

December 7, 2012

Season's Greetings Alumni, Families, and Friends!

CSUN and the National Center on Deafness (NCOD) take pride in being the largest and best mainstream university program for Deaf and hard of hearing students west of the Mississippi River! We take great pride in the quality of our students and staff. NCOD also employs Deaf and hard of hearing students as teaching/service assistants, tutorial center tutors, library assistants, captionists and front desk assistants, which gives them great career opportunities and helps to make their resumes sing.

The NCOD Tutorial Center, now in its 5th year, has achieved certification through the National Tutoring Association and the College Reading & Learning Association, a significant accomplishment by Aileen Rolon and Katherine Firkins. The Center employs our students as tutors and they too receive certification after training. The increasing numbers of students utilizing its many strands of training is a testimony to the contribution of this program to their academic success. NCOD also receives small grants to provide students with career education and with training in mentoring/tutoring school-age Deaf and hard of hearing students in nearby schools.

Cathy McLeod and PEPNet 2 are collaborating with the federal government and state teams on the variables and strategies for student postsecondary success, via annual summits and reports. For more info, check out www.pepnet.org.

The university administration has given Dr. Flavia Fleischer, chair of the department of Deaf Studies, and me the green light to submit a proposal to revive the Leadership Training Program, hopefully in 2014. Funds will be needed to support it.

Our students are amazing...



Your donations helped our students Clarisia Duran & Vanessa Molina to attend the 2012 National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCHDHH) Conference in Texas. When they returned, they gave a presentation on their experiences. Through the conference, they have been inspired to become professionals and to give back to the community.

Our CSUN College Bowl Team did us proud at the 2012 National Association of the Deaf Conference – for the first time there were 6 colleges competing. Our team beat out 3 other colleges to gain admittance to the Final Round, where they scored very closely to the other 2 teams and made them sweat!

Our staff is amazing, too! Aileen Rolon and Jim Macaluso were 2 out of only 9 recipients of the 2012 CSUN Merit Awards. We take great pride in the knowledge, skills, teamwork and commitment shown by all of our staff, interpreters and captionists – students come first with all of us.



The 2nd and current Mr. Deaf CSUNs!
John Underwood and John Pak at the 2012 Sign n' Run Event. Our very own Scott Selna was the 1st!!



The 1st and current Deaf CSUNian Presidents!
Kayla LaBruno and Doug Sampson, with Robert Sidansky as one of 2 DC advisors.



The 2012 CSUN NCOD Arts and Awards Gala was Awesome.

The impressive CSUN NCOD De'VIA art exhibit featured more than 25 Deaf artists' artworks for two weeks public viewing. The CSUN NCOD Gala was sold out! Abbe de l' Epée was reincarnated into Charles Katz for his 300th birthday and he shared words of wisdom with us. The De'VIA Art show was extraordinary, and Linda Bove and Ed Waterstreet were fabulous auctioneers during the Gala. Awards were given to current recipients by previous recipients - Daniel T. Cloud Leadership Awards to Dr. Lawrence Fleischer and Councilman Tony Cardenas by Herb Larson; Dr. Lawrence R. Fleischer Distinguished Service Awards to Linda Bove and Phyllis Frelich by Sheri Farinha; and the John Bulwer Awards to the KODA-West Moms, Lisa Chahayed, Lauren Maucere & Kavita Pipalia, by Dr. Hank Klopping and to Julie Rems Smario by Dr. Ed Waterstreet.



The Los Angeles City Council, 12th district, bestowed the 2012 Deaf Citizen of the Year on Robert Sidansky. There were many CSUN alum at this ceremony. Pictured are Richard Ray, Roz Rosen, Tomas Garcia, Robert Sidansky and Joanna Hinojosa.



Tony Ivankovic became a USA citizen on January 18, 2012. He has been with CSUN since 1992, with PEPNet 2. He manages the incomparable NCOD Library, the finest collection in the west.

CSUN President Jolene Koester has retired, and Dr. Dianne Harrison has assumed the presidency. She brings many new and exciting ideas with her and she has shown much enthusiasm about various CSUN programs. She has identified NCOD as one of the points of pride at CSUN. Keep an eye on forthcoming examples of CSUN Shine!



Our students are jumping with joy and pride. Our students and staff want to wish you the very best!

Coming events you don't want to miss...Mark these dates on your calendars and do come!

- March 22, 2013 – Miss Deaf CSUN Pageant
- April 21, 2013 – 6th Annual CSUN NCOD Sign n' Run 5K Walk and ASL Festival
- May 2, 2013 – NCOD Scholarships & Awards Program
- June 2013 – 6th Summer Institute for Professional Development
- Watch for more info on the 50th NCOD Anniversary Gala, Fall 2014 – Plan to attend!!

Visit our website for more information and general updates at www.csun.edu/ncod.

Like our Facebook sites – NCOD, also CSUN/NCOD Alumni Chapter

NCOD is funded only for basic services and needs your help -- gifts and endowments to enhance learning and leadership experiences. No amount is too small. Gifts from individuals, families, alumni, businesses and organizations are much welcomed and appreciated. Letters of thanks will be sent to you which can be used as tax documentation. On the behalf of the students and CSUN community, we thank you. We all wish you and yours **a very happy, blessed and inspiring holiday season and new year.**

Warm regards,

Dr. Roz Rosen, Director roz.rosen@csun.edu www.csun.edu/ncod www.pepnet.org

18111 Nordhoff Street•Northridge•California•91330-8267• (818) 677-2611•fax (818) 677-4899•email ncod@csun.edu

The California State University•Bakersfield•Channel Islands•Chico•Dominguez Hills•East Bay•Fresno•Fullerton•Humboldt•Long Beach•Los Angeles
Maritime Academy•Monterey Bay•Northridge•Pomona•Sacramento•San Bernardino•San Diego•San Francisco•San Jose•San Luis Obispo•San Marcos•Sonoma•Stanislaus