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DID YOU KNOW?

GRADUATE STUDIES AT CSUB BY THE NUMBERS

43

43% of our Graduate Students are First Generation

70

70% of our Graduate Students are Female

30

30% of our Graduate Students are ages 25-29

72

72% of our Graduate Students attend Full-Time

61

61% of our Graduate Students are Hispanic/Latino

98

98% of our Graduate Students are considered In-State

91

91% of our Graduate Students are from other CA Institutions

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65% of our graduate students are from Traditionally Underrepresented Groups

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INTRODUCTION FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Denver J. Fowler

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As Associate Dean of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, and Director of the Graduate Student Center (GSC), I am delighted to share with you the Fall 2023 GSC Newsletter (Volume 6, Issue 1). With that said, I want to thank our student assistants, Emma Barnes, Rudy Lomeli, Miracle Agboluaje, and Erfaneh Varastehjonoush, all of whom worked countless hours in helping the GSC prepare this newsletter.

In this newsletter, you will find many new sections, many of which we hope to keep a tradition of including in future releases. These additions include **Put a Name with a Face**, **STEM Excellence**, **Graduate Student Highlight**, **Alumni Spotlight**, **Graduate Faculty Profile**, **Adjunct Faculty Profile**, **Featured Graduate Program**, **Featured Graduate Program Director**, **Self-Care is the Best Care**, and **Other News and Notes**. In addition, we included numerous resources for CSUB Graduate Students including information about the Sally Casanova Scholars California Pre-Doctoral Program, the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), Mentoring Program (Runner Alumni Mentor Program AKA RAMP), Fellowship Opportunities (Graduate Equity Fellowship), the new Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program, and all of the GSC's forthcoming Workshops and Events for the Fall 2023 semester.

In addition to this newsletter, I would like to personally encourage you to browse our newly updated [Graduate Studies webpages](#) to access the numerous resources we have to offer our graduate students here on campus. These resources include (but are certainly not limited to) graduate advising, biannual Graduate Orientation, annual Graduate Summit, annual Grad Slam competition, free workshops, graduate lounge, computer lab, laptop checkout, poster printing, semester-by-semester GSC newsletter, graduate panel discussions, application support, the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, the Sally Casanova Scholars California Pre-Doctoral Program, the Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program, the Graduate Equity Fellowship, Mentoring, other graduate events, and much more. I would also like to invite you to visit us in-person and see all of the wonderful recent updates to our building (Numenor), the GSC conference room, and the GSC lab. Recent updates include new signage (interior and exterior), new TV displays, and much more. Again, please feel free to stop by and visit us.

Here at the GSC, you will find that our Mission is simple: we aim to serve and support all prospective, current, and past CSUB graduate students while continually fostering a graduate culture across our campus. With over 20 graduate programs (including Doctoral, Master's, second Bachelor's, post Baccalaureate, and Credential programs), 19+ credentials, 6+ professional certificates, 3+ academic certificates, 2,000+ current graduate students, and 12,000+ graduate alum, our graduate programs are continually growing (and notably, we plan to add 8 more graduate programs in the near future).

Finally, please consider joining us in our mission to serve and support prospective, current, and past CSUB graduate students by [donating to the GSC](#). Please know your generous donations (no matter how large or small) have a direct positive impact on our graduate students. Please see page 18 for more details on how to donate.

Again, I am delighted to share with you the release of our most recent GSC Newsletter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the GSC should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fowler'.

