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## Nearly 9,200 Students Eligible for 2006 Commencement

*Chancellor, High Tech Entrepreneur and Superior Court Judge to Address Record Number of Candidates*

**C**SUN Chancellor Charles B. Reed and two alumni, high tech entrepreneur Sheldon Malchicoff and Superior Court Judge D. Zeke Zeidler, are among the dignitaries who will address Cal State Northridge students during this week's graduation ceremonies.

A record 9,196 students—about 7,505 bachelor's and 1,660 master's degree candidates in a total of 61 fields—are eligible to take part in ceremonies that begin the evening of Tuesday, May 30.

"Commencement is a momentous occasion for our students and their loved ones, and an exciting time at Cal State Northridge," said President Jolene Koester. "It's an opportunity to celebrate all that our graduates have accomplished and the wonderful possibilities that lie in their futures."

Four days of festivities begin at 6 p.m. on May 30, with the Honors Convocation on the University Club lawn. More than 800 undergraduate and 450 graduate students have been invited to participate in the event, whose speaker this year is California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

The formal commencement ceremonies are as follows:

- There is no speaker scheduled for the College of Arts, Media, and Communication's ceremony on May 31.

<b>2006 Commencement and Honors Convocation Schedule</b>	
<b>Honors Convocation</b>	
Tue., May 30	6:00 p.m. University Club
<b>Arts, Media, and Communication</b>	
Wed., May 31	8:00 a.m. Oviatt Library Lawn
<b>Science and Mathematics</b>	
Wed., May 31	4:00 p.m. University Club
<b>Health and Human Development</b>	
Wed., May 31	6:30 p.m. Oviatt Library Lawn
<b>Business and Economics</b>	
Thu., June 1	8:00 a.m. Oviatt Library Lawn
<b>Engineering and Computer Science</b>	
Thu., June 1	4:00 p.m. University Club
<b>Humanities</b>	
Thu., June 1	6:30 p.m. Oviatt Library Lawn
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b>	
Fri., June 2	8:00 a.m. Oviatt Library Lawn
<b>Michael D. Eisner College of Education</b>	
Fri., June 2	4:00 p.m. University Club

- Professor *emeritus* of physics **John Lawrence** will address the College of Science and Mathematics on May 31. Lawrence taught at CSUN for 25 years before retiring in 1991, serving as chair of the Physics and Astronomy Department from 1976 to 1980. Lawrence has served as principal or co-investigator on more than a dozen National Science

- Foundation or NASA grants for projects involving solar physics.
- There is no formal speaker for the College of Health and Human Development's commencement ceremony on May 31. The college will honor CSUN alumnus **Jim Sherman**, who earned a B.S. and an M.S. in health administration in 1984 and 1987, respectively.

Sherman is president and CEO of Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center in Thousand Oaks.

- The College of Business and Economics will not have a formal speaker at its ceremony on June 1. Congressman **Brad Sherman**, a former member of California's Board of Equalization, will give the welcome.
- **Sheldon Malchicoff** (*Electrical Engineering*, '78), chairman and CEO of Data Exchange Corp. (DEX), will address College of Engineering and Computer Science students on June 1. DEX provides global supply chain solutions, specializing in logistical repair and replacement services for high tech industries.
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judge **D. Zeke Zeidler** (*English*, '87) will speak to students at the College of Humanities' ceremony on June 1. A former Associated Students president, Judge Zeidler was elected to the Superior Court bench in 2004.
- The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will not have a formal speaker at its ceremony on June 2. Congressman Sherman will give the welcome.
- There is no speaker for the Michael D. Eisner College of Education's ceremony on June 2. ■

## Inventor, Space Pioneer Pledges \$2 Million for Northridge

*Ernie Schaeffer's Gift Will Help CSUN Students Develop Innovation and Entrepreneurial Skills*

**P**ioneering inventor and entrepreneur Ernie Schaeffer has had a long relationship with Cal State Northridge. Through the years, he has mentored students, collaborated with faculty and hired countless alumni to work at his former company, Schaeffer Magnetics, which has played a role in nearly every U.S. space mission since the 1960s.

Schaeffer, a Calabasas resident, has decided to take the relationship one step further by pledging \$2 million to endow the Ernie Schaeffer Center on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The center will promote the development of innovation and entrepreneurship-related knowledge and skills among CSUN students.

The center also will engage students directly with real-world inventors and entrepreneurs, support projects on new ideas, strengthen faculty professional

development, hold seminars, lectures and panel discussions and conduct other activities consistent with its mission and subject to the resources available to it.



Ernie Schaeffer

"Mr. Schaeffer's generosity and inspiration will be the foundation of a center where imagination and creativity will be encouraged and flourish. It is from such an environment

that true innovation emerges, and we are proud to partner with Mr. Schaeffer in fulfilling his vision," said CSUN President Jolene Koester.

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# Top Northridge Administrator Accepts CSU East Bay Presidency

*Vice President for Administration and Finance Mo Qayoumi to Assume New Duties in July*

Mo Qayoumi, Cal State Northridge's vice president for administration and finance and CFO since 2000, will become president of California State University, East Bay, in July. The CSU's Board of Trustees announced its selection of Vice President Qayoumi at its May 17 meeting.

"I am excited and honored to be named president of a university with such committed faculty, staff and students," said the vice president. "There is a tremendous opportunity to build enrollment at the Hayward and the Concord campuses, and to develop the Oakland Professional Center further.

"I look forward to working with the campus communities to forge an agenda for the coming year," he said. "I especially want to work collaboratively on defining the East Bay experience and helping CSUEB become a crown jewel in the CSU system."

CSU Trustee Herbert Carter, chair of the board's presidential search committee, said the vice president's energy and ideas, together with his



Mo Qayoumi

superior resource and organizational management skills, will be a "tremendous" asset to CSUEB.

"Dr. Qayoumi's outstanding academic experience, administrative background and leadership qualities are reflective of the campus profile as a student-centered, inclusive and progressive

institution," said Trustee Carter.

CSUN President Jolene Koester expressed her appreciation for Qayoumi's six years of dedicated service. "His achievements and contributions here have been considerable and far reaching," she said. "His leadership and presence will be missed by the entire campus community and me, and I know he will bring energy and new ideas to CSU East Bay."

