Greetings Alumni,

Boy, what an eventful summer! My summer began with my gorgeous wedding to the love of my life, Sheena Marie McFeely, this past June 30th. Feel free to share your wisdom for us newlyweds. In July, I took off to Spain to represent the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) on the youth level at both the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) Youth Camp and Congress. If you are curious what we did over in Spain, then check our blogs out at http://blogs.nad.org/nadatwfd/. I thank my wife and NAD for an unforgettable summer.

We have many alumni who continue to just amaze us on a daily basis. One example is Andy Anderson’s perilous quest in the Alcatraz Sharkfest. Yes, we have pictures! Rebecca Dubowe, another alumnus, is the World’s Only Ordained Deaf Female Rabbi and what a story she is. Our newest database administrator, Steve Longo, is spotlighted in this eNews and will be in Los Angeles performing for his Beethoven’s Nightmare Band on October 6th. Read more details about our dazzling alumni below. I am thrilled to see more and more updates being shared with all of us so we can see the dizzying array of triumphs that our alumni have accomplished!

Our Alumni Board is back in session and we had an invigorating meeting as we all are anticipating our annual Board Retreat at CSUN this fall. We will be having a fun event during the retreat that will allow all of you to meet our outstanding Board personally. Keep your eyes open for more details. For the first time ever, we have letters from all the leaders with Dr. Roz Rosen, Director and Josh Josa, Deaf CSUNians President. Check their letters out below.

The SoCal NCOD Regional Chapter partnered up with World Recreation Association of the Deaf (WRAD), headed by another CSUN Alumni, Bruce Gross, to revive the Deaf Professional Happy Hour (DPHH) in the greater Los Angeles area. The next one is on September 8th in West Los Angeles as each month we will go to a different location to give all a fair chance to attend. We look forward to the increased networking opportunities for our alumni.

Hope y’all had a sizzling summer!

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CSUN/NCOD News

CSUN-NCOD Director’s Corner – Dr. Roz Rosen

We at CSUN are celebrating the beginning of another new academic year. On August 21, President Jolene Koester delivered her 8th annual convocation presentation, entitled “Regionally Focused, Nationally Recognized.” She emphasized that CSUN is an exemplary university with much success to be proud of, but that is perhaps a well kept secret – and she encouraged us all to toot our CSUN horn with pride. CSUN will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008-2009 with year-long events. Please visit the CSUN website to read her very motivational presentation, [http://www.csun.edu/~presofc/speeches/2007convocation.html](http://www.csun.edu/~presofc/speeches/2007convocation.html).

We had 41 new students enrolled in our orientation program last week – a jump from 22 last year. Overall, the enrollment number is stable, due to a large group of graduates last May. We wish them well. Fall and winter are opportune times to recruit new students for next year. We invite you to become our ambassadors and visit schools in your area on the behalf of CSUN. If you are interested in doing this, please do let us know and we will provide you with materials and handouts. You are the best evidence of excellence at CSUN!

We had a very successful Awards Day program last year which brought many of us together for a very memorable and sentimental time. Herbert Larson was on hand to give the Larson Scholarship award. We will launch fundraising this year to increase
scholarship and program funds; your suggestions and support will be most needed and welcomed.

Summer 2007 was a rewarding one for us. We launched our first Summer Institute, coordinated by Gary Sanderson, which focused on intensive interpreter training, and which resulted in waiting lists! Next summer, we plan to add training for captionists and an executive leadership seminar. We also collaborated with the Deaf Studies Department and the Athletic Department to host the Silent Knights, a one-day baseball camp for deaf kids. I also served as a keynote speaker/trainer at the NAD Youth Leadership Camp in Oregon and was delighted YLC staff included CSUNians Daniel Girard and Laura McManus (07).

The CSUN NCOD Strategic Planning Committee will resume meetings again, after its summer hiatus. The Alumni Survey will be available on-line very soon. Contact Lauren Maucere or Michael DuBowe for more information. We will collaborate with your chapter president Manny on alumni reunions, which should also include graduates from the National Leadership Training Program, which produced about 600 graduates between 1964 and 1990.

