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# Web Registration Feature Offers Customized Class Schedules

*Students Select Desired Courses and Time Constraints, and Online Program Does the Rest*

Registering for classes at Cal State Northridge has just gotten a whole lot easier, starting with the spring 2002 semester.

University officials have launched a new web registration system, billed as one of the first of its kind in the country, that can tailor students' class schedules to their work and personal needs with the touch of a button.

"What we have put together is a program that allows students to give us a list of the courses they want to take, and whatever time restrictions they want, and the program will come up with as many alternative class schedules as it can find that meet students' needs," said Bob Stark, director of application development in the Information Technology Resources division.

"The students can review all the alternatives, find the one they like, hit a button, and they are registered for those classes with a guaranteed seat," Stark said. The new system, available to students through the university's web portal at [my.csun.edu](http://my.csun.edu), is getting its first test this semester with registration for spring classes.



Photos by John McCoy

Northridge students have the option of registering for classes on the web or by using a touch-tone telephone. Those choosing to register on the web now have the additional option of using the new Class Schedule Planning System to meet their specific scheduling needs.

"With almost no publicity, we had more than 1,200 individual students use the

scheduling program during the month of December alone," Stark said.

Student Tracy Talaid, a senior majoring in communications studies, said she was "wowed" as the new system was being demonstrated. "It's an excellent program that caters to students' needs, especially if they need to schedule classes around their work schedules," Talaid said.

Stark said the idea grew out of suggestions made by students in a CSUN computer engineering class. "They had a good idea, but what they proposed was too complicated and didn't go far enough," he said.

CSUN's new Class Schedule Planning System is making it easier for Northridge students to create personalized class schedules via the web. From left to right are Bob Stark, ITR director of application development; Phil Chan, project manager; and Michael Lazar, the web developer who created the program.

University web developers then created a program that tapped into the university's schedule of classes and, at the same time, is able to

monitor when a class is full and no longer available for enrollment.

"It was inevitable that somebody would eventually come up with something like this," said the program's designer, ITR staffer Michael Lazar. "Computer

geeks at colleges across the country have been dreaming of creating something that would make getting your classes easier. I know I did. The problem was, in school, I didn't have access to all the university information, and I didn't have time to do it."

Stark and Lazar said they ran the system by a couple of student focus groups before it was launched to get student feedback, and will continue to monitor how the system is used so they can continue to refine it as student use grows. They are also in the process of copyrighting the system. ■



## Community Connection

By Judy Nutter, Director of Community Relations

This month, I would like to highlight some of the many services and learning opportunities that Cal State Northridge provides to the community—programs that you may not know about that could help solve a problem, perhaps broaden your horizons, or provide some added enjoyment to your life.

There are just too many opportunities for community members here at Cal State Northridge to describe all of them in just one column. So I will highlight four now, and will call others to your attention in future columns.

### SAGE Society

The SAGE Society is a University Learning-in-Retirement Program for intellectually curious older adults. This program consists of three 10-week and one seven-week sessions each year, featuring a variety of study/discussion groups that meet two hours per week. The spring session begins Monday, April 1 with a very interesting and diverse selection of subjects, such as Famous

& Infamous Explorers; How Societies Function; Great Books; Oscar Wilde, and Frauds in Science.

Other SAGE activities include an annual retreat, luncheon forums with recognized experts on subjects of interest, socials, and seminars offered by academic departments at Cal State Northridge. SAGE members also receive preferential placement in a beginning computer class titled "Senior Computers" and free access to the Cal State Northridge computer network.

While SAGE is a nonprofit organization, there is an annual fee to participate, \$200 per individual or \$300 per couple. For spring session listings, call the College of Extended Learning at (818) 831-5064.

### Understanding Our Complex World

Understanding Our Complex World is the broad title of a series of free university seminars featuring distinguished Cal State Northridge faculty members and a former U.S.

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# CSUN International Student Population Ranks in Top 20

*Growth Trend Continues Into This Year, Despite Aftermath of Terrorism*

Cal State Northridge once again has ranked among the top 20 master's level universities in the United States in hosting students from other countries. And despite the aftermath of the terrorist attacks last September, CSUN's international student population has continued to grow even more this year to record levels.

Northridge ranked 17th among hundreds of master's level universities in the nation during the 2000–2001 school year with a population of 1,081 international students on visas related to the campus, according to "Open Doors 2001," an annual national report on international education. Total Northridge enrollment then was 29,066.