The president has appointed retired UC Davis vice chancellor of administration James Sullivan as interim vice president of administration and finance and CFO for a period of six months to a year. Sullivan, who also served in that interim capacity from January 1999 to June 2000, will chair the search committee for Qayoumi's permanent replacement.

As CSUN's vice president for administration and finance and CFO, Qayoumi oversees all university administrative and financial areas, among them budget and accounting services, facilities planning, design and construction, human resources,

equity and diversity, public safety and intercollegiate athletics. The executive also is a tenured professor of engineering management at CSUN.

Prior to his service at CSUN, Qayoumi served as vice chancellor for administrative services and as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla, from 1995 to 2000. He was associate vice president for administration and an adjunct professor at San Jose State University from 1986 to 1995.

Vice President Qayoumi earned four advanced degrees at the University of Cincinnati: a Ph.D. in electrical and computer engineering, an M.S. in nuclear engineering, an M.S. in electrical and computer engineering, and an MBA in finance and accounting.

A licensed professional engineer and a certified management accountant, Qayoumi has published more than 85 articles and eight books. In demand nationally and internationally as a conference speaker, he has served as a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award examiner for three years. ■

## Fuel Cell Energy Plant to Boost CSUN's Green Power Efforts

*Plant Will Generate Learning Opportunities for Science, Math and Engineering Students*

The California State University Board of Trustees has given its nod of approval to the installation of a 1 megawatt fuel cell power plant at Cal State Northridge. Incorporating the most efficient power plant technology currently available, the facility will provide additional environment-friendly power to the campus.

As a bonus to the campus, the power plant will provide a unique opportunity for students in the College of Science and Mathematics to study the carbon dioxide enrichment potential provided by fuel cell power plants. University officials plan to route carbon dioxide exhaust from the plant's heat exchanger into CSUN's Botanical Gardens and an adjacent greenhouse to enhance photosynthesis.

The plant also will give students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science—who will play a role in the plant's installation—an opportunity to study the latest technology in energy efficiency.

Vice President for Administration and Finance Mo Qayoumi said the addition of the fuel cell power plant to the campus is an example of the university's commitment to sustainability and energy efficiency.

"Cal State Northridge strives to be at the leading edge of energy conservation and environmental stewardship," Qayoumi said. "We hope to serve as a role model not just for our students and the community, but for the rest of higher education as well."

The university purchased a high efficiency Directed FuelCell® (DFC) power plant from Connecticut-based FuelCell Energy, Inc., a leading manufacturer of ultra-clean and efficient electrical power generation plants, for more than \$3 million. The

plant will generate the base load electricity for the university's facilities and surplus heat for hot water.

CSUN's plant will be the single largest fuel cell power plant at any university in the world, and is the seventh DFC plant of any capacity installed at a university.

"The DFC power plant will provide us with a base load option that reduces the strain on the California power grid, improves our energy independence and power reliability, manages our energy and operational costs well into the future, and helps the environment," said Tom Brown, director of CSUN Physical Plant Management. "In leading by example, we are demonstrating how clean electricity can cost effectively power our campus."

The university has begun earth

and foundation work for the plant, which is expected to be in place by the end of the year. The plant will be operated by Physical Plant Management with technical support from FuelCell Energy and its partner, Alliance Power, Inc.

Cal State Northridge has long been considered a leader in energy conservation among universities across the country. It was hailed five years ago by the Clean Air Coalition for its use of alternative energy.

In 2001, the campus installed six microturbines through a partnership with the South Coast Air Quality District and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) as a way to save energy and reduce its reliance on the state's fragile electrical grid.

With support from LADWP and

the Southern California Gas Company (The Gas Company), the university also has installed nearly 6,000 solar panels totaling nearly 700,000 watts of power as a way of providing power while saving energy and reducing power costs.

The Gas Company has committed to providing up to \$2.25 million in incentive funding to Northridge to support the installation of the fuel cell plant. LADWP has committed an additional \$500,000 in incentive funds for the plant.

FuelCell Energy officials said institutions of higher education represent an excellent application of fuel cells' "24/7" electrical generation. They can power academic facilities during the day and address critical base load needs at night.

Because the units are quiet and environmentally friendly, officials said, they often can be sited close to classrooms and dorms where energy is needed. Other university sites with DFC power plant installations include Yale University, Ocean County College in New Jersey, Grand Valley State University in Michigan, State University of New York at Syracuse, Chosun University Hospital in Korea and Pohang University in Korea.

"Universities have used cogeneration to great effect in the past, and now we're seeing students press their institutions to create and use even more clean energy," said R. Daniel Brdar, president and CEO of FuelCell Energy. "This is a market that's expanding, and it comprises many megawatts for colleges and universities around the country. California's state university system alone is the largest in North America." ■

# New Engineering College Dean to Join University Family

*S.K. Ramesh Comes to Cal State Northridge from Sister Campus, Sacramento State*

**S**.K. Ramesh, chair of Sacramento State University's Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department, will join the Cal State Northridge community as dean of its College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective mid-summer 2006. He will be present to meet colleagues and students at the college's June 1 commencement exercises.

Ramesh, who also serves at CSUS as special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs on information technology, has led his department through two successful visits by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) since assuming his department chairmanship in 1994. He was special assistant to the CSUS president on information technology issues during the 2003-04 term.

"Dr. Ramesh brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience to the position," said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry

Hellenbrand, in announcing the new dean's appointment on May 23.

"I am delighted to join the team at CSUN and excited about the prospects for the future of the college," said the new appointee, who will succeed Dean S.T. Mau in the position. "The success of a program is evidenced in the success of its graduates. My goal is to strengthen our academic programs and foster an environment that actively engages industry, students, faculty and staff in the pursuit of a shared vision for the college."

At Sacramento State, he spearheaded a comprehensive revision of curriculum and course offerings in his department. Other accomplishments include development of an extensive outcomes assessment plan for the university's electrical and electronic engineering program. He has built partnerships with companies such as Intel, resulting in grants, scholarships and internships for faculty and students.



S.K. Ramesh

Within the prestigious Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Ramesh has taken on leadership roles such as the 2000-04 chairmanship of the 60,000-member Central Area of

IEEE Region 6. He is a candidate for the 2007-08 Region 6 director-elect position.

