Nearly 9,200 Students Eligible for 2006 Commencement

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

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed and two alumni, high tech entrepreneur Sheldon Malchicoff and Superior Court Judge D. Zeke Zeidler, have been selected as the dignitaries who will address CSU students during this week’s graduation ceremonies.

A record 7,196 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 5 p.m. on May 30, with the Honors Convocation on the Oviatt Library lawn. More than 400 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:

- Tuesday, May 30
  - Science and Mathematics
    - Wednesday, May 31 4:00 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn
  - Health and Human Development
    - Thursday, June 1 8:00 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn
  - Humanities
    - Thursday, June 1 6:30 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences
    - Friday, June 2 8:00 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn

- Wednesday, May 31
  - Arts, Media, and Communication
    - Wednesday, May 31 8:00 a.m., Oviatt Library Lawn
  - Business and Economics
    - Thursday, June 1 4:00 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn
  - Engineering and Computer Science
    - Thursday, June 1 4:00 p.m., Oviatt Library Lawn

- Thursday, June 1
  - A. Michael D. Eisner College of Education
    - Friday, June 2 4:00 p.m., University Club

- Friday, June 2
  - Honors Convocation TUE, May 30 6:00 p.m., University Club
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2006 Commencement and Honors Convocation Schedule

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Inventor, Space Pioneer Pledges $2 Million for Northridge

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

Pioneering 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.

“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 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 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.

CSU 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 CSU’s vice president for administration and finance and CFO, Qayoumi oversees all university administrative and financial areas, including 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 CSU.

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 finance 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 public 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.

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## 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 environmentally 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. 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.”

—Mo Qayoumi
Vice President for Administration and Finance

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 $3.5 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 $225 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 Buffalo, 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 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 transfer to Cal State Northridge as dean of its College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective mid-summer 2006. He will be replaced by a new colleague 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.

“His vision of a Center on Innovation like an Ivy League. I see that happening through our students at the college very bright.”

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 been a partner in partnerships with companies such as Intel, resulting in grants, scholarships and internships for faculty and students.

Interim Deans of Business, AMC Colleges are Appointed

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

Two 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 his presidency, President Harry Hellenbrand, in announcing the new deans’ appointment on May 23, said, “I am delighted to join the team at CSUN and excited about the program for the future of the college.”

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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 2055 campus committee appointed to help frame the university’s physical development for the coming decades.

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 to him to share the information with the university, to establish the endowment for the center.

“Ten 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 Nhat 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 gyroscopic 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, Whitaker went through some restructuring and Schaeffer saw it as an opportunity. He talked Whitaker 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.”

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.

Within the prestigious Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), 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 has earned his M.S.E.E. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
Northridge Faculty’s Passion for Teaching, Scholarship and Service

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

California State University, Northridge
Center on Disabilities

May 30, 2006

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

Cal State Northridge’s annual recognition of its 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.

His students 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 Charomsky, 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 higborn shear 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 and research schedule that currently includes work on a book about German philosopher Martin Heidegger, a 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

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

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
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

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 Geography
Ronald Davis History
Janet Fish Educational Psychology and Counseling
Howard Happ Religious Studies
Donna Hardy Psychology
Vincent Jeffries Sociology
Gong Yuh Lin Geography
Brennis Lucero-Wagoner Psychology
Leonard Raah Anthropology
Harvey Rich Sociology
Sidney Schwartz Mechanical Engineering
Jerry Shaw Psychology
Khurram “Omar” Zahir Biology (posthumously)

Faculty Completing 45 Years of Service
Stanley Charnofsky Educational Psychology and Counseling

Faculty Completing 40 Years of Service
Duane Doty Physics and Astronomy
Norman Fullner Art
James Selton History
Malcolm Soude Mathematics

Faculty Completing 35 Years of Service
Karen Anderson Reference and Instructional Services
Cerar Douglas Religious Studies
Karín Duran Reference and Instructional Services
Alan Glassman Management
Richard Gunther Systems and Operations Management
Edward Hall Communication Disorders and Sciences
Fermin Herrera Chicano/a Studies
Henry Lopez Political Science
Eleazau Obinna Pan African Studies
Steven Oppenheimer Biology
Upadhyaya Satyanaray Mathematics

Faculty Completing 30 Years of Service
Carol Docan Business Law
Craig Finney Leisure Studies and Recreation
Susan Henry Journalism
William Jennings Finance, Real Estate and Insurance
Leonard Rymiszewski Business Law
Jack Winkelman Health Sciences

Faculty Completing 25 Years of Service
Prasanta Barkataki Computer Science
Robert Barker Accounting & Information Systems
G. Michael Barnes Computer Science
Avi Dechter Systems and Operations Management
Edward Dombourian Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics
Richard Ehrrott Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics
Darrin Gitsetan Reference and Instructional Services
Cynthia Rawitch Journalism
Ramin Roosta Electrical and Computer Engineering
Anita Slechta Health Sciences

Faculty Completing 25 Years of Lecturer Service
Charles Allen Urban Studies & Planning
Deborah Brodous Pan African Studies
Marjory Crawford Humanities/Interdisciplinary Program
Launis Look Computer Science
Ilene Rubenstein English

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Students Navigate Difficult But Rewarding Paths to Education

At 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 rethnk 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 for Students (ERS) 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, 25, 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 question 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 influeced over me.”

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.

Christopher Vergien, B.S., Physics
Christopher Vergien has spent the past 15 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 23 percent for their household items. “I was impressed with the campus and the various amenities it provided students,” he said. “I didn’t 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 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 don’t think 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. ■
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 breadth of the college with alumni, donors, emeriti faculty and friends. Faculty presentations will include "Preparing Future Teachers for the Public Schools," Elizabeth Adams (Liberals 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 Capsule and Multidisciplinary Language Learning," Patricia Miller (Modern & Classical Languages and Literature) and "A Special Theatrical Performance by Students." Rick Mitchel (English). RSVP by May 31 with Tina Chewning, x4077 or 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 the 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 grandchildren.

New Chair of Mechanical Engineering
Hamid Jokhari, 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, Jokhari served as associate editor of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Journal of Fluid Engineering from 2003–06.

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.

Publication of @CSUN will resume with the start of the fall 2006 semester. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to publishoffice@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

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/hr/training/courses/index.htm and completing the online registration form for each workshop. fmi—Melissa Billero x3820.

Workshops:
"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”
Audrey Thomas (Oviatt Library), 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

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, 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 Provost Julie Leuders; 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 Switzer, 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.

Deadlines
Human Subjects Approval
Faculty and students performing research with human subjects must 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/~spprot/05_Research/06_HumanSubjectsResearch.html.

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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 has practiced what she preached and brought it to a respectable level. Equaliy 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

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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.

Bianchi Planetarium

For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium.

Telescope viewing will follow the second show.

"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.

"Spring Sky Show"

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