

CSU Bakersfield



CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell greets Dr. Lynnette Zelezny, Fresno State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The CSU Board of Trustees named Dr. Zelezny the fifth president of CSU Bakersfield in March 2018, following the announcement of Dr. Mitchell's retirement.

A PROUD LEGACY, A NEW BEGINNING:
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REPORT**

PRESIDENT MITCHELL: LEADING CSU BAKERSFIELD INTO AN ERA OF EXPANSION, EXCELLENCE

'I believe I made a difference here'

CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell once called the position of university president an "infinity" job. "At any point in time, there are always many more things to be accomplished," Dr. Mitchell told *The Bakersfield Californian*.

And so it was with an eye toward the future, not the past, that President Mitchell announced he would retire from CSU Bakersfield at the end of the 2017-2018 academic term. To his successor, Dr. Lynnette Zelezny, President Mitchell would bequeath a legacy of forward momentum and visionary leadership that launched the university into a new era of achievement for students, faculty, staff and the region we serve.

"When I came here to the university back in 2004, I saw a lot of things that needed to get done," President Mitchell reflected. "It was a very good university with good people, but I had the sense coming from UC Berkeley that there were areas of growth where my own background could make a difference. For me, it's always been based on my assessment of whether or not I could make a difference in being there. I believe that I've made a difference here."

Only the fourth president in the history of CSU Bakersfield, President

Mitchell presided over a period of change that heralded the entry of the university onto the national stage.

During his tenure, President Mitchell launched the ambitious campaign to elevate the athletics program to NCAA Division I, moved the university from the quarter system to a semester-based academic calendar, oversaw unprecedented increases in enrollment and graduation rates, forged new relationships with local corporations, businesses and philanthropists, and left a mark on the look and use of the campus through a number of substantial capital projects, including construction of a student housing complex, the student union, student recreation center, and the Arts & Humanities building.

But the most far-reaching impact of President Mitchell's leadership has been in bridge-building: between the university and the community we serve, and among the diverse families of the San Joaquin Valley, many of whom did not see their own lives or experiences represented among the study body, faculty and staff.

"Some people say moving our athletics program to Division I, and certainly that was big, but it's not the biggest," President Mitchell told *The Californian*. "Because this is a university, the most significant achievements I made have to do with enhancing the academic quality of the university and adding new academic programs. Adding more



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'Visionary leader' becomes President Emeritus

The California State University Board of Trustees bestowed on President Mitchell the illustrious title of President Emeritus. The honor is given to CSU

presidents as a reflection of their many years of service to students, faculty and staff.

Mitchell previously earned the vice chancellor-business affairs emeritus title from the president of the University of California system for his work as vice chancellor of business and administrative services at UC Berkeley.

"Dr. Mitchell has been a visionary leader during a time of growth and transition at CSUB," CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White said. "The university and Kern County have benefited from



his tireless efforts to develop programs and relationships that would support the region.”

Mitchell’s work, Chancellor White said, has also supported the entire CSU.

“Thanks to the relationships he’s developed with elected officials, including Congressman Kevin McCarthy, the entire university has garnered support at the federal level. As one of our longest-tenured presidents, he’s also been extremely valuable as a mentor to myself and

other leaders throughout the system. He leaves very large shoes to fill.”

For his promotion of diversity on campus, CSU Bakersfield students honored President Mitchell with the Equity Award during the third annual CSUB Unity Breakfast as part of the university’s Black History Month celebration.

“President Mitchell is a true leader who promotes excellence in everything he does,” said student Airivia Carmon. “As a student, I have admired and looked up to President Mitchell and am proud to call him our president.”

Dr. Mitchell called the award an honor. “It is meaningful for me to have students recognize our significant efforts in promoting diversity and encouraging collaborations in everything that we do at CSUB.”

President Mitchell also was honored with a number of local, state and national awards, reflecting the affection and respect he enjoyed during his 14-year career in Bakersfield and 50-year career in education, at Washington University in St. Louis, UC Irvine and UC Berkeley.



Among Dr. Mitchell’s honors:

- The Beautiful Bakersfield Chairwoman’s Award
- American Association of Blacks in Higher Education Presidential Award
- Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year
- Farmworker Institute for Education & Leadership Cesar E. Chavez Lifetime Achievement Award
- California Senate and Assembly Lifetime Achievement Award
- U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Recognition
- Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award
- Consulate of Mexico Certificate of Recognition

“I’ve always been very clear when people have given me compliments that the work we’ve done is the result of

the commitment and hard work of the faculty and staff at the university who are outstanding, along with the support that we receive from our alumni, our community, and the various supporters of the university,” President Mitchell said.