Dr. Denver J. Fowler

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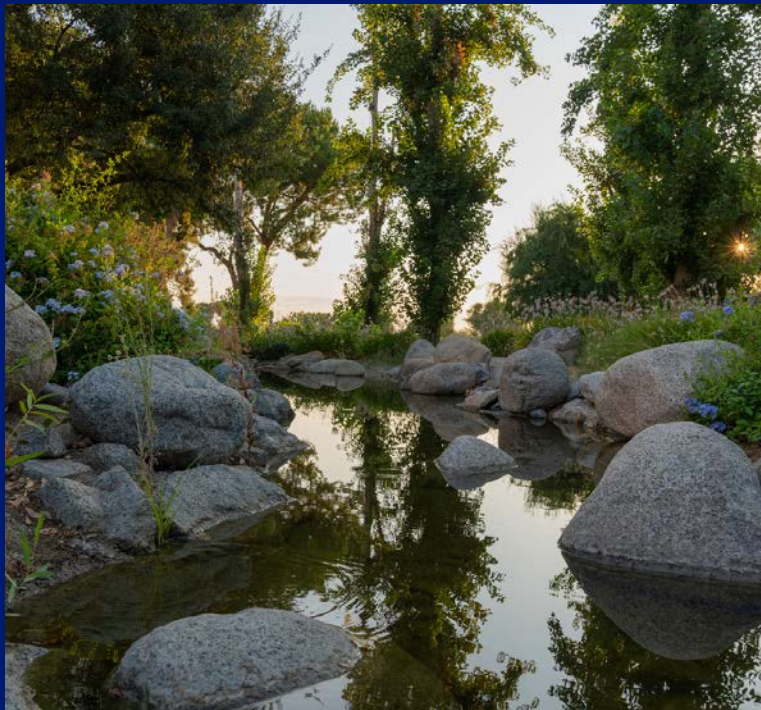
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Dr. Denver J. Fowler,
Rudy Lomeli, Emma Barnes,
Miracle Agboluaje,
Martha Manriquez, Erfaneh
Varastehjonoush, and Adrienne
Silva



Top, from left to right:
Martha Manriquez and
Dr. Denver J. Fowler
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Erfaneh
Varastehjonoush,
Adrienne
Silva, Rudy Lomeli,
Miracle Agboluaje, and
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Arts & Humanities

M.A. History
M.A. English,
M.A. Spanish

Business & Public Administration

M.S. Health Care Administration
Master of Business Administration
Master of Public Administration

Natural Sciences, Mathematics, & Engineering

M.S. Biology
M.S. Geology
M.S. Nursing

Social Sciences & Education

M.S. Counseling Education
M.S. Educational Counseling
M.A. Educational Administration
M.A. Special Education
Master in Social Work
Ed.D., Educational Leadership
Credentials

Extended Education

M.S. Administration
M.A. Curriculum & Instruction
M.S. Kinesiology
Master in Social Work

Learn more at: <https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/graduate-programs>

OPPORTUNITIES FROM BEYOND OUR CAMPUS

Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program

CSUB is proud to announce that it is partnering with the Kern Community College District (KCCD) and Bakersfield College (BC) to bring you an opportunity to become a Fellow!

The Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program provides post-baccalaureate STEM and non-STEM students interested in teaching at a 2-year community college with an opportunity to participate in a mentorship collaboration with a BC faculty member. In addition, candidates will gain exposure to the community college culture, including best practices for teaching and supporting the diverse group of students enrolled at a rural California Community College.

BC is part of the Aspire Alliance Regional Change (RC), a network of geographically related 2- and 4-year institutions. In this model, institutions work together to share and develop programs and experiences that work towards two primary goals:

- Increasing the number and diversity of the pool of graduate students and qualified professionals pursuing a teaching career in STEM or non-STEM at 2-year community colleges.
- Expand and strengthen the skills of future, early-career, and current STEM and non-STEM faculty to teach diverse student populations.

The program recently closed applications after being open from April 5th to July 31st, 2023 - but make sure to apply when it opens up in the coming spring semester!

When applying, make sure that your application packet includes the following:

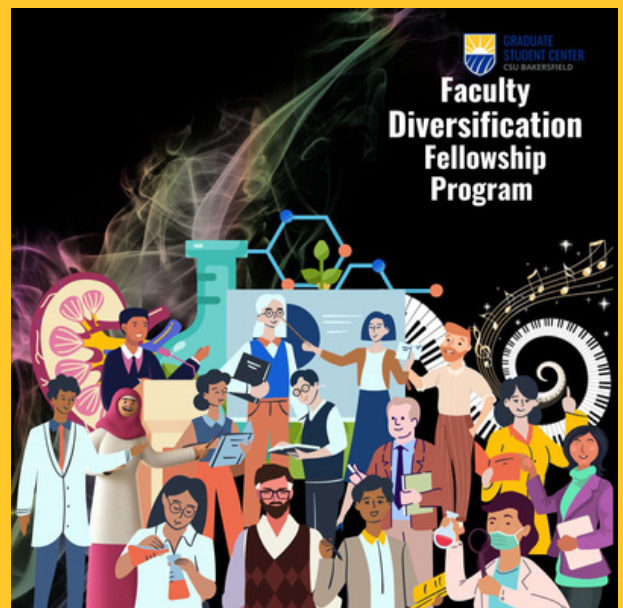
- 5 Professional References
- Cover Letter
- Current Resume
- Sample Syllabus
- Statement on your Philosophy of Teaching
- Transcripts (Official or Unofficial)

