Commencement Features Grads, Special Speakers

CSUS kicks off the region’s graduation season on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, with seven ceremonies at Arco Arena. This year’s commencement will feature what could be the largest graduating class in the University’s history, with 3,865 students eligible to participate. When graduates from the recent fall commencement are included, the class of 2000-01 could reach 6,000 students. The largest previous class was 5,239 in 1993-94.

The ceremonies will feature an impressive group of speakers and individuals receiving special awards from the University. Gail Jones, who guided the growth of Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) for two decades, will receive the President’s Award at the ceremonies for the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies at 4:30 p.m., Friday. The award is given periodically to an individual who provides outstanding service to the University, to higher education or to the public and common good.

Dorothy Enomoto and Grantland Johnson will each receive honorary doctorates. Enomoto has spent her life fighting for the rights of women and minorities, and was one of 10 women featured by the Sacramento History Museum as a “Woman in History.” Johnson, a CSUS alumnus, is the secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency and has held numerous elected and public service positions in the Sacramento Region.

Enomoto will receive her award and speak to graduates at the ceremony for the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies. Johnson will receive the President’s Award at the ceremony for the College of Business and Public Administration. The ceremonies will feature an impressive array of special speakers.

For commencement schedule, see events calendar on page 4

President’s Year-end Message

As the academic year comes to a close, it is gratifying to reflect on University accomplishments over previous months.

Certainly the Capital Region as a whole benefited as we reached out in myriad ways to improve our surrounding community. The University has been deeply involved with Valley Vision and its Capital Region Institute, working with business and education partners to find creative approaches to regional challenges. Our off-campus arts programs continue to inspire young children, and the University’s future in the arts community holds even greater promise with our planned Center for the Performing Arts. The new Steven Lee Yamshon Alumni Center and renovated Julia Morgan House have become popular sites for community and special events.

This year’s United Way campaign on campus was our best ever, once again demonstrating the campus community's generosity. Our students, who always give of their time as volunteers and mentors, organized a special community service day for Cesar Chavez Day and rallied for a highly successful 24-hour blood drive on campus. In large part due to faculty and student interest, the number of classes which include service learning components continues to grow.

We strengthened our international role, as well. Among other efforts, we helped found a new Consular Corps in Sacramento to promote international relations and trade, and we’re helping a group in Nigeria develop a version of our award-winning LegiSchool Project.

Of course, we also took time to look inward during a “Year of Unity.” We worked diligently to shape a more understanding and compassionate University community. We strove to strengthen this campus as a model for the Capital Region and our increasingly diverse state, making a clear statement that our rich diversity of backgrounds is one of our most important assets.

Each of the seven Colleges, as well as academic and support units across campus, participated in the Year of Unity effort. It often seemed not a day went by when there wasn’t a related lecture, workshop or other special event. Issues related to diversity and unity were constantly brought forth at campus gatherings.

Students, Seniors Pair for Shared Education

What can a 78-year-old former attorney and a 20-year-old college junior have in common? They’re both learning about the aging process with the help of some people well-versed in the subject.

It’s part of the University’s Gerontology 103 course. Each student is paired with a senior volunteer at a local senior housing project. Through in-person, telephone and even e-mail visits, the students help their senior clients by developing a care plan to meet the senior’s needs. In the process they build friendships and learn about a host of aging-related issues.

The class has been an eye-opener for student and senator alike. “I feel lucky that we had the opportunity to meet with our 20-year-old client. Marilyn walked her around and took her under her wing,” Bell says. Bell is also happy that her work with her new client will allow her to see Marilyn from time to time.

Robin Ohanesian’s experience kindled her interest in a career as an owner and operator of senior housing facilities. The 20-year-old real estate minor said her client taught her a lot.

Luncheon Honors University Service

More than 130 CSUS employees were honored for their years of service to the campus at the annual Staff Recognition Day Awards Ceremony and Luncheon last week. The event recognized CSUS staff and administrators, as well as employees of Associated Students and the CSUS Foundation, for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

This year 132 employees were honored. Among the recipients were two who have worked at CSUS for 35 years: Jacqueline De Korte, assistant director of financial aid, and Elroy Littlefield, executive director of the CSUS Foundation.

President’s F all A ddress

President Gerth’s fall address to the campus community will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23 in the Music Recital Hall. A gathering for coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m. will precede the address.
The CSUS Bulletin welcomes submissions to the Professional Activities section from faculty, administration and staff. Items are run on a space available basis. They should be no longer than 75 words and may be submitted to bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5290.