Please drop in for a visit anytime you are in town or drop us a line. Visit us at our website http://ncod.csun.edu

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Dr. Roz Rosen, Director
NCOD’s Brand New Lobby
Want a visual treat? Stop by NCOD and check out our brand new lobby! You will not believe your eyes!

Deaf CSUNians News

Deaf CSUNians President’s Corner – Josh Josa
The school year is off to an early start this year, with the first Deaf CSUNians meeting being held from 2 to 4 in the MPR on Mondays.

The Board is as follows:
President: Joshua Josa
Vice-President: Jennifer Spensieri
Treasurer: Mardjon Salehibakhsh
Secretary: Joanna Hinojosa
Seargent At Arms: Nancy Ngo

IM Sports: Chris Peters
JASK: Witold Golkowski
PAC: Darren Hause and Michael Sidansky
Public Relations: Josephine Wong
Social Culture: Karen Quinones
Spring Banquet: Michael Yamagata

There are three vacant positions as of right now, but they will fill quickly. Watch for updates on the dates for major events such as MDCP, Spring Banquet, and a performance by Rathskellar next month!

If you would like more information on anything, feel free to email me at joshua.josa.87@csun.edu

CSUN Student Karen Quinones will represent CSUN at the 48th Miss Deaf CAD Pageant on Saturday, September 1st
Come support CSUN students like Karen. For more information, go to http://www.cad1906.org/confevents.html.

Alumni News

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
Membership Chair
Communications Chair
Scholarship Chair

The World’s Only Known Deaf Female Rabbi Went to CSUN
Alumna Rebecca Dubowe has been a rabbi for a decade with Temple Adat Elohim. Temple Adat Elohim, deeply grateful for her works over the years, hosted a gala dinner in honor of Rebecca’s 10 year anniversary this past June 23rd. “She’s been the steady
hand,” said Ken Bock, they synagogue’s outgoing president. “She’s been the calm, steady spiritual presence” (Source: A Decade of Dubowe by Sharon Schatz Rosenthal). If you want to see the whole article in Adobe PDF, then feel free to contact us at ncodalumni@gmail.com. See how many remarkable talents have gone through CSUN!

Michael Dubowe and Rebecca Dubowe (Pink Shirt) celebrating with friends

Alumni Andy Anderson Escapes Alcatraz Sharkfest: True or False?
Andy Anderson took a daring swim across the bay from Alcatraz to the shore to see if he could survive the rough waters. See the pictures below to find out if Andy survived.

Andy Escaping from Alcatraz
Andy Anderson Swimming in the Frigid Bay Water

Andy’s Results: 1.5 miles in 44:42 minutes

Wow, we are proud of him for showing the world that CSUN Alumni are capable of doing anything they set their minds to!

Alumni Updates and Milestones - Call for Alumni Updates
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.
Local Sub-Chapters News

Capitol Region Chapter Update – Join Us
If you live in the Sacramento, Bay, Fresno or nearby areas in Northern California and would like to be involved with the Capitol Region Chapter or attend its events, then please contact the Capitol Region Alumni President at ncod-alumni@sbcglobal.net.

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

Washington, D.C. Region Chapter Update – Informal Network
If you live in the Washington, D.C. area and would like to be involved with the Washington, D.C. Region Chapter or attend its events, then please contact the Washington, D.C. Alumni Representative at josh@ellimend.com.

Spotlight on CSUN/NCOD Alumni: Steve Longo

As the newest Database Administrator of the CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter, what made you join?
I always had and have wonderful experience and interaction with CSUN alumni. With my background in database and web administration, I thought I could contribute to the successes of Alumni Chapter.

What is in the future for our Alumni? Where do you envision the Alumni going?
I believe the future is bright and I feel we need to promote more on communication and employment possibilities to draw more qualified deaf students.

CSUN draws in many different people for different reasons. What was yours?
It was probably at the right time and right place, I have chosen CSUN. Probably because of friends, I have to confess.

Can you tell us one of your favorite memories of CSUN?
I’ve made friend with several of the staff at NCOD including Frank Allen Paul who used to come visit us at our apt and hung out few times as well as Gary Sanderson. We all had a ball signing songs and such.

