Greetings Alumni,

February is a hot month already and it is not because of Valentine’s Day. It is because there are many Alumni gatherings taking place in California. The first one will be in Sacramento on February 9th, and will be hosted by our Alumni Sheri Farinha-Mutti. The next one in Northridge after the Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant on February 16th, will be hosted by our Alumni Evelina Gaina. And the last one will take place in Oakland/Castro Valley on February 25th hosted by our Alumni Julie Rems-Smario.

We appreciate all three wonderful Alumnae for hosting these gatherings so we all can see our old friends, make new friends, and bring up ideas on how to make this Alumni Chapter become better. Not all things happen on the west coast as our Alumni Josh Mendelsohn is working on establishing a presence in the Washington, D.C. area and will have a social event coming up soon. As always, you are welcome to set up a local chapter in your area. Just send me an email and we will help you out. See this edition for all the juicy details on the various social events this month.

The Alumni Board had its first meeting last month and produced exciting results, the most powerful of which was creating three scholarships. We hope to have more in the future. Deaf CSUNians has accepted our proposal to have an Alumni Liaison, who will be a senior or graduate student. The purpose of this is so we can relay the exciting news of the Alumni to the current students and so the students can share the great news with the Alumni. The hope is that this will create a better relationship between the Alumni and the Students.

To top off the hot month of February, NCOD has unleashed a fresher website for all of us to enjoy and keep up with NCOD events, programs, personnel and job opportunities. Soon, there will be ASL Videos on the website to increase our visibility and to show the wonderful talents we have at NCOD.

Enjoy this edition!

Manny Johnson
President
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CSUN/NCOD News

Support NCOD
Want to show your undying support for NCOD? Thanks to the internet… donating money to NCOD has never been easier! Just go to http://ncod.csun.edu/programs/donate.html and click on the “Make an Online Gift Now” link within the donation letter. The “Make an Online Gift Now” link will take you to a new webpage. On that webpage, please check on the “National Center on Deafness” box under the “Please direct your gift” category to ensure NCOD reaps the rewards of your generous donations.

NCOD's New Website
Jim Macaluso and the staff at NCOD have done an outstanding job in giving the NCOD website a more modern and sleek look. NCOD was very generous to include a section for the Alumni, giving us the opportunity to reach more Alumni. Please give the new website a good look-over by going to: http://ncod.csun.edu/

Theatre in the Sky with Bernard Bragg Coming to CSUN on March 16, 2007
Join world-renowned performer, Bernard Bragg as he shares humorous and heartwarming stories from his travels around the world. All funds raised from this tour will be donated to the NAD and the WFD.
When: Friday, March 16, 2007, 7:00pm
Where: Campus Theatre, Nordhoff Hall at CSUN
Tickets: $25 for Adults, $13 for Children/Full-Time Students
More details can be found at http://ncod.csun.edu/pdfs/BraggTheatre.pdf.

Alumni Fan Day, Saturday February 24, 2007
Help us sell out the Matadome when the Matador men's basketball team hosts the University of the Pacific Tigers. Join us for a pre-game BBQ at 12:00 p.m. prior to tip-off at 2:05 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person for members and $15 for non-members and include entrance to the game and BBQ lunch & parking. Tickets must be pre-purchased through the Alumni Association to receive this special package price. Order tickets online at csunalumni.com or call 818-677-2137 or email cheryl.mcmillan@csun.edu.

Deaf CSUNnian News

Alumni Selling Tickets for Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant
Some of the Alumni Board will be at the Pageant so come meet us. We are helping the students sell out the 500 Seat Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant at CSUN on February 16th. Help us by buying the tickets for $20 apiece by contacting us at ncodalumni@gmail.com. Hope to see many Alumni there as we want to show the students our support! Who can resist those beautiful girls below?
Alumni News

Special Alumni Mini-Fundraising Brunch in Oakland after DeafHOPE
Julie Rems-Smario, our Past President of the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter, is opening her home to have a brunch for those who came to DeafHOPE’s Glimmer of Hope Fundraising Event that will take place on February 24th. The Brunch details are:

Date: February 25, 2007
Time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Location: The Rems-Smarios’ Home
       6129 Mount Olympus Drive
       Castro Valley, CA 94552
Cost: $10 (All profits will go to the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter Fund)

Please RSVP to ncod alumni@gmail.com, by February 20th!

Board Update
We had our first Board meeting in January and it was a productive one. Among the items discussed at our online Board meeting were the CSUN/NCOD Reunion being moved from 2007 to 2008, Scholarships, Deaf CSUNians and NCOD Liaison, Passing of two of our Alumni, and Budget. We will be meeting on a monthly basis (3rd Wednesdays) beginning February 21st.

Scholarship Announcement
We are thrilled to be announcing that the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter will be starting with three scholarships. One scholarship will go to the Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant winner on a biennial basis starting this year! Another scholarship will go to the Mr. Deaf CSUN Pageant winner on a biennial basis starting next year. The third scholarship will go to the student that has helped the Alumni Chapter the most for the past year and the scholarship will be announced at the annual NCOD Awards starting this year.
We are hoping to add more scholarships over the years to recruit more top students to attend CSUN as we all know how great it is. Interested in donating to help with our scholarship money? Interested in being on the scholarship committee? Email ncodalumni@gmail.com for more details.