Meanwhile, campus officials report that for the current 2001–2002 school year, Northridge's international student population increased 17 percent to 1,264 students during the fall semester, the largest population in memory. Student interest in the Northridge campus also has continued at high levels this spring.

"International students make a major contribution to this campus by the sharing of themselves and the sharing of their cultures," said Shirley Bowens, a Northridge international students advisor. "Learning the differences among different cultures enhances our lives, and I think it also makes us appreciate our own lives more."

The university's international students staff already has interviewed about 250 students who planned to begin their studies at Northridge this spring, most transferring from community colleges. Staff members held a late January orientation session expecting about 80 new students, but found themselves instead greeting about 130 participants.

While there was concern after the September terrorist attacks that the federal government might severely restrict future student visas, Bowens said that prospect has eased some in recent months, although government security checks are taking more time.

The extraordinarily diverse makeup



From left, student Veronika Wagner from Germany; Roopa Rawjee, international student activity coordinator; student Asayo Mise from Japan; and student Stephanie Chu from England.

## 2000–01 Top Master's Level Universities Ranked by Size of International Student Enrollment

Rank	Institution	City	State	Foreign Students	Total Enrollment
1	CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College	New York	NY	3,135	15,730
2	San Francisco State University	San Francisco	CA	2,274	26,491
3	Hawaii Pacific University	Honolulu	HI	2,136	8,218
4	University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	TX	1,838	15,224
5	Cal State Long Beach	Long Beach	CA	1,751	30,918
6	University of Bridgeport	Bridgeport	CT	1,629	2,973
7	University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond	OK	1,610	14,195
8	San Jose State University	San Jose	CA	1,471	26,000
9	National University	La Jolla	CA	1,400	16,462
10	CUNY City College	New York	NY	1,376	12,181
11	Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton	CA	1,269	27,167
12	Cal State Hayward	Hayward	CA	1,264	12,705
13	Rochester Institute of Technology	Rochester	NY	1,247	14,642
14	Eastern Michigan University	Ypsilanti	MI	1,210	23,181
15	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Las Vegas	NV	1,181	22,342
16	Cal Poly Pomona	Pomona	CA	1,088	18,424
17	<b>Cal State Northridge</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>29,066</b>
18	N.Y. Institute of Technology Main Campus – Old Westbury	Old Westbury	NY	1,065	8,034
19	Oklahoma City University	Oklahoma City	OK	1,032	4041
20	D'Youville College	Buffalo	NY	1,025	2397

Source: Open Doors 2001 report

of the international student population at Northridge is a good argument for continuing such interaction. This school year, international students at

Northridge have come from nearly 100 different countries, including the largest concentrations from Asia, continuing the trend of past years.

For fall 2001, Japan was the leading contributor of international students to Northridge with 226 students, followed by Korea with 90, Taiwan with 72, China with 61 and India with 56. Those nations held the same rankings in Northridge's international student population during the prior school year.

"The location of the university has a lot to do with the reason why many Japanese students come to Northridge. The city of Los Angeles is known to virtually everybody in Japan, and going to school near the city may even have some sort of "brand"-ish meaning to some people," said Asayo Mise, a senior communication studies major from Japan.

"I heard about the university through a friend who graduated from Northridge," added Veronika Wagner, a freshman biology major from Germany who also is playing tennis. Wagner cited the opportunity to play tennis, the university's location and its reputation as "a very international school" as her reasons for choosing Northridge.

Indeed, the international student community at Northridge has a lot of company. According to the latest "Open Doors" report, Los Angeles County has the most international students, 24,811, of any county in the nation, while California also is the leading state in hosting such students with 74,281 during 2000–2001.

As in past years, the academic interests of international students at Northridge focus heavily in the business and computer science/engineering fields. During fall 2001, 356 Northridge international students were studying business, followed by 141 in computer science and 101 in engineering.

The College of Arts, Media, and Communication also was well represented, with 65 international students studying radio-television-film/broadcasting, 49 students in music and another 49 in art, according to campus records. Nationally, business and engineering/computer science also were the top picks for international students. ■

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ambassador. This series is already underway, and will continue through Saturday April 13.

Examples of current topics are "U.S. and Middle East Foreign Policy: What Went Wrong?"; "Perspectives on Terrorism, War and Global Community: Finding Long-Term Solutions"; "Economic Outlook for the San Fernando Valley in the Light of Recent Terrorist Events"; and "U.S. News Media Response to Disaster and Terrorism."

