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Annual Spring VITA/LITC Program Involving 250 Students Expects to Prepare 5,000 Free Tax Returns

In a shining example of the university's commitment to community service, hundreds of Cal State Northridge students once again are volunteering this spring in an annual university program preparing free income tax returns for thousands of low-income residents.

The university launched the first Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in 1971, engendering scores of similar efforts at other colleges and universities around the country. Now 30 years later, officials said CSUN still runs the largest VITA program in the western United States.

What began as a fledgling CSUN effort with about 10 student volunteers at one site in the city of San Fernando has grown to a widely known, award-winning program with 14 sites in the region staffed by about 250 student volunteers. This year, CSUN's VITA/ LITC program expects to prepare about 5,000 free tax returns.

"There's a great demand in the community for our services," said Catherine Jeppson, the longtime faculty advisor to CSUN's VITA/LITC (Low Income Taxpayer Clinic) program. "Believe it or not, though, I think our students get even more out of the program than the people they're helping."

"The program is very well-known in the business community, and it looks very good on a resume," Jeppson said. "But it's really an opportunity for students to give something back to the community. And for some, it's a real eye-opener as to what is the make-up of a typical family in Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley."
To qualify for services by CSUN's VITA program, clients must have annual gross incomes not exceeding $40,000, whether for single or married joint filers. Many clients are non-English speaking, so the VITA program also offers services in Spanish, Korean, Farsi, Russian and sign language.

The 14 current CSUN VITA sites opened in mid-February and most will remain open through early April, with the final sites closing April 6. Most locations are scattered throughout the San Fernando Valley, although the program also has expanded to sites in the Koreatown and Fairfax areas.

Staffed by CSUN student volunteers, each individual VITA site typically is open the same single day each week for a two-and-a-half-hour period. That is the length of the students' weekly shift. But some VITA site is open each day Monday through Saturday covering both the day and evening periods.

Demand at some of the CSUN VITA sites can be so strong that clients sometimes are asked to come back the next week or try another VITA site on another day. "It's first-come, first-served. Anyone who calls in, we tell them to get to their VITA site early," Jeppson said.

After undergoing an intense 24-hour training period during semester break, the CSUN VITA student volunteers work a single shift every week for the eight-week run of the program. The students are supervised by second-year CSUN student coordinators, as well as by professionals who volunteer their time.

Under the program's agreements with the Internal Revenue Service and state Franchise Tax Board, the CSUN student volunteers prepare standard, current-year California and federal tax forms such as federal 1040s, 1040As, 1040EZs and various credits, and California 540As, 540EZs and renter's credits.

For couples filing married joint returns, both spouses must be present for VITA to prepare the returns. The program does not prepare returns for married couples filing separate returns. Specialized services are provided for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

Students in the CSUN VITA program do not handle prior years returns, out-of-state-returns, capital gains forms or self-employment income. "What we do, we do very well," said Jeppson. "But we don't want to do things where a paid tax preparer would better serve the taxpayer."

The program is housed in CSUN's College of Business Administration and Economics, and Jeppson is a lecturer in the college's Accounting and MIS Department. But the VITA program is open as a two- or three-unit service learning course to all CSUN sophomores and above in good academic standing.

"When I found out about the program, that you can earn college credit for it and really get out there in the community and do something good and help people, that's what attracted me," said Dina Levkov, a CSUN VITA student coordinator this spring who worked as a tax preparer last year.

"I think I have a really good understanding of how our tax system works, and I don't think a lot of people who don't go through this program can say that," Levkov added. "You really learn a lot in the 24-hour training period. Of all the classes I take, that's one of the classes where I learn the most."

Levkov said she has had fun in the program, met a lot of interesting clients and often shares in their excitement. "Sometimes you have people who still owe money. But sometimes you have people who get a refund. That happens pretty often. And they're really happy about it, so you get happy about it."

CSUN's VITA program was founded in 1971 by Joe Buchwald, a veteran Finance, Real Estate and Insurance Department professor, and then-student Gary Iskowitz, who went on to graduate from the university and now works as a tax attorney in Century City. Jeppson said Iskowitz still helps support the program.

Through the years, the CSUN VITA program has received many awards and recognitions, including a presidential award from former President George Bush, the Hammer Award from former Vice President Al Gore, the Commissioner's Award from the Commissioner of the IRS, and recognition from the Los Angeles City Council and the
California State Senate, among others.