Though not required, it is highly recommended that you also submit the following:

- Letter of Recommendation
- Statement on your Diversity Philosophy

Including these in your application makes it stand out from the rest!

For further information, please refer to [the program brochure](#). If any questions remain, please do not hesitate to reach out to Lead Faculty Coordinator of the program, [Dr. Maria Wright](#).



Graduate programs at CSUB continue to benefit from the nearly \$3 million we were awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to support excellence in our STEM-associated graduate programs. Program directors Drs. Debra Jackson and Anna Jacobsen have worked with a talented team of professionals at CSUB to improve Graduate Student Center resources, expanded research infrastructure, support graduate student recruitment and outreach, and to offer several programs that support student and faculty development.

Over the summer, the CSUB Title Vb STEM Graduate Excellence program supported 10 graduate student mentors who worked with faculty and undergraduate students to complete research through the SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) Program. Congratulations to all of our graduate mentors for completing an exciting summer of research and for serving as an inspiration to the undergraduate student participants!

Additional programs and opportunities will be supported by grant funds during the current academic year. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Look for an early Fall call for applications to join our 'Graduate student-faculty collaborative research program' (GCRP). The GCRP supports student-faculty teams with a monetary award to conduct and complete a research project within the academic year.
- If you would like to take the GRE as preparation for applying to a STEM-related graduate program at CSUB or elsewhere, waivers are available to cover the cost of this exam through our "Graduate School Preparation Awards." The application for this program is available at the following link:

https://csub.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ajNzCBhApFm8nk.

- Graduate student travel for research, professional development, or to attend/present at a conference are supported through this grant and administered as part of the Travel Support for Student Researchers (TSSR) program. This is a great opportunity to receive funds to cover travel costs:
<https://www.csub.edu/GRASP/StudentResearchSupport/Folder/index.html>.
- At the end of this Fall Semester, we will once again hold a Grad Slam competition, where graduate students will present a 3-minute presentation on a research, scholarship, or creative activity that they have completed as a graduate student. The winner will represent CSUB at the CSU-wide competition and the regional competition hosted by the Western Association of Graduate Schools. Look for announcements about information sessions, workshops, and the competition date.



Drs. Jackson and Jacobsen, co-directors of our CSUB Title Vb STEM Graduate Excellence grant, are shown with our fantastic group of Summer 2023 graduate student research mentors. Supported projects included research from the Biology and Kinesiology programs. Graduate student mentors (not listed in order of appearance) included: Sarah Alame, Alexandra Brown, Samuel Del Rio, Karnig Estenssoro, Manish Ghimire, Jonathan Juarez, Jocelyne Lopez, Antonio Mateiro, Isaac Owens, and Ryan Robles.

Rudy Lomeli may have been born and raised in San Jose, CA, but he's proud to call Bakersfield his home. The son of Mexican immigrants made sure that his parents' efforts weren't wasted when he earned his bachelor's degree in history from CSUB in 2021. Now, he's continuing his educational career by pursuing a master's degree in history.

However, the road to continuing his education was anything but simple. During his senior year of his undergraduate studies, he fell seriously ill. He was able to finish his bachelor's degree due to some aid from his professors, but he had to take a year off from everything to recuperate. "It was insane - I think I was being pumped full of so many medications that I was technically a walking pharmacy at that point," Rudy jokes.

Though the goal of higher education always remained in Rudy's mind, the medical treatments made it seem like something out of reach. But in his words, CSUB was there to help. "I have to say a ton thanks to the History Department, even when I was telling them that I had to go through a bunch of medical stuff, they were so welcoming and understanding," he says. "They made it known that if I wanted to get my master's, they'd be there to help me along the way."