A farewell gift to CSUB students

Upon his retirement, President Mitchell and his wife, Barbara Mitchell, announced a personal commitment of \$50,000 to endow a scholarship to support CSUB students who study abroad.

In announcing the Dr. Horace Mitchell and Mrs. Barbara J.B. Mitchell Study Aboard Scholarship Endowment, the Mitchells said, “In collaboration with our K-12 and community partners, CSUB has been very successful in increasing the college-going rates among Kern County students. We want to support the University’s efforts to increase CSUB students’ opportunities to further expand their educational opportunities through study abroad where they can learn first-hand about other cultures, peoples, countries and perspectives.”



PRESIDENT ZELEZNY: WE WILL RISE TOGETHER

'Dreaming big about what CalStateBakersfield can be'

When the California State University Board of Trustees named Dr. Lynnette Zelezny the fifth president of CSU Bakersfield, history was made both at the university and the CSU as a whole.

For the first time, a woman would lead CSUB into the future, another barrier broken at a university where diversity has always been celebrated. But Dr. Zelezny's selection also set the bar within the CSU system: With her appointment, a majority of the 23 campuses would be stewarded by women.

"I am a believer in the power of examples," Dr. Zelezny said of her historic appointment. "When I was a college student, leadership roles for women were rare. It can be hard to picture a future for yourself when there are no models of success. But I had wonderful mentors at key periods in my life and career. They helped me overcome my shy nature and push myself. Now, as a mentor myself, I work with students to aim as high as their imagination can take them."

'The only one I would say yes to'

Dr. Zelezny is proud to have served in every role within the CSU system: As a student at Humboldt State, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology, and at Fresno State, where she achieved a master of business administration. (President Zelezny received her Ph.D. in applied social psychology from Claremont Graduate University.) At Fresno State, she taught and felt "the most alive in front of students," she told

The Bakersfield Californian. As a leader, she served in a variety of roles from dean to chairwoman of the psychology department and, ultimately, provost and vice president for academic affairs. Happy at Fresno State, Dr. Zelezny had no intention of leaving until Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro called to tell her he'd like to nominate her for the CSUB presidency after Dr. Mitchell announced his retirement.

"I know you've been nominated for a lot of presidencies, but you always said you're not leaving the Central Valley and you always declined them," she remembered Castro telling her. "I think this would be the perfect fit for you, and I'd like to nominate you."

"That would be the only place I would say yes to," she said.

Chancellor Timothy White told The Californian he admires Dr. Zelezny's commitment to the region.

"She knows the challenges and opportunities and people of the valley," he said. "She's a person who genuinely takes inspiration from the people she serves."

Looking ahead

Days after the March 21 announcement was made that Dr. Zelezny would become CSUB's fifth president, she fielded questions from The Bakersfield Californian about her vision, graduation rates and philanthropy.

Dr. Zelezny on vision: The vision has to be a shared, collective one with faculty, staff, students and community partners as we move together to build



a strategic plan for the future. There's a real opportunity here to further connect the university with regional issues and particularly those related to water, agriculture, energy, transportation and food. That's the core of what the Central Valley represents and so there's great opportunities to align the research and curriculum for students to move into a workforce and have professional opportunities.

Dr. Zelezny on graduation rates: Some strategies to increase those rates are high-impact learning, which is actively involving students in learning and establishing internships and professional opportunities. Another way — and CSUB has a very prestigious recognition as a Carnegie-engaged university — is embracing a strategy and investment in teaching students to learn by serving. Service-learning is a win-win. Students become more engaged in the curriculum and it benefits the community economically. The third is a real point of pride for CSUB, and that's amazing faculty that are involved researchers who can get big grants and put undergraduate research opportunities

into their curriculum.

Dr. Zelezny on philanthropy: This is one of the things I'm very eager to participate in with the foundation and also in meeting our community partners and alumni and friends in Kern County and beyond. I've been part of two campaigns and our last one was very successful. We had a goal of \$200 million and we exceeded that at \$214 million. I came from the college of science and math and our culture is one of always being aggressive with grants, especially being a Hispanic-serving institution. We have more opportunities for big grants in the millions of dollars. As provost, this has been part of my work ethic, and I have been very successful in grant awards. Our college of extensions is also an opportunity to offer programming that the public will benefit from, but actually brings revenue back to the university. Those are strategies that have worked well for me at Fresno State.



