUSD teacher, leads a session on how to build a classroom community.



Doug Johnson (right) and Bonnie Crawford from CSUN's Credential Office present a session on graduate and credential programs at CSUN.