**Alumni Update – Norman Nelson and JoAnne Stump-Nelson**


Norman and JoAnne married in 1992, years after meeting at CSUN in 1976 as summer school students. Currently, they live in Montreal, Canada teaching deaf children in Montreal. Norman and JoAnnee had a wonderful experience working in Northern Quebec with deaf Inuit children and their families several times.

Norman and JoAnne can be reached at stump-nelson@videotron.ca. If there are any CSUN/NCOD Alumni in or near Montreal, then let Norman and JoAnne know.

**Milestones and Lost Alumni**

I encourage you to submit updates about yourselves such as a new job, a new addition to the family, or marrying your loved one. We all like to hear about you! Please submit your information to us at ncodalumni@gmail.com at least a week before the end of the month so we can include it in the next month’s eNews.

Also if you know of "lost alumni" who are not getting these newsletters, please inform us at ncodalumni@gmail.com.

**Open Positions**

We are looking for more to add to our growing team. If you are interested to know more about the positions below, just drop me an email at ncodalumni@gmail.com:

**Board Positions**
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Membership Committee Chair
- E-Newsletter Editor
- Database Administrator
- Scholarship Committee Chair

**Local Sub-Chapters News (Los Angeles/Washington, D.C./Sacramento)**

**Los Angeles NCOD Sub-Chapter Update – Post Event Social Gathering**

As many of you know, Deaf CSUNians is hosting the Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant on February 16th from 7pm to 10pm and there is always a big draw as the Pageant two years ago brought in close to 300 people. What a better time to have a get-together for Alumni who attend the Pageant than right after the event?

The social will be held at:
- Where: TBA via Evite
- Date: February 16, 2007
- Time: After the Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant (Approximately 10pm)
Hope to see many Alumni at the Pageant and the Get-Together afterwards!

If you want to be included on the Evite for the Post Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant Get Together, then please submit your name and email address to ncodalumni@gmail.com.

If you live in the Los Angeles area and would like to be involved with the Los Angeles Sub-Chapter or attend its events, then please contact the NCOD Alumni President at ncodalumni@gmail.com.

**Washington, D.C. NCOD Sub-Chapter Update – Creation of a new chapter!**

Josh Mendelsohn (1992) is interested in setting up an informal network of CSUN / NCOD alumni in the metropolitan Washington, DC area, and he would like to hear from or about other CSUN / NCOD alumni in the area. Please contact him at josh@ellimend.com if you or someone you know are interested in participating.

**Capitol/Sacramento NCOD Sub-Chapter Update – Social on February 9th, 2007**

Join us for a "get-together" dinner social on Friday Evening, February 9th, 2007, at 6:30 PM to Meet the New Director of NCOD/CSUN, Dr. Roz Rosen!!! Whoo hoo! It's gonna be FUN!

You don't need to be an Alumni to join the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter. Friends, family, spouses, and community members are welcome to join as a "friend" of the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter. Dr. Rosen would LOVE to meet you also!

Come and learn about the latest updates:

- What's new with NCOD/CSUN!
- Learn about the cool benefits on becoming an Alumni Member if you aren't already!
- Learn about what's new with each other and socialize with Roz!
- Learn how we can form a "Capitol Region" Sub-Chapter!

**Date:** Friday evening, February 9th

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Cost:** $20.00 per person

**Location:** Aces' Restaurant is located within the Holiday Inn on Sacramento I-80 5321 Date Ave Sacramento, CA 95841

Please confirm you can come (RSVP) by emailing me at sfarinha@norcalcenter.org, no later than February 5th.

Feel free to forward to other CSUN alumni and friends living in the greater Sacramento/ Northern California Region!

Many thanks! 'Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Sheri Farinha Mutti
Benefits of Joining CSUN Alumni Association (NCOD Alumni Chapter)
There are many benefits of joining the CSUN Alumni Association for your yearly dues of $20 (2006 Graduates), $40 (Alumni), or $50 (Married Alumni-Dual Membership). Lifetime Membership is $500 (Alumni) or $600 (Married Alumni-Dual Membership). See the benefits below:

- $10 goes into our NCOD Alumni Chapter Fund!!!
- Access to online directory of more than 126,000 CSUN Alumni
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Subscription to Northridge Magazine and Community@CSUN
- Discounted Insurance Plans
- Student Loan Consolidation Program
- Theme Park Discounts
- Hotel and Rental Car Discounts

Spotlight on NCOD Alumni: Michelle Nemetz

As the hostess of the Alumni Holiday Party in December 2006, what do you foresee the NCOD Alumni Chapter becoming?
The Holiday party got off to a great start and there’s so much potential that the Alumni Chapter can do in the near future. Others showed a lot of interest to continue this new chapter and I’m excited to be part of this new adventure.

What encouraged you to join the NCOD Alumni Chapter?
To stay in touch with old friends and meet new Alumni. It’s a great networking tool.