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ALMA MATER

The blue and gold stands high for honor,
Thanks to all its pride.
We stand to pay respect and glory,
For us all to guide.
We are proud to shine above the mountains,
And across the sea.
Salute the blue and gold tradition,
Long live C-S-U-B
-H. William Ingram

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

California Promise Pledge

Joined by California State University, Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell, CSUB students committed to completing their degree in a timely manner by signing the California Promise Pledge, an initiative that is part of the university's overall student success efforts. The students are the first CSUB cohort to participate in this program that also has the backing of the state Legislature through Senate Bill 412, which was passed into law in September 2016.

The California Promise Program is available to both first-year students who are interested and able to complete baccalaureate degrees in four years as well as transfer students who have completed an Associate Degree for Transfer from any California Community College and plan to complete their bachelor's degrees in that major in two years.

"This is an important initiative to encourage students to complete their degrees in a timely manner so they can receive the benefits of being college graduates earlier," President Mitchell said. "This will allow them to pursue career options or enroll in graduate or professional programs sooner."

Under the California Promise Program, students who commit to enter either the four-year or two-year pledge are given priority registration and a dedicated pledge advisor to support on-time degree completion. Students continuing in the program must meet with their advisors as prescribed, develop a degree completion plan, maintain good academic standing each semester, and complete 30 semester units within each academic year, including summer and winter sessions.



The California Promise Program is part of a California State University system-wide effort to increase graduation rates while eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps. Under Graduation Initiative 2025, the CSU system is projected to graduate an additional 500,000 students by 2025 – positioning the CSU to meet its share of California's projected future workforce needs.

15 to Finish

As part of the CSU effort to improve graduation rates, CSUB reported growth in the "15 to Finish" initiative.

"The '15 to Finish' campaign continues to be one of the most successful programs toward increasing CSUB's graduation rates," said CSUB Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Jacqueline Mimms. "Through the campaign, more than 1,500 students have signed the pledge and made the commitment to take 15 units per semester or 30 units per year to ensure graduating in a timely manner. CSUB is well on its way toward meeting our student success targets."

"Going into the second year of the '15 to Finish' campaign, we continue to see an increased awareness on campus regarding on-time graduation," said Jennifer McCune, CSUB interim registrar and chair of the 15 to Finish Committee. "15 to Finish is designed to raise awareness, encourage participation, motivate students through completion of their degree, and to celebrate students' successes."

CSUB lauded for Associates Degree for Transfer Pathway Excellence

The campaign for College Opportunity recognized CSUB as a leading example of creating a pathway for community college students to transfer to the university and earn a baccalaureate degree. CSUB is among four CSU campuses and nine California community colleges hailed for significantly increasing the number of students who earn an Associate Degree for Transfer. These students are guaranteed admission to the CSU and earn a bachelor's degree nearly twice as fast as non-ADT transfer students. CSUB was recognized at the Campaign for College Opportunity's second annual Champions of Higher Education celebration.

The Department of Child, Adolescent and Family Studies

CSU Bakersfield celebrated the transfer from program to department status for the Department of Child, Adolescent and Family Studies (CAFS). Students can earn a bachelor of arts degree in CAFS, which offers learners specialized knowledge that enhances their skills to work and advocate in partnerships that foster healthy children, supportive family networks and interactive community relationships.



OUR CAMPUS

Humanities Office and Classroom Building

The official opening of the Humanities Office and Classroom Building was celebrated Oct. 15 with a ribbon-cutting and Taste of the Arts, an evening of music, theater and art. The building brings together under one roof most of our Arts and Humanities faculty. In addition to office space, the building houses three large classrooms, where Arts and Humanities students will take courses in their major, and students in various disciplines will take general education courses. The building replaces Faculty Towers, which was disassembled in November.

CSUB Energy & Engineering Innovation Building Proposed

During an outdoor collaborative conversation with community partners on Oct. 3, the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering unveiled conceptual plans for a proposed 53,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Energy & Engineering Innovation Building. The proposed building would be located between the Science III Building and the Student Health Center and would offer interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research to help develop a larger STEM-educated workforce.



We are a smoke- and tobacco-free campus

On Sept. 1, 2017, CSUB became a smoke-free and tobacco-free campus, under the direction of CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White, who issued an executive order requiring all CSU campuses to adhere to the move toward a healthier environment and community.

CSUB a shining star in sustainability

CSUB has earned a silver rating from the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Ratings System (STARS), a program of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS is a comprehensive sustainability rating system for colleges and universities that addresses

environmental, social and economic sustainability in four main categories: academics, engagement, operations and planning and administration.

