Alumni Endow Chairs in Two Cal State Northridge Colleges

$1 Million Gifts from Harvey Bookstein and ‘Mory’ Ejabat Fund Chairs in Business, Engineering Colleges

Million dollar gifts from two Cal State Northridge alumni have established endowed chairs in the university's College of Business and Economics and in its College of Engineering and Computer Science. The gifts mark the first endowed chairs in both colleges and also are among CSUN's largest gifts from alumni.

The Harvey and Harriet Bookstein Chair in Taxation, in the Accounting and Information Systems Department, will be funded by a $1 million gift from alumnus and tax accountant Harvey Bookstein (Accounting ’70). Bookstein's gift to the college, recently reaccredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, also will establish the Bookstein Institute for Higher Education in Taxation.

Bookstein is known among his clients for taking a personal interest in their success, said College of Business and Economics Dean Fred Evans. "This gift shows that he is equally committed to the success of his alma mater.”

Considered a specialist in the fields of real estate and tax and estate planning, Bookstein co-founded RBZ, LLP, an accounting and business consulting firm (formerly Roth, Bookstein and Zaslav) where he was managing partner for more than 32 years.

In addition to serving on the board of CSUN's University Corporation, Bookstein is on the boards of the Entrepreneurship Institute and Students for a Better Tomorrow. He also has served on, founded or chaired the boards of United Cerebral Palsy, Phoenix House and Hathaway Children's Services, and was president and commissioner of the Los Angeles Telecommunications Commission.

"My degrees from Northridge in business administration and economics set the groundwork for a successful career, both professionally and personally and provided the foundation of my success as an engineer, CEO and entrepreneur," said Ejabat, who was the 2004 Engineering and Computer Science commencement speaker. "I could not have done it without CSUN."

Disney CEO to Receive Honorary Doctoral Degree from CSUN

Doctor of Fine Arts to be conferred on Michael D. Eisner During June 3 College of Education Ceremonies

Disney CEO Michael D. Eisner will receive an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from Cal State Northridge during its College of Education commencement ceremony on Friday, June 3, in the campus’ Matson Gymnasium. President Koeser will confer the honorary degree on Eisner from the college that bears his name for his philanthropic leadership, particularly in the areas of education and improving the lives of children throughout the Southern California community.

Eisner and his wife, Jane, through their foundation, have demonstrated a commitment to education and the belief that all students deserve an opportunity to learn. This goes to the core of what our College of Education strives for,” said President Koeser.

In addition to his personal commitment, Michael Eisner has built bridges between the worlds of education and entertainment, creating numerous opportunities for collaboration and cooperation. I am delighted that we are honoring such an extraordinary individual,” Koeser said.

Koeser will confer the honorary degree on Eisner during the commencement ceremony for the Michael D. Eisner College of Education at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be held on the lawn of CSUN's University Club.

The college was named in Eisner’s honor in 2003 after The Eisner Foundation, established by Eisner and his wife Jane, contributed $7 million to CSUN for the establishment of the Center for Teaching and Learning, which provides national leadership in preparing teachers to support the educational and emotional needs of all children in the classroom.

The Eisner Foundation gift provides financial support for the Center for Teaching and Learning and endowed the Eisner Chair in Teaching and Learning, which serves as the center’s director.

Cal State Northridge is considered a leading producer of teachers among public universities in California. CSUN was one of the first four universities nationwide tapped by the Carnegie Foundation to participate in the ‘Moral Enterprise’ initiative. While the college’s overall teacher preparation programs have earned widespread national and state recognition, many of its programs have received state, regional and national accreditation.

CSUN is the only public university to be included on the list of top 100 doctorate-granting universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. CSUN is also regularly featured among the nation’s top 100 public universities by the Princeton Review. In addition, CSUN is listed among the top 100 public universities in the category of Top Public Schools by the Forbes magazine. CSUN is also listed in the top 100 largest public universities in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

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More than 100 members of the Cal State Northridge community attended May 19 forums on the Envision 2035 campus master plan, concluding the first phase of the university’s effort to guide its physical development during the coming 30 years and opening the door to the second phase: the environmental review process.

At the forums, CSUN faculty, staff, students and neighbors saw a detailed presentation by the AC Martin Partners urban planning firm, the lead planning consultant on the project. The presentation covered the plan’s final version, to be used in drafting an environmental impact report (EIR) expected to be available for public review in fall 2005.

Envision 2035 focuses on five key components: new student and landscape at CSUN, the layout of the university’s “academic core,” the orientation of student and faculty/staff housing, parking and transportation management, and the location of student services.

“I think the result of our planning is something we are very pleased with and that the campus can be very proud of,” said Richard Thompson, AC Martin Partners’ principal consultant on the CSUN project.

The second phase of the project gets underway in summer 2005, when the draft EIR will be prepared. Topics identified for analysis in the document are aesthetics, air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, recreation, population and housing, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems.

After its 45-day public review and public hearing in fall 2005, the EIR will be submitted to the CSU Chancellor’s Office. It is anticipated that the EIR will be certified and the master plan approved by the CSU Board of Trustees in January 2006.

Envision 2035, designed to be implemented in stages within existing campus boundaries, represents the first major revision of the CSUN Master Plan since 1998. Key elements include signature landscaping at the campus perimeter to reinforce the CSU identity, the preservation and revitalization of the campus’ Orange Grove, up to 1.15 million gross square feet of new academic and administrative space, up to 2,500 new student and faculty/staff housing located on the North Campus and adjacent to the campus core, and up to 5,500 net new parking spaces.

