A recent $250,000 award from the Joseph Drown Foundation will fund programs at the Marilyn Magaram Center and help upgrade the center’s state-of-the-art food sciences laboratory in Cal State Northridge’s Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

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Part of the grant, earmarked for facility upgrades in the food sciences lab, will provide for modifications to the sensory evaluation units used to test the way people perceive the influences of color, light and aroma on food. The lab features four kitchen vignettes—two commercial and two residential designs.

Magaram Center director Tung-Shan Chen said the grant enables the center to continue programs that benefit students, the community and professionals, among them the center’s Childhood Obesity Prevention program; its Metabolic Syndrome Conference, its Nutrition Lecture and Brown Bag Series, and the center’s state-of-the-art food sciences laboratory.

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In order to create more such opportunities, Foldesi said, up to ten CSUN Awards of Merit will be presented for the first time to staffers or administrators who exemplify exceptional performance and whose integrity and service to CSUN have been fully demonstrated.

Criteria for the merit awards are: 1) outstanding performance over a significant period, 2) adding to university productivity or cost savings by developing or improving processes, and 3) demonstrated exceptional university citizenship.

Replacing the Employee of the Year honor at the annual Staff Service Recognition Awards ceremony on May 13, President Jolene Koester will present the award to the staff member or administrator who “demonstrates consistently outstanding performance and who serves as a role model for other people by living the values of the university.”

The honoree will have 1) set a high standard of performance over a significant period of time, 2) helped bring about productivity gains or cost savings by developing or improving processes, and 3) demonstrated exceptional university citizenship.

The Presidential Award will go to one or more teams—made up of at least three individuals—whose project or initiative brings about “radical, positive change” that improves performance, image and/or productivity, or that reduces costs.

The Presidential Award winner will receive a $500 cash award and a framed certificate, and Award of Merit winners will receive certificates and $200 cash awards. Team winners will be awarded up to $1,000 for purchases benefiting the team, such as equipment, conference travel, or software.

For more information about the new awards, call Valerie Myers, manager of Human Resource Services, at (818) 677-7421.
Events

Tuesday, Feb. 15
Book Discussion
Photographer/author Mariette Pathy Allen will discuss her newest publication, “The Gender Frontier,” at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Presentation Room. The free event is open to the public; the free event is sponsored by the Philosophy Department, the Center for Sex Research and the Oviatt Library. fmi—x2638.

Tuesday, Feb. 15
“Last Lullaby” Lecture
Alumna/author Denise Hamilton will discuss “Last Lullaby,” the latest in her Eve Diamond crime novel series, at 7 p.m. in the Library Presentation Room. The free event is open to the public. Copies of “Last Lullaby” will be available for purchase and signing. fmi—x2638.

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Internship Information
Sponsored by the Career Center, a 6 p.m. Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) information session will help juniors and seniors of all ethnic backgrounds and majors find paid internships with companies and organizations nationwide. Location: Jerome Richfield Hall, Room 315. Reservations are required. fmi—Career Center, x2878, career.internships@csun.edu, or www.hnicp.net.

Saturday, Feb. 19–Sunday, Feb. 20
2005 “Peace and Dignity” Powwow
Intertribal dancing, indigenous music and face painting will be featured at the annual CSUN Powwow, open to the public. Co-sponsors include the CSUN American Indian Student Association, Movement Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MECHA), American Indian Studies, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and a host of other campus units. The event is set for 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, on the East Music Lawn. fmi—x7314.

Tuesday, Feb. 22 and Monday, Feb. 28
Judge Julian Beck Grant Workshops
To help faculty develop projects for Judge Julian Beck Grant consideration, the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CEL&T) will hold workshops on Tue., Feb. 22, from 12:30–2 p.m. and on Mon., Feb. 28, from noon–1:30 p.m. Grant proposals are due Mon., March 14. The Beck Grants will award Learning-Centered Instructional Project proposals exclusively. Access applications at www.csun.edu/~celtact/grant.html. fmi—Kelly Kroeker, x5536.