All of the seminars are being held in the University Student Union complex on the Cal State Northridge campus. For additional information on the seminars and to register for one or more session, please call (818) 677-2504.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

The first Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in the nation was founded at Cal State Northridge

in 1971. CSUN VITA is a student-operated organization in association with the Internal Revenue Service. The Northridge program is under the direction and supervision of professor Cathy Jeppson, the program's faculty advisor and a Northridge accounting professor.

The purpose of VITA is to assist lower-income taxpayers in preparing their tax returns. Last year, Northridge students prepared 6,000 tax returns, saving the community nearly \$500,000. (See the accompanying article on page 3).

For more information about the VITA program, call (818) 677-4519, e-mail [hfact007@csun.edu](mailto:hfact007@csun.edu), or visit the program's web site at [www.csun.edu/vita/](http://www.csun.edu/vita/).

### Tenant Legal Clinic

The Tenant Legal Clinic, sponsored by Northridge's Business Law Department, provides free legal advice and

services to qualifying low-income tenants experiencing maintenance and habitability problems, illegal withholding of security deposits, retaliation, evictions and related issues. Professor Bruce Zucker serves as directing attorney.

Under the direct and immediate supervision of faculty members licensed to practice law in California, students interview clients, assist them with assessing and identifying their landlord/tenant-related legal problems, write demand letters, and negotiate settlements.

For more information on this program, please call (818) 677-2025.

The university's Snapshots program of campus tours has been enthusiastically received again this semester. Reservations are being received daily. We do have a few spaces open for

two tours later this spring.

On Tuesday, March 5, we will visit Manzanita Hall, which is home to the College of Arts, Media, and Communication, followed by visits to the Daily Sundial student newspaper, the Student Health Center and the National Center on Deafness. Lunch will be at the NCOD.

Then on Tuesday, March 12, we will visit the Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled and see professor Steven Oppenheimer regarding cancer research, followed by demonstrations in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, and lunch in the Botanic Garden. For more information about either of these tours, please give me a call.

As always, if you have other interests or questions, you are welcome to call me at (818) 677-2123, and I'll make sure you get the information you need. ■

# Northridge Achieves One of Top CSU Fundraising Gains

*\$12.4 Million in Contributions During 2000-2001 Sets Campus Record*

Cal State Northridge achieved one of the largest fundraising gains in the 23-campus Cal State system during the most recent year, posting a 58.8 percent increase to a campus-record \$12.4 million in private contributions, according to a new report to the CSU Board of Trustees.

The university's 58.8 percent increase—from \$7.8 million in contributions during 1999–2000 to \$12.4 million during 2000–2001—was the second largest percentage gain among established CSU campuses after only Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. (That also excludes the recently established campuses at Channel Islands and the Maritime Academy).

Under the leadership of President Jolene Koester and Vice President for University Advancement Judy Knudson, Northridge also exactly met its annual 10 percent fundraising goal for the first time. CSU campuses are expected by the Board of Trustees to generate private support equal to at least 10 percent of their net general fund budget each year.

Corporations accounted for the largest share of donation giving to Northridge at \$7.6 million during 2000–2001. Individuals followed with nearly \$2 million, while foundations contributed nearly \$1.7 million. Alumni gave \$425,465, while parents of students added \$48,105. Other organizations gave \$567,203.

In a separate category, Northridge also reported \$18.7 million in special revenue for the year, including \$10.6 million in grants, \$5.5 million in contracts and \$1.7 million in endowment distributions. Combining contributions

with special revenue, the university generated more than \$31 million in total external support for the year.

In another indicator, the trustees report said the value of Northridge's campus endowment has more than

doubled during the prior five years, from \$15.9 million in 1995–1996 to \$38.8 million in 2000–2001. That ranked as the fourth largest campus endowment in the CSU system for the year.

More broadly, the CSU system's external support rose to a record \$916.4 million during 2000–2001. That amount included \$248.2 million in donations, plus \$668.2 million in special revenues.

"Last year's external support increased 4 percent from the previous year and set an all-time record for private support of the CSU," said Louis Caldera, CSU vice chancellor for university advancement. "This support is critical to maintaining excellence in a higher education program that produces annually more than half of California's baccalaureate graduates."

Fundraising has been an institutional priority at all Cal State campuses since 1993 when the university system decided to pursue private donations to supplement state support and other public sources of funding.