Details on the Envision 2035 project are available online at www.csun.edu/envision2035/.

Northridge Salutes High Achieving Grads at Convocation

Students Excel in Biochemistry, Anthropology, Biology and Mass Communication

Cal State Northridge will honor high achieving members of its 2005 graduating class at the university’s annual Honors Convocation, scheduled for Tuesday, May 31.

Theatre alumnus Terry Tamminen, cabinet secretary for Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will address graduates at the 6 p.m. ceremony on the lawn of the University Club. Tamminen serves as chief liaison between the governor and the major state agency chiefs.

CSUN’s coveted Wolfson Scholar award, the university’s highest honor for a graduating senior, this year will go to biochemistry major Lilly Parr of Ventura, a cum laude graduate of the College of Science and Mathematics. Parr’s parents, Lu-May and Joe Parr, will accept the award for the honoree, who will be away in Taiwan until mid-June.

Parr will graduate from CSUN with a 3.95 grade point average and in fall 2005 will enter UCLA’s ACCESS doctoral program in the molecular, cellular and integrative life sciences. At CSUN, she was a member of the Northridge Presidential Scholars Program for Education in Biotechnology symposium. A trilingual scholar who graduated a semester early, Parr was a CSUN research lab intern and a tutor in chemistry and biology. Awards for outstanding achievement also will be presented to:

Jennifer Sweeney. Sweeney will receive the President’s Associates Outstanding Graduate Student Award. A 4.0 anthropology student described as a “star” in the Anthropology Department’s graduate program, she is a full-time elementary school teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has conducted extensive fieldwork on an Earthwatch research project in Barbados, and collaborated on a documentary film that won a silver medal in the 2004 Barbados Film Festival. Sweeney will pursue her Ph.D. at Emory University in Atlanta.

Diana Andres. One of two Associates of Retired Faculty Memorial Awards will go to Andres, a graduate student in biology. Andres, who is investigating why herbivory evolves in reptiles, has presented her work at professional societies including the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology and the Southern California Academy of Sciences.

Rob Silverman. Earning his graduate degree in mass communication, Silverman also will receive an Association of Retired Faculty Memorial Award. A copywriter/copy editor at the Los Angeles Times as well as a professional photographer, Silverman’s master’s degree research project is a photo essay illustrating social and economic conditions on the reservation of the Navajo Nation.

Laura Bahr. A graduate student in mass communication, Bahr will receive the Robert H. Schiffman Memorial Award. Named for the former CSUN dean of graduate studies and research, the award is for first year graduate students. Bahr, a film maker and a member of the Kappa Tau Alpha journalism honor society, has presented at professional conferences on rap music as political communication. She writes about film and politics for the Daily Sundial.

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Corporation of New York to take part in a landmark initiative designed to strengthen K-12 teaching by developing state-of-the-art programs at schools of education.

The Eisner Foundation provides financial support to organizations that undertake innovative and concrete programs designed to enhance and enrich the lives of children and their families who are underserved or having learning differences. The foundation recognizes that all aspects of a child’s life are linked to his or her community, including personal health, economic stability, appropriate mentors, living conditions and educational opportunities.

For more than three decades, Michael Eisner has been a leader in the entertainment industry, helping to shape this key area of the American economy and, since 1984, guiding The Walt Disney Company’s impressive record of creative excellence and growth.

In 1984, Disney was a movie studio and theme park operator with revenues of $1.5 billion and net income of approximately $98 million. Twenty years later, under Eisner’s leadership, the company has grown into a worldwide entertainment enterprise, with operations on nearly every continent that posted $2.5 billion in profit on revenues of $50 billion in the last fiscal year.

Eisner began his career at ABC, where he rose to senior vice president of prime time production and development, taking the network from No. 3 to No. 1. In 1977, Eisner became president of Paramount Pictures, leading the studio to become No. 1 in box office and profitability.

Eisner has an B.A. in literature and theater from Denison University. He serves on the boards of California Institute of the Arts, Denison University, American Hospital of Paris Foundation, the Aspen Institute, the UCLA Executive Board for Medical Sciences, and the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, and is a member of The Business Council.
CSUN Forecasts See a Bright Future for Valley Economy

SFV Economic Research Center Says SFV Economy is ‘Large, Vibrant and Expanding’

The San Fernando Valley will remain the place to be as it moves forward into the future, according to the highly anticipated San Fernando Valley Economic Forecast.

Titled “The Recovery: Is This as Good as It Gets?”, the third annual forecast was presented by Cal State Northridge’s San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center. CSUN economics professor Daniel Blake, center director, worked with colleagues and students to compile a comprehensive look at the future of Valley and regional economies through 2007.

“The Valley’s economy is large, vibrant and expanding at an impressive pace,” Blake said. “Private-sector jobs grew at a robust 1.6 percent in 2004, and will ratchet up a notch to grow at 1.7 percent this year and next as recent graduates join professionals in the national and California economies reinforce job creation in the Valley.”

Among the forecast’s other projections:

- **Job Growth:** Private sector job growth rate doubled in the Valley last year as the economic recovery hit full speed, and that pace continues through the forecast period. Job gains show no signs of abatement over the forecast period as the recovery broadens and gains momentum both inside the Valley and out.