And help was received, as Rudy begins his second year in the History M.A. program this fall semester. He's currently working on a thesis project centered on a moral panic that Bakersfield played a major role in, hoping that it impacts how other historians interpret the event. Or in his words, "that they give [Bakersfield] credit for starting the panic."

"I've come a long way," Rudy recounts as he smiles, "and I'll never forget the generous love and support CSUB gave lil ol' me in getting to where I am now."

What book do you have by your bedside?

Right now, it's the first four Dune books in anticipation of the coming movie. Although, if anyone has a spare F-14 Tomcat pilot manual, that'd be by my bedside too.



What are your favorite quotes?

"I guess what I'm trying to say, is that if I can change, and you can change, everybody can change!" - Rocky Balboa, Rocky IV

"I didn't hear no bell." - Randy Marsh, South Park

Did you know?

Though a student of the humanities, Rudy never lost his touch with his STEM upbringing. "Growing up, we had to teach ourselves basic electrical and coding skills from obscure manuals to make the old computers my dad would bring home not explode on us," Rudy says with a laugh. He credits that for both his hobby of studying the intricate details of various historical topics and for his love of model kits.

Final Thoughts?

"I know it's a bit cliché, but I can't stress enough how important it is to never lose hope. However, I'd also like to stress that there's no issues with reaching out to others for help. You can have all the hope and desire to keep on pushing to the end, but sometimes, we just that little bit of support - that little boost from those around us = to push us to the finish line. Take it from me, I went from some kid on his deathbed to now being the guy running around and bothering the CA Attorney General's office for documents - if that doesn't prove the power of hope and support...well, I don't know what to tell you."



Dr. Maria Wright was born in Mexico and migrated to the United States at a young age. Through the combined efforts of her and her parents, Dr. Wright was able to prosper academically. With the Gates Millennium Scholarship fully funding her educational pursuits, Dr. Wright went on an illustrious academic journey.

First, she received her bachelor's degree in political science from CSU, Long Beach. Dr. Wright then continued her academic journey at CSUB, where she earned her master's degree in educational administration. The culmination of her educational career came when she earned her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Community College leadership from CSU, Fresno.

Dr. Wright currently serves as faculty in the Education Department of Bakersfield College (BC). Also at BC,

Dr. Wright serves as the lead faculty for the Faculty Diversification Fellowship Program and supports the Applied Leadership Certificate Program.

Of her time at CSUB, Dr. Wright has much to say: "I had the opportunity to experience CSUB as both a student and employee. In 2011, I started my graduate studies at CSUB. During this time, I also worked as the Community Assistant for Academic Interventions as part of the Housing and Residence Life Division. I was able to implement the skills learned from my graduate course to the work completed in this position. I later took a fulltime position as the Advising Coordinator for the School of Business and Public Administration, where I served in that leadership role for a couple of years...CSUB allowed me to have meaningful interactions with others that propelled my career trajectory.

She also has some parting words for students: "It is vital to realize that you are in control of your educational journey. There are many things that can pull you away from reaching those goals but focus on the things that push towards completion. I have held on to the quote below and reference it often when I feel defeated and depleted:"

"You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore."

- Cesar Chavez

FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Jason Watkins

Dr. Jason Watkins is a first-generation student who had an unlikely path through higher education. Growing up in Shafter, he recalls that he wasn't exposed to rigorous academic standards. Although he attended Pepperdine University thanks to a scholarship, he struggled to keep pace with his studies and left the university after only a year.

Dr. Watkins would then spend nearly a decade working unfulfilling jobs until he decided to return to higher education - this time, with a clear purpose. Dr. Watkins wanted to help people, especially those like him who didn't quite know how to navigate the educational system. Through his efforts, Dr. Watkins earned a B.A. in Psychology and an M.S. in Counseling from CSUB. Soon after, he began working full-time at CSUB and eventually earned his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership in 2021. During his studies, he was recognized as an Outstanding Student of School of Social Sciences and Education in 2014 and of the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership in 2021.