SEEDE Institute

The first Social-Emotional, Ethics, and Democratic Education (SEEDE) Institute was held at CSUB to advance an innovative student-learning program over the summer. Some 20 local K-4 teachers, selected from a competitive applicant pool, joined the Kegley Institute of Ethics and CSUB Department of Teacher Education Co-founded and directed by Dr. Michael D. Burroughs (KIE) and Dr. Brittney Beck (CSUB Teacher Education), the SEEDE Institute featured community-building activities and workshops on implementing dialogue-based and student-centered social-emotional learning (SEL), ethics, and democratic education lessons. At the conclusion of the Institute, all participants presented their SEEDE-informed classroom plans and projects at the California Teachers Summit, the largest state conference for CA Pre-K-12 teachers.



OUR STUDENTS

Students make splash with vote on Student Union, aquatic center

In a bold investment in the future, CSUB students approved a \$37 million expansion of the Student Union and a companion aquatic center, voting 61.4 percent to 38.6 percent in a two-day referendum. The 80,000-square-foot expansion will include about 40,000 for the two-story Student Union expansion and 40,000 for the new aquatic facility. The existing 17,000-square-foot Student Union was originally built in May 1987 when the campus population was about 5,100. Since then, CSUB has grown to about 11,000 students.

The price tag includes \$27 million for the Student Union and \$10 million for the aquatic center. It will be funded through a combination of sources, including a \$40-per-semester increase in student fees, tiering up after the first year to \$160 per semester over a four-year period. Fees for the aquatic facility will be roughly \$20 per semester and will not increase.

The Student Union expansion will include:

- A flexible and large event space in the form of a ballroom that will be able to accommodate a capacity of 1,450 in theatre/lecture format and 800 in banquet;
- 12 conference rooms with a capacity of up to 100 in a theatre/lecture format and 50 in a meeting format;
- A game room large enough to include gaming consoles, computer gaming and pool tables;
- The CSUB Food Pantry, which will be moved from its current location near the student union;
- A food prep area to include multiple microwaves;
- Multiple lounge space with soft seating for students to use between classrooms or events;
- A hallway lined with small study rooms/cubicles for studying, meeting preparation, and/or storage;
- Club work space with a media room to collaborate on projects, presentations and events;
- A loft feature lounge overlooking the first-floor lounge.



- The aquatic facility will provide:
- Student recreation pool with lap lanes;
- Concessions, showers, lockers, a pool deck with shaded seating and an outdoor event space;
- Water-based classes and intramural sports.

The funding will also enable CSUB Antelope Valley to upgrade classroom furniture, including tables and chairs; upgrade technology (computer lab, classrooms, ITV classrooms, study rooms); provide transportation to sporting events; and assorted other benefits and perks.

Filling a need: Sustenance and sustainability

Food Pantry opens: The CSUB Food Pantry, located between The Runner modular building and the Student Union, opened to campus students, faculty and staff following a study that found 1 in 10 students experience homelessness and 1 in 5 suffer from food insecurity. Each visitor is allotted one visit per week and up to 16 points, and can use those points for various items, including: Side dish or non-food item: Granola bar, canned fruit, full-size toiletry item; Items

lasting multiple meals: box of pasta, dry beans and boxed cereal; and one meal: canned soup, ramen noodles and chili. From September through December 2017, there were 927 unique students who visited the pantry a total of 2,615 times.

Kaiser Permanente, Apple Core Project team with CSUB on Pop Up Produce Pantry: Following the successful launch of the Food Pantry, CSUB, in collaboration with Apple Core Project and Kaiser Permanente, introduced the Pop Up Fresh Produce Pantry. Apple Core Project receives donations from the farmers at the Haggin Oaks Farmers Market on Sundays after the market has finished its day. The donations of fresh produce are stored in a refrigerated truck at the Kaiser Permanente Ming Medical Office Building, which is just across the street from CSUB. On Mondays, students who operate the pantry at CSUB retrieve the produce from the refrigerated truck at Kaiser Permanente and distribute it to students, faculty and staff for free. The partnership between CSUB, Kaiser Permanente and Apple Core Project is the result of their joint participation in the Kern County Food Policy Council.

Grant for edible garden: CSUB was one of 12 CSU campuses to receive a grant from the Chancellor's Office to move toward the goal of becoming a hunger-



free campus. CSUB was awarded maximum available funding of \$75,000 to support food distribution, Cal-Fresh enrollment, the establishment of a basic-needs hub and the implementation of “Runner Stop,” a multiple resource program. An additional \$75,000 grant will create the CSUB Teaching and Learning Edible Garden. In full bloom, the edible garden will supply the Pop-Up Produce Pantry portion of the food distribution program.

Students are selected for their exceptional efforts in the classroom and community. Awardees demonstrate superior academic performance, personal accomplishments, community service and financial need. Many have shown inspirational resolve along the path to college success and are the first in their families to attend college.

