University and LAUSD Launch New Academy High School

Joint Project Will be the San Fernando Valley’s First New LAUSD High School in 30 Years

California State University
Northridge

The high school, known as Valley New High School #1 until a permanent name is chosen, will accommodate about 800 ninth through twelfth graders at any one time, with a total year-round enrollment of about 1,130. The school will serve students who live nearby, helping reduce overcrowding at Monroe, Granada Hills and Cleveland high schools.

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Kennedy Turns Matador Baseball Magic Loose on the Majors
Three Home Run Feat Puts Alumnus in Record Book Alongside Babe Ruth and Spurs Angels to World Series

Adam Kennedy, at CSUN then and now with the World Series Champion Anaheim Angels.

What Cal State Northridge fans have known for years now—the entire nation and even the world has suddenly discovered. Baseball alumus Adam Kennedy—who rocketed from being CSUN’s best-ever baseball player to the Anaheim Angels’ sudden ticket to the World Series—can be one heck of a slugger.

The 26-year-old Kennedy, a CSUN shortstop from 1995-97 in his third season as the Angels’ second baseman, wrote himself into the record books and delivered “the best game of my life”. On Sunday, October 13 against the Minnesota Twins, he hit three home runs in a single playoff game to help the Angels clinch their World Series and only the fifth player batting record. Now he’s the first holder of virtually every Matador records, including batting average (.482), hits (337), doubles (63), triples (18), RBI (124) and sacrifice flies (11). He also holds a half dozen single-season CSUN records, including from 1997 batting average (.482), hits (154), runs (96), doubles (52) and RBI (99).

Matadors in the Majors

Adam Kennedy 1999 (St. Louis Cardinals) 2000-current (Anaheim Angels)
Robert Fick 1998-current (Detroit Tigers)
Jeremy Hernandez 1991-93 (San Diego Padres), 1993 (Cleveland Indians), 1994-1995 (Florida Marlins)
Steve Ellsworth 1988 (Boston Red Sox)
Gil Kubski 1980 (California Angels)
Jason Thompson 1976-80 (Detroit Tigers), 1980 (California Angels) 1981-85 (Pittsburgh Pirates), 1986 (Expos)
Lyman Bostock 1975-77 (Minnesota Twins), 1978 (California Angels)
Paul Edmonson 1969 (Chicago White Sox)

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software and videocassettes. Supplemental resources such as idea books for lesson planning and classroom strategies with diverse student populations also are an integral part of the collection. When I visited the TCC with my graduate assistant, Kevin Mojaradi, we were amazed at the wide variety of materials and enjoyed challenging the librarian with questions about resources on various subjects. There was something available for every subject we suggested. Along with the written materials, we saw colorful and clever visual aids such as puppets and dolls, special dolls with various disabilities, maps, globes, games, videos, costumes and music—all relating to lessons in areas such as social sciences, world history, geography, economics, special education, and many more.

The TCC has an audio/video equipment area where instructional materials can be previewed and/or created. This area includes personal computers, CD players, sound filmstrip viewers, letter and paper cutters, decorative edge scissors, die cuts and punches. There is a wide variety of die cut designs available to decorate a classroom bulletin board or a child’s bedroom. At the end of our visit, Kevin and I sampled some of the die cuts and brought back a variety of animals for the bulletin board in our office.

The TCC has wonderful kits that aid in teaching about a multitude of cultures, and about careers, music, plants, dinosaurs, sea life, international holidays and more.

The university library’s collection of children and young adult’s fiction and non-fiction likewise is housed in the TCC. This collection includes national award-winning titles as well as a representative collection of various genres of juvenile literature. I found several classic children’s stories that I remember reading to my daughter’s elementary school classes. And there’s more…large picture books for specific subjects from hamsters and animals to Mozart and from flowers to astronomy. You can also find sets of famous art prints and even collections of cardboard dolls in ethnic costumes. For very small children, there are many big picture books available.

All of these wonderful and fun educational materials can be found in the TCC, which is located in library room 26. They can be borrowed with your Oviatt Library card or with a Community Users Card that you can obtain from the TCC for the nominal fee of $15 per year.

If you have questions, the phone number for the TCC is (818) 677-2501. And if you visit the TCC, please don’t hesitate to ask for assistance. The librarians are very knowledgeable, most helpful and will be pleased to answer questions and point out special resources for your needs.

Until next month… ■
Private sector employment in the San Fernando Valley grew by nearly 2 percent last year, a significant improvement over the prior year, although housing remains tight and local unemployment claims have hit an eight-year high, according to a new report by researchers in Cal State Northridge’s College of Business and Economics.

Valley private sector employment grew by 1.9 percent during 2001, compared to a 0.2 percent rate in 2000. The Valley’s private sector added 12,704 jobs during 2001, growing from an average of 566,678 jobs in 2000 to 669,442 jobs last year. Valley private sector payroll grew by a fairly healthy 5.7 percent in 2001, compared to 4.7 percent in 2000. Meanwhile, normal seasonal employment patterns are expected to help push unemployment claims lower in the months ahead, a trend that could be reinforced by a continuation of the Valley’s recent job growth, said professor Daniel Blake, director of the college’s San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center.

