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**'Runners on the Rise:
*Building Community Together***

UNIVERSITY WEEK 2024
Wednesday-Friday, Aug. 21-23



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

**FACULTY PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

Program: 10:30 a.m. – noon, SCI III-108

Lunch: Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Student Recreation Center

**AI ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED: CRAFTING
ENGAGING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE NEXT LEVEL**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has forever changed higher education. Simply banning the use of AI has proven to be both ineffective and, too often, inequitable. Let's refocus our attention on learning. In this workshop, we will design assignments that require human-ness while also elevating students' critical thinking.

UNIVERSITY WEEK



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'Runners on the Rise: Building Community Together

*Open to all CSUB employees. We welcome all CSUB faculty,
staff and auxiliary employees.*

Staff Professional Development

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 • Student Recreation Center

Lunch: Noon-1pm • Program 1-4pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Susan Saelee

*Director of Operations for Blue
Zones Project, Bakersfield*

Susan received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. Her purpose and passions revolve around helping children in communities thrive. Susan is excited to be part of Blue Zones Project because she gets to participate in bringing evidence-based concepts and practices for healthier outcomes to a community she grew up in. This project can make lasting changes in our environment that will positively impact health and well-being outcomes for generations to come and Susan is proud to play a role in the work. Outside of work, Susan enjoys spending quality time with her husband Joe and their daughters, Mia and Liana.

GUEST SPEAKER

Emily Duran

Chief Executive Officer Kern Family Health Care

TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

The CSUB Challenge Program provides student-led programming to foster team building and create opportunities for you to challenge yourself and your group. Whether you are bringing your team out to experience the thrills of our high ropes challenge course, or participating in our icebreakers and ground games, The Challenge Program is here to help your group bond and improve the way you work together. Please welcome our student Challenge Facilitators to lead you in some icebreakers. We hope you form some new connections today and encourage you to join us at the Challenge Course in the future.

WELL-BEING PLATFORM LAUNCH

Join us on University Day to learn about the launch of CSUB Well, our new and exciting employee well-being platform powered by Propel. This new platform offers personalized well-being challenges, educational resources, and incentive programs to support your overall health. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your well-being and connect with colleagues. Be there and be part of this positive change!



THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

A G E N D A

ALL EMPLOYEES

- 8:30 a.m.** Continental Breakfast & University Day Food Pantry Drive
- 9:00 a.m.** **Welcome** – Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs James L. Rodriguez
University Day Address – Interim President Vernon B. Harper, Jr.
- 9:30 a.m.** **Student Panel** – Assistant Vice President for Student Success/ Student Affairs Ilaria Pesco
- 10:15 a.m.** **Staff Introductions & Staff Forum Award** – Interim President Vernon B. Harper, Jr., Vice Presidents, and Staff Forum Chair
- 10:30 a.m.** **Faculty Introductions & Faculty Awards** – Interim President Vernon B. Harper, Jr., Academic Senate Chair, and Deans
- 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.** **Community Panel** – Interim Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director for CSUB Foundation Heath Niemeyer
- 11:45 a.m.** **Welcome Back Messages**
Academic Senate – Melissa Danforth
Staff Forum – Marlene Hensley
CSUB Alumni Association – Fred Plane
California Faculty Association – Tracey Salisbury
California State University Employees' Union – Horacio Gonzalez
Administrative Professionals Unit 4 – Leonard Perez
CSUB Associated Students, Inc. – Erin Pruitt
- Noon **Lunch**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

A G E N D A

- 9:00 a.m. **General Faculty Meeting** – Student Union Multi-Purpose Room

NEW ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

This listing reflects employees hired between August 1, 2023 and July 31, 2024. This will be for both academic years.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Brian Aguilar, Instructional Support Technician for Geological Sciences

Katrin Alaya, Administrative Support Assistant for Libraries

Rosalinda Altamirano, Administrative Support Coordinator for Finance and Accounting

Alexandrea Rachel Alva, Operational Support Coordinator/Associate Dean's Assistant for SSE

Leslie Avila Lara, Financial Aid Advisor for Financial Aid and Scholarships

Gloria Dikeogu, Associate Dean of Libraries

Rosalba Flores, Director for GRaSP Accounting and Reporting

Samantha Flores, Administrative Support Assistant for Nursing

Sravanthi Gollamudi, Research Analyst for Planning

Eidie Gonzalez, Grants Analyst/Fiscal Compliance for GRaSP Accounting and Reporting

Nancy Gurrola Ureno, Administrative Support assistant for Grants and Contracts Administration

Stig Jantz, Student Services Professional II for Academic Advising and Resource Center

Silvia Lozano Cuesta, Grants Analyst I/Fiscal Compliance for Graduate Studies and Research