For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue. The deadline for the February 28 issue is Monday, February 21. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677–4000. Please note: fmi—means for more information.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 1:15–5 p.m. Wed., Feb. 16 University Hall 277

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m. Wed., Feb. 16 University Hall 211

Faculty Senate
Meets 2–4:30 p.m. Thu., Feb. 17 Oviatt Library Presentation Room 81

USU Board
Meets 1 p.m. Mon., Feb. 21 USU Grand Salon

California Pre-Doctoral Majors Program Awards
The California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase the pool of potential professors by supporting CSU students who have experienced economic and educational disadvantages. The program provides travel funds and the opportunity for summer research internships. Award applications are due on April 1. fmi—Hedy Carpenter, x2136 or visit www.calstate.edu/predoc.

Commencement Procedures
Students who have applied for graduation on time, with fall 2004, spring 2005 or summer 2005 degrees, may participate in this year’s commencement ceremony. Bachelor’s and master’s degree applications are due in Admissions and Records by March 1. Students also must attend Gradfest on Wed., March 16, in the Matador bookstore to verify name spellings and to rent caps and gowns. fmi—x2393.

Performance Review
A performance review of Spero Bowman, associate vice president for academic resources and chief information officer, is underway. Faculty, staff and staff students who wish to participate in the review may request an evaluation form from Randy Reynaldo, executive assistant to the president, at x2121 or via e-mail at pressef@csun.edu, and must submit the form by March 1.

Classes

ITR Faculty/Staff Training
Information Technology Resources (ITR) provides free training workshops for CSUN faculty and staff. The training labs are located on the garden level of the Oviatt Library. To sign up or fmi—x2204 or training@csun.edu.

Excel—SOLAR Class Roster
Wed., Feb. 16, 9–11 a.m. to noon. OV 35

MS Word
Thu., Feb. 17, 9–11:30 a.m. OV 30

Meeting Maker
Thu., Feb. 17, 2–3 p.m. OV 32

MS Power Point
Tue., Feb. 22, 2–4 p.m. OV 30

MS Outlook
Wed., Feb. 23, 1:30–3:30 p.m. OV 30

MS Excel
Thu., Feb. 24, 9–11 a.m. to noon. OV 35

MS Word—Intermediate
Fri., Feb. 25, 1:30–4 p.m. OV 30
Jerry Luedders Is Named University’s New Assistant Provost

A ‘Strategic Thinker,’ Says Provost Harry Hellenbrand of Former Music Department Chair

P rovost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand has appointed Jerry Luedders, previously interim executive assistant to the provost, as Cal State Northridge’s new assistant provost. The appointment was effective January 1.

In addition to serving as chief of staff to Provost Hellenbrand, Assistant Provost Luedders will undertake a broad range of administrative responsibilities, collaborating with the administrative teams in Academic Affairs and other divisions.

“I am pleased to be able to support the priorities of the provost and the university,” said Luedders. “We believe the provost that a collaborative environment helps our students achieve their educational goals. I hope my background in academic affairs, my relationship with the university, my beliefs that a collaborative environment helps our students achieve their educational goals, my understanding of the office and on the court will help them in the classroom, in their careers and in the game of life,” Luedders said.

The new Wells Fargo branch at CSUN—the campus’s first university-based banking store in California—offers students, faculty and staff conveniently located ATMs, computer terminals and bankers on campus.

Wells Fargo has a long history of supporting Cal State Northridge. Only two years ago, the bank pledged $1 million to help prepare future teachers and aspiring business leaders. The gift funded a university endowment that permanently supports special Wells Fargo scholarships for Cal State Northridge students studying to be teachers. It also helped expand the university’s small business center, which was renamed the Wells Fargo Center for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. The center, which has operated for more than 25 years, provides training for students and services to small business owners in the region.

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Professional Development Staff Training

Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members on the garden level of the Oviatt Library, room 16, unless otherwise noted. To enroll, email melissa.biller@csun.edu. Include name, department, extension, e-mail address, class name and date. All training enrollments should be discussed with management. fmi-Melissa Biller, x3820, or anna-adma@csun.edu/hr/training/index.html.