CSUN draws in many different people for different reasons. What was yours?
I grew up in Northridge but started in San Diego State University to get away from home and learn to be independent. Then for my third year of college, I transferred to CSUN as they provided me great resources to help me complete my education goals.

Can you tell us one of your favorite memories of CSUN?
There are so many good memories, it’s hard to choose a favorite. One of my most memorable was working with the committee on the NCOD/Kodak Rose Bowl Parade float which was a big challenge.

What do you do now? Can you share your one or two words of wisdom with us?
I am currently employed with the City of West Hollywood as an Accounting Technician and have been there almost 6 years. My words of wisdom would be open communication and staying organized which are the two most important tasks of my job while wearing different hats.

How has CSUN helped you with your current position?
I have learned valuable skills on computers, networking, communication, documentation, and setting priorities to meet deadlines.

Note: To nominate someone to be in next month’s Spotlight on NCOD Alumni, please email your nominations to ncodalumni@gmail.com.
Outside Event Announcements

DeafHope’s 4th Annual Glimmer of Hope 2007
Weaving Us Together: The Deaf Quilt
February 24th, 2007 from 5pm-10pm
Snow Building
Oakland Zoo
Oakland, CA

Proceeds go to DeafHOPE’s advocacy services for domestic and sexual violence survivors. Please RSVP by February 20th. For more info and to see the flyer, please go to: http://www.deaf-hope.org/events/index.html

Our current Director of NCOD, Dr. Rosen, as well as one of our own Alumni Sheri Farinha-Mutti will be the emcee. A small CSUN Reunion Gathering will be held at Julie Rems-Smario’s house on the day following the event. Hope to see you all there!

WRAD, Inc.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Skiing and Snowboarding Day
Saturday March 3, 2007
8:00am- 5:00pm

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Group will meet at Mtn. High West to purchase and pick up tickets at the WRAD table between the hours of 7:30am and 12noon.

In the past we had a turnout of over 200 people in our WRAD group at Mtn. High. Let's try to break our record on Saturday, March 3rd!!!!!!

You can go to http://www.mthigh.com to get more information about Mtn High Ski/Snowboarding Resort or go to www.wrad.org to get more information about WRAD.

See you on Saturday, March 3rd at Mtn High in Wrightwood, California. Contact Bruce Gross at wradceo@aol.com or Videophone at 661 943-8879 if you need more info. Hearing People: please call Relay first at 866-327-8877 then ask to call 661 943 8879.

*In case of inclement weather on March 3rd, the event is cancelled. Please check the Mtn High website before you go to be sure.

PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU PLAN TO GO TO MTN HIGH ON SATURDAY MARCH 3rd (wradceo@aol.com) so we will put your name on our group discount list.

1. How many of you are going? Your name and address.
2. How many adult or children chairlift tickets do you need?
3. Do you need to rent skis or snowboard? Adult or child? How many?
4. Do you plan to take group lessons with sign language interpreter? How many of you?

DO NOT MAIL MONEY TO WRAD. You can bring CASH to MTN HIGH on March 3rd. Thank you!!!!
WRAD, Inc. (World Recreation Association of the Deaf, Inc) is a nonprofit entity serving the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing population and their families and friends.

Job Announcements

Looking for a New Job or Career Change?
Take advantage of our alumni network and log on to www.csunalumni.com to search for jobs posted by companies looking specifically for Cal State Northridge graduates. It's fast, free and convenient. You can also post your resume and assist companies in connecting with you.

SIGNews Seeking Writers
SEEKING WRITERS for a national monthly newspaper. Write on various topics of interest to the deaf and hard of hearing community! Journalism experience preferred but not required. We pay $55-$125 per article. For more information, email SIGNews at newseditor@signews.org

Center for Communicative Development, Inc. Seeking a New Teacher
POSITION: Full-Time Teacher of the Deaf
DUTIES: Provide communication skills language development to deaf adults
REQUIREMENTS:
- M.A. or equivalent – B.A. plus graduate units in a teacher training program considered.
- Must have experience in teaching language development to Deaf persons with minimal language skills.
- Must demonstrate positive attitude to achievement potential of subject population.
- Must be able to develop warm working relationship with staff and consumers.
- Must possess adequate fluency in ASL, Signed English, and/or other appropriate sign system. Spanish is a plus but not required.
- Must demonstrate familiarity with American Deaf culture.
- Must have CPR/First Aid certificate.
SALARY: $2,585.00 per month
STARTING DATE: February 19, 2007

Please send cover letter and resume to the address below, fax them to (213) 738-8176, or email them to ccdcom40@yahoo.com.

Virginia McKinney, Ph.D., Director
Center for Communicative Development, Inc.
3460 Wilshire Blvd., #200
Los Angeles, CA 90010
www.ccdschool.org

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Employment Opportunities at various GLAD locations

- Regional Director – Riverside
- Community Interpreter – Los Angeles
- Job Developer/Interpreter – Norwalk
- Grant Writer – Los Angeles
- Mexican Sign Language (MSL) Interpreter – Riverside
- Building Manager – Los Angeles
- Community Advocate – Los Angeles

To learn more about these open positions at GLAD, please go to: www.gladinc.org.

Please submit your letter, resume and employment application to:

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