Luz Roldan, Clinical Practice Specialist for Teacher Education

Jacob Roper, Instructional Support Technician for Chemistry and Biochemistry

Annabelle Sanchez, Academic Advisor for AH Student Center

Adrienne Silva, Programs Admission Specialist and Advisor for Special Session

Emely Silva, Administrative Support Assistant for NSME

Justin Smith, Extended Education Records and Scheduling Coordinator for Special Session

Lauryn Turner, Office Assistant for SSE

Dulce Valdez Arranaga, Academic Advisor for SSE

Lizette Villa, Administrative Support Coordinator for Management/Marketing

Emily Walker, Administrative Support Coordinator for Kinesiology

Christopher Wisehart, Instructional Support Technician for Physics and Engineering

Micaela Yanez, Administrative Support Coordinator for Political Science

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BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Aditi Arya, Energy and Sustainability Manager for Environmental Sustainability
Bethany Dawson, Cashier for Student Financial Services
Lourdes Garcia, Police Dispatcher for University Police
Tomas Garza, Jr., Custodian for Facilities Management
Robert Gomez, Police Officer for University Police
Melissa Henriquez, Procard Technician for Business Services
Cindy Hernandez, Administrative Support Assistant for University Police
Yvette Jackson, Accounts Payable Technician II for Payment Services
Jevan Lane, Director for Safety and Risk Management Services
Emily Monterrosas Azamar, Accountant for Accounting and Reporting Services
James Morrison, Emergency Coordinator for University Police
Christina Orozco, Accountant III for Student Financial Services
Karl Pascua, Accountant for Accounting and Reporting Services
Jamal Powell, Senior Director for Capital Planning, Design and Construction
Damian Rodriguez, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Mechanic for Engineering and Energy Management
Lucero San, Classification/Compensation Analyst for Human Resources
Marco Vazquez, Police Officer for University Police
Scott Westall, Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting Director for Accounting and Reporting Services

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jordan Banfield, Head Coach for Baseball
Gillian Ellsworth, Clinical Assistant for Health Center
Roxana Espinoza, Administrative Support Coordinator for Counseling
Andrew Fulenwider, Head Coach for Beach Volleyball
Mike Kwon, Executive Director for Associated Students, Incorporated
Justin Liserio, Pitching Coach for Baseball
Bailey Montgomery, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator for Baseball
Breanna Polk, Communications, Special Programs, and Student Development Coordinator for Student Recreation Center
Advit Raghavan, Assistant Coach for Women's Basketball
Dawna Solis, Clinical Lab Technologist II for Health Center
Aaron Swinson, Assistant Coach for Women's Basketball
Garrison Wallace, Administrative Support Assistant for Counseling

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UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Gage Fiorentino, *Athletics Annual Fund Coordinator for Athletics Development*

Grace Gilani, *Annual Giving and Stewardship Coordinator for Annual Giving and Stewardship*

Heather Hernandez-Theis, *Director for Development*

Kevin Soto, *Videographer/Photographer for Marketing and Communications*

STAFF AWARDS

Outstanding Staff Member

Outstanding Department

NEW FACULTY

This listing reflects faculty for the 2024-2025 academic year and from spring 2024. Newly-hired faculty includes employees who may have held previous positions at CSUB.

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Marco Huerta Alardin, *Assistant Professor for Modern Languages*

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Milad Pira, *Assistant Professor for Management and Marketing*

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING

PROMOTED TO TENURED-TRACK

Stacy Elrod, *Assistant Professor for Nursing*

Edward Kish, *Assistant Professor for Nursing*

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Thibault Allain, *Assistant Professor for Biology*

Helen Capehart, *Lecturer for Nursing*

Dr. Sina Jahandari, *Assistant Professor for Computer Science*

Jessica Wilson, *Lecturer for Nursing*

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Sookyoung Park, *Assistant Professor for Social Work*

Yu-Hsun Peng, *Assistant Professor for Psychology*

Vanessa Soto, *Lecturer for Teacher Education*

Dr. Jose Villagran, *Assistant Professor for Ethnic Studies*

WALTER STIERN LIBRARY

NEW FACULTY

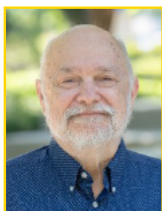
Emily Kopp, *Senior Assistant Library for Libraries*

FACULTY AWARDS

Outstanding Lecturer Award

CSUB is committed to providing encouragement and supporting outstanding teaching achievements by full-time lecturers. The Outstanding Lecturer Award has been established to honor a full-time lecturer for excellence in teaching effectiveness and service to the CSUB campus community.