The new dean's many honors and awards include the 2004 IEEE Region 6 Community Service Award for his work with interactive high school teachers workshops promoting engineering education. He was named Person of the Year by the Sacramento Engineering and Technology Regional Consortium in 2000, and accepted an award in Australia for the IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society's "Most Improved Chapter Award for 2004-05."

At work on a textbook entitled "Fiber Optic Communications" from John Wiley, Inc., Ramesh has published widely in professional journals.

An honors graduate in electronics and communication engineering from the University of Madras, India, Ramesh earned his M.S.E.E. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. ■

## Interim Deans of Business, AMC Colleges are Appointed

*William Jennings to Lead Business College; David Moon will Head Arts, Media, Communication*

**T**wo members of the Cal State Northridge faculty will take on new leadership responsibilities in summer 2006, one in the College of Business and Economics and the other in the College of Arts, Media, and Communication.

**William Jennings**, chair of the business college's Finance, Real Estate and Insurance Department since 1989, will become interim dean of the college effective in mid-summer.

**David Moon**, a CSUN alum who became chair of the Art Department in 2001, has accepted the post of interim dean of the College of Arts, Media, and Communication. He also will begin his duties in mid-summer.

In making the appointments during



William Jennings



David Moon

the week of May 22, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Harry Hellenbrand praised both as experienced administrators with proven leadership abilities.

"Bill Jennings has made valuable contributions at every stage of his career at Cal State Northridge," said

Hellenbrand. "We are pleased he has accepted this responsibility, and we look forward to his new achievements."

In addition to his department chairmanship, Jennings is co-director of both the Center for Insurance Education and Research and the Center for Financial Services. Previously, he served for two years as acting associate dean of the college, then known as the College of Business Administration and Economics.

Jennings is first vice president of The University Corporation's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He chaired the 25-member *Envision 2035* campus committee appointed to help frame the university's physical development for the coming decades.

Citing Moon's "broad university perspective," Hellenbrand said the interim AMC dean brings to his new duties a background rich in academic, administrative and professional experience.

Prior to his Art Department chairmanship, Moon served as assistant and acting chair. He has collaborated with colleagues on many university-wide committees, among them the Campus Environment Planning Board, the Council of Chairs and the University Statewide Arts Advisory Committee.

A member of the Educational Resources Committee, Moon also is a member of the University Enrollment Strategy Group and the University Planning and Budget Group. ■

## Ernie Schaeffer...

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Schaeffer has been leading a group of volunteers at the university, members of an informal entrepreneurs' roundtable who have been discussing how to weave entrepreneurial themes into academic programs. He said it seemed natural, given his history with the university, to establish the endowment for the center.

"I'm impressed with the school and its diversity of students. If we are going to succeed as a region and a country, we need people like CSUN's students, with their wealth of diversity and ideas, to become educators and contributors to society," he said. "I don't see that happening at some place like an Ivy League. I see that happening at CSUN."

S.T. Mau, dean of CSUN's College of Engineering and Computer Science, said Schaeffer's gift is the largest the college has ever received.

"Ernie is a longtime friend and supporter of the college," Mau said. "His vision of a Center on Innovation

and Entrepreneurship will further establish the college as a leader in educating tomorrow's innovators and entrepreneurs like Ernie Schaeffer."

Mechanical engineering professor Nhut Tan Ho, who advises the university's Entrepreneur Club, said Schaeffer's gift "makes the future of our effort to bring entrepreneurship to CSUN very bright."

Schaeffer was raised in New York and moved to Southern California in the 1950s. He worked a series of jobs for defense contractors, eventually designing gyroscope motors for defense contractor Whittaker Corp. In 1960, he convinced his bosses to let him take on a subcontract designing a specialized motor for a classified space project. His specialized motors soon were bringing in \$750,000 a year.

In 1966, Whittaker went through some restructuring and Schaeffer saw it as an opportunity. He talked Whittaker into letting him take his motor designs and he started his own company, Schaeffer Magnetics, in his garage.

The company took off, eventually moving into a 40,000 square foot plant in Chatsworth and employing up to 180 people.

In 1990, *Forbes* magazine hailed Schaeffer's achievement as "solid evidence that an inventor with a good idea and a lot of patience can prosper in a business dominated by giants." The magazine pointed out that his small, privately held company included among its clients Hughes, Lockheed, General Electric and TRW. The magazine noted that his equipment—motors and electric actuators—has been aboard "a list of missions that reads like the history of space exploration: Apollo, Viking, Explorer, Voyager 2, Mariner" and other projects such as the Hubble Space Telescope.

Schaeffer sold the company eight years ago, but stayed on as a consultant for another five years.

He hopes that his gift to CSUN, and the center it will create, will encourage other "creative thinkers" to follow their dreams.

"You get into a stream and are pushed along, and then you come to a fork in the river. If you make the right decision and choose the right direction, your world can change," Schaeffer said. "I am hoping that the center will give those who come to it the information and tools they need to become successful entrepreneurs or 'corporatepreneurs' if they work for a company."

Schaeffer recalled the "goose bumps" he got driving across the country with his family, looking up at the night sky and knowing that somewhere up there was a satellite containing equipment he designed for a classified defense project.

"That feeling is intoxicating—better than any high you can imagine—to know that something you did could touch the lives of so many people."

"I want the students who come through the center to know that feeling." ■

# Northridge Faculty's Passion for Teaching, Scholarship and Service

*Nine Faculty Receive Special Honors, New Faculty Officers are Installed, Emeritus*



Outstanding Faculty Award winner Charles Macune (in historical costume), with outgoing Faculty President Ronald McIntyre



Outstanding Faculty Award winner Carol Shubin (right), with President Jolene Koester



Top: Laura Uba, Preeminent Scholarly Publications Award winner  
Bottom: Anthony Perucci, Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award winner



Cal State Northridge's annual recognition of the exceptional achievements and service of university faculty was hosted May 19 by President Jolene Koester and Faculty President Ronald McIntyre. At the 2006 Honored Faculty Reception and General Faculty Meeting, nine faculty received special salutes from the university and their colleagues, and many more were recognized for long and dedicated service.

Thirteen faculty members were awarded *emeritus* status at the reception, sponsored by the Office of the President and the Northridge Chapter of the California Faculty Association.