Recognition

Judy Quattrocki, recreation and leisure studies and Capital University Service Corps/AmeriCorps coordinator, was recognized for providing "Outstanding Community Programs" to the Cordova community at the annual Rancho Cordova Community Council Annual Awards dinner in April. She was also presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the U.S. Rep. Richard W. Pombo, a Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Community Programs from state Sen. Michael Machado, a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblyman Anthony Pescetti and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

In the News

Robert Fountain, special assistant to the President for regional development, was quoted in an April 20 Sacramento Business Journal article about the growth of McClennen Business Park. He was also quoted in an April 5 San Jose Mercury News article about workers moving to Sacramento to escape San Francisco’s high cost of living.

Craig Kelly, management, was featured in a March Comstock’s magazine story about his "Building Relationships on the Golf Course" seminars for students.

Arthur Jensen, management, was the subject of a Feb. 23 Sacramento Bee article about his economic forecast.

Felicienne Ramsey, dean of the College of Business Administration, was quoted in a March Comstock’s magazine article about African Americans in the workforce.

David Leon, Chicano studies, was quoted in an April 30 Sacramento Bee article about Chicano figures.

Nancy Kalm, psychology, was the focus of an article in the April 16 Parade magazine. The article discussed her survey that revealed that many rekindled love relationships are successful.

Ken DeBow, government, was quoted in an April 7 Associated Press article on California’s energy crisis.

Scholarship

Denise Marshall-Mills and Al Striplin, Educational Opportunity Program, and Rita Mannino, ethnic studies, conducted a workshop entitled "Cultural Competency or Bust!" at the National Academic Advising Association Regional 9 Conference, April 18-20 in Sacramento. At the same conference, Striplin, Jesus Tanago and Nancy Alish, Chicano studies, were selected to present their paper titled "Early German Romanticism." The article discussed a paper presented at the Urban Institute’s Welfare Reform Symposium held at San Francisco State University in April. He shared the results of a system-wide survey of CSU campuses participating in welfare reform programs.

Fred Beard, mechanical engineering, will present three papers at the 2001 annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education, in Anchorage, N.M. in May.

Funding

California Department of Education, which is available on its website. The report estimates the private system would have initial costs ranging from $165,500 to as high as $5.7 million if the state does not plan adequately for the conversion.

More information is available by contacting Jounganitas at 739-1132.

— Frank Whitlatch

Study, Free Food Costs Schools Too Much

Getting USDA surplus food to schoolchildren could be cheaper — $1.3 million a year cheaper in fact, according to a new report by CSUS researchers.

The eight-month, $100,000 study, which was funded on behalf of the California Department of Education, recommends privatizing the 40 percent of surplus food delivery now carried out by the department. The food is given to school districts to be used in school lunch programs.

The report estimates the private sector can deliver the food for $2.40 weighted average cost per case, compared to the $3.44 plus headquarters charges that is costs the state to deliver each case.

Nationwide, 39 states have fully privatized their systems for delivering surplus food to school districts, the report says. Just one, Montana, has returned to a partially state-run system.

"The state could feasibly privatize this operation, no question," says one of the report’s authors, CSUS economics professor George Jounganitas. "Of course they have to be careful and reduce any risks from privatization by effective planning. Regardless of the location of the school, the student has equal rights to this food."

Jounganitas and his co-authors caution that converting to a privatized system would have initial costs ranging from $165,500 to as high as $5.7 million if the state does not plan adequately for the conversion.

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Report Shows Libraries Popular, but Lack Funds

Study of California residents shows 40 percent of overall library funding. Municipal libraries serve the remaining 48 percent of residents, and have 60 percent of overall funding.

The declines have occurred despite strong demand for library services from voters, according to the report. It lays the blame on economic factors, ballot propositions that constrain local government budgets and state budget actions.

The California Institute for County Government, which published the report, studies county policy and fiscal issues and offers consulting to county government. In addition to publishing occasional Perspectives and Research Briefs, the institute maintains extensive county statistical information, much of which is available on its website.

Copies of the report are available at www.ciag.org, or by contacting the institute at (916) 324-0796 or info@ciag.org.

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Professional Activities

The last two decades have brought serious declines in funding and service levels for California libraries, according to a new report from the California Institute for County Government. The institute is affiliated with the Center for California Studies at CSUS.