Currently, Dr. Watkins serves as the Director of Basic Needs and as a lecturer in the Psychology Department, although he previously worked with Services for Students with Disabilities. In addition to his campus roles, Dr. Watkins also serves on several leadership committees across the CSU and California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance.

"I feel incredibly lucky in that I get to interact with so many amazing people," Dr. Watkins states. "I've got wonderful colleagues and friends...I get the opportunity to work with some really great students as well. My time in the classroom keeps me connected to students in a way that fulfills me personally and professionally...I truly love CSUB. Having first attended here as a student, and now getting to work here I feel very lucky."

When asked about the various ways CSUB students can get involved, Dr. Watkins responded with the following: "To me, CSUB offers a wonderful variety of ways for students to get involved...whether it be doing research with faculty or participating in one of our many student clubs, there are many opportunities to make your time here fulfilling. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the Edible Garden. I know that many students aren't aware of what a special place it is and all the great work going on to provide organic produce free for the campus. If you haven't been, I encourage you to come out and volunteer or tour the garden."

Finally, Dr. Watkins has some words of advice for CSUB graduate students: "My advice would be to embrace your time as a grad student. What a special time to be able to dive into ideas and skills that you will use throughout your career. I would also encourage you to invest in your classmates. I am fortunate to have studied along many people that are now my colleagues and friends. Lastly, remember that you belong in every place you want to be. Imposter syndrome is a real thing, and the truth is, we all have something valuable to contribute. Don't let that voice in your head keep you from doing what you are meant to do!"





In 2005, Dr. Erika Harper discovered her passion and talent for teaching when she was a teaching assistant for her doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision. In her own words, “from the moment I stepped in the classroom, I knew teaching and mentoring my students was my calling and I knew I wanted to make a difference in the community, starting with the people.”

Dr. Harper’s philanthropical pursuits began with her volunteer work at the Metropolitan AIDS Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance, where she helped her mother prepare and deliver healthy meals for families. Dr. Harper further continued her philanthropy by working as a mental health worker for Hoffman Homes Residential Treatment Facility for Youth. Though her bachelor’s degree in psychology helped with this work, Dr. Harper desired to continue her education. For three years, Dr. Harper studied at CSU San Bernardino to earn her master’s degree in psychology and counseling. During this time, she also worked as a Foster Care Social Worker for a local non-profit foster care agency in Riverside, CA.

After graduating with first honors and as a member of Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society, Dr. Harper continued her work

as a social worker on the East Coast for the York-Poquoson Department of Social Services. A hunger for both knowledge and helping out led to the pursuit of her Ph.D. in Counselor Education from Regent University. Dr. Harper was able to pursue her dream of becoming a university educator, first as a teaching assistant and then as an online instructor for Liberty University’s Community Counseling M.S. program.

Dr. Harper continues to live out her dream these last 7 years, first by teaching courses within the Psychology Department and then by serving as the Interim Director for the Counseling Psychology master’s program. In her view, the University Counselor Training Clinic distinguishes the program, providing low-cost counseling to the community and experience to graduate students. Furthermore, Dr. Harper is proud that all of the Spring 2023 graduating class secured positions as counseling professionals in various settings.

“I am truly living out my dream – teaching these awesome students and making a difference in my community,” Dr. Harper states. Within the Bakersfield community, Dr. Harper serves as an active member and a board member of No Sister Left Behind, and as vice-president of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG). Both are non-profit organizations centered on aiding and uplifting women in Kern County.

When asked about her thoughts on CSUB and its community as a whole, Dr. Harper had this to say: “What I love the best about CSUB and the Bakersfield community is that we are a community built from the dedication and determination of our community members, current students, alumni, and their families who are really the pillars of this great community.”

The Master of Arts in English program's mission is fourfold: to develop students' knowledge of current critical and scholarly approaches to the study of literature and language; to enhance their knowledge of the structure and history of the English language; to clarify problems and issues raised by contemporary research in the teaching of composition; and to reinforce students' knowledge and application of primary and secondary sources.

To qualify for the program, students must have a Bachelor of Arts in English or a bachelor's degree in another subject along with a set of upper division undergraduate courses in English. All are welcome to pursue an enriching and fulfilling M.A. program.