One faculty member, educational psychology and counseling professor **Stanley Charnofsky**, was saluted for 45 years of service to the university. Faculty also were honored for service ranging from 25 to 40 years.

Newly elected faculty officers were installed at the event, including Faculty President **Jennifer Matos** (*Biology*), who recently chaired the General Education Task Force; Vice President **Jennifer Zvi** (*Center on Disabilities*), three-year co-chair of the faculty retreat; and Secretary/Treasurer **Diane Schwartz** (*Computer Science*), who has served as faculty president and in many other leadership roles.

For a complete listing of faculty service recognitions, see page five, with additional listings on page seven.

## Outstanding Faculty Awards

### Charles Macune

#### History

Macune's students call him "Mr. History." His 38 years at Northridge—12 of which he spent as chair of the History Department—have earned him a reputation among students and peers alike as "one of the most influential teachers ever produced at CSUN."

Macune's innovations include a two-semester graduate course during which his students participate in two weeks of research and intensive writing at the University of Texas' Center of American History.

Devoting himself to every level of university service, Macune has taken on responsibilities in the Personnel

Planning and Review Committee, the Faculty Senate and the Senate Executive Committee. He has served this year as president of the national Southwest History Conference.

Active in historical research, the honoree's concentration is on Mexico and Latin America. He has published seminal works in his field, marked by his use of archives and documents written in the original Spanish.

### Carol Shubin

#### Mathematics

As director of CSUN's NASA/PAIR program—designed to strengthen students' research, computer and analytic skills in order to understand NASA data sets—Shubin has guided at-risk and underrepresented groups of students to careers as scientists, mathematicians and engineers. In its 2001 report to the White House, NASA described the CSUN program as "exemplary."

Shubin's preparation of students has helped them into prestigious graduate programs and into internships at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, USC and the Huntington Research Institute.

Recently awarded a grant from the Fulbright Scholar Program, she will depart for Rwanda in January 2007 to teach, share research and develop curriculum at the Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management.

The winner of five National Science Foundation grants, Shubin has published widely in mathematics journals and has served on a range of university panels, committees and forums.

## Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Awards

### Ali Amini

#### Electrical and Computer Engineering

A member of the CSUN faculty since 1985, Amini was saluted by his peers for his contributions to the field of engineering as well as to the graduate students with whom he works.

Faculty advisor to the Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society since 1986, Amini has served the College of Engineering and Computer Science as graduate and undergraduate coordinator.

Amini's approach to communicating

difficult engineering concepts to his students has been to create new laboratory manuals and other teaching tools through laboratory experiments. Students praise the results, noting his ability to route them through circuits and fuzzy logic, igniting a new appreciation for both subject and teacher.

### Jim Dole

#### Biology, Emeritus

During Dole's 40-plus years at CSUN, many of his students have followed him through the tropical Costa Rican rain forest on learning adventures. Many more have followed him into the teaching profession, carrying the torch of quality biology instruction from Massachusetts to the state of Washington.

"This was the best, most fun, most educational and most practical course I've taken at Northridge, bar none," one student said after experiencing Dole's teaching style. "Whenever I see a bird now, I race for the binoculars even if I know it's 'only' a house sparrow."

Graduate students from Dole's CSUN courses have investigated aspects of animal ecology and behavior in a range of subjects, from the food habits of bighorn sheep to the importance of cover in the survival of Western Gull chicks.

Dole's own research has covered the behavior and ecology of amphibians, with a focus on their homing, feeding behavior, navigational mechanisms and social behavior.

### Nicholas Dungey

#### Political Science

Known for his "rapid-fire" delivery in the classroom, Dungey has demonstrated expertise in teaching classical ethics within the matrix of contemporary political events.

His passion for his teaching and research areas—political philosophy and modern and contemporary political theory—has won respect from his students. "Dr. Nicholas Dungey exemplifies what Robert Frost once said: 'I am not a teacher but an awakener,'" wrote one student.

Dungey is noted for his accessibility to his students, despite a busy teaching

and research schedule that currently includes work on a book about German philosopher Martin Heidegger, French literary critic and philosopher Jacques Derrida and postmodern politics.

## Exceptional Creative Accomplishments Award

### Anthony Perucci

#### Communication Studies

Perucci was recognized at the awards event for creating at CSUN an artistic organization called "The Performance Ensemble," described as both innovative and collaborative. The ensemble involves original production work, activist performance and participation of visiting artists in workshops, lectures and performances.

Perucci's work, according to his peers and students, reflects "a concern for social justice," his words and interpretations dedicated to the notion that the world can be made a better place in which to live.

"I want more!" said one student, speaking of Perucci's achievements as a teacher. "I wish every theatre student as well as non-theatre majors could be exposed to this work as I feel it can help you bring yourself closer if not to the very edge of your limits..."

## Preeminent Scholarly Publications Award

### Laura Uba

#### Asian American Studies

Recognized as a leading authority in Asian American psychology, Uba specializes in the field of psychology related to Asian American personality, development, identity and mental health.

Both empirical research studies and policy analyses are used in her scholarly work, aimed at providing a comprehensive overview of Asian American mental health issues. Uba

# Extends from Campus to Community, from Rain Forest to Rwanda

Status is Awarded to 13, and Many are Recognized for Service from 25 to 45 Years



Top left: Karin Duran, Extraordinary Service Award winner  
 Top right: Ali Amini, Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award winner  
 Middle left: Jim Dole, Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award winner  
 Middle right: Nicholas Dungey, Distinguished Teaching, Counseling or Librarianship Award winner  
 Right: Jennifer Romack, Visionary Community Service-Learning Award winner

examines both the commonalities and the increasing diversity of Asian American communities.

She is the author of "Asian Americans: Personality Patterns, Identity and Mental Health," widely read by practicing psychologists as well as by students.

## Extraordinary Service Award Karin Duran

*Reference and Instructional Services, Oviatt Library*  
 Duran has compiled an impressive record of service on campus. A long-standing member of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), she is the librarian for the Teacher Curriculum Center.

For the last ten years, Duran has worked in EOP's Residential Bridge Program. In addition, she partners with Chicano/a Studies faculty in organizing national and community-based conferences for students.

Despite a heavy schedule of university-wide class lectures, Duran finds time to serve on the Freshman Seminar Steering Committee and to help faculty develop curriculum in writing and research.