External support now represents nearly 17 percent of the CSU's \$5.4 billion annual budget. The CSU spends an average of 17 cents on fundraising per dollar raised. That is close to the national average of 16 cents for other institutions of higher education. But Northridge spends less, about 15 cents on fundraising per dollar raised. ■

## CSU Campus Top Fundraising Results

Campus	1999-2000	2000-2001	Change
Channel Islands	\$726,857	\$2,437,693	+235%
Maritime Academy	\$1,622,551	\$5,368,406	+231%
San Luis Obispo	\$24,614,921	\$43,162,232	+75.3%
<b>Northridge</b>	<b>\$7,776,289</b>	<b>\$12,350,518</b>	<b>+58.8%</b>
Long Beach	\$22,152,957	\$26,627,400	+20.2%
San Diego	\$39,634,776	\$42,097,267	+6.2%
Los Angeles	\$9,555,246	\$9,952,705	+4.2%
Monterey Bay	\$3,786,796	\$3,693,743	-2.5%
Fresno	\$23,654,200	\$22,744,100	-3.8%
Sacramento	\$7,898,310	\$7,418,816	-6.1%

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—Louis Caldera,

CSU Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

# Students Offer Free Tax Help to Low-Income Residents

*University Launched First-of-its-Kind Program, Now With Three Decades of Service*

With federal tax day approaching, Cal State Northridge students are offering free tax preparation assistance to low-income families and individuals through the university's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Low Income Tax Clinic (VITA/LITC) program.

Northridge maintains one of the largest, most successful such programs in the nation. Last year, for example, Northridge students prepared more than 6,000 state and federal tax returns, saving taxpayers nearly \$500,000 in preparation fees.

The tax services are available to those who cannot afford professional tax help at 12 VITA/LITC centers in the San Fernando Valley and greater Los Angeles area. Due to the high demand for tax assistance, eligibility is limited to those with gross annual incomes not exceeding \$45,000.

Each year, about 230 Northridge students go through an intensive training program that prepares them to deal with most of the basic problems taxpayers confront. The training sessions for students provide a thorough background in general tax law and in tax return preparation.

VITA/LITC student supervisors take a more advanced course that includes an update on new tax laws. Internal Revenue Service agents serve as advisors at some VITA/LITC centers, reviewing forms before they are returned to taxpayers.

Taxpayers are encouraged to arrive early at the center to have the best chance of receiving assistance that day, since no appointments are allowed. Specialized services are provided for senior citizens, non-English speaking individuals and those with disabilities.

Prior to visiting a VITA/LITC center, taxpayers should gather tax forms, W-2 forms, interest, dividend, education and mortgage statements (1009-INT, 1099-DIV, 1098-E, 1098), receipts and records for deductions, a copy of last year's tax returns and any other related materials.

The VITA/LITC program began in 1966 with a congressional appropriation. In 1971, Northridge was the first university to launch the VITA/LITC program. Since then, Northridge has assisted colleges and universities across the country in establishing their own programs. ■

## VITA/LITC Service Locations

The following are some of the local VITA/LITC sites and the dates that services will be available there. To confirm the latest program details and service dates, please call (818) 677-4519, e-mail [hfact007@csun.edu](mailto:hfact007@csun.edu), or check the program web site at [www.csun.edu/vita/](http://www.csun.edu/vita/).

<b>CSUN Business Building</b> Wednesdays 5–7:30 p.m.	Room BB2111, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20 and April 3 & 10.
<b>CSUN Business Building</b> Thursdays 5–7:30 p.m.	Room BB2111, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge. Feb. 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4 & 11. (The two CSUN centers will be the only ones with electronic filing provided by the IRS.)
<b>Councilman Dennis Zine's Office</b> Tuesdays 6–8:30 p.m.	19040 Vanowen St., Reseda. Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, and April 2 & 9.
<b>Granada Hills Library</b> Thursdays 4:45–7:15 p.m.	10640 Petit Ave., Granada Hills. Feb. 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4 & 11.
<b>Van Nuys Federal Building</b> Fridays 1:30–4 p.m.	6230 Van Nuys Blvd., #1S14, Van Nuys. Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5 & 12.
<b>Panorama City Library</b> Saturdays 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	14345 Roscoe Blvd., Panorama City. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, April 6 & 13.
<b>Mid-Valley Regional Library</b> Tuesdays 4:45–7:15 p.m.	16244 Nordhoff St., North Hills. Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, April 2 & 9.
<b>United Methodist Church</b> Saturdays 9–11:30 a.m.	9650 Reseda Blvd., Northridge. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, April 6 & 13.
<b>Santa Rosa Center (ESL site)</b> Saturdays 9–11:30 a.m.	511 Kalisher St., San Fernando. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, April 6 & 13.