  Most of the Valley’s sectors participate in the continued growth, though in varying degrees. The Valley’s important information sector experiences turnaround, the health sector racks up steady gains and financial activity cools a bit after its recent frenetic pace. However, manufacturing continues to struggle with intense domestic and global competition.

- **Average salaries and total earnings:** The expanding economy boosts average wages and salaries, producing respectable gains in purchasing power for the average worker. The higher average salaries, combined with expanding employment rolls, will create a rising real income pool for the Valley and an attractive environment in which to develop and expand local business.

- **Consumer spending:** The retail climate shifts from recovery to sustained growth as residents’ real earnings rise steadily throughout the forecast period and translate into expanding real retail sales.

- **Real estate:** Median home prices continue to rise, but at much slower rates of appreciation as home building rates catch up and population growth slows down.

  The high price of housing encourages continued residential building at a measured pace after a banner year in 2004. Limited developable space and rising construction costs push the mix of new units strongly in favor of condominiums.

  For more forecast information, call CSUN’s San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center at (818) 677-7021.

Washington Mutual Funds ‘Teaching for Success’ Project

Seven San Fernando Valley Schools Send Teachers to Learn ‘Schools Attuned’ Learning Approach

Teams of teachers from seven San Fernando Valley elementary schools voted Cal State Northridge on May 25 as part of a new initiative, funded by Washington Mutual and designed to provide the teachers with the tools for teaching for success.

The Washington Mutual Teaching for Success Project, funded with a $100,000 gift from the bank, will provide an opportunity for 40 teachers to learn more about the neural developmental functions of learning, how to assess every child’s learning needs and how to apply that knowledge to their teaching.

“We are grateful to Washington Mutual for their corporate leadership in our shared commitment to strengthen teaching and learning in our region’s schools,” said Philip Rusche, dean of the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. “Strengthening the teaching skills of teachers in our urban schools and providing them with cutting-edge knowledge and better teaching tools is key to improving student achievement and breaking the cycle of poverty in our urban, low-income neighborhoods.”

Elementary schools taking part in the project are Hart Street in Canoga Park, Lorene Street in Northridge, Vaughan Next Century Learning Center in San Fernando, Pacoima Charter in Pacoima, Haskell in Granada Hills, Winnetka Avenue in Canoga Park and Fernangelles in Sun Valley.

The teachers also will take part in a weekend workshop in June, focusing on new research on brain wiring and the neurodevelopmental functions of learning.

They will receive Schools Attuned professional development, a systematic approach to understanding and managing differences in learner’s development.

The program was developed by Mel Levine, a nationally recognized learning expert and author of the best selling “A Mind at a Time.”

“This new neurodevelopmental approach to teaching and learning is giving new hope to teachers for helping children who are having learning problems,” Rusche said. “Teachers who go through this training are shown how to have the tools to better support the learning needs of all children in their classrooms. Preliminary research from our faculty indicates a 70 percent drop in referrals to special education by teachers who have previously attended this training.”

In addition to the workshop and related materials, the teachers will receive monthly coaching sessions from mentors provided by the Etta Israel Centers Attuned Professional Development Provider. They also will participate in a research study conducted by Northridge education faculty designed to measure the effectiveness of the program on the quality of teaching and the level of student achievement, and to quantify the number of referrals made to special education before and after involvement in the program.

Cynthia Rawitch Appointed AVP for Undergraduate Studies

Associate Dean of Arts, Media, and Communication to Begin New Duties in August

Cynthia Rawitch, associate dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, will assume the position of associate vice president for Undergraduate Studies on August 1.

“I look forward to learning more about the breadth of Undergraduate Studies,” said Rawitch. “It will be gratifying to contribute to its success, and to the success of our students.

In announcing her appointment, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand said Rawitch brings a wealth of leadership experience to the position and over 30 years of experience in higher education.

She will provide direction and leadership for undergraduate curriculum, academic policy and advisement, he said.

Rawitch will succeed Margaret Fieweger, who is retiring. Fieweger held the associate vice president position for 15 years.

The new associate vice president will be responsible for special academic programming for freshmen, departmental program reviews, the Learning Resource Center, online instruction, community service-learning and the Program for Adult College Education (PACE). Rawitch also will serve as accreditation liaison between CSUN and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

As she met with Undergraduate Studies’ faculty and staff, Rawitch said, she grew excited over the possibilities that lie ahead for the area. “I found enthusiasm about our programs to be uniformly high,” she added, “matched only by the dedication and accomplishments of those who are involved.”

Prior to her assignment as associate dean in the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, Rawitch chaired the Journalism Department for four years. Her career at Northridge began with a part-time lecturer position in 1973, followed by a full-time faculty appointment in 1982, teaching courses such as reporting, writing, editing and journalistic ethics. For ten years, she was publisher of the Daily Sundial.

When the College of Arts, Media, and Communication first was formed, Rawitch served as transition coordinator, drafting the college’s new policies and procedures. From 1997–2000, she coordinated and wrote the university’s WASC accreditation self-study.

Active on campus-wide committees and advisory boards, Rawitch also has a solid background in journalism, receiving California Newspaper Publishers Association honors as outstanding journalism educator in 1987. A graduate of Queens College, City University of New York, Rawitch earned her master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern University, and her Ph.D. in education from UCLA.
Honored at the 2005 Honored Faculty Reception and General Faculty Meeting, the annual event recognizing the singular achievements and service of Cal State Northridge’s faculty.