In the community, she promotes library and information services to Latino/a and Spanish-language library patrons, and is a leader in *Comision Femenil* San Fernando Valley, a nonprofit advocacy group for Latinas and their families. REFORMA, the *Adelante Mujer* Latina Conference and the Nativity School in South Los Angeles also benefit from Duran's leadership.

## Visionary Community Service-Learning Award

Jennifer Romack  
*Kinesiology*

Since 1999, more than 900 kinesiology students have benefited from service-learning experiences organized by Romack, the faculty member singled out at the May 19 reception as "a shining example of community service-learning at its best."

Romack has provided service-learning opportunities with community partners such as the CHIME and Head Start preschool programs, the Cal-Safe program for pregnant teens and young mothers, and the ONEGeneration and Center for Achievement senior citizens programs.

She has collaborated with faculty in her college to conduct service-learning experiences for students through Kids in Motion, the Transdisciplinary Infant Assessment Team, GoGirlGo!, Vitality Across the Lifespan, SUPER Assessment, and Project Shine.

The author of many papers on the pedagogy of service-learning, Romack has served as faculty scholar in the CSUN Center for Community Service-Learning, and was the center's interim administrator as well. ■

## 2006 Emeritus Faculty

Warren Bland	<i>Geography</i>
Ronald Davis	<i>History</i>
Janet Fish	<i>Educational Psychology and Counseling</i>
Howard Happ	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Donna Hardy	<i>Psychology</i>
Vincent Jeffries	<i>Sociology</i>
Gong-Yuh Lin	<i>Geography</i>
Brennis Lucero-Wagoner	<i>Psychology</i>
Leonard Raab	<i>Anthropology</i>
Harvey Rich	<i>Sociology</i>
Sidney Schwartz	<i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
Jerry Shaw	<i>Psychology</i>
Khurram "Omar" Zahir	<i>Biology (posthumously)</i>

## Faculty Completing 45 Years of Service

Stanley Charnofsky	<i>Educational Psychology and Counseling</i>
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## Faculty Completing 40 Years of Service

Duane Doty	<i>Physics and Astronomy</i>
Norman Fullner	<i>Art</i>
James Sefton	<i>History</i>
Malcolm Soule	<i>Mathematics</i>

## Faculty Completing 35 Years of Service

Karen Anderson	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
Crerar Douglas	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Karin Duran	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
Alan Glassman	<i>Management</i>
Richard Gunther	<i>Systems and Operations Management</i>
Edward Hall	<i>Communication Disorders and Sciences</i>
Fermin Herrera	<i>Chicano/a Studies</i>
Henry Lopez	<i>Political Science</i>
Eleazu Obinna	<i>Pan African Studies</i>
Steven Oppenheimer	<i>Biology</i>
Upadhyayu Satyanaray	<i>Mathematics</i>

## Faculty Completing 30 Years of Service

Carol Docan	<i>Business Law</i>
Craig Finney	<i>Leisure Studies and Recreation</i>
Susan Henry	<i>Journalism</i>
William Jennings	<i>Finance, Real Estate and Insurance</i>
Leonard Rymza	<i>Business Law</i>
Jack Winkelman	<i>Health Sciences</i>

## Faculty Completing 25 Years of Service

Prasanta Barkataki	<i>Computer Science</i>
Robert Barker	<i>Accounting &amp; Information Systems</i>
G. Michael Barnes	<i>Computer Science</i>
Avi Dechter	<i>Systems and Operations Management</i>
Edward Dombourian	<i>Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>
Richard Ehgott	<i>Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>
Darrin Gitisetan	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
Cynthia Rawitch	<i>Journalism</i>
Ramin Roosta	<i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>
Anita Slechta	<i>Health Sciences</i>

## Faculty Completing 25 Years of Lecturer Service

Charles Allen	<i>Urban Studies &amp; Planning</i>
Deborah Broadous	<i>Pan African Studies</i>
Marjory Crawford	<i>Humanities/Interdisciplinary Program</i>
Launis Look	<i>Computer Science</i>
Ilene Rubenstein	<i>English</i>

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# Students Navigate Difficult But Rewarding Paths to Education

All 9,196 of this year's eligible degree candidates have worked hard to earn their honors. Many have stories that prove they valued education enough to overcome great odds in its pursuit. Six of those stories are below:



**Carol Higgins, B.A., Theatre Arts**  
Eight years ago, Carol Higgins became a young widow with two children,

Cory, 11, and Chelsey, 7. "When something like that happens, you rethink the quality of your life," Higgins said of the death of her husband, Mike. "You realize life is so short, you have to grab right now and try to do all the things you want to do."

For Higgins, that meant getting a college degree. At 39, she enrolled in CSUN. Soon, she became the consummate multi-tasker, "eating, sleeping and studying in the car" while juggling the commute from Santa Clarita to CSUN.

"At first, I wondered how a woman my age, a widow with two children, would fit into the college lifestyle," said Higgins, whose degree is in theatre arts. "I realized, though, that I shouldn't care about what society thinks my life should be like. I was going to do the best I could, and in doing that, I walked away with gold."

Higgins is director of development for The Theatre Project of Santa Clarita Valley. She will graduate *cum laude* on her 43rd birthday May 31, at the College of Arts, Media, and Communication ceremony.



**Natalia Koteva, B.S., Health Education**  
Natalia Koteva followed her husband from Bulgaria to America in 2001. In California, as

the loneliness of a foreign land began to sink in, she enrolled in ESL classes, slowly gaining confidence as she learned English.

"Once I was in America, I was so excited that I had the opportunity to study anything and everything I wanted," said Koteva, 27. "I always had an interest in health education because I had seen my mother in such pain while growing up, but I had been unable to pursue that because getting into the medical field as a woman was nearly impossible [in Bulgaria]."

Koteva enrolled in CSUN in 2003 and immediately began to cope with the roles of student, mother, wife and counselor at the Klotz Student Health Center. During breaks, she rushed home to nurse her newborn daughter, then rushed back to class, but still found

time to become coordinator of CSUN's Education and Resources on Sexuality (EROS) Program and to volunteer at Healing Touch Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in West Hills.

Her marriage dissolved, but Koteva rigorously pursued her goals and will graduate with honors this month, finishing her degree in three years.

