Selected Distinctions and Recognitions

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- CSUN kinesiology students will be represented at the White House in recognition of the video produced for First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move 2012 campaign to end childhood obesity.

- CSUN’s Center of Achievement through Adapted Physical Activity educates future professionals while providing affordable exercise programming. The Center serves as a model for similar programs worldwide.

- The Environmental and Occupational Health program at CSUN is the largest such accredited program in the nation.

- CSUN has a 40-year history of training physical therapists; select CSUN physical therapy students perform internships in spring training with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

- The CSUN Radiologic Sciences program is affiliated with 16 medical centers in the greater Los Angeles area, including UCLA and Cedars Sinai Medical Centers.

- The newly opened Valley Performing Arts Center at CSUN is a LEED Gold-certified state-of-the-art 1,700 seat theatre that has earned numerous national and regional architecture design awards. Having finished its first full year of programming, the Center has exceeded attendance projections.

- The Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication at CSUN supports K-12 arts education in southern California, hosting more than 12,000 students and teachers at K-12 matinee programs in 2011-12.

- CSUN faculty in the arts and humanities include nationally and internationally recognized artists and musicians who are regularly invited to perform, teach, and exhibit around the world. A CSUN Linguistics professor was ranked as one of Princeton Review’s best 300 professors in America.

- These same faculty nurture and grow the talent of CSUN students. For example, a senior student film project was showcased at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival, CSUN’s nationally acclaimed Jazz “A” Band is regularly selected to perform at the prestigious Monterey Jazz Festival, and CSUN’s student newspaper, The Daily Sundial, has amassed numerous awards including from the Society for Professional Journalists and the Los Angeles Press Club.

- Serving the unique needs of the southern California region, CSUN offers specialized programs such as a Spanish-Language Journalism and Music Industry Studies, and is home to the only Central American Studies degree program in the nation.

- CSUN’s Tseng College of Extended Learning is the largest California public university extended education program serving midcareer professionals and their employers with graduate degree programs, undergraduate degree completion programs, and fully online degree programs.

- The Tseng College partners with numerous school districts, city and county governments, public agencies, and other organizations to provide degree, certificate, and extended learning opportunities for employees of partnering organizations, and connects business and industry needs for applied research with faculty expertise in multiple disciplines.

- CSUN currently has MOUs with 55 institutions of higher education in 19 countries around the globe, including China, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, Germany, Mexico, and Brazil.

- CSUN enrolls more than 36,000 students and ranks 10th in the U.S. in bachelor’s degrees awarded to under-represented minority students. It is 5th in the U.S. and 1st in California for bachelor’s degrees and 10th nationally for master’s degrees to Hispanic students.

- The National Science Foundation ranks CSUN 1st, 2nd, and 5th nationally among comprehensive universities preparing students who later earn doctorate degrees in psychology, science and engineering, and biology, respectively.

- The National Center on Deafness at CSUN enrolls the largest number of deaf students of any mainstream university in the U.S.
• For 3 decades, CSUN has hosted the annual International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference, the largest of its kind.

• CSUN educates and credentials more teachers than the entire UC system combined. The 2012 National Teacher of the Year is a graduate of CSUN’s Michael D. Eisner College of Education.

• For over 25 years, CSUN’s Valley Trauma Center has served children and adults affected by interpersonal violence. The center last year responded to 1,800 crisis calls, accompanied more than 700 assault victims to evidentiary examinations, and facilitated the permanency of nearly 250 foster youth into stable and loving homes.

• CSUN was 1 of only 4 universities in the U.S. initially selected by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to participate in its Teachers for a New Era initiative.

• CSUN’s engineering program is recognized by the American Society for Engineering Education as the fastest-growing undergraduate engineering program in the country. Funding awarded to CSUN by the U.S. Department of Education’s Hispanic-Serving Institutions STEM Program is used to increase the number of underrepresented and low-income students studying engineering and computer science.

• Several CSUN biology professors partner with UCLA faculty in the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Bridges to Stem Cell Research program to train undergraduate and graduate students in cutting-edge stem cell research techniques.

• CSUN faculty and students in the STEM fields are engaged in cutting-edge work in renewable energy, materials engineering, robotics, software engineering and enterprise computing, and climate change. This research is funded by the National Science Foundation, National Institutes for Health, and other federal and private grants.

• Geologists at CSUN have established a research program in plate tectonics and earthquake prediction rivaling programs at major research universities.

• CSUN physics faculty partner with Princeton University on state-of-the-art computational materials research.

• Students studying robotics at CSUN have garnered international recognition, achieving first place awards in two consecutive years in competitions hosted by the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

• CSUN anthropology faculty have partnered with the Institute for Field Research to offer field schools in 15 countries, connecting CSUN with a global network of institutions, scholars and students.

• The Center for Geographical Studies at CSUN has become the focal point of wetland assessment and policy development in California.

• For more than a decade, students in CSUN’s Model United Nations program have consistently garnered top honors at national and international conferences.

• The CSUN College of Business and Economics is among the 10 largest accredited undergraduate business programs in the U.S., and is recognized in the Princeton Review’s list of Best Business Schools. CSUN part-time MBA program is ranked as among the best programs of its type by U.S. News and World Report.

• CSUN accounting majors rank among the top 3 California programs in pass rates on the CPA exam. One-third of all managing partners of accounting firms in southern California are CSUN alumni.

• CSUN students through the Colmer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program assist low income families and individuals with tax form preparation; the Bookstein Tax Clinic provides federal tax controversy resolution services to low-income taxpayers.

• CSUN faculty and students in the College of Health and Human Development engage in research funded by the CDC, the National Library of Medicine, the UN Environment Programme, HUD, and the USDA.

• More than one-fourth of all speech-language pathologists in California are CSUN graduates. CSUN’s Language, Speech and Hearing Center serves 15,000 community clients annually.