Behzad Bavarian, professor of manufacturing systems engineering and management, was presented with the 2005 Outstanding Faculty Award.

The university also honored Brian Leung (English), who received the Exceptional Creative Accomplishment(s) Award; Steven Loy (Kinesiology), the Extraordinary Service Award; Sembiam Rengarajan (Electrical and Computer Engineering), the Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award; Lynne Cook (Special Education), Thomas Devine (History) and Senta Greene (Child and Adolescent Development), the Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Awards; and Joyce Munsch (Child and Adolescent Development), the Visionary Community Service-Learning Award.

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Emeritus status was awarded to 39 faculty at the reception, sponsored by the Office of the President and the Northridge Chapter of the California Faculty Association. Honors were extended as well to 12 faculty who have completed 25 years of service in the CSU system and to 12 lecturer faculty with 25 years of service at CSUN.

Outstanding Faculty Award
Behzad Bavarian
Manufacturing Systems Engineering and Management Department

Widely regarded as an outstanding teacher and mentor, Bavarian pioneered the development of the undergraduate materials research program in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He has deepened his students’ understanding of corrosion-related problems, materials surface properties and defects detection, all vital to fields of study from ancient Chinese artifacts to the modern day use of implant devices.

Bavarian has received numerous grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of Defense, the Keck Foundation and the Parsons Foundation. Such grants have helped the honoree establish the Advanced Materials Center laboratories on campus that he directs.

The author of more than 150 technical papers, articles and reports during his CSUN career, Bavarian is an important participant in the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement Program, which encourages and prepares students from disadvantaged backgrounds for science and engineering careers.

Exceptional Creative Accomplishment(s)
Brian Leung
English Department
Leung’s collection of short stories, “World Famous Love Acts”—winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction—has attracted much praise from the English professor’s peers and others in the literary world.

Published in 2004 by Sarabande Press, the volume has been judged as a “wonderfully successful creative effort” by any standard. Employing an “artful” use of language, the writer is said to render characters that are universal in their appeal. A Booklist reviewer said Leung’s stories have earned him the title of “master storyteller,” describing the works as “startling in their depth and intricacy.”

“Six Ways to Jump Off a Bridge,” from the “Love Acts” collection, recently was selected for publication in the anthology “Fiction from the Crossroads of America.”

Extraordinary Service Award
Steven Loy
Kinesiology Department
As the driving force behind the “CSUN and You @ Half Dome” fitness program, Loy has encouraged many university faculty and staff to reassess their health and wellness and to take steps to improve them through exercise and sensible nutrition. Dozens soon will make an ascent of Yosemite Valley’s Half Dome monolith as the culmination of the program’s highly successful first year.

Loy’s active involvement with outreach programs include designing and participating in Los Angeles Fire Department and YMCA health and fitness programs. The recipient of a variety of teaching awards, he has compiled a record of 30 professional presentations, 32 published manuscripts and a strong history of grant writing.

During his 18 years on the CSUN faculty, Loy has chaired about 60 master’s degree thesis committees and has served on 60 other thesis committees. Adept at involving his students in community and university projects, Loy is resourceful and persistent in finding them jobs in their fields.

Preeminent Scholarly Publication Award
Sembiam Rengarajan
Electrical and Computer Engineering Department
A member of CSUN’s faculty since 1980, specializing in the field of microwave antennas, Rengarajan was one of the first researchers to accurately compute the radiation from slots in a waveguide, “an electromagnetic feed line used in microwave communications, broadcasting, and radar installations.”

Rengarajan’s published works have paved the way for “superior performance, lighter weight, and lower costs for the many array antennas used on communications satellites for mobile and wireless telephony throughout the world.” His work also is the source of key enabling technologies for improving the antennas in NASA’s Deep Space Network of large dishes that communicate with the Mars Rover and other spacecraft.

In a rare honor, Rengarajan has been named a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), reportedly the only IEEE fellow in the CSU system. Other honors include the California Engineers Council’s Distinguished Engineering Educator Award.

Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Award
Senta Greene
Child and Adolescent Development Department
Greene, who has served as a lecturer in both the Child and Adolescent Development and the Special Education departments, has been cited for her innovations in creative presentations, as well as for her concern for the welfare and future of her students.

The former project director for Jumpstart, a federally funded project that guides children toward literary competency and social skills, Greene has been deeply involved with the program. Jumpstart enables CSUN students to learn about and help young children, their families and communities. In total, the program’s work in the community has added
Dedicated Service Are Cited at Annual Awards Tribute.

Tored Students, Fostered Good Health in the CSUN Community and Earned Respect of Peers

Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Award

Lynne Cook
Special Education Department

The awards committee saluted Cook for her “superb” teaching skills and for exemplary work in educating and mentoring K-12 teachers. Strong letters of support from her students led to the committee’s choice of Cook, whose ability to engage students in scholarship and problem-solving—resulting in the students’ professional and personal growth—also contributed to her selection.

Cook’s “Interactions: Collaboration Skills for School Professionals” has been translated for international use. At the national level, she has been sought out by the Council of Exceptional Children to develop and lead a consortium on the issues of highly qualified teachers in special education. Cook also is a consultant with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Distinguished Teaching, Counseling, or Librarianship Award

Thomas Devine
History Department

Devine’s students have described his teaching as “brilliant,” “provocative” and “effective in conveying the subject matter.” In his courses, ranging from “The History of American Working People” to “Youth Culture in 20th Century America,” Devine’s command of his subject and his “beautifully crafted” syllabi were cited as solid reasons for his selection in the distinguished teaching category.