"In Bulgaria," she said, "the doctors wouldn't take care of you unless you provided money under the table. For me, it's not about money. I just want to be able to help my loved ones and others."

Koteva will be back at CSUN in fall 2006, pursuing a master's degree in physical therapy, looking toward a specialty in pediatrics. She will take part in the May 30 Honors Convocation and in the May 31 College of Health and Human Development ceremony.



**Carlos Moran, B.A., Chicano Studies**

As a child, Carlos Moran, 23, had to learn to adjust to life in America. Arriving from

Mexico at the age of 4, he and his four siblings were forced to blend into the numerous foster families in which they were separately placed.

"Being stripped away from those you love the most is so hard," Moran said. "It caused me to constantly view life negatively; negativity became what I was most comfortable with. I felt that I was never truly a part of the foster homes I grew up in. The families usually already had kids of their own who they treated better, so I eventually turned to drugs, gangs and aggressive behavior."

Set to graduate with a double major in Chicano studies and child and adolescent development, Moran reached his turning point when he saw his younger brother emulating his destructive behavior.

"I felt that I was his father figure and suddenly I saw him reliving my poor decisions and I felt so ashamed," Moran said. "I knew instantly that I had to work against those negative factors that had influence over him."

Moran changed his behavior, graduated from high school, and began coursework at Northridge in 2001. He became chair of MEChA, working off-campus at Rancho San Antonio, a residential treatment facility designed to rehabilitate male juvenile offenders.

Upon graduation, Moran plans to join the foster care system again, this time as parent to his three younger siblings. He hopes to adopt his two youngest brothers and sister and bring the whole family back together. In fall 2006, he will begin pursuing a master's degree in social work.

Moran will take part in the June 2 College of Humanities ceremony.



**Yolanda Vazquez, B.A., Spanish Languages and Culture**

When Yolanda Vazquez married at 19, she felt she was on the way to a bright future with her husband. As a victim of domestic violence, that outlook on life drastically changed. A few years ago, with the verbal and physical abuse escalating, Vazquez left her husband.

"As a young girl I used to love life and be proud of who I was," said Vazquez. "Soon into my marriage I started believing that I wasn't worth anything because of the way my husband used to speak to me. It got so bad that I couldn't even eat the foods I liked because he didn't like the smell."

Vazquez took her two-year-old daughter Joceleen and began a new life, finding work at an auto supply store. But Vazquez knew she had to do more. Having finished her studies at Los Angeles Valley College, she enrolled at CSUN, much to her father's dismay.

"My father didn't want me to attend college because he feared I would become too liberal and that I would neglect my daughter," said Vazquez. She decided to prove to her father that she could be a committed mother and a committed student.

Despite her husband's constant interference, Vazquez remained focused on her studies and her daughter. "CSUN opened up my mind and allowed me to become a more independent person," said Vazquez. "Before college, I felt helpless, like I was in a little cage. Now I know that I although I can't break the past, I can make a change."

Vazquez graduated from CSUN in spring 2005 with a degree in liberal studies. She returned to CSUN that fall to earn her degree in Spanish languages and culture.



**Christopher Vergien, B.S., Physics**

Christopher Vergien has spent the past 13 years serving in the U.S. Air Force. While

stationed in South Korea, Japan, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Vergien never relinquished his dream of a college education. At 31, after many "sleepless nights," he will graduate second in his class with a B.S. in physics.

In compliance with the U.S. Air Force ROTC Airman Education and Commissioning Program, Vergien had just three years to obtain his degree. In addition, he was required to commute weekly to UCLA for ROTC classes, a key part of the commissioning process. With classes at CSUN and

aerospace studies at UCLA, his units stacked up to 22 per semester.

The airman arrived for classes one week prior to the beginning of his first term at CSUN, but he and his wife had to wait another full month for their household items. "I was impressed with the campus and the various amenities it provided students," he said. "I did not think that I could ever become a physicist in the Air Force, but CSUN allowed me to fulfill my dream."

Vergien will be commissioned in the Air Force on June 24, immediately transferring to Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico to begin working for the Air Force Research Laboratory as a physicist in the space division.

Soon to be a new father, he will graduate with honors in the College of Science and Mathematics ceremony on May 31.



**Cheryl Weir, B.A., Journalism**

"Baptism by fire" is the way Cheryl Weir describes her life experiences. At 27, she has

accomplished more professionally than most. Weir, however, felt she had been able to do so only "through family connections and not on [her] own terms." Weir decided to create her own life. To do that, she would need a college degree.

As a child in Belize, Weir was quite familiar with politics. Her uncle was mayor of the nation's capital, Belmopan, and her best friend's father was the country's prime minister. When Weir moved to New York to attend school, it was no surprise that she was asked by Belize's ambassador to represent her country at the United Nations. At a mere 20 years of age, she headed Belize's table in the main body of the United Nations' third committee in fall 2001.

"I remember distinctly three countries arguing for days over whether to use the word 'urge' or 'encourage.' It was then and there that I learned the true power of words," Weir said.

September 11, 2001, is a distinct memory. The shock of its events forced Weir to consider her true goals. Following the advice of colleagues at the U.N. and fulfilling the dream of her grandfather, she set out on her own again, enrolling in CSUN's Journalism Department in spring 2002.

"I think since my grandfather never graduated from high school, he was extremely proud of me," said Weir. "I know he waited until he knew my brother and I were going to finish college before he died."

She hopes to continue her education by getting a master's degree in business administration. Weir will not take part in commencement exercises due to a family obligation. ■

# FYI

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## Events

### Thursday, June 8 Humanities Showcase

The College of Humanities hosts an "Open House Showcase" from 4–6 p.m. in Jerome Richfield Hall 319, to share the work of the college with alumni, donors, *emeriti* faculty and friends. Faculty presentations will include "Preparing Future Teachers for the Public Schools," Elizabeth Adams (*Liberal Studies Program*); "Telling Our Stories: Japanese Americans in the San Fernando Valley," Edith Chen (*Asian American Studies*); "Religion and Film," Vincent Coppola (*Religious Studies*); "Culture Capsules and Multimedia Enhanced Language Learning," Patricia Miller (*Modern & Classical Languages and Literatures*) and "A Special Theatrical Performance by Students," Rick Mitchell (*English*). RSVP by May 31 with Tina Chewning, x4077 or [tina.l.chewning@csun.edu](mailto:tina.l.chewning@csun.edu).