Workshops:

More Strength-How’s It Going? (CSUN & You @ Half Dome)
Thu., Feb. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Leading Change at Every Level
Mon., Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to noon.

What’s So Hard About Communication?
Thu., Feb. 24, 9 a.m. to noon.

Understanding Style Preferences
Fri., Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mutual Gains Negotiations
Mon., Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to noon.

Faculty Elections

Any faculty member who wishes to run for a Faculty Senate office, but has not yet been nominated, may submit to the Faculty Senate Office a petition with 15 faculty signatures by 5 p.m. Wed., March 9. Open for election are the posts of vice president (one-year term, one position), secretary/treasurer (one-year term, one position), Academic Senate (three-year term, one position), and Senators-at-large (two year terms, six positions).

fmi-Sandy Horwitz, x3263.

Chinese New Year’s Banquet

The China Institute will host the annual Chinese New Year’s Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sat., March 5, in the USU Grand Salon. To attend, membership and reservation forms must be mailed before Friday, Feb. 25, fmi-Justine Su, x2959.

2005 Faculty Awards

Annual Northridge faculty awards for outstanding achievement include the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award; the Preeminent Scholarship Publication(s) Award; the Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award, the Extraordinary Service Award, the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award and the Outstanding Faculty Award. The nominations deadline is Wed., Feb. 23, and the deadline for supporting materials is Wed., March 30, fmi-Sandy Horwitz, x3263, or www.csun.edu/senate/ Awards.htm.

Human Subjects Research Approval

Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must complete a Human Subjects Protocol Approval form. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Research Office for review by the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline: Tue., Feb. 22. Next meeting: Tue., March 8. Protocol submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or download from www.csun.edu/research/fmi-x2901.

Wells Fargo Presents Northridge Athletics with $50,000 Gift

Officials Present Check at Grand Opening of Bank’s First University Branch in California

Wells Fargo Regional President Vince Liuzzi presented Cal State Northridge Athletics Director Richard Dull with a $50,000 check to mark the February 2 grand opening of the company’s new banking store in the University Student Union.

“Wells Fargo is pleased to enjoy a four-year relationship with Wells Fargo Bank as a corporate sponsor,” Dull said. “We look forward to the continuation of our relationship with the bank for years to come. Wells Fargo has been an outstanding partner in our efforts to provide for the academic and athletic education of our student athletes.”

The credit union has donated $200,000 to support men’s and women’s athletic programs at CSUN during the past four years. Liuzzi, the San Fernando Valley regional president for Wells Fargo, said the banking institution also cherishes its relationship with the university.

“Wells Fargo’s gift to the Cal State Northridge Athletic Department supports the athletic endeavors of hundreds of student athletes whose experiences in the field or on the court will help them in the classroom, in their careers and in the world.”

Jerry Luedders
Assistant Provost

Assistant Provost Jerry Luedders work with university divisions and my team will work with vice presidents on campus-wide projects will contribute to that environment.”

The assistant provost, who brings to his new post more than 58 years of higher education experience, will take a leadership role in enrollment management and retention strategies, learning-centered university initiatives and audit coordination.

“His experience and knowledge will serve him well in his new role,” said Provost Hellenbrand, noting that Luedders served 17 years as professor and chair of CSUN’s award-winning Music Department.

After completing undergraduate studies in music at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Luedders earned a master’s degree from Indiana University, Bloomington. He taught at Indiana University and St. Cloud State University, and served as dean of fine arts and assistant professor at the College of St. Benedict. At Lewis and Clark College, he was named director and, later, director of graduate study at its School of Music.

“Mr. Luedders has demonstrated his commitment to academic excellence as a student-centered teacher/administrator who is an active scholar, performer, and conductor,” the provost said, citing his appointee’s dedication to strategic thinking and planning, outcomes assessment, fundraising, fiscal affairs and community involvement.

The assistant provost’s leadership roles in national and regional music-related boards and commissions include service for more than 20 years as an on-site accreditation evaluator/consultant for the National Association of Schools of Music.