"It all started at CSUN, and now it's sort of mushroomed," Jeppson said. "VITA is all over the United States, not only at universities, but also at graduate schools, law schools and community colleges. CSUN graduates, for instance, founded a new VITA program at the University of Southern California's law school.

Because the CSUN VITA program has been in operation for an amazing three decades, Jeppson said it has become a virtual institution in some communities, particularly at the program's very first Santa Rosa Center location on Kalisher Street in the city of San Fernando.

In the program's early days, local residents, many undocumented, were hesitant to seek assistance mistakenly fearing they might be reported to immigration authorities. Today, Jeppson said the Santa Rosa Center is probably the busiest single location, where generations of families come each spring.

The CSUN VITA program also runs a site on the CSUN campus-one that draws many university employees-in Business Building 2111 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays through April 4. The CSUN site also is the only CSUN VITA location that currently offers electronic tax filing (also free).

The full list of CSUN VITA locations and their hours of operation is available on the program's web site, www.csun.edu/vita; by calling VITA at (818) 677-4519, or by e-mail to hfact007@csun.edu. The web site also has information for CSUN students who want to consider participating in the program.

### CSUN's VITA/LITC Program

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<td>- Gross income not greater than $40,000 (before adjustments, exemptions, and the standard deduction)</td>
<td>- Be enrolled at CSUN during the spring semester in ACCT 498</td>
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<td>- No self-employment income (Form 1099-MISC)</td>
<td>- Have at least sophomore standing (min. 30 college units completed by start of the spring semester)</td>
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<td>- No capital gains (except capital gain distributions on Form 1099-DIV)</td>
<td>- Not on academic probation</td>
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<td>- Current year returns only</td>
<td>- Attend all training sessions and workshops</td>
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<td>- Work three hours per week while centers operate (February through April each spring)</td>
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For Your Information publishes announcements of public meetings, notices, events, deadlines, classes and courses of interest to the university community. The deadline for submitting items generally is noon on Monday, one week before the issue appears. The deadline for the March 12 issue is Mon., March 5.

We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the two-week period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@exec.csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-4909. E-mail is the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi—means for more information.

Public Meetings

Associated Students Senate
Meets 2 p.m., Tue., Feb. 27 in the USU Thousand Oaks Room.

Educational Technology Committee
Meets from 2-4 p.m., Fri., March 2, in Oviatt Library conference room 373.

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2 p.m., Wed., March 7, in President's Conference Room A.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Meets from 1-5 p.m., Thu., March 8, in President's Conference Room A.

Educational Resources Committee
Meets from 2-4 p.m., Tue., March 13, in President's Conference Room C.
Foundation Board of Directors

Meets 6 p.m., Wed., March 14 at the University Club.

Notices

Jewish Religious Holidays

The Faculty Affairs Office reminds the campus community that the major Jewish holidays occurring during the spring 2001 semester include:

- Purim from sundown Thu., March 8 to sundown Fri., March 9.
- Passover from sundown Sat., April 7 to sundown Sun., April 15.
- Shavuot from sundown Sun., May 27 to sundown Tue., May 29.

It is campus policy that "in administering any tests or examinations, we will permit any student who is eligible to undergo the test or examination to do so, without penalty, at a time when that activity would not violate the student's religious creed. The Faculty Affairs Office calls this policy to your attention and reminds faculty and staff of the responsibility to be sensitive to students' religious obligations as course deadlines, examinations and other activities are scheduled.

Christian Faculty & Staff Association Meetings

The Christian Faculty and Staff Association is holding lunch meetings from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday of the month in the United Campus Ministry office, second floor of the University Student Union. fmix5814.

Events

Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Joint Advocates on Disordered Eating (JADE), University Counseling Services, Residential Life, Athletics and Associate Students invite campus community members to attend the free events of CSUN's fifth annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Mon., Feb. 26 through Wed., Feb. 28.

- Mind, Body and Spirit Fair: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon., Feb. 26, USU Grand Salon.
- Eating Disorders-Beyond Eating: 9:30-10:45 a.m., and 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Tue., Feb. 27, USU Grand Salon.
- Nothing to Hide...How I Battled Bulimia: 7:30 p.m., Tue., Feb. 27, UPA Building 9.