Despite the economic good fortune of the 1990s, the report says, California’s support for libraries remains below that of the 1970s. In fact, the state’s library service now ranks among the lowest in the nation. For example, in 1997, the most recent year for which data is available, the report says California libraries is a world leader in terms of the percentage of the nation in staffing. That’s down from 34% in 1990. In the same years, the state’s libraries have fallen from 30% to 41% in circulation per capita.

But the state rankings don’t tell the whole story. Local government funds libraries, and the report says county and special district libraries have been hit especially hard. Combined, these libraries now serve 52 percent of California residents with just 40 percent of overall library funding.

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Grants

Matt McCormick, philosophy, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to participate in a summer seminar titled “Nature, Art and Politics after Kant: Reevaluating Early German Romanticism.” The seminar will be at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Colo. in July.

Len Wycosky, Educational Opportunity Program, conducted a workshop entitled “Developing a Freshman Year ‘Opportunity Program (EOP) Model.”

Arthur Williamson, history, presented a paper titled “San Francisco, the Iberian Global Empire” to the Northern California Renaissance Conference on May 5 at UC Davis.

Betty Rosanueva and Debbie Rosenstock, library, have been selected to present their paper titled “Library Research Instruction for Distance Learners” at the fourth international conference on Libraries Without Walls in Lovosv, Greece in September.

Eric Glaab, student affairs, was a speaker at the Urban Institute’s Welfare Reform Symposium, held at San Francisco State University in April. He shared the results of a system-wide survey of CSU campuses participating in welfare reform programs.

Fred Beard, mechanical engineering, will present three papers at the 12th International Hypoxia Symposium in Jasper, Canada in February. The presentation was titled "Female Blood Lactate Concentrations are Unchanged with Submaximal Exercise Intensities Under Acute Hypobaric Hypoxia."

Larry Chase and Ray Kogel, communication Studies, presented “Teaching Conflict-Mediated Instruction: A Preliminary Assessment,” at the Central California Conference on Assessing Student Learning held at Fresno State April 27-28.

Walter Kanamoto, family and consumer sciences, edited a special issue of American Behavioral Scientist. The issue was titled “Understanding American Indian Families.”

Catastrophic Leave has been approved for Duane Rauch, university media services, and Duane Deal, facilities management.

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Joan Boyd Retires

An employee who celebrated 40 years of service to the University at last year’s Staff Recognition Day, is marking another milestone in her CSUS career – retirement. Joan Boyd, a familiar face to countless students, faculty and staff members through her work in the College of Business Administration, will step down in June.

In 1959, on a recommendation from her counselor at American River College, Boyd applied for a job at Sacramento State College. Since then, Boyd has become an integral part of the staff and faculty of the College of Business Administration, which has grown from 25 people when she started to more than 100 today.

Boyd has held a variety of positions during her career. She has worked for both the dean and the associate dean. She was also a department secretary for the management department.

Boyd says she has enjoyed all of her positions but absolutely loves her job of the last eight years, student affairs coordinator. “I find working with the students to achieve their goals most rewarding,” she says. “The relationships that I establish are very important to me. At commencement I often find myself getting choked up at the thought of them leaving.”

A memorable and welcome change that Boyd has experienced during her career is the technological advancements. “I can remember when we used to use manual typewriters. The move to electric typewriters was a big deal.” Utilizing such developments, she has initiated a “listproc” for all students in the College of Business Administration. “I post scholarship, internship and job opportunities on the list as soon as I hear of them. This helps me keep in touch with the students and lets them know that I am here to help them in anyway I can,” she says.

Every year the spring semester presents a welcome challenge to Boyd. That challenge is the responsibility for coordinating the College’s annual awards banquet. She has worked on this event since its inception.

At this year’s banquet, Boyd and her husband recognized an outstanding scholar by establishing a scholarship in their name.

The Boys plan to travel a lot in the next few years, including trips to England, Ireland and Scotland. Although Boyd is looking forward to traveling and relaxing she says she will miss her friends here at CSUS:

“The best advice I can give is to always remember to have a sense of humor. I know that is what has kept me going for all these years,” she says. – Camille Priselac

Nursing Starts Its First Exchange Program

The CSUS division of nursing has established its first exchange program, a partnership with a rural Mexican school that is meant to strengthen the cross-cultural understanding of future nurses in both countries.

Its creation fulfills a long-held dream of Angela Burling, who earned a master’s degree in nursing from CSUS.