# Lab School Expands With New Infant/Toddler Program

*New Venture Joins the University's Long-Running Preschool and Kindergarten Programs*

After 37 years of providing affordable preschool and kindergarten programs to the San Fernando Valley, the Child and Family Studies Center at Cal State Northridge (also known as The Lab School) has expanded this spring by launching a new program for infants and toddlers.

Although the new program is already full with a waiting list for infants (ages 2 to 18 months), center Director Barbara Hill said openings remain for toddlers (ages 18 to 30 months). Enrollment in all of the center's programs is open to the community at large on a first-come, first-served basis via application.

"There is a huge need for these programs in the community. The sad thing is, sometimes parents settle for less than quality in selecting child care

and education providers," Hill said. She added that the Northridge program is focused on "responsive care-giving," in which care is specifically geared to youngsters' individual needs.

The new program for infants and toddlers began in early February, and interested parents of toddlers (18 to 30 months) can still apply for the current spring semester. In addition, the center also is now accepting kindergarten enrollments for fall 2002 (youngsters must be age 5 by December 2002 to be eligible).

The Lab School, part of the CSUN's Family Environmental Sciences Department, is dedicated to fostering growth and development of the whole child, as well as forming a partnership with the child's family. The center has run its preschool and kindergarten

programs (for ages 3 to 6 years) since 1965.

"This is really the way we'd like to see all infant and child care training be done," Hill said. The new program will operate with one adult per three infants, and one adult per four toddlers.

The university operates The Lab School and its various programs as a training ground for university students who are pursuing related careers. Each semester, The Lab School has about 75 university students involved in providing care while an additional 400 students do required observation there as part of their studies.

The program hours for the infant/toddler program are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The weekly rate is \$200 for infants and \$185 for toddlers. One advantage for toddlers partici-

pating in the new program is they will be offered subsequent admission to the center's full-day preschool program as openings occur.

Each child in the new program will be assigned a teacher/caregiver, and that individual will stay with the youngster for the time they are in the program "so that the period of attachment and bonding will really be a solid one, rather than having different people handling a child throughout its stay," Hill said.

For more information, contact the Child and Family Studies Center at (818) 677-3131 or visit its web site at [bbd.csun.edu/cfsc](http://bbd.csun.edu/cfsc). The infant and toddler program is located at 18344 A & B Plummer St. The preschool and kindergarten program is located nearby at 18330 Halsted St. ■

## March Calendar

The Associated Students 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 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093 or x2488.

### Art and Exhibits

Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

#### Mother, Weep No More

Ceramic sculptures by Sean Beard and hand stitched textiles by members of the African American Quilt Guild depict the integration of African art traditions into American culture.

Through Sat., June 1.

Performing Arts Center Gallery

#### pARTners: Martin & Lorraine Lubner

The modernist paintings of Lorraine and Martin Lubner reveal two distinctive esthetic paths.

Through Sat., March 2.

Main Art Gallery

#### A Graphics Fest!!!

##### East-West Graphics of Resistance

U.G. Sato of Japan and Lex Drewinsky of Germany present works from the Center for the Study of Political Graphics archives.

##### Selections from Dennis Ryan Collection of Editorial Cartoons

A century of unique drawings created for the mass media.

##### Signs of the Times

A brief look at social and political issues in posters, advertisements, murals, and other mass media.

Mon., March 18 through

Sat., April 20.

Main Art Gallery

### Athletics (home games):

#### Men's Baseball

3/8 UCLA 2:30 p.m.  
3/9 UCLA 1 p.m.

#### Men's Basketball

2/28 Univ. of Idaho 7:05 p.m.  
3/2 Utah State 7:05 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

2/22 UC Riverside 7:05 p.m.  
2/24 Cal State Fullerton 2 p.m.

#### Women's Softball

2/28 LMU (DH) 1 p.m.  
3/9 UC Riverside (DH) Noon  
3/10 UC Riverside Noon  
3/29 UC Santa Barbara (DH) Noon  
3/30 UC Santa Barbara Noon

### Women's Tennis

2/23 UC Riverside 11 a.m.  
3/12 Texas Tech 2 p.m.  
3/13 Bowling Green 2 p.m.  
3/14 Southern Illinois 2 p.m.  
3/16 Yale 11 a.m.  
3/17 Univ. of Idaho 11 a.m.

### Track and Field

3/22-23 Northridge Relays 9 a.m.

### Men's Volleyball

2/27 UCLA 7 p.m.  
3/1 UC Irvine 7 p.m.  
3/15 Hawaii 7 p.m.  
3/16 Hawaii 7 p.m.  
3/19 Rutgers 7 p.m.