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Faculty CELT Programs

The Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching is offering these programs to faculty members during the spring:

- Teaching Style and Learning Style- Using the Myers Briggs Type Indicator to Facilitate the Learning Process: 12:30-2 p.m., Tue., Feb. 27, in the Teaching and Learning Center in Sierra Hall, 4th floor, room 439.
Judge Julian Beck Proposals: due by 4 p.m., Mon., March 5, in Sierra Hall 438.
Intercultural Communications in the Classroom: 12:30-2 p.m., Tue., March 6, in the Teaching and Learning Center in Sierra Hall, 4th floor, room 439.
Designing Courses that Promote Significant Learning: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Fri., March 9, or Sat., March 10 in the Education Building 1214/1216. Reservations are required. Participants need only attend one workshop.
fmi-Cynthia Desrochers, x5934, or e-mail cynthia.desrochers@csun.edu.

Career Center Workshops

The Career Center is offering workshops to assist students with career decisions and job search, resume and interviewing strategies. Reservations are preferred for all workshops. To sign up, call x2878. The schedule is as follows:

- Job Seminars for On-Campus Interviews: 10 a.m. to noon, Tue., Feb. 27 and Wed., March 7. Targeted disciplines for the second seminar are business and accounting, the first seminar is open to all disciplines. Workshop includes tips on interviewing and successful career search. Attendance is required for campus interviews.
- Resume Results: 1-2 p.m., Thu., March 1 & 11 a.m. to noon, Tue., March 6. You will learn techniques and strategies for creating a targeted resume. The workshop will provide sample resumes and critiques, as well as tips on cover and thank-you letters.
- Internship Insights: 3-4 p.m., Thu., March 1 & 2-3 p.m., Mon., March 5. This workshop provides a step by step process to link your internship to a successful career path.
- Intelligent Interviewing I-Preparation: 10 a.m. to noon, Thu., March 1 & noon to 2 p.m., Tue., March 6. Discover strategies for successful, intelligent interviewing. Learn the interview process from the employer's perspective.

Majors Fair 2001

The Educational Opportunity Program, Undergraduate Studies, Associated Students and the California Career Development Association/CSUN student chapter are sponsoring Majors Fair 2001 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wed., Feb. 28 at the USU Northridge Center. The event provides students with an opportunity to explore majors, minors and campus resources at one place. The fair features faculty, staff and students from all undergraduate academic departments/programs/ options, informational displays and printed materials. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given. fmi-Helene Berg-Kolin, x2108 or e-mail helene.berg-kolin@csun.edu

Volunteer Opportunities

Students are invited to join the Volunteer Council. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Career Center's Volunteer Program Office. fmi-Council hotline, x4106 or visit www.csun.edu/volunteer or VolunteerTrak in the Career Center. The following are upcoming opportunities:

- KCET Pledge Drive: Volunteers will be given a meal before their shift. Choose a date from Sat., March 3 through Wed., March 28, then call Renee Maddalon at (323) 953-5289 with the date and number of volunteers in your group.
- Los Angeles Marathon: Assist at the water stations, etc. Get your club to volunteer together. Call (310) 444-5544. Or volunteer with the Blind Children's Center (mile 12). Call Laurie Headley (323) 664-2153.
- Blood Drive: Campus blood drive with the American Red Cross from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon. through Wed., March 5-7, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thu., March 8 at the Sierra Quad. Volunteers are needed anytime within these hours to help with registration and handouts. Call Barbara, x3690.
- New Horizons "Wine Tasting-A Soiree": Volunteer for this fund-raising event from 7-11 p.m., Sat., March 10. Call (818) 894-9301.
- Job Fair 2001: The Career Center needs volunteers to escort employers and assist with registration. Food is provided. Call x3260.
Chinese New Year Banquet

The China Institute at CSUN is inviting everyone to its Chinese New Year banquet at 6 p.m. Sat., March 3 at the Mandarin Wok, 21800 Victory Blvd. in Woodland Hills. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the institute's work in the past year, enjoy a program of authentic Chinese performances, and get information about upcoming events and activities. A $50 or more membership contribution to the China Institute buys dinner for two at the banquet. Each additional seat is $25. fmi-x3939.

Multi-Faith Dialogue Series

The Interfaith Council at CSUN is hosting a six-week Multi-Faith Dialogue Series in collaboration with the San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council. This dialogue series will promote understanding and knowledge of other faiths. Information will be shared in a non-threatening way among people of different faiths in a small, intimate group setting.