Burling first worked at the Mexican school of nursing, “Stella Maris,” as a volunteer in 1971. There, she became close friends with Sister Theresa Avilla, an energetic nun who founded the school and had run it for more than 40 years.

“I’ve always been very impressed with Sister Avilla’s energy and foresight, and I think the University was too,” Burling says. “This will just be a wonderful opportunity for students.”

The school is located south of Guadalajara in the town of Zacapu, Michoacan, which has about 100,000 residents.

Through the exchange program, five or six CSUS nursing students, will travel to Zacapu. They will live with Mexican host families, observe the health care provided in the various health care settings, and participate in classroom discussion with Mexican student nurses, for approximately 2-3 weeks.

In October students, or recent graduates, from Mexico, will come to Sacramento for a similar cultural exchange. They will be attending classroom lectures and accompanying our students to various clinical settings. When not in class they will be taken to nearby sites such as the state capitol and San Francisco.

“There are so many aspects of cultural exchange we hope to enhance the level of culturally competent care our graduates provide to the Latin American population,” says Susan Petersen, a CSUS nursing professor.

The program was formally established when Petersen, Burling and five nursing students traveled to Zacapu last January. The group stayed for 17 days, touring the campus and the surrounding region, visiting with local health care settings and living with host families.

– Frank Whitlatch

FAMILIAR FACES – Among those honored at last week’s Staff Recognition Day were a group of employees who have served the University for 30 and 35 years. Those honored for 35 years were Elroy Littlefield, pictured above right, and Jacquelin De Korte (not pictured). Those honored for 30 years were, from left to right, Linda Downing, William Sullivan, Jr., Leo Evangelista, Toreyle Vogel, Joseph Sanchez and Sandy Holland. Those with 30 years but not pictured are Carolyn Duran, Eva Jimenez, Paul McKenzie and Diane Stenhouse.

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Recipients who have been at the University 10, 15 or 20 years received a pin with the USA/CSUS logo in the shape of the Guy West Bridge. Employees honored for 25, 30 or 35 years were presented with an engraved plaque or other award.

Ten employees who have worked at CSUS for 30 years were recognized. Another 19 were recognized for 25 years with the University, 30 for 20 years, 33 for 15 years and 37 for 10 years.

For a complete list of honorees, see “Annual Staff Awards Luncheon” at www.csus.edu/news/campusnotices.html.

USA Picnic, June 8

The annual end of the year picnic sponsored by the University Auxiliary will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, June 8 on the lawn near Riverfront Center. The event will feature entertainment and barbecue lunch prepared by campus administrators. Tickets are $4 and are available from USA representatives across campus.

For more, visit www.csus.edu/usa, or contact Elizabeth O’Brien at 278-5430 or ejObrien@csus.edu.
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at all levels.

Over the course of the year, we’ve made ourselves much more aware of the historic and contemporary challenges faced by America’s many ethnic groups and cultures, and of the contributions to our society made by all of them.

The most important thing we do is educate our students, and this year the number of students participating in a “Sac State” education was one of the highest ever – more than 25,700. Each of these students contributes to the life of this University community and will in the years ahead make a difference in the greater community.

The young people who are admitted to this University each year are part of a highly diverse generation. We will continue to account for their diverse backgrounds and needs, so that they will feel welcome here and so that their academic success will be more fully assured.

Thus, our role as the “people’s university” becomes ever more important. Despite the many challenges a fast-growing student body presents, we will remain dedicated to keeping our doors open to all qualified students. It is through institutions of higher education that this diverse generation will build the unity California is open to all qualified students. It is through institutions of higher education that this diverse generation will build the unity California is open to all qualified students.

Thank you for all that you do. Have a wonderful summer.

Kelly Lally

all events are free unless otherwise noted.

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28th annual Student Purchase Awards Show, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday - Friday and 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, University Union Gallery. Continues to May 26.

“Time of Remembrance: The Japanese American Experience in California History,” CSUS exhibit at Golden State Museum, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday, noon - 5 p.m., Sundays, 1020 Q St. (916) 653-5864. Continues to June 10.

Pop-Up Book Exhibit, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, University Annex. (916) 278-5824. Exhibit continues to June 10.

Friday, May 25

College of Education commencement, 1 p.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 12:30 p.m.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies commencement, 4:30 p.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 4 p.m.

College of Engineering and Computer Sciences commencement, 7:30 p.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 26

College of Health and Human Services commencement, 8 a.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 7:30 a.m.

College of Business Administration commencement, noon, Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 11:30 a.m.