“These student scholars embody the leadership, diversity and academic excellence the California State

University is known for,” said CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White. “They have traced unique paths to their goal of a higher education and serve as powerful examples to their families, communities and California. The awards will give these high-achieving and deserving students even more opportunities to attain their academic and career goals.”

Student achievement: 'Runner pride

Many CSUB students were recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year. Among the programs honoring and creating opportunities for our students are:

The Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund Program recognized 42 students with awards totaling nearly \$100,000. Since its inception in 1984, the fund has awarded \$3 million to 1,700 outstanding students. CSUB geology students, faculty and alumni presented research at national meetings. Nineteen students, faculty and alumni presented findings of their research at the national Geological Society of America conference.

Student research competition advanced to state. Twenty-eight undergraduate and 12 graduate student researchers made oral presentations before a panel of faculty jurors at the annual CSUB Student Research Competition.

CSU Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement

CSU Bakersfield sophomore Rawiah Eisa Mohamed Osman received the 2018 Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement, the university's highest recognition of student achievement.

A liberal studies major, Rawiah was one of 23 students – one from each campus of the California State University system – who were selected for the award. The awardees were publicly recognized during the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach on September 11.

“Growing up, my teachers have always been my mentors,” Rawiah said. “They have been there when I did not have a coat for winter or for school supplies.”



FACULTY EXCELLENCE

CSUB honored three faculty members with top awards and special recognition during CSUB's 2017 University Day activities.

CSUB names top professors



Dr. Robert M. Yohe II, a professor of anthropology and director of the Laboratory of Archaeological Sciences at CSUB, received the Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award.

Dr. Yohe came to CSUB in 1999.

The quality, breadth, and impact of his work are truly impressive. He is an internationally recognized scholar with close to 100 peer-reviewed publications and is a recognized pioneer in the field of immunological protein residue analysis on stone artifacts, ceramics, soils, and human remains.

As a mentor, Dr. Yohe engaged undergraduate and graduate students in bioarcheology field work in middle Egypt at the site of Tell El Hibe, work that was featured in an episode of "The Bone Detective" on the Discovery Channel. Many students have been included as first or co-authors on publications and have gone on to earn advanced degrees.



Dr. Mahdy Elhusseiny, a professor of finance in the Accounting and Finance Department, received the Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Elhusseiny takes as much time and energy as needed to ensure each student succeeds and feels

valued as a member of the class. In fact, Dr. Elhusseiny was recognized by 2014, 2015, and 2016 CSUB graduates as an individual contributing to their success

as indicated by the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. This is likely why his student evaluations are consistently in the top 5 percent across all faculty within Business and Public Administration.

Dr. Elhusseiny has taught undergraduate and graduate courses on the main campus, at the Antelope Valley campus, and via ITV, bringing in premiere business professionals from the community into his classes.



Dr. Paul Newberry, faculty director of general education, received the Faculty Leadership and Service Award.

Dr. Newberry's service record at CSUB over the past 30 years has been remarkable, particularly in the area of general education. His

sustained efforts to develop, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise CSUB's GE program over time demonstrate his commitment to shared governance and the success of students.

Dr. Newberry has worked tirelessly and diplomatically with all constituencies to inform them about new developments in the GE program and to solicit feedback about the program's strengths and challenges. In each of these settings, Dr. Newberry works to ensure that all perspectives are heard and that decisions are grounded in our shared commitment to student success.

Golden Key Award



CSUB Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jenny Zorn received the Golden Key Award.

The provost has been a key supporter of The Runner staff this year, particularly in sponsoring the students' abilities to expand their education and experiences off-campus. She sponsored the

sports reporter and photo editor to go to Las Vegas and New York to cover the basketball team's runs in the WAC Tournament and the NIT. She also funded members of the staff to attend the Associated Collegiate

Press National Journalism Conference in San Francisco and to attend the California College Media Association's banquet, where they received 14 awards for their work in 2016.

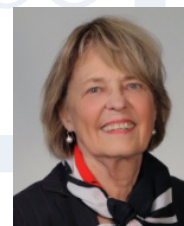
Outstanding nursing leaders

During their annual RN of the Year Award Dinner, the **Kern County Chapter of the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL)** presented CSUB nursing faculty with the following awards:



Dr. Annie Huynh, awarded the **Clinical Practice – Outpatient RN of the Year Award**

Dr. Annie Huynh is a practicing Family Nurse Practitioner at Kern Medical Center and Pinnacle Emergency Physicians medical group. She is dedicated to providing patient-centered care to clients in our medically underserved area.