An active member of the Teachers for a New Era teacher education reform program at CSUN, Devine’s impact on his students was evident when Robert Duncan, one of his former graduate students, created an endowment for the Robert M. Duncan Professorship in American Economic History. Devine will serve as coordinator and first professor of the Robert Duncan American Economic History Program.

Visionary Community

Service-Learning Award

Joyce Munsch, Chair
Child and Adolescent Development Department

Known as the “campus champion” of Jumpstart, the CSUN branch of the national non-profit early education organization, Munsch was instrumental in connecting CSUN’s child and adolescent development majors with Jumpstart. Cook supervises the rising trend of preschoolers in low-income communities toward entering school without the skills needed to succeed. It serves the community through a partnership between students, faculty and economically disadvantaged families in the community.

Munsch, who developed two academic courses that provide academic content material for the Jumpstart service-learning experience, supervises the program’s faculty and is the link between all program participants. Through her leadership, the committee observed, Jumpstart has become a national model for community service-learning. Incorporated into the CSUN curriculum, Munsch’s initiatives are expected to provide training for CSUN students well into the future.

2005 Emeritus Faculty

Name Department
Jerry Abbell Theatrical Arts
Barney Bales Physics and Astronomy
Kenon Breazeale Art History
John Burger Electrical and Computer Engineering
Jay Christensen Management
George Dunne Geological Sciences
Bruce Everett Art
Kathleen Fritchey University Counseling Services
Robert Hanna Computer Science
James Hasenauer Communication Studies
Albert Kinderman Systems and Operations Management
Philip Kligman Elementary Education
Paul Krivosons Communication Studies
Frederick Kuretski Cinematography and Television Arts
Christie Logan Communication Studies
Geraldine Luebby Family and Consumer Sciences
Charles Macun History
Myrna Mandell Management
Judith Marlane Cinema and Television Arts
Robert Mauksch Family and Consumer Sciences
Christa Metzger Educational Leadership & Policy Studies
Michael Meyer History
Mokusei Miyuki Religious Studies
Philip Morrison Art History
Robert Park Physics and Astronomy
Gerald Resende Chinatown Studies
David Ringsmith Political Science
Yolanda Rosas Modern & Classical Languages & Literature
Richard Ruggiero Creative Media
Everto Ruiz Chinatown Studies
David Salomon Computer Science
Ryoichi Seki Physics and Astronomy
Shirlene Soto Chinatown Studies
Robert Sternberg Business Law
Barbara Sverkes Kinesiology
Thomas Wedel Systems and Operations Management
Tommie Lee White Kinesiology

Faculty Completing 25 Years of Service in the CSU system

Name Department
Corinne Barker University Counseling Services
Nagwa Bekir Electrical and Computer Engineering
Lynne Cook Special Education
Donna Driscoll Accounting and Information Systems
Charles Hanson Educational Psychology and Counseling
Judith Hennessey Counseling Marketing
Penelope Jennings Business Law
Kenneth Portnoy Cinema and Television Arts
Sembiam Rengarajan Electrical and Computer Engineering
Luis Rubalcava Educational Psychology and Counseling
John Stephen Sinclair Communication Disorders and Sciences
Peter Smith Computer Science

Faculty Completing 25 Years of Lecturer Service at California State University, Northridge

Name Department
Carolyn Barnes Kinesiology
Susan Beatty Mechanical Engineering
Barbara Eisenstock Journalism
Hiroyasu Fujishima Kinesiology
Edward McDevitt Economics
Leslie Millie English
John Peters English
Ludmila Posner Modern & Classical Languages & Literature
Donald Robertson Sociology
Richard Tontz Economics
Luis Rubalcava Educational Psychology and Counseling
Thomas Wolfe English

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More than 8,800 students have been invited to don caps and gowns for Cal State Northridge’s upcoming commencement. Most embody what CSUN is all about—providing opportunities to achieve dreams, even under adverse circumstances. Here are some of these extraordinary graduates:

Claudia Hernandez, B.A., Biology and Psychology
“I always had this dream of being a doctor and doing something to help the community and humanity overall,” said Van Nuys resident Claudia Hernandez, 24. Achieving her dream has not been easy. Separated at an early age from her father, who fled to the U.S. to escape harm from both factions of Guatemala’s civil conflict, Claudia and her family were left in her native country facing continued danger.

Eleven years ago, Claudia’s mother decided to bring Claudia and her other daughter to the United States. While attempting to cross the border illegally, the family was caught by Mexican police, who initially thought Claudia’s mother was smuggling the girls for illegal organ harvesting. The sisters were taken away from their mother and interrogated for three weeks before the three were sent back to Guatemala.

Successful on the second try, after a journey in which they walked over deserts and mountains in terrain, they were reunited with Claudia’s father. Granted political refugee status, the entire family finally achieved U.S. residency.

At Northridge, Hernandez majored in biology and psychology, despite worries that she and her first in her family to receive a college education, she begins work on her master’s in genetic counseling at CSUN this fall, to be followed by an O.D. in the subject, and then medical school.

Melissa Hernandez, B.A., Environmental Occupational Health
Melissa Hernandez, 43, can take a lump of metal and forge from it a sleek lizard to bask in the sun. She can cook the lathe figure of a mermaid from inert steel. She is an artist. And a certified welder.