Students of the English M.A. program finish the program with training in literature, writing studies, and linguistics. Although optional, students can also complete a Certificate in Writing to further deepen their expertise in the teaching of writing (the Certificate of Writing is available for all interested post-baccalaureate students).

Students that finish the English M.A. program often go on to serve our local community. Many of the program graduates are Kern County high school English teachers and community college instructors. But Kern County isn't the only place to benefit from graduates of CSUB's English M.A. program.

Recent graduates from the program have pursued law degrees at Whittier College and Seton Hall University; M.F.A.'s in creative writing at San Jose State, Long Beach State, and the University of Maryland; an M.F.A. in Film Directing at Cal Arts; an M.S. in Library and Information Science at San Jose State; an M.A. in South Asian Studies

at the University of Michigan; an M.S. in Speech Language Therapy at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, Scotland; Ph.D.'s in English and Rhetoric/Composition at UCLA, UC Riverside, and the University of Arizona, and in Political Science at Washington State University. Additional graduates of the English M.A. Currently serve as professional content writers in the social gaming industry, courthouse reporters, dramaturgy intern for the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Santa Maria, CA. Other graduates have even found rewarding work with AmeriCrops and Habitat for Humanity, and one graduate has gone as far as to teach English in South Korea at a school they founded with their spouse.

All in all, the English M.A. program offers its graduate students a vibrant, close-knit community of peers. The program's seminars are intimate, but large enough to be lively. Seminars take place mostly face-to-face in the evenings to accommodate those who work during the day, and when graduate students arrive to class after a long day, the stimulating atmosphere of the program revives them. English M.A. students at CSUB make memories and friends for life.

For more information about the program, please visit [the English M.A. program](#) website or contact any of the program personnel, staff, or faculty.

English M.A. Program Director

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FEATURED GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dr. Yvonne Ortiz-Bush, M.S. in Educational Counseling Program Director

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Dr. Yvonne Ortiz-Bush always had the thought of this quote when approaching academics: “If they can do it, I can too.” To her welcome surprise, this quote – along with a lifelong love for reading – would shape her educational journey.

Born and raised on Bakersfield’s Eastside (and still living there today), Dr. Ortiz-Bush’s educational career began after graduating high school. Dr. Ortiz-Bush first attended Bakersfield College, where she studied to be a nurse at a counselor’s suggestion. However, Dr. Ortiz-Bush decided that she would instead transfer to Fresno State as an undeclared major – as friends were also attending the university, Dr. Ortiz-Bush thought, “if they can do it, I can too.” She would then graduate Fresno State with a B.A. in Psychology.

Dr. Ortiz-Bush decided to return home to Bakersfield to earn a master’s degree in counseling. Once she obtained her master’s degree, Dr. Ortiz-Bush would go on to attend UC Santa Barbara to earn her Ph.D. Her dissertation exploring Albert Bandura’s self-efficacy theory would go on to help her make sense of her own first-generation academically journey, as well as aid in her future instruction.

Now, Dr. Ortiz-Bush is a tenured faculty member and director of the Educational Counseling graduate program at CSUB; in fact, she just received her 30-year Service Award from CSUB! She takes pride in her long years of service at CSUB and her status as both a tenured Latina faculty and a Latina licensed psychologist, but also takes great joy in that her students go on to become school counselors or student affairs professionals.

Dr. Ortiz-Bush also serves on various committees. She is



currently the faculty chair of the Latino Faculty and Staff Association and serves on the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Excellence Scholarship Fund (HESF) - of which she was an early recipient during her time at CSUB. She also serves as a mentor for the CSU Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), as she would like to pay forward her own participation in the program and all other opportunities she was afforded.

Looking back at her educational journey, CSUB, and the local community, Dr. Ortiz-Bush feels joy in having the opportunity to observe CSUB grow and adapt to meet community needs.

Dr. Ortiz-Bush has some parting notes for students: “You are at an important crossroad in your life. It is your choice to really engage in your educational journey or just get by...if you choose to actively engage, you will learn much about yourself and your worldview. What you see on social media is not real life, everyone struggles with something. Find people around you that will support your growth. Sometimes this might be your family of origin, other times this might be your family of choice. Invest in yourself and your self-care---you are worth it!!!”