Karen Lillie, awarded the **Education – Academia RN of the Year Award**

Karen Lillie is the Board of Registered Nursing recognized content expert for psychiatric/mental health nursing for CSUB. She provides an impressive pattern of service to the department of nursing, exceeding expectations of a faculty member in both breadth and depth.



Nursing Department's Brenda Pulskamp and Jane Yadon were

selected as RNs of the Year by the Association of Kern County Nurse Leaders (AKCNL). **Dr. Brenda Pulskamp** received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her 58 year career in nursing and Jane Yadon received the RN of the Year award in

the area of Education/Academia.



Phi Beta Delta honors

During CSUB's first appearance at the national convention of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars our faculty, staff, and students were recognized for their presentations. Di Wu and Ji Li, accounting and finance department, received the best faculty poster presentation for their poster "Engaging accounting students in International Business Education." From the Kegley Center: Luiza Martins received the best student paper presentation for her presentation "R.A.P. – Home for International Student-Athletes" and Rosemary Stribling received the best faculty paper presentation for her presentation "R.A.P. – Home for International Student-Athletes."

Institute of Management Accountants nomination



Di Wu, BPA accounting faculty member, was nominated to serve on Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) as Global Board Director beginning July 2018. This is a two-year term position and Dr. Wu will attend global board and committee meetings related to IMA governance issues.

The American Historical Association bestows honor



The American Historical Association awarded the 2017 Martin A. Klein Prize to the history department's Mustafah Dhada for The Portuguese Massacre of Wiriyaumu in Colonial Mozambique, 1964-2013 (Bloomsbury). The award recognizes the most distinguished work of scholarship on African history published in English during the previous calendar year. In making its selection, the prize committee pays particular attention to methodological innovation, conceptual originality and literary excellence.

Outstanding alumnus award



Anne Duran, psychology department, was selected as the recipient of the 2018 MSU Denver Psychology Department Outstanding Alumnus Award. An MSU Denver statement read: "We are all impressed with how much you have accomplished since graduating from Metro State (now MSU Denver). Anne's academic successes and rigorous professional development activity, deserve our recognition. You set an exceptional example for what our students can accomplish following an undergraduate degree from our program. We are so incredibly proud of you!"

CSUB AND THE COMMUNITY

The Mazzei family gives inaugural gift to Energy and Engineering Innovation Center



Long-time CSU Bakersfield supporter and local business leader Angelo Mazzei announced a \$500,000 donation to CSUB to support the university's proposed Energy and Engineering Innovation Center. "What motivated us to financially support the expansion and construction of the Energy and Engineering Innovation Center was the need for an increase in the quantity of qualified engineers in our local workforce," Angelo Mazzei said. "The coupling of STEM programs with hands-on activities through teaching labs is a motivating factor for students to embrace and expand their learning experiences. We are pleased with the continued success of the School of NSME and the commitment that President Mitchell has placed on the development of STEM programs at CSUB."

"The Mazzeis have been very forward-looking in thinking about the needs of our community," CSUB President Horace Mitchell said. "A major need is to continue the growth of STEM programs at CSUB and also to increase the facilities available for teaching and research. Their contribution is a significant lead gift in our efforts to raise additional funds to support construction of the Energy and Engineering Innovation Center, which is the next

academic project that the campus has forwarded to the Board of Trustees. It is on their priority list. Construction of the Center will be contingent on the acquisition of significantly more community support as well as the use of designated campus resources which, together, will reduce the cost of the building to the CSU Board of Trustees."

President's medals: Leaders honored

California State University, Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell presented President's Medals to three individuals who have made significant contributions to the university either through their philanthropy or their academic leadership over time, or because their life's work epitomizes important values.

Steve Renock, president and CEO of Kern Schools Federal Credit Union. Kern Schools' partnership with CSUB began in 1995 and includes support for athletic scholarships, men's basketball, the Bakersfield Jazz Festival, the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame, and the School of Business and Public Administration/John Brock Development. He has served on the CSUB Foundation Board of Directors since 2015.

Kim Flachmann, a professor of English who joined the CSUB faculty in 1972 and has served as CSUB's writing program coordinator since 1986. She has written successful proposals to fund CSUB's Reading Institute for Academic Preparation program, which focuses on teaching high school and college faculty the theory and practice of teaching vocabulary. Dr. Flachmann is the recipient of numerous teaching awards, including the Millie Albin Excellence in Teaching Award from CSUB in 1998-99, the 2009 California Association of Teachers of English Excellence in Teaching Award, and the Kern High School District's 2016 Jim Burke "Light and Liberty" Award for service to Kern County education.