Assistant Provost Jerry Luedders
Physics professor Nicholas Kioussis

Two Years at ‘Think Tank’ on Tap for Physics Professor

Cal State Northridge physics professor Nicholas Kioussis has been named a 2005-07 scholar with the prestigious Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP) at UC Santa Barbara. Kioussis’ selection places him among a handful of scientists from around the world invited every two years to be KITP Scholars.

Kioussis will be working with some of the world’s top scientists, mapping out future collaborative research projects and exchanging views on the latest findings in such areas as quantum computing, spintronics and materials science.

“What’s really exciting is the learning process—to be able to discuss ideas and brainstorm with some very smart people and possibly collaborate on research that could go in a new whole direction,” said Kioussis, who recently learned of his selection from KITP head David Gross, the 2004 Nobel Prize winner in physics.

The institute’s programs encompass particle and nuclear physics, astrophysics and cosmology, condensed-matter physics, atomic and molecular physics and emerging interdisciplinary fields such as biophysics, neurophysics and mathematical physics.

KITP scholars visit the facility in several one- to two-week stints during which they may initiate collaborative research and publication projects with the institute’s permanent faculty. They also are invited to take part in the institute’s workshops and conferences on topics ranging from deciphering the human genome to the hidden mysteries of ordinary matter.

Invited for a repeat performance at the American Choral Directors Association convention, the university’s Northridge Singers drew standing ovations during a February 4 afternoon concert at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles.

The A.S. Ticket Office in University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Mon.-Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. To park on campus for performances, athletic events, lectures and other activities, guests must purchase a $4 parking permit.

### Cinematheque

Screenings are free and take place in the Alan and Elaine Armer Theater, on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. The theme of the film screenings for spring 2005 is “Screenwriting.” For more info, call (818) 677-3193 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.


* “African Art in the Life Cycle”

Sculptures, paintings, photographs, personal arts and textiles reflecting the extraordinary range of expression in African art will be displayed.

Curator: CSUN art professor Peri Klemm.

Runs through Sat., April 9. Exhibit will be closed Thu., March 31, for Cesar Chavez Day.

Cal State Northridge Art Galleries

### Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2158. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat., 12-4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-2285.

* **A Bianchi Planetarium**

“Winter Sky Show” and “The Search for Life in the Universe” Fri., Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.

“Winter Sky Show” and “Cassini on Saturn and Huygens on Titan” Fri., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csuncinematheque.com.

### Athletics (home games):

**Men’s Basketball**

2/16 Cal Poly 7:05 p.m.

2/18 UC Davis 7:05 p.m.

**Track and Field**

2/19 All Comers 8:30 a.m.

**Softball**

2/19 Southern Utah 12 p.m.

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2/20 Southern Utah 12 p.m.

**Women’s Tennis**

2/16 UC Irvine 1:30 p.m.

2/17 UC Santa Barbara 1:30 p.m.

**American Pimp**


**Odds Against Tomorrow**

Directed by Robert Wise. Tue., Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

**Casino**

Directed by Martin Scorsese. Wed., Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

**From Hell**

Directed by Albert and Allen Hughes. Part of the Hollywood in Black and White Series. Screenwriter Allen Hughes, lecturer Mon., Feb. 28, 7 p.m.

### Jazz Faculty Recital

Wed., Feb.16, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

### American Guitar Society Concert Series

Pavel Steidl, guitarist.

Sat., Feb. 19, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

### Voice and Organ Recital

Organist Timothy Howard.

Deanna Murray, mezzo soprano. David Sannerud, baritone. Sat., Feb. 26, 8 p.m.

Music Recital Hall

### Theater Performance

An Evening with Yoji Sakake and Rinko-gun

Featuring screening of Rinko-gun Theatre Company’s production of “Yaneura (Attic).” Films writer/director, Yoji Sakake, will lead panel discussion. Mon., Feb. 14, 8 p.m.

CSUN Campus Theatre, Northhof Hall

General admission $5

Students $2

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