From the Director: "I am delighted to share two wonderful opportunities with you - both of which are made available through the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office (CO). They are: (1) **The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program**; and (2) **The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)**. If you could, please see below for additional details and information."

The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program:

The Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program is designed to increase diversity within the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of students within the CSU. This funding opportunity enables students to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs within their chosen field of study. The 2024-2025 application cycle will open in the coming months, so please be on the lookout for an announcement.

To learn more about the Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program, please utilize the following links:

- [Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program webpage.](#)
- [The Graduate Student Center's Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program webpage.](#)
- [Presentation by Dr. Denver J. Fowler on the Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program at the CSUB 2022 Graduate Summit.](#)

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please be sure to schedule a meeting with the CSUB Campus Coordinator for the Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program, [Dr. Denver J. Fowler](#).

The California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP):

The goal of the California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) is to increase the number of faculty with the qualifications, motivation, and skills needed to teach the diverse students of the CSU. The CDIP prepares promising doctoral students for CSU faculty positions by providing financial support, mentorship by CSU faculty and

professional development and grant resources. Notably, it is the largest program of its kind in the U.S. The 2024-2025 application cycle will open in the coming months, so please be on the lookout for an announcement.

To learn more about the California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), please utilize the following links:

- [CDIP webpage.](#)
- [The Graduate Student Center's CDIP webpage.](#)
- [Presentation by Dr. Kelly Young on the CDIP at the CSUB 2022 Graduate Summit.](#)

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please be sure to schedule a meeting with the CSUB Campus Coordinator for the California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), [Dr. Denver J. Fowler](#).

Final Note from the Director: "Please take the time to look at these two wonderful programs and apply when the application cycles open in the coming months. The applications CSUB graduate students submitted for the 2023-2024 cycles were outstanding, but let's work to get the number of applications submitted even higher."

I would also like to take the time to congratulate our awardee and honorable mention for the Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program. Brandon Krieg was selected as a 2023-2024 Sally Casanova Scholar and Rudy Lomeli was selected as an honorable mention. I have high hopes that next year, we will congratulate even more students."



MENTORING

Did you know? CSUB has a mentor program available for graduate students. The Runner Alumni Mentor Program (RAMP) pairs graduate students with a CSUB alumni professional for an academic year of career-preparation coaching.



20k GRADUATE EQUITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND MORE

Did you know you can apply for the Graduate Equity Fellowship (GEF) Program? This program awards graduate students \$500-\$2,000 per academic year. You can learn more about this fellowship program (as well as many other graduate student funding opportunities and resources) by visiting the Graduate Student Center's Funding Opportunities & Resources website.

ONGOING EVENT/WORKSHOP:

Event/Workshop	Title	Presenter	Date/Time	Modality	RSVP
Event	The Writing Hours	N/A	All Fall Semester Fridays, 12pm-4pm PST	In-Person	No

FALL 2023 EVENTS/WORKSHOPS:

Event/Workshop	Title	Presenter	Date/Time	Modality	RSVP
Event	New Graduate Student Orientation	Multiple	08/22/23, 1pm-3pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Workshop	Finances of Graduate Education	CSUB Financial Aid Representative	09/15/23, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Event	Graduate Studies Summit	Multiple	10/07/2023, 9am-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Workshop	Graduate Research: Practice & Process	CSUB Faculty	10/13/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Workshop	Grad Slam 101: An Introduction	Dr. Denver J. Fowler	10/20/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes

Event/Workshop	Title	Presenter	Date/Time	Modality	RSVP
Workshop	Conducting Collaborative Research	Ms. Adrienne Silva	10/27/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Event	Graduate & Professional School Fair	Multiple	11/02/2023, 1pm-3pm PST	In-Person	No
Workshop	Grad Slam 201: Effective Presentation	Dr. Luis Vega	11/03/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Workshop	Grad Slam 301: Public Speaking & Delivery	Ms. Kelly O'Bannon	11/17/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Event	Grad Slam Rehearsal	Dr. Denver J. Fowler	11/28-29/2023, 5pm-7pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes
Event	CSUB Grad Slam	Dr. Denver J. Fowler	12/01/2023, 3pm-5pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)	Yes