College of Arts and Letters commencement, 4 p.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 3:30 p.m.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics commencement, 7:30 p.m., Arco Arena. Doors open and graduates assemble at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29

“Introduction to Grant Writing,” free faculty and staff workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., River Front Center 215. (916) 278-7281.

Friday, June 1

“End of the Year Fiesta.” “CSUEA general meeting and taco bar buffet lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6288.

“Spurts in Stone,” benefit art exhibit and sale, proceeds go to the Sacramento Symphony League’s music in the schools program, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., Steven Yamanouchi Alumni Center. Tickets $20. Tickets at (916) 927-3443 or (916) 487-2142. Continues June 2.

Saturday, June 2

“Pops in the Park Concert Series,” comedian Jack Gallagher, the Bill Rice Jazz Band, 6 p.m., Beth Henschel Park, 45th Street and Brand Way, co-sponsored by CSUS. (916) 264-5240.

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Friday, June 8

University Staff Assembly Picnic, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Main Quad. Tickets $4. Contact your USA representative for tickets or visit www.csus.edu/usa.

Saturday, June 16

“Pops in the Park Concert Series,” Interns/6 p.m., East Portal Park, 51st and M streets, co-sponsored by CSUS. (916) 278-5240.

Monday, June 18

“Conflict Resolution,” negotiation and mediation techniques, conflict assessment, cross-cultural communication techniques, sixth annual summer workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., location to be announced. (916) 278-6282. Continues June 19 - 22.

Saturday, July 7

“Race and Democracy in the Americas,” international conference focusing on the challenges facing the black communities in the United States and Brazil, time and location to be announced. Continues July 8 - 13. (916) 278-7570.

“Summer Sernade at the Sacas,” evening of art, food, and entertainment, 7 p.m., 3801 Random Lane in Sacramento. Tickets $10. Tickets available at (916) 278-6295.

Friday, July 20

The Russian National Orchestra, 8 p.m., University Union Ballroom. Tickets $35 - $50. Tickets at CSUS Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com (916) 766-2277.

Saturday, July 21

“Pops in the Park Concert Series,” Funkenville, 6 p.m., McKinley Park, 33rd and M streets, co-sponsored by CSUS. (916) 264-5240.

Saturday, Aug. 4

“Pops in the Park Concert Series,” Tom Riley & Flambeau, 6 p.m., CSUS Main Quad, co-sponsored by CSUS. (916) 264-5240.

Saturday, Aug. 18

“Pops in the Park Concert Series,” All Family Boys & the All Family Band, 6 p.m., Glen Hall Park, Sandburg and Carlson Drive, co-sponsored by CSUS. (916) 264-5240.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

“Idols and Icons: Historical Personae in Contemporary Artwork,” artist Lynn Bennett, Shepard Fairy and Lee Ufer, exhibit, noon - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, Elle Gallery. (916) 278-6166. Continues to October 12.

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about the problems seniors face in housing, knowledge which Ohanesian says she will use in her efforts to offer safe, spacious surroundings for her future tenants. Ohanesian also helped convince her client, who has rheumatoid arthritis, to use her walker and is trying to get her involved in water aerobics classes.

The semester inspired a career path of a different kind for Kelly Lally. Her experience has her leaning toward a master’s degree in social work and this class made me want to do that,” she says. — Laurie Hall

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Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies at 4:30 p.m., Friday.

Johnson will receive his award and speak to graduates at the ceremony for the College of Health and Human Services at 8 a.m., Saturday, and at the ceremony for the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies at 4:30 p.m., Friday.

Other commencement speakers include Delaine Eastin, the state Superintendent for Public Instruction, who will speak to graduates of the College of Education at 1 p.m., Friday; David Blottier, vice president of SAIC, who will speak to graduates of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at 7:30 p.m., Friday; and Scott Syphax, president and CEO of the Nehemiah Corporation of California, who will speak to graduates of the College of Business Administration at noon, Sunday.

In addition, each College will honor its outstanding teacher of the year.

As commencement, as for all public events at Arco Arena, parking is $7. More information is available at (916) 278-4724 or www.csus.edu/commence.

Last Bulletin
This is the last edition of the CSUS Bulletin for the academic year. The first edition for the next academic year will be Monday, Aug. 20. Items may be submitted to the CSUS Bulletin at bulletin@csus.edu or faxed to 278-5200. The deadline is 10 a.m. the Wednesday before Monday publication. All submissions are subject to editing for style and space.

More information is available at 278-6156.