“I rarely if ever saw another woman welder when I was on a job,” said the Lake View Terrace resident. Shruggin off the gender isolation, she kept honing her skills, working for a company that had produced structural and architectural pieces for The Getty Museum in Brentwood and for The Walt Disney Company.

“While assembling a structural piece for Downtown Disney in Orlando,” Hernandez said, “a coworker’s matten- tion to safety caused my right arm to be compressed just above the elbow.”

Surgery and physical therapy eventually brought back most of the arm’s use, but she lost command of small motor skills. During the calamity, however, she enrolled in the environmental and occupational health program at CSUN, where note takers were available to assist. Finishing with a 3.8 grade point average, she already has begun her new career as an environmental health and safety technician at call center.

“To have a career in providing others with safer work environments is very gratifying,” said Hernandez. “I want to make a difference wherever my career leads me.”

Ed Montan, Special Education Credential
The first time Ed Montan walked into a classroom four years ago—he was not sure he was ready. After 30 years of working in parks and recreation, Montan, 55, decided to take an early retirement and fulfill a lifelong dream: to teach.

“When you walk into a classroom for the first time, you know if you can maintain control you have half a shot of succeeding, but that’s far from being a teacher,” Montan said.

Armed with an emergency credential, the former City of San Fernando parks and recreation director began teaching special education classes at Jefferson High School in South Los Angeles. He finished a yearlong internship program but passed up the district’s accelerated one-year credential program in favor of Northridge’s program.

“Part of it was the idea of being able to explore ideas, do research and try out new things— which I got to do at Northridge,” Montan said.

In the early 1970s, the El Segundo resident had enrolled at Cal State Fullerton to become a teacher, but was told there were no teaching jobs. He later earned a master’s in recreation and leisure services at CSUN, but held on to his dream of becoming a teacher.

“There’s such a thrill when you’re trying to teach your students something and they finally get it,” he said, “or when you see that light of understanding in their eyes.”

Andrea Nemeth, B.S., Mathematics
When Andrea Nemeth walks across the stage to receive her diploma on June 2, her three biggest fans will cheer from the audience: her husband, Attila, and her three-year-old twins, Andrew and Annika.

Nemeth arrived in America from Hungary 11 years ago. She knew no English when she arrived. As the two walked into the classroom, Nemeth said, “I didn’t like memorizing all the rules and bones,” said the 38-year-old Agoura Hills resident.

What she did like was math. She changed her major and transferred to CSUN in 2001, only to learn before classes started that she was pregnant. Complications with the pregnancy and the birth of her twin forced her to postpone school and her dream of a doctorate in mathematics.

Nemeth persisted. She returned to CSUN, juggling a full load of classes, her children and a part-time job. "It wasn't easy," she said, "but I hope I am an example to my children and that some day they will follow in my footsteps, go to college and follow their dreams.”

Anja-Leigh Russell, M.A., Creative Writing
For Anja-Leigh Russell, 52, helping her granddaughter with homework was more than a grandmotherly chore. As the two flipped through the pages of library books, Russell had a reawakening.

"It wasn't until I was with my granddaughter that I realized my love of learning," said Russell, a Granada Hills resident. "I had a reawakening of how much I loved to learn." At 52, she enrolled in college for the first time at Santa Monica College, transferred to CSUN in fall 1997 and pursued her education part-time for six years while holding down a fulltime job.

Russell recalls a day when she sank to the floor and sobbed, surrounded by her schoolbooks. “Everything at first was a struggle. I had to learn a new set of skills.”

Learn them she did. Russell earned her bachelor’s degree, became a published poet, president of adult re-entry honors society Alpha Gamma Epsilon, coordinator of a forum for graduate creative writing majors and a “netter and shaker” in the university’s literary and artistic circles.

“I would like to be an inspiration to older women, because we have so many life experiences to share and to impart to our grandchildren,” said Russell. The student-turned-poet already has inspired someone younger. Her granddaughter is slated to graduate from college next year.

Kanna Uehara, B.A., Social Welfare
At the age of five, Kanna Uehara of Northridge was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, an illness that limits the movement of her joints. Nine of her 26 years have been spent in the hospital.

"The mobility of Uehara’s pain sometimes prevents her from sitting in the wheelchair she has used for most of her life, making class attendance impossible and concentration on her studies difficult. “The best thing happened when I wanted to give up everything,” said Uehara. “I wanted to give up fighting my illness and quit studying.”

Something in Uehara’s spirit made her push on.

Denied admittance to a Japanese public junior high school because of her disability, she was told she should study with other physically disabled people.

Still, many others have helped Uehara since her diagnosis. Their help and her volunteer experience fired her desire to become a social worker for the disabled.

She enrolled at CSUN in 1999 but only months later had to return to Japan for hospitalization. Reenrolled in the hospital two years later, Uehara returned to Northridge more determined than ever.

“My disability has made me stronger,” said the spirited Uehara, who plans to return to Japan to be an advocate for economic and social justice.

Julie Wallach, B.A., Psychology
When she is out running, Julie Wallach’s feet close to flying over her beloved Santa Monica Mountain trails. She does not look back. It’s the way Wallach, a 55-year-old wife and mother whose nature is to fix on an idea and to act on it, leads her life. But it was not always so.