Further information and Spring 2024 events can be found at the GSC website:
<https://www.csub.edu/graduatestudentcenter/events-workshops>

Title	Date/Time	Modality
2023 Wellness Service	08/27/2023, 11am-1pm PST	In-Person
Fall Volunteer Fair	09/06/2023, 10am-12pm PST	In-Person
Resume Workshop	09/14/2023, 3pm-4pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Building Your Brand	09/19/2023, 11am-12pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Are You Career Expo Ready?	09/28/2023, 12pm-1pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Fall Career Expo	10/05/2023, 11am-3pm PST	In-Person
Interview With Confidence	10/10/2023, 4pm-5pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Graduate School Fair Preparation	10/26/2023, 5pm-6pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Why Didn't I Get the Job?	11/07/2023, 12pm-1pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)
Resumania	11/15/2023, 11am-1pm PST	In-Person
Where Do I Go From Here?	11/28/2023, 12pm-1:30pm PST	Online Synchronous (via Zoom)

Further events and information can be found at CSUB's Event Calendar website:
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It's important to give your studies your all - especially graduate studies! Your success is dependent on the strength of your scholarly efforts...but also on your physical and mental efforts!

That's why the Graduate Student Center would like to remind everyone that while your studies are important, they come second to your physical and mental health.

You should NEVER ignore what your body is telling you - if you're feeling ill or feeling down, it's time to pause your studies and get some help. Don't worry about your studies - they'll be right there to pick up from where you left off. Furthermore, everyone at CSUB is ready to help in case of any health-related situation - so don't stress about balancing your studies or health, and just focus on your health first!

CSUB also has additional help available on campus. Student Health Services and the Counseling Center are ready to assist students in any way they can, so seek them out!



Remember, the Graduate Student Center, CSUB, and everyone is here for you and your health.

Being healthy - physically and mentally - will make your studies much more enjoyable and a lot less stressful, so be a little selfish and care for your health!

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"...here at the GSC, our mission is simple, we aim to serve and support all prospective, current, and past CSUB graduate students while continually fostering a graduate culture across our campus. With over 20 graduate programs (including Doctoral, Master's, second Bachelor's, post Baccalaureate, and Credential programs), 2,000+ current graduate students, and 12,000+ graduate alum, our graduate programs are continually growing (and notably, we plan to add 8 more graduate programs in the near future). Please consider joining us in our mission to serve and support prospective, current, and past CSUB graduate students by donating to the GSC. Please know your generous donations (no matter how large or small) have a direct positive impact on our graduate students."

~ Dr. Denver J. Fowler

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NEW-MENOR

The Numenor Building has received some upgrades and some additional flair!

The Conference Room has received a new TV Display and will soon receive a fresh coat of paint. Additional upgrades to the Conference Room will include PC connections to make Zoom meetings a lot easier!

The Front Desk also received a new TV Display, but also noteworthy are the new signs throughout the interior and exterior of the building. These signs proudly display our campus and its students, so come on by and check them out - alongside all the other upgrades to the building!



STUDENT ASSISTANTS ABROAD

Graduate Student Center student assistant Emma Barnes, currently in the History M.A. program, recently presented research at the Early Modern Sensory Encounters Conference held at Oxford University in England. She and Dr. Kate Mulry had been conducting research at the Huntington Library in the previous semester for their project entitled 'Sweet and Stinking Scents: A Sensory History of Reproduction in the Early Modern English Atlantic.'" Way to go Emma!



WRITING HOURS

The Graduate Student Center would like to remind graduate students and faculty that the Writing Hours will resume operation this Fall Semester! Be sure to stop by every Friday during Fall Semester for a wonderful writing environment! Plus, enjoy some delicious snacks and drinks while you're there!



CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT! WIN GSC SWAG!



Do you want your photo to be featured in the next issue of the Graduate Student Center Newsletter?
The only requirement is that you must be a current graduate student here at California State University, Bakersfield. Send your pic(s) to gsc@csub.edu and include "GSC Parting Shot Contest" in the subject line. If your photo is selected, you will receive some free GSC swag!

Congratulations to our Spring 2023 Graduates!



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