“The report highlights two of the main issues facing the Valley—jobs and housing,” Blake said. “The Valley’s 2 percent overall job growth is particularly impressive when you consider that last year was a recession year, the events of September 11 happened, and last year was a recession year, the events of September 11 happened, and the Valley’s very important job generator—the entertainment industry—shed 8,080 jobs in the area.”

More troubling, according to Blake, is the state of housing in the Valley. “The housing crunch is alive and well in the Valley,” he said. “Growing housing demand has outstripped supply and resulted in rapidly rising prices and rents. Policies and actions that promote a responsive housing supply would stabilize prices and rents, and would help avoid a future housing bubble.”

The center released its annual report on the state of the San Fernando Valley economy during the 14th annual Business Forecast Conference of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), which was held Friday, November 1 at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel.

According to the report, the recession pushed unemployment claims to eight-year highs in the first two quarters of 2002, not only in the Valley, but also in Los Angeles County and the rest of California. However, Blake cautioned that the negative unemployment claims picture does not necessarily mean the Valley is still in the grip of a recession, since unemployment increases tend to lag behind other indicators of economic activity. Among the other findings in the report:

Housing: The median price for resale homes in the Valley hit $320,000 in June, compared to a median price of $279,000 for Los Angeles County. The Valley’s median home price—the price at which half the homes sell for more and half sell for less—has been climbing dramatically since early 1998.

Vacancies: The Valley’s apartment vacancy rates, averaging 2.8 percent in the second quarter of 2002, continue to be substantially below national levels despite the recession. Vacancy rates have declined dramatically in the past six years. The Valley’s apartment vacancy rate has fallen faster and farther than the rate for the city of Los Angeles, which is nearly a percentage point higher.

Traffic: The 101 freeway at the 405 topped the charts as the busiest freeway segment in the Valley in terms of peak load at 22,100 vehicles per hour and annual daily traffic at 220,000 vehicles. Elsewhere, peak loads and average volumes increased mostly where they could, largely in the north and east Valley areas.

Entertainment: The Valley’s entertainment industry employment decreased by 8.5 percent in 2001, but industry payroll rose by 2.9 percent. Valley entertainment jobs fell by 8,800 to just above 96,000. But at 14.4 percent of the Valley’s total private sector employment, entertainment continued to be a major contributor to the area’s economy.

—Carmen Ramos Chandler

Business Law Professor Earns State Bar Service Award

Bruce Zucker Honored for Pro Bono Legal Work Helping Students, the Poor and Underprivileged

Cal State Northridge business law professor Bruce Zucker has been honored by the State Bar of California with its 2002 President’s Pro Bono Service Award for his commitment to providing legal services to the underprivileged, prisoners and parolees.

Zucker was one of nine attorneys and legal teams honored at the bar’s annual meeting in Monterey on October 11. California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George and State Bar President Karen Nobumoto gave the awards in nine categories, including Zucker’s for government service.

“I didn’t expect to get this award. The only honor for me is the recognition I get from my students. But being acknowledged by my peers is a dose of action,” said Zucker. “Often for things to change in communities, the only remedy is to hire legal representation, and access to justice for low-income people is just absent.”

Zucker’s award was based on the more than 150 hours of pro bono legal work he provided during the past year while also serving as a full-time CSUN faculty member. He founded and directs the university’s Tenant Legal Clinic, where CSUN students perform community service by helping low-income families with tenant/landlord issues.

Zucker attributed his nomination to a case he and 10 of his clinic students handled in which an elderly, low-income couple faced eviction because of clutter in their apartment. The professor and his students first stepped in, cleaning up the home. Then when the landlord continued to pursue eviction, Zucker took the case to court and won the couple the right to stay in their home.

“I like the study of law more than the practice, and teaching gives me the flexibility to take cases that interest me,” Zucker said. “When a case comes my way, I get so incensed that this staff is happening and there is no one to correct it, so I have to get involved.”

Zucker credited the university with encouraging community service work by his professors, in addition to their academic research, teaching and university service. Zucker said he tries to bring that experience back to his students through the service-learning classes he teaches.

Zucker gets his CSUN students quite involved doing research, trial briefs, discovery requests and interviewing clients. He also takes them to court for experience in the judicial process.

In addition to his teaching and CSUN tenant legal clinic work, Zucker also volunteers as supervising attorney for the Van Nuys Self-Help Legal Access Center. In that role, he enlisted 19 of his students to help translate and distribute foreign language flyers for clients needing court interpreters.

That type of service spurred the legal center, which is part of Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, to nominate Zucker for his award. The Self-Help Legal Access Center of the Ventura County Superior Court also nominated Zucker for his work there as a judge pro tem in small claims court.

“Bruce Zucker’s work demonstrates compassion for the forgotten members of our society, namely the poor and prisoners,” said Tina Rasnow, coordinator of the Ventura County center. Among his pro bono cases, Zucker represents parolees in appeals of revocation hearing decisions.

The bar association’s Pro Bono Service Awards are presented each year to California attorneys and law firms credited with contributing a significant amount of time and legal expertise in helping the poor.