### Dance

#### Alice in Wonderland

The State Street Ballet from Santa Barbara has gained national recognition for this presentation. Emmy Award-winner Robert Sund choreographs an original production with music by Jean Sibelius.

Sun., March 17, 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$19.50 general; \$15 seniors and students; \$10 CSUN students.

### Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): \$10 general, \$7 faculty, staff and seniors, \$5 students.

#### Alumni Recital Series and Friends

Edward Kawakami conducts. Clarinetist Steve Martinez and violinist Beth Elliot perform.  
Sun., Feb. 24, 8 p.m.  
Music Recital Hall

#### CSUN Jazz "A" Band

Matt Harris directs.  
Fri., March 1, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

#### Acoustic Music Series' Folk & Roots Music Festival

Some of the finest musicians in the acoustic music world come together for this one-day festival.  
Sat., March 2, 1-11 p.m., with a break for dinner.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$39 front orchestra; \$32 side orchestra; \$25 rear orchestra.

### CSUN Youth Orchestra Philharmonic

Jerry Luedders directs and conducts.  
Sun., March 3, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

### CSUN Wind Ensemble

Glenn Price conducts.  
Fri., March 8, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

### Cleo Laine and John Dankworth Concert

Part of the Jazz@5 Series and All That Jazz.  
Sat., March 9, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$45 front orchestra, \$40 side orchestra, \$20 rear orchestra.

### Faculty Composer's Recital

Featuring works by Daniel Hosken, Daniel Kessner, Elizabeth Sellers and William Toutant.  
Sat., March 9, 8 p.m.  
Music Recital Hall

### Faculty Artist Series

Pianists Yumi Livesay and Steven Cooke perform.  
Sun., March 10, 8 p.m.  
Music Recital Hall

### CSUN Youth Orchestra Camerata Strings

Kimberly Blake-Kilgore conducts.  
Youth Symphony  
Edward Kawakami conducts.  
Sun., March 10, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center

### Faculty Artist Series

Timothy Howard, organist.  
Judy Farmer, bassoonist.  
Julia Heinen, clarinetist.  
David Washburn, trumpet.  
Fri., March 15, 8 p.m.  
Northridge Center

### American Guitar Society International Concert Series

Guitarist Carlos Barbosa-Lima.  
Sat., March 16, 8 p.m.  
Music Recital Hall.  
\$12 general; \$10 AGS members; \$8 seniors and students.

### Guest Artist Series

Max Lifchitz composing.  
Sun., March 17, 8 p.m.  
Music Recital Hall

### Osiris Piano Trio

Dutch musicians Ellen Corver, Peter Brunt and Larissa Groeneveld perform.  
Mon., March 18, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$24 adults; \$19 seniors; \$7 students; \$5 CSUN students.  
For tickets, call (310) 552-3030.

### Guest Artist Series

Laurie Lewis Trio  
Fri., March 22, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$19.50 general; \$15 seniors and students; \$10 CSUN students.

### Taiko

Hear the thunderous rhythms and see the visual artistry of the Taiko Center of Los Angeles as the group performs traditional and contemporary Japanese taiko drumming works.  
Sat., March 23, 8 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$10 general; \$8 students.

### "Show of the Month" Celebrity Series Take Me Out to the Movies

A musical tribute to the Academy Awards starring Jane Russell and "Flamingo" singer Herb Jeffries, Horace Heidt Jr. and his orchestra and comedian Hank Garcia.  
Sun., March 24, 3 p.m.  
Performing Arts Center  
\$35 general; \$30 CSUN faculty, staff and students.  
For tickets, call (818) 785-8885.

### Top Girls

Anything can happen when history's most celebrated and infamous women gather across time for a no-holds-barred "sorority" lunch. Directed by Jules Aaron.  
Fri., Feb. 22, 8 p.m.  
Sat., Feb. 23, 8 p.m.  
Sun., Feb. 24, 5 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 27, 7 p.m.  
Thu., Feb. 28, 8 p.m.  
Fri., March 1, 8 p.m.  
Sat., March 2, 8 p.m.  
Sun., March 3, 5 p.m.  
Little Theater  
\$10 general; \$7 faculty, staff, seniors and students.

### Theater/Performance

#### Other Americas: Our Many Voices

A festival of one-act plays featuring various playwrights celebrating east and west and north and south. Presented on two separate bills—Red and Blue. Blue show is for mature audiences.

#### Red:

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