The Granada Hills resident, who has compiled a 3.47 grade point average at CSUN on her way to a degree in general experimental psychology, barely graduated from high school because of academic difficulties. "No one said to me, ‘Here, let me help you,’ " she said. "I wanted to give up, let me guide you,” said Wallach, who decided after her nearly failed high school career that she would be the one to motivate others.

She is actively working on helping four Compton College students secure academic scholarships to attend Northridge. Wallach, a teaching assistant at Compton for CSUN psychology professor August Hoffman, also serves as mentor, tutor and overall “motivator” for her students. Before class, she arrives with gardening tools in hand to help students plant flowers and beautify the community college campus.

"Before I started working with Dr. Hoffman, I had a black thumb," said Wallach of her own mentor. "Once we started, people became interested. Before we knew it, the program grew.” As it grew, Wallach’s “can do” nature took over. She applied for and won a $25,000 grant for distance-learning grants for the garden project.

Wallach acknowledges Hoffman’s tremendous impact on her life. Her goal now is to be a university professor who, like Hoffman, “communicates with students and pays attention to their needs inside and outside of the classroom.”
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.

We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Publication of @CSUN will resume with the start of the fall 2005 semester. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-7009. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Events

Saturday, June 4
Computer Bin Sale and Workshops
Associated Students and University Recycling Services will host a site for the Los Angeles City Department of Public Works’ compost bin sale and composting workshops, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lot G10, corner of Zebul Road and Lassen Street.

Monday, June 20
Matador Golf Classic
The annual Matador Golf Classic, presented by CSUN’s Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Women’s Golf Program, will be held at the Wood Ranch Golf Club in Simi Valley, with registration starting at 10:30 a.m. Events of the day will include a prime rib and seafood buffet, a longest drive contest, a closest to the pin contest and more. The entry deadline is Monday, June 6. Proceeds will benefit the Matador Athletics Department and the women’s golf program.

Public Meetings

University Student Union
Meets 1 p.m.
Mon., June 6 and 27
Grand Salon

North Campus-University Park Development Corporation
Meets 9 a.m.
Tue., June 14
University Hall 250

Foundation Board
Meets 6 p.m.
Wed., June 15
fmi—Judy Landy, x4197

Notices

Our Deepest Condolences
University Advancement and the Cal State Northridge community offer our deepest condolences to Carmen Ramos Chandler (Public Relations and Strategic Communications) on the passing of her mother. The Physical Plant Management Department and the university community offer sincere sympathies to Ron Cruz (Physical Plant Management) on the passing of his mother.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Valerie Fair of Physical Plant Management, out on a medical leave of absence, has exhausted her leave credits and is requesting catastrophic leave donations on her behalf. To make voluntary donations of sick leave and/or vacation leave, forward completed catastrophic leave donation forms to Renee Venezia, Payroll Administration manager, at mail drop 8228. Donation forms are available online at www.admn.csun.edu/hris/forms/benefitsforms.html.

Correction
Mindy Chi, business analyst with the Human Resources Department who received a CSUN Award of Merit on May 13, collaborated with the Systems and Technology unit of Administration and Finance—not the Systech network and Technology unit of Administration and Technology as a Collaborative Tool.

Safety Information

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

Meeting Maker
Tue., June 7, 2–4 p.m., OV 32

Publisher Beginner
Tue., June 7, 2–4 p.m., OV 30

Access
Wed., June 8, 2–4 p.m., OV 33

Webmail
Mon., June 13, 9–10:30 a.m., OV 32

Excel Tips & Tricks
Tue., June 14, 9:30–11:30 a.m., OV 33

Word Intermediate
Wed., June 22, 9–11:30 a.m., OV 30

Outlook
Wed., June 29, 1:30–4 p.m., OV 30

Excel Macros
Thu., June 30, 9:30 a.m. to noon, OV 33

Outlook
Wed., June 1, 2–4 p.m., OV 30

New Hire Orientation
Wed., June 8, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Leader Manager Profile
Thu., June 16, 9 a.m. to noon

What Is An Effective Question?
Thu., June 30, 9 a.m. to noon

Presentation Effectiveness Assessment
Thu., July 12, 9 a.m. to noon

New Hire Orientation
Wed., July 13, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Learning to Listen Assessment
Thu., July 21, 9 a.m. to noon

What’s My Communication Style?
Thu., July 28, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Deadlines

Subject

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 meeting: Tue., June 14.

Submission forms are in the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, University Hall 265, or download from www.csun.edu/research/fmi-x2901.

Name(s) Department Title Award Proposal Title

R. Dianne Barlow
Florence Kjonmugisha
Women’s Studies
Women’s Studies
Embracing Diversity through Innovative Pedagogy
$5,000

Lawrence Becker
Martin Saiz
Tom Hogen-Esch
Political Science
Political Science
Enhancing Student Engagement While Increasing Class Size
$5,000

Pamela Bourgeois
Roberta Orona-Cordova
English
Chicano/a Studies
Unifying Developmental Writing Program Assessment: Raising Student Pass Rates
$4,963

Alberto Candel
Mathematics
Hints for WebWork
$4,363

Curt Dommeyer
Marketing
Using the Team Activity Diary (TAD) and the “Individual” Team Activity Diary (ITAD) to Prevent Social Loathing on the Group Project in MKT 346 (Marketing Research)
$2,500

Julie Gainsburg
Janice Eckmier
Ivan Cheng
Kellie Evans
Secondary Educ.
Secondary Educ.
Secondary Educ.
Mathematics
Developing Learning Centered Math Teachers through Classroom Video
$4,938