John Deal, Ph.D., Lecturer, Department of Economics, is the recipient of the Outstanding Lecturer Award 2024-2025



After spending ten years teaching at a liberal arts school in Indiana, Dr. John Deal has been a lecturer in the economics department at CSUB since 2016. In addition, he is currently the director of the Agricultural Business program. During his time at CSUB, Dr. Deal has provided service to his department, school, and university through his contributions to curriculum development, assessment, student advising, and faculty governance. He is currently a member of the CSUB Academic Senate. While being a devoted teacher, he continues to undertake scholarly activities through peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, and research of local/regional interest.

Thank you and congratulations, John!

Promising New Faculty Award

The Promising New Faculty Award has been established to recognize exemplary achievements in teaching, research, scholarship, creative activities, and/or service among all full-time, tenure-track faculty or assistant professors.

Linh Bui, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, is the recipient of the Promising New Faculty Award 2024-2025.



Dr. Linh Bui is a health policy and health services researcher, specializing in healthcare delivery reforms and innovative strategies aimed at enhancing health outcomes for vulnerable populations (i.e., low-income women and children, and persons with mental illnesses) and reducing health disparities. Since joining CSUB in Fall 2021, she has published seven peer-reviewed journal articles in high impact journals. In teaching, Dr. Bui is committed to equipping students with both an equity lens and practical skills necessary for real-world Public Health practice. As one of the founding members of the CSUB Public Health Department, Dr. Bui has been instrumental in the development and expansion of the Public Health program.

Dr. Bui is proud and honored to receive the Promising New Faculty Award

Thank you and congratulations, Linh!

FACULTY AWARDS

Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award

The Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award is intended to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching.

Anna L. Jacobsen, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biology, was selected as CSUB's 2024-2025 recipient of the Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award.



Science students are most prepared for success through direct engagement with the topics, questions, and resources at the leading edge of scientific discovery, as routinely demonstrated in the teaching of Dr. Anna L. Jacobsen, Professor of Biology. Across the undergraduate to graduate levels and for both majors and general education courses, Dr. Jacobsen imbeds up-to-date content, cutting-edge methodologies, and research-grade equipment to provide students with high-impact course-based research experiences. These efforts have created a legacy of successes for her students in terms of academics, career advancement, publications, and grants. A remarkable facilitator of student learning success and long-term flourishing, Dr. Anna L. Jacobsen is the recipient of the 2024 Millie Ablin Excellence in Teaching Award.

Thank you and congratulations, Anna!

Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the principle and practice of research.

Antje Lauer, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Biology, was selected as CSUB's 2024-2025 Faculty Scholarship and Creative Activity Award.



For over 15 years, Dr. Lauer has worked with her students on a project that is of interest to the community of Bakersfield: Valley Fever. This disease which is caused by a soil-borne fungal pathogen and for which there is no cure, is affecting many residents of Kern County. Education is essential in disease prevention efforts, and Dr. Lauer hopes that her published work and her work in the classroom have made a difference for students and members of the Kern County community. Dr. Lauer's work with the community has recently led to a new project. This project allows her to use her skills in molecular biology, along with environmental consultants, activists, and students to improve environmental surveys for endangered mammals in Kern County.

Thank you and congratulations, Antje!

FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Leadership and Service Award

The Faculty Leadership and Service award was established in 1996-97 by the Academic Senate of California State University, Bakersfield and the CSUB Foundation in order to recognize and encourage outstanding contributions to the principle and practice of shared governance and service to the community. Faculty leadership is critical to providing an educational experience of high quality and to the overall mission of CSUB.

Jinping Sun, Ph.D., Professor, Public Administration, was selected as CSUB's 2024-2025 recipient of the Faculty Leadership and Service Award



Dr. Jinping Sun has served the university, the community, and the profession in various capacities. Her leadership roles include Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration, Chair of the School of Business and Public Administration Assessment Review and Curriculum Committee, Chair of the University Program Review Committee, Chair of NASPAA Site Visit Teams, etc. She has also been appointed as a Faculty Leadership Fellow, leading campuswide efforts in improving academic program review at CSUB. She currently

serves on the Vision Committee and as Co-Chair of the Grants Allocation Committee of Kern County Women's and Girls' Fund.

Dr. Sun is honored to be the recipient of the Faculty Leadership and Service Award.

Thank you and congratulations, Jinping



New Student Convocation and Pinning Ceremony

Sunday, August 25, 2024

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Icardo Center

CSUB faculty and staff are cordially invited to join us for this special event and participate in the processional.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to wear their regalia and arrive by 1:30 p.m. to participate in the processional. (No prior RSVP required)

New Student Convocation is a formal ceremony for new CSUB students and their families to be officially recognized and welcomed into the Runner family.

***More information [csub.edu/convocation](https://www.csub.edu/convocation)
or you may contact Campus Programming at
(661) 654-6297 or campusprog@csub.edu.***



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