The two-hour sessions are structured with exercises and thought-provoking questions. The facilitator will be Mal Cohen, who has more than 10 years experience in Interfaith dialogue and is a member of the NCCJ, the National Conference of Community and Justice, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The Multi-Faith Dialogue Series will start Tue., Feb. 27 from 2-4 p.m. in the Interfaith Lounge, second floor of the south wing of the University Student Union. The series will be held each Tuesday at the same time for six weeks through April 3. The dialogue series is limited to 15 participants at a time. To sign up, contact Darlene Warren-Shapiro, director of campus ministry, at x5814 or Mal Cohen at (818) 348-0267.

Christian Faculty Lecture

The CSUN Christian Faculty and Staff Association and United Campus Ministry is hosting a lecture titled "The Calling of a Christian Professor" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thu., March 1 at the Interfaith Lounge, second floor of the south wing of the USU. John Walkup, author and scholar, will discuss some of the challenges involved in living out this calling on a secular campus in the new millennium, while sharing personal experiences from his career. fmi-x5814 or e-mail darlene.warren@csun.edu

New Media Workshop

The College of Business Administration and Economics and the College of Engineering and Computer Science are sponsoring a workshop titled "Strategies and Technologies: Tools for Producing and Delivering Streaming Media at CSUN" from 2-4:30 p.m. Fri., March 2 in Business Administration Building 4117. This workshop will explore delivering various audio/video applications over the Internet. Faculty and staff from several areas on campus will discuss their video encoding and delivery tools and techniques. fmi- www.csun.edu/ws/st/newmedia.htm

Alumni Day at the Races

The Alumni Association is inviting alumni and friends to the infield of the Santa Anita Racetrack at 12:30 p.m., Sun., March 4. Don't worry if you have never been to the track, professional race handicappers will help you pick the winners. The cost is $5 and children under 17 are free. fmi-x5541.

Geology Lecture

The Geological Sciences Department and the Geology Club are sponsoring a lecture titled "The Geomorphology of Central and Western Australia" at 4 p.m., Wed., March 7, in Science 1231. Lecturer will be Frank Hanna of Northern Arizona University.
Brown Bag Film Series

The Marilyn Magaram Center will screen a film titled "Heart to Heart-The Truth About Heart Disease" in Sequoia Hall room 104 from 3-4 p.m. Wed., March 7, and from 11 a.m. to noon, Thu., March 8. fmi-x3102.

An Evening with Boris Yaro

This evening with Los Angeles Times photographer Boris Yaro features an interview and video presentation at 7:30 p.m., Mon., March 12 at the Performing Arts Center. KTLA Channel 5 news reporter Stan Chambers will lead the discussion with Yaro about his 35-year career at the Los Angeles Times.

Also, see Boris Yaro Assignment L.A. exhibit in Calendar/Art

Commission on the Status of Women

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSOW) will be meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Mon., March 12 at the Women's Center, 18344 Plummer St. Among the topics for discussion will be employee morale and an upcoming workshop on eldercare presented by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). fmi-e-mail joan.hall@csun.edu

Job Fair

The Career Center is sponsoring a spring Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon., March 12 in the USU. The event is open to students of all majors and class levels. Recruiters from various fields will offer full-time, part-time, internship and volunteer opportunities. fmi-www.csun.edu/career.

Classes

Student Computer Workshops

The Office of Undergraduate Studies is sponsoring student workshops in the Learning Resource Center in Student Services Building room 418 on topics including PowerPoint, HTML and WebCT. The following workshops are upcoming:

- HTML Session I Workshop: 1 p.m., Wed., Feb. 28
- HTML Session II Workshop: 1 p.m., Wed., March 7 Create a web page with HTML tags in four sessions. Upload to your account on the CSUN server. Sessions 3 & 4 will be March 14 and 21.
- WebCT: 12:30 p.m., Thu., March 8. A one-hour workshop on how to enroll, navigate and participate in an online course utilizing the WebCT platform.

These workshops are open to all CSUN students. fmi-x2033 or e-mail hflrc007@csun.edu.