Dolores Huerta, whom President Mitchell described as "a living legend ... an icon whose name is synonymous with civil rights." As co-founder with Cesar Chavez and secretary-treasurer of the United Farm Workers, she provided national leadership in the fight for the rights of farmworkers. Huerta also has received the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights and the Puffin/National Prize for Creative Citizenship. With the \$100,000 award for creative citizenship, she created the Dolores Huerta Foundation in 2012.





Wendy Wayne Awards

CSUB's Kegley Institute of Ethics recognized Pastor **Manuel Carrizalez**, founder of Stay Focused Ministries, and **Navjyot Gill**, a social justice activist and doctoral candidate at UC Irvine. The awards recognize one youth and one adult whose ethical behavior has had a significant impact on people from Bakersfield and Kern County.

In 1991, Carrizalez started Stay Focused Ministries, a nonprofit organization aimed at helping at-risk youth with mentorship programs, school assembly speeches and other activities. Carrizalez is also part of the Bakersfield Police Department's chaplain program, in which he goes along with officers to crime scenes to provide support to victims.

Gill is a graduate of Golden Valley High, where she started the AWARE club, a group focused on raising awareness about discrimination, intolerance and related issues. She was also part of the Safe Schools Ambassador program, helping to resolve bullying and other conflicts among students. Gill has served as

the regional president of the California Association of Student Councils and chaired a regional youth cabinet focused on training young associated student body officers.

Super Sunday: Taking CSUB message to church

CSU Bakersfield President Horace Mitchell and other university officials visited churches across the area on Super Bowl Sunday to deliver a message encouraging students to pursue higher education as part of the California State University's Super Sunday initiative.

Launched in 2005, CSU Super Sunday is an annual event where leaders throughout the 23 CSU campuses work together to help under-represented students access the tools they need to successfully enter college.

John Brock Community Service Award

Keith Brice, president and CEO of Mid State Development Corp., received the prestigious John Brock Community Service Award.

An active community member for 34 years, Brice has served in a number of community and university leadership positions, including as a member of the CSUB Executive Advisory Council and Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society for the School of Business and Public Administration.

"It is an honor to be named this year's John Brock Award recipient," he said in the release. "I care deeply about this community, which is why the ability to contribute is important to me."

ATHLETICS



Big West Conference

CSU Bakersfield President Dr. Horace Mitchell developed a vision for the Roadrunner Athletics Department early in his tenure at the university. Dr. Mitchell dreamed big, planning for the future when he transitioned CSUB Athletics from NCAA Division II to Division I in 2006, and then on Nov. 27, 2017, Dr. Mitchell and Director of Athletics Kenneth “Ziggy” Siegfried announced CSUB had accepted an invitation to the Big West Conference. Bakersfield will become a full member of the Big West on July 1, 2020.

Joining the ESPN family of Networks

Fans of the CSUB men’s basketball team enjoyed seeing their Roadrunners play home games exclusively on the ESPN family of networks for the first time. All of Bakersfield’s broadcast home games were available live via ESPN3.com as the `Runners progressed forward in cutting-edge technology.

Graduation rates and APR scores

The Roadrunners enjoyed academic progress again during the 2017-18 year. CSUB had three teams – volleyball, beach volleyball, and wrestling – ranked among the Top 10 percent in Academic Progress Rate in the nation for their respective sports. Bakersfield also had 13 of 15 teams earn a multi-

year APR of 950 or higher with the remaining two teams above 940. In the classroom, the `Runners posted a cumulative department GPA over 3.0 for the seventh straight term. Of the 55 CSUB student-athletes that graduated, 84 percent were first-generation college students while the group posted a 3.18 cumulative GPA.

Volleyball

The Roadrunner volleyball team earned its second NCAA Tournament appearance in 2017. Bakersfield brought home another WAC Tournament title after an exciting run, making CSUB volleyball the first `Runner team to make it to the NCAA Tournament twice since the move to Division I.

Women’s basketball

The CSUB women’s basketball team made its first run to the WAC Tournament final, but came up just short of winning a title. Despite the loss, the Roadrunners earned their fifth postseason berth since moving to Division I as CSUB hosted Fresno State in the opening round of the WBI tournament.

Men’s basketball

The `Runner men’s basketball program managed to tie a 24-year-old record as redshirt senior Brent Wrapp closed out his time at CSUB with 520 career assists. The total tied CSUB’s point guard with `Runner great Kenny Warren (1990-94). In addition, the team saw productivity in new faces as first-year players recorded more minutes than ever before.





Women's golf

CSUB women's golf continued to see record-setting performances from the team, led by two seniors: Ariel Lee and Tori Peers. The pair graduated this spring as the two best golfers in school history by nearly all measurable standards.