## Notices

### Deepest Condolences

The College of Health and Human Development and the university community offer deepest condolences to the family and friends of George Rich III (*Kinesiology*), who passed away in May. Known to colleagues simply as "Q," the *emeritus* professor helped develop the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics Department after joining what was then San Fernando Valley State College in 1959. The first director of the Human Performance Laboratory, he taught exercise physiology and mentored many students who have earned doctoral degrees in the U.S. and abroad. Rich is survived by his wife, Virginia, two daughters and two grandsons.

### New Chair of Mechanical Engineering

Hamid Johari, currently professor and associate head of Worcester

Polytechnic Institute's Department of Mechanical Engineering, will join the CSUN faculty in July as chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department. The recipient of the 2005 Best Paper Award at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' 18th Microgravity Science and Space Processing Symposium, Johari served as associate editor of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Journal of Fluid Engineering from 2003–06.

## Classes

### Professional Development Programs

Professional Development Programs provides free training workshops for CSUN staff members in the Oviatt Library, Room 16, garden level, unless otherwise noted. Enroll by the day preceding the workshop by visiting [www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/training/courses/index.htm](http://www-admn.csun.edu/hrs/training/courses/index.htm) and completing the online registration form for each workshop. *fmi*—Melissa Billeter x3820.

- "Presentation Effectiveness Assessment" Susan Leahy, presenter. Tue., June 6, 9 a.m. to noon
- "University Orientation" Wed., June 14, 8:30 a.m. to noon
- "Caregivers-Medication Management for Seniors" Los Angeles Department of Aging representative, presenter. Wed., June 14, 1–2 p.m.
- "Mutual Gains Negotiations" Kandice Taylor-Sherwood, presenter. Thu., June 15, 9 a.m. to noon
- "Learning to Listen Assessment" Janice Evelyn, presenter. Thu., June 22, 9 a.m. to noon
- "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" Janice Evelyn, presenter. Thu., July 6 and 20, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- "Receiving Feedback Constructively" Kandice Taylor-Sherwood, presenter. Thu., July 13, 9 a.m. to noon

- "Supervisory Skills Questionnaire" Janice Evelyn, presenter. Tue., July 18, 9 a.m. to noon

complete Human Subjects Protocol Approval forms. Original forms and nine copies must be submitted to the Standing Advisory Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. Next deadline date: May 30, for the June 13 meeting. Download protocol submission forms from [www.csun.edu/~gripact/03\\_Research/06\\_HumanSubjectsResearch.html](http://www.csun.edu/~gripact/03_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html). ■ ■ ■

## Deadlines

### Human Subjects Research Approval

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### Faculty Completing 31 to 38 Years of Service

#### 38 years

Jane Bayes	<i>Political Science</i>
Kwangnan Chow	<i>Mathematics</i>
Ichiro Hashimoto	<i>Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>
Paul Skolnick	<i>Psychology</i>
Gregory Truex	<i>Anthropology</i>

#### 37 years

Ronald Fischbach	<i>Health Sciences</i>
Joel Leach	<i>Music</i>
Thomas Maddux	<i>History</i>
Tom Mincer	<i>Mechanical Engineering</i>
William Watkins	<i>Mathematics</i>

#### 36 years

Victoria Feinberg	<i>Family &amp; Consumer Sciences</i>
Jorge Garcia	<i>Chicano/a Studies</i>
John Henderson	<i>Mathematics</i>
Jack Kranz	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
Frank McGuinness	<i>Philosophy</i>
Rie Mitchell	<i>Educational Psychology and Counseling</i>
David Protas	<i>Mathematics</i>
Raul Ruiz	<i>Chicano/a Studies</i>
Dee Shepherd Look	<i>Psychology</i>

#### 34 years

Alyce Akers	<i>Family &amp; Consumer Sciences</i>
Michael Barrett	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
William Dagodag	<i>Urban Studies &amp; Planning</i>
Mary Finley	<i>Reference and Instructional Services</i>
Lawrence Fleischer	<i>Deaf Studies</i>
Patrick Nichelson	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Jerald Schutte	<i>Sociology</i>
Nathan Weinberg	<i>Sociology</i>

#### 33 years

Antonio Gilman	<i>Anthropology</i>
Gordon Johnson	<i>Systems and Operations Management</i>
Diane Philibosian	<i>Leisure Studies and Recreation</i>
William Roberts	<i>Economics</i>
Michele Wittig	<i>Psychology</i>
Joel Zeitlin	<i>Mathematics</i>

#### 32 years

Julio Blanco	<i>Physics and Astronomy</i>
Roger Di Julio	<i>Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics</i>
Snowdy Dodson	<i>Library-Technical Services</i>
Joseph Gardner	<i>Library-Technical Services</i>
John Schultheiss	<i>Cinema &amp; Television Arts</i>
Richard Squires	<i>Geological Sciences</i>
Steven Stepanek	<i>Computer Science</i>

#### 31 years

Bonita Campbell	<i>Manufacturing Systems Engineering &amp; Management</i>
Lawrence Clevenson	<i>Mathematics</i>
Adam Gifford	<i>Economics</i>
Phyllis Herman	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Paul Lee	<i>Physics and Astronomy</i>
Elena Marchisotto	<i>Mathematics</i>
Eugene Turner	<i>Geography</i>

### University to Launch New Web Design

After months of discussions with various committees and other groups from across the university, a new Web design for the university soon will be implemented to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, improved consistency and better functionality for users. The implementation will include a Web template and training program that allows for maximum flexibility for Web sites across campus while accomplishing the above goals. The new homepage template, from which other university Web pages will be modeled, can be viewed at [www.csun.edu/test/hp\\_new.html](http://www.csun.edu/test/hp_new.html), and will become live in June.

This effort is being coordinated by University Advancement, and specifically by Joseph O'Connor, manager of university Web communications, in cooperation with Academic Resources and Information Technology Resources. After the homepage rollout and the redesign of several pages linked off the homepage, other interior pages will follow, and Web developers will be encouraged to adopt the flexible Web template system. The new system comes with an easy to use software package, Contribute, which allows non-technical staff to convert to the new template and update their pages nearly as easily as updating a Word document.