Ramon Garcia SANDOVAL
Chicano/a Studies
Chicano/a Studies
Applying Theories of Art to the Living Environment in Chicano/a Studies
$5,000

Nhut Ho
Mech. Engineering
Teaching a Creative Engineering Design Process with Emphasis in Interpersonal, Personal, and Professional Skills
$4,363

Amie Kachingwe
Beth Simpson
Physical Therapy
Physical Therapy
Video-taping for Student Self-Assessment: Fostering Professionalism SLOs
$5,000

Rachel Friedman Nazzare
Karen Spayd
Special Education
Comm. Disorders & Sciences
Promoting Transdisciplinary Collaboration and Knowledge between Students Becoming Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Speech-Language Pathologists, or Audiologists
$5,000

Clementine Oliver
History
Learning from the Past: Western Civilization without Textbooks
$4,363

Lucy Parakhovnik (Parker)
Cecile Bendavid
Comp. Science
Comp. Science
Pilot Study to Develop a Model Syllabus for COMP 100
$5,000

Sally Spencer
Wendy Murawski
Special Education
Special Education
Improving Communication Skills for Effective Collaboration in Special Education
$5,000

Shane Steck
Kinesiology
Clinical Reasoning Case Simulations
$4,363

Katherine Stevenson
William Watkins
Mathematics
Mathematics
Bridging the Gap in Upper Division Math via Student Engagement
$5,000

Weimin Sun
Philosophy
Learning-Centered Critical Reasoning
$4,363

Melissa Wall
Journalism
Blog Wild: Using an Interactive Technology as a Collaborative Tool
$4,363
New Names Coming for Nine Cal State Northridge Buildings

Visitors to Cal State Northridge have witnessed its physical transformation over the past decade, with lush plant life and new structures enhancing its landscape. On June 6, they also will see new names on nine of CSUN’s buildings, a change prompted by progress. The university’s ambitious construction program has in many cases made it necessary for departments to move a number of times. As a result, the names of some buildings have become inconsistent with the buildings’ occupants and functions, causing occasional head-scratching and aggravation.

Meetings to plan the change to mostly botanical names began in October, involving the process of the occupants of the nine buildings and representatives from all university divisions.

Faculty and division representatives began meeting at that point to approve temporary namings for facilities or properties reflecting natural or geographic features, or reflecting a traditional theme of the university.

The nine buildings affected by the name change include the Business and Economics Building, the Engineering Building, the Kinesiology Building, the Music Building, Science Building 1, Science Building 2, Science Building 3, Science Building 4 and the Faculty Office Building.

The A.S. Ticket Office in the 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.

Art and Exhibits

For gallery info, call (818) 677-2156. Main gallery hours: Mon. through Sat. 12–4 p.m. Admission is free unless specified. For library exhibits, call (818) 677-3073.

Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

An exhibition of works in all media by CSUN students. Ceramics, printmaking, painting, sculpture, drawing, graphic design and more. Runs through June 2. CSUN Art Galleries

“Fear No Art” Exhibit

Andrei Miroplinsky’s murals and “Fear No Art” lithographs. Exhibit open during Performing Arts Center performances through fall 2005. Performing Arts Center lobby

Bianchi Planetarium

Shows will be followed at 8:45 p.m. by telescope viewings of celestial objects. “Spring Sky Show” Fri., June 10, 7:30 p.m.

“Summer Sky Show” Fridays, June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.

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. For more info, call (818) 677-3193 or see www.csuncinematheque.com.

“Young at Heart” and “The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad” Directed by Gordon Douglas. Mon., July 18, 5 p.m.


“Great Expectations” and “The Night of the Hunter” Directed by David Lean and Charles Laughton, respectively. Mon., July 25, 5 p.m.

“Pennies from Heaven” and “The Singing Detective” Directed by Herbert Ross and Jon Amiel, respectively. Wed., July 27, 5 p.m.

“The Long Day Closes” and “The Neon Bible” Written, directed by Terence Davies. Mon., Aug. 1, 5 p.m.

“Hope and Glory” and “War Requiem” Directed by John Boorman and Derek Jarman, respectively. Mon., Aug. 8, 5 p.m.

“House of Mirths” Directed by Terence Davies. Wed., Aug. 10, 5 p.m.

“Fanny and Alexander” Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Mon., Aug. 15, 5 p.m.


In June 2005

Business and Economics will become Juniper Hall (JH)
Engineering will become Jacaranda Hall (JD)
Kinesiology will become Redwood Hall (RE)
Music will become Cypress Hall (CY)

Science 1 will become Live Oak Hall (LO)
Science 2 will become Eucalyptus Hall (EH)
Science 3 will become Citrus Hall (CS)
Science 4 will become Magnolia Hall (MG)

Faculty Office Bldg. will become Santa Susana Hall (SN)

Calendar

July 18, 5 p.m.
Directed by Martin Scorsese.
“This Age of Innocence” Directed by Martin Scorsese. Wed., Aug. 3, 5 p.m.

Aug. 5, Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Directed by Charles Laughton, respectively.

Wed., Aug. 10, 5 p.m.
Directed by John Boorman.

Mon., Aug. 1, 5 p.m.
Directed by Ingmar Bergman.

Mon., Aug. 15, 5 p.m.
Directed by Giuseppe Tornatore.

Wed., Aug. 17, 5 p.m.
Directed by Martin Scorsese.

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