Can you tell about your current job and what you do?
I am employed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for the past 20 years as a System Administrator and my job involves security aspects of computer hardware and software in compliance with Department of Energy (DOE) guidelines.

How has CSUN helped you with your current position?
It has helped me grow into a person that I am today by expanding my horizons and understanding of the society we live in so I can better myself.

Bonus Question: How did you get involved with Beethoven’s Nightmare? When is the next performance that CSUN Alumni can attend?
Our paths crossed while attending Gallaudet and it all started one particular night when the band we were socializing with allowed us to play their instruments during their break. So we did that and played a couple of songs - I think it was Gloria and a couple
of other songs but we were so stoked that we decided to form a band that night! The rest is history.

The next performance will be at El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles this coming October 6 and it will be our biggest ever with rumbling bass effect and dazzling light show. More information on the concert and ticket purchasing can be found at www.beethovensnightmare.com and we hope the CSUN Alumni can come and root for us!

**Note:** To nominate someone to be in next edition of Spotlight on NCOD Alumni, please email your nominations to ncodalumni@gmail.com.

Outside Event/Activities Announcements

Bay Area Deaf Professional Happy Hour Gathering
A monthly Bay Area Deaf Professional Happy Hour gathering is held every last Friday of the month! It is usually held in San Francisco, Berkeley, or Oakland. We will only post the announcement of the date, time, and location once a month. That way, you'll be well-informed about the next BADUPPIES gathering.

Also, we have our own 'blog' of ours: http://baduppies.blogspot.com to view pictures and descriptions. If you would like to join this group, please e-mail us at baduppies@gmail.com.

Job/Volunteer Announcements

Awakenings Substance Abuse Recovery Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons Job Opportunity
TITLE: Program Aide (day shift)
HOURS: 4 pm to 12 am Weekdays and 8 am to 4 pm Weekends
PAY: $10/hour to start, 29 hours a week
DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
*Provide or, with the approval of the Program Director, supervise clients in the provision of basic services including general maintenance of the facility and immediate grounds, cooking and cleaning up after meals.
*Assist Case Manager/ Counselors with intake paperwork.
*Transport clients and supplies as necessary.
*Provide other services as assigned by Program Director to accomplish the overall goals of the Awakenings Residential Program and Outpatient Center.
*Facilitate 12 step meetings and oversee activities.
*Work evening hours on an as needed basis at the Awakenings Residential Program to fill in for other staff members.
QUALIFICATIONS:
*EDUCATION:
  -High School graduate, GED, or completion of training program in recovery program.
*EXPERIENCE:
  -At least one year in repair and maintenance of a dwelling/residence.
*SPECIAL SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:
  -Able to communicate in American Sign Language.
  -Knowledge of 12 step recovery programs. Ability to interact and work effectively with recovering residents.
  -Must have valid California Driver's License and current automobile insurance.
REPORTS TO: Program Director

Exciting Employment Opportunities at Various GLAD Locations

- Regional Director – Riverside
- Director of LIFESIGNS – Los Angeles
- Community Interpreter #1 – Riverside
- Community Interpreter #2 (3) – Riverside
- Lead Dispatcher – Los Angeles
- Community Advocate – Los Angeles, Ventura, and Riverside (Part Time)
- Hard of Hearing Specialist – Los Angeles (Temporary) and Riverside
- LIFESIGNS Dispatcher – Riverside

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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H.R. Specialist  
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Los Angeles, CA 90041  
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NAD Wants You
You are Alumni of many talents and NAD needs you to share those wonderful talents by coming on board as a volunteer. We have many opportunities for volunteers and you can start by contacting Manny Johnson, NAD Membership Chair, at mannyjohnson@gmail.com.

Feel free to join NAD at anytime at www.nad.org!

Want to be a member of our Alumni?

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
Want to join now? Go to http://www.csun.onlinecommunity.com/membership_unregistered.asp and make sure you check the NCOD Chapter Box so you can be part of our chapter in addition to being a CSUN Alumni!