The collaborative redesign process was set in motion and continues to be monitored by the Web Communications Management Committee formed in summer 2004. Committee members are Assistant Provost Jerry Luedders; Center on Disabilities Director Mary Ann Cummins-Prager; Fred Dukes, executive assistant to the vice president of administration and finance; ITR Support Services Director Bill Hardy; and Ken Swisher, assistant vice president for public relations and strategic communications.

Since O'Connor was hired in fall 2005, he has consulted closely with more than 25 Web managers, producers, and developers from across campus to reach the redesign.

# In Brief

## Barbara Gross Appointed President's Chief of Staff



Associate marketing professor Barbara Gross has accepted the position of chief of staff to President Jolene Koester, an assignment she will begin on July 3.

"I am delighted to welcome Dr. Gross to the university's senior administrative team," said the president. "Her experience as a faculty member and knowledge of the campus will greatly aid her work as my chief of staff and as a member of the president's cabinet."

Gross, who will succeed Claire Cavallaro in the position, said she welcomes the fresh challenges and opportunities for service, and is "very excited about working with the president and the campus community in this new position."

The incoming chief of staff joined the Cal State Northridge community as a part-time lecturer in spring 1994, received a Marketing Department faculty appointment in 1997 and was tenured in 2003.

An active participant in faculty affairs, Gross is a senator-at-large in the Faculty Senate and served as a senator during the 2000–02 term. During the 2000–01 academic year, she was a member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Other campus activities include service on the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council, the Campus-Wide Disabilities Issues Board, and the business college's academic advisement and personnel committees.

In fall 2005, Gross was appointed director of the Wells Fargo Center for Small Business and Entrepreneurship, in the College of Business and Economics. She also has served as interim director of the Office of Equity and Diversity.

## Founder of CSUN's Armenian Studies Program Retires



When Cal State Northridge modern and classical languages lecturer Hermine Mahseredjian first proposed the idea of an Armenian studies program

more than 20 years ago, she was not sure what kind of reception it would receive.

What started out in 1983 as one class in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages has become one of the largest Armenian studies programs in the country, offering 14 different courses in a range of subjects—from Armenian language to culture and contemporary issues—as well as a minor in Armenian studies and a concentration for students majoring in liberal studies.

Now that the program is on its feet, Mahseredjian said she's ready to take a breath. She is retiring as director of the program at the end of the summer, but will continue her work with the Friends of Armenian Studies.

"I'm not disappearing. After all these years, I'm just taking a little break. I'll still be around with the Friends of Armenian Studies and maybe teaching a class or two," Mahseredjian said. "We have this saying in Armenian, 'You can dig a well with a needle.' Well, that's what we've done."

Taking her place as director will be Vahram Shemmassian, an assistant

professor in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

Elizabeth Say, dean of the College of Humanities, which houses the program, said Mahseredjian has left her mark on Armenian studies.

"She provided leadership from the inception of the program and built the program," Say said. "Hermine has been dedicated to establishing Armenian studies at CSUN, and we're thrilled that she is willing to stay on to work with the Friends of Armenian Studies."

Say is confident that Shemmassian will be able to build upon the "very solid foundation" Mahseredjian established for Armenian studies at CSUN.

Shemmassian admitted Mahseredjian leaves behind some big shoes to fill.

"Professor Hermine Mahseredjian's contribution to the Armenian Studies Program is invaluable," Shemmassian said. "She founded and nurtured it and brought it to a respectable level. Equally important, she has left an indelible impression on many of her students and colleagues with her passion, dedication and enthusiasm. In short, her legacy will be cherished for many years to come." ■

## Faculty Development Announces 2006–2007 Judge Julian Beck Learning-Centered Instructional Project Grant Award Recipients

Name(s)	Department	Award	Proposal Title	Name(s)	Department	Award	Proposal Title
Irene Clark	English Composition Programs, English	\$4,916	"Critical Reading and Visual Literacy Strategies for Incoming Students"	Ronald Mehler	Electrical & Computer Engineering	\$4,516	"Development of Application Specific Integrated Circuits Course"
Rafi Efrat	Accounting & Information Systems	\$4,516	"Active Learning in Taxation"	Nancy O'Rode Sister Rita Basta	Elementary Education Mathematics	\$5,000	"Learning to Teach with Manipulatives in the Elementary Mathematics Classroom: Developing Mathematical Knowledge for Teaching"
Virginia Kennedy	Special Education	\$3,100	"Learning through Mentoring: The Power of Dialogue and Mutual Problem-Solving with New Special Education Teachers"	Louis Rubino Martha Harmon	Health Sciences	\$5,000	"Collaborative Leadership Learning for Health Professionals"
Janet Kübler	Biology	\$4,516	"Introductory Biology Taught Functionally"	Martha Simon	Mathematics	\$2,825	"Adapting Webworks Trigonometry for Math 104"
Elena Anne Marchisotto	Mathematics	\$4,516	"What Do I Need to Know This For?"	Paul Wilson	Biology	\$4,516	"Expanding the Evolution Report, and Online Audio Show"

## Calendar

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) 677-2285.

#### Annual Juried Art Show

Works by CSUN art students in variety of media: animation, computer and graphic design, ceramics and more. Runs through June 2. Main Art Gallery

#### Kites

"Soaring Among the Clouds" exhibit is all about kites—their history, how to make them, reel and line samples and more. High flying kites hang from ceiling in colorful display. Curated by Gina Hsiung, University Library cataloging supervisor. Runs through July 10. Oviatt Library lobby



#### ▲ The Chicano Collection Exhibition

Artworks drawn from collection of actor/art advocate Richard "Cheech" Marin. Featuring work of Chicano artists Carlos Almaraz, George Yepes, Patssi Valdez and many more. Opening reception: Sat., June 17, 7 p.m. Exhibit runs June 17–July 29. Art Galleries Free



#### ▲ The Making of the Book

Exhibiting five centuries of the art and craft of bookbinding and decoration. From the Oviatt Library collections. Runs through August 4. C.K. and Teresa Tseng Gallery Oviatt Library Free

#### Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit [www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium](http://www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium). Telescope viewing will follow the second show.

#### "Spring Sky Show"

Fri., June 16, 7:30 p.m.

#### "Summer Sky Show"

Fri., June 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., July 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., July 28, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Fri., Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m.

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