Zucker earned his bachelor’s degree from UCLA and his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. He joined the CSUN faculty in 1996. He teaches real estate law and finance in the university’s College of Business and Economics.

—Deborah Catanese
CSUN Working Hard Through New Programs and Facilities to Become More Indispensable to the Community

Strengthening Community Connections Becomes Major Goal

From campus tours to community newsletters to facilities aimed at enhancing the university’s service to its region, Cal State Northridge has launched a series of new initiatives in recent years to strengthen the university’s connections with its surrounding community.

Strengthening connections is one of four major priorities that CSUN President Jolene Koester emphasized upon her arrival at the university. In the ensuing 2½ years, the university’s various divisions and departments have responded with a series of programs aimed at making CSUN even more indispensable to its community. The University Advancement Division is hosting its increasingly popular “Snapshots” campus tours program, now in its second year. About a dozen times each year, CSUN University Relations Director Judy Nutter escorts groups of 10 community members through different CSUN facilities and academic programs, ending each session with a campus lunch.

Also within University Advancement, CSUN now is in its second year of publishing a monthly community newsletter titled “Community @CSUN,” which parallels the campus’ internal faculty-staff newspaper known as “BCSUN.” The informative newsletter is mailed each month during the academic year to more than 10,000 campus neighbors and friends.

Several community-oriented ventures also are underway relating to university facilities. CSUN and the Los Angeles Unified School District recently broke ground on the new Academy High School project planned on campus, a joint venture between the two entities aimed at creating a model academic program for local Valley students. In late March, the university has scheduled a grand opening ceremony for its new Abbot and Linda Brown Western Center for Adaptive Aquatic Therapy, which will allow CSUN’s Center of Achievement for the Physically Disabled to expand its services to hundreds of additional community members with major physical disabilities. CSUN also is reaching out through its arts programs, first through the creation of the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, an umbrella entity aimed at helping the university better market its arts programs, and now through announced plans to pursue construction of a 1,600-seat Performing Arts Center on campus in the coming years.

The university also has been strengthening its connections with the Valley’s business community, through President Koester’s recent election to the executive committee of the San Fernando Valley Economic Alliance, and through the work of CSUN’s San Fernando Valley Economic Research Center and its annual report on the Valley’s economy.

CSUN December Calendar

Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

Art and Exhibits

emBodyment

An exhibition dealing with issues of physical form, sexuality, spirituality, identity, the mind and the health of Asian Pacific Islanders. Through Wed., Nov. 27.

West Gallery

Masks: The Spirit of Michoacan

Mask exhibit at the Anahiem Museum, 241 S. Anaheim Blvd., features the art of Juan Horta Castillo. The artist’s innovative work fuses ancient Michoacan and contemporary styles with international influences. CSUN journalism chair Kent Kirkton is curator of the exhibit. For more information and admission prices, call (714) 778-3301. Through Sun., April 3, 2003.

Sixth Annual Invitational High School Exhibition

Nearly 300 students from 56 San Fernando Valley high schools showcase their paintings, sculptures, video, graphic design and mixed media. Fri., Dec. 6 through Sat., Jan. 11, 2003.

Main Art Gallery

Spiritual Expressions: Rassoul-Jenik-Mozafarian

Surrealist works by three American-Iranian artists from Southern California that share their rich symbolism of Persian mystic poetry. Through Sun., Dec. 22.

Performing Arts Center Gallery

Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra

A part of the Jazz @ Night Series. The Clayton-Hamilton Jazz Orchestra is an all-star lineup of Los Angeles-based musicians. Sat., Nov. 23, 8 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 24, 1:30 & 5 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball

11/21 Cal Poly SLO 7 p.m.
11/23 UC Santa Barbara 7 p.m.

Music

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

Chamber Music Recital

Mon., Nov. 18, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Studio Jazz Band

Wed., Nov. 20, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

CSUN Steel Drum Band

Gee Rabe directs.
Thu., Nov. 21, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Wind Symphony

Glenn Price conducts.
Wed., Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

CSUN Symphony

John Rossogino conducts works by Brahms, Mozart, Britten and Janacek.
Thu., Dec. 5, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Rehearsal for the American Guitar Society, Tali Roth, guitar.
Sat., Nov. 23, 1 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

American Guitar Society

International Guitar Concert Series: Tal Roth, guitar.
Sat., Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Matador Master Chorale

Paul Smith directs.
Tue., Nov. 26, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Pacifica Symphony Orchestra

Recording label for the Eastman Wind Ensemble.
Glenn Price conducts.
Sun., Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Paul Smith directs.
Mon., Nov. 25, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Matador Jazz Orchestra

Paul Smith directs.
Tue., Nov. 26, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

Opera Workshop

Ann Baltz directs.
Thu., Dec. 5, 8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall

CSUN Wind Ensemble

A grand salute to the Eastman Wind Ensemble.
Glenn Price conducts.
Sun., Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

The Nutcracker

Pacific Dance Academy
Sat., Dec. 14, 4 & 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 15, 1:30 & 5 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

The A.S. Ticket Office in Nordhoff Hall 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) 677-2488.