Wrestling

CSUB's wrestling program qualified five men for the NCAA Championships for the third straight year. Three `Runners advanced to the second day of the tournament while a pair of student-athletes came up just short of All-American honors.

New Coaches

Jeremy Beard officially took over the `Runner baseball program in July of 2017 when his interim tag was removed. Beard became just the third head coach in the program's history.

Track & field and cross country

At the WAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships, sophomore Curt Threlkeld earned another championship for CSUB as the middle distance specialist took home the gold medal in the 800-meter race. The `Runner track and field team also saw the two fastest times in the 100-meter dash in the last 35 years thanks to Falon Wilson and Mariah LeSure. Hurdler Tristan Watson qualified for the NCAA West Regional after posting the fastest 110-meter hurdle time in 35 years for CSUB as well. On top of several other all-time Top 20 marks, Julianne Finch reset the CSUB pole vault record three times this season and distance runner Angel Valdez reset all four of CSUB's cross-country records.



REVENUES & EXPENSES

REVENUES:	Total	%	University State Funded	%	Capital	%	University Other Funded	%	Auxiliary Organizations	%
State appropriations, noncapital	100,838,000	-183.17%	100,838,000	78.71%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
State appropriations & gifts, capital	23,000	-0.04%	23,000	0.02%	-	#DIV/0!	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
State and local financial aid grants, noncapital	20,447,000	-37.14%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	20,447,000	-9.84%	-	0.00%
Student tuition and fees, net	34,186,000	-62.10%	27,249,000	21.27%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	6,937,000	28.05%
State grants and contracts	1,149,000	-2.09%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	349,000	-0.17%	800,000	3.23%
Federal financial aid grants	28,953,000	-52.59%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	28,953,000	-13.93%	-	0.00%
Grants and contracts	12,415,000	-22.55%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	5,524,000	-2.66%	6,891,000	27.86%
Sales and services of educational activities	2,960,000	-5.38%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	2,960,000	-1.42%	-	0.00%
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net	6,404,000	-11.63%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	5,836,000	-2.81%	568,000	2.30%
Gifts, noncapital	3,907,000	-7.10%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	968,000	-0.47%	2,939,000	11.88%
Investment income	1,192,000	-2.17%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	(1,473,000)	0.71%	2,665,000	10.78%
Additions to endowment	607,000	-1.10%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	607,000	2.45%
Other revenues	(268,134,000)	487.05%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	(271,460,000)	130.57%	3,326,000	13.45%
Total revenues	(55,053,000)	100.00%	128,110,000	100.00%	-	#DIV/0!	(207,896,000)	100.00%	24,733,000	100.00%

EXPENSES:	Total	%	State Funded	%	Capital		Other Funded	%	Auxiliaries	%
Instruction	73,667,000	32.45%	73,108,000	47.82%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	559,000	2.38%
Research	365,000	0.16%	(997,000)	-0.65%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	1,362,000	5.79%
Public Service	2,050,000	0.90%	400,000	0.26%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	1,650,000	7.01%
Academic Support	24,932,000	10.98%	24,532,000	16.05%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	400,000	1.70%
Student Services	33,779,000	14.88%	23,689,000	15.50%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	10,090,000	42.88%
Institutional Support	26,687,000	11.75%	22,690,000	14.84%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	3,997,000	16.98%
Operation and maintenance	16,212,000	7.14%	(154,000)	-0.10%	16,159,000	100.00%	-	0.00%	207,000	0.88%
Student grants and scholarships	33,044,000	14.55%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	28,052,000	81.35%	4,992,000	21.21%
Auxiliary enterprise expenses	6,430,000	2.83%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	6,430,000	18.65%	-	0.00%
Depreciation and amortization	9,884,000	4.35%	9,608,000	6.28%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	276,000	1.17%
Total expenses	227,050,000	100.00%	152,876,000	100.00%	16,159,000	100.00%	34,482,000	100.00%	23,533,000	100.00%
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(282,103,000)		(24,766,000)		(16,159,000)		(242,378,000)		1,200,000	

NET POSITION:	Total	%	State Funded	%	Capital		Other Funded	%	Auxiliaries	%
Net assets at beginning of year	66,687,000		(174,856,000)		71,050,000		127,744,000		42,749,000	2.38%
Restatements	181,000				-		-		181,000	5.79%
Net assets at beginning of year, restated for Auxiliary Organizations	66,868,000		(174,856,000)		71,050,000		127,744,000		42,930,000	7.01%
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Net assets at end of year	(215,235,000)		(199,622,000)		54,891,000		(114,634,000)		44,130,000	42.88%



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