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College of Humanities Newsletter

Message from Humanities Dean Elizabeth A. Say



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In this issue of the newsletter, we welcome some new colleagues, celebrate a new name, and say goodbye to an old friend. As always, we introduce the new faculty who joined the College in the past year. Each one contributes to our ability to fulfill the College Mission as we “explore and value the diversities of cultures, thought, perspectives, literatures and languages of humanity,” and we are delighted to have them join us here at CSUN. Also joining us is our new Associate Dean, Dr. Karin Stanford, who has been part of the CSUN community for 11 years. I’m very happy to have her as a member of the College leadership team and hope you have the opportunity to meet her at one of our yearly events. And Suren Seropian has come aboard as the new Director of Development. Like me, Suren is an alum of the College, and he shares my enthusiasm for the work we do and the students we serve. He promises me that he will stay in this position for a long time and I know you will enjoy getting to know him! In May, we renamed the Asian House in honor of Professor Glenn Omatsu and had a wonderful dedication ceremony to celebrate this event. Lastly, we say good-bye to Mary Eve Finestone. Eve was one of the first community friends I met after I

became dean. Over the years we had some wonderful conversations about the past and future of the College of Humanities. She was always enthusiastic about what we were doing and generous with her time and resources. She will be missed.

Congratulations, Class of 2014!

On Thursday, May 22, we held joint commencement ceremonies for the College of Humanities and the Michael D. Eisner College of Education. President Dianne Harrison conferred baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees to the Class of 2014 on the Oviatt Library lawn. This year's College of Humanities Dean's Scholar, Kathleen Lucitt, graduated with a double major in Languages and Cultures (with a concentration in Japanese) and Religious Studies. Ms. Lucitt has been accepted to the competitive master's degree program in Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies at the prestigious Monterey Institute of International Studies. The College is proud of her academic achievement and wishes her continued success. Well done, Kathleen!



President Dianne Harrison addressing crowd at commencement. Photo courtesy of Lee Choo.

The university Alumni Association greeting and welcome was delivered by Mark Cooley, an alum of both colleges. He received his bachelor's degree in Spanish in 1968 and a master's degree in Education in 1971. Mark played basketball and ran track for CSUN and is a member of the Matador Hall of Fame. Mark's wife, Diana, and his son Mark Cooley III are also CSUN alum. Theirs is a family full of CSUN tradition!

Congratulations to all of our graduates on earning their degrees— way to make CSUN SHINE!

- Submitted by Noreen Galvin

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