Faculty/Staff Computer Workshops

Information Technology Resources is offering the following workshops in "H" Complex HE001 (except as noted):

- Basic Macros in Excel: 9:30-11 a.m., Tue., Feb. 27.
- SIMSR Query & Advisement Overview: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tue., March 6 in Oviatt Library, room 2.
Creating a Basic PowerPoint Presentation: 2:30-4:30 p.m., Fri., March 9.
- Technology Orientation: Offered several times each month by invitation only. Contact Camille Brooks x2258, or e-mail camille.brooks@csun.edu

To enroll, send an e-mail request to training@csun.edu or call x2204.

Health/Safety Workshops

The Office of Environmental Health and Occupational Safety offers a variety of health and safety workshops. The next session is:
- Ergonomics Training: Thu., March 8, from 10-11 a.m. in the USU Thousand Oaks Room. Participants will learn techniques to customize their workstations and tasks, identify potential problems and begin implementing solutions. Reservations are required. fmi-x2401.

WebCT: A Demonstration for Faculty

The Office of Undergraduate Studies is offering faculty workshops in the Learning Resource Center on online course creation, design and management on WebCT. The following workshops in Student Services Building room 408 are upcoming:
- WebCT Discussion and Chat: 2 p.m., Tue. Feb. 27. Learn how to create and manage a bulletin board with threaded discussion and synchronous chat rooms.
- WebCT Quizzes and Gradebook: 2 p.m., Tue., March 6. Add quizzes and a gradebook to your course. Required prior to any of the workshops: Apply for a WebCT account at least three days prior to the workshop by filling out the form at www.csun.edu/~webteach/WebCT/WebCTAccountRequest.html

Reserve a computer and space. fmi-x2033 or e-mail lrc@csun.edu

Deadlines

Faculty Senate Spring 2001 Elections

Faculty members who want to run for an office of the Faculty Senate and have not yet been nominated may submit a petition signed by 15 faculty members to the Faculty Senate Office. If anyone knows of faculty members who wish to run for office, please encourage them to circulate a petition or circulate on their behalf. The following offices are open for election:
- Vice President (one year term): one position
- Secretary/Treasurer (one year term): one position
- Academic Senate (three year term): one position
- Senators-at-Large (two year term): six positions

Petitions are due by 5 p.m. Fri., March 2 at the Faculty Senate Office, FOB room 106 (mail code 8221). fmi-Sandy Horwitz, x3263.

Research, Scholarship & Creative Activity Awards

The Research and Grants Committee announces the 2001-02 Competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards. The awards provide faculty the opportunity to receive up to $5,000 to pursue their scholarly and creative interests. Faculty may apply for three units of released time and/or funds for project expenses. In recent years,
more than 60 percent of applicants have been funded. New faculty (hired as of fall 1998) will be considered as a group and be given special consideration. The deadline for submission of applications is 5 p.m., Fri., March 9. Application materials are available in Research and Sponsored Projects, AP 706, x2901 or can be downloaded at www.csun.edu/~gripact/research.html.

Gerontology Scholarship

The Center for Education and Research in Gerontology invites undergraduate seniors and graduate students who have developed research interests in the field of aging to apply for the Sonja Marchand Gerontology Award of $1,000. Applications are due Thu., March 15. Application forms can be obtained from Jean Daniels in the Sociology Department at x4992 or by e-mail jean.daniels@csun.edu.

Valley Community Legal Foundation Scholarships

Applications for the 2001 Valley Community Legal Foundation Scholarships are available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, AP 702. This year the foundation will award a total of $4,000 in scholarships to CSUN graduating seniors who plan to start law school beginning fall 2001. Up to four scholarships will be awarded. Awards will be presented at the foundation's annual Law Day Dinner. Applications are due by Fri., March 16. fmi-x2391.
The Associated Students Ticket Office is in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, excepted for some held by outside groups. The ticket office is open from 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Mon.-Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-3093, or x2488.

Art

Admission is free unless otherwise specified.

Atomic City: Los Angeles in the Nuclear Age

An exhibit of life during the Cold War.
Dates: Through Wed., Feb. 28
Place: Oviatt Library exhibit room

Lili Lakich: Sirens and Other Neon Seductions

Renowned for her conceptual and visual range in creating neon sculpture, Lakich will premiere her first installation piece-Sirens-as the highlight of this exhibition. Incorporating familiar neon signage of advertising with archetypal life-size figure assemblages, Lakich draws on both the vernacular and aesthetic expressions of neon.
Dates: Through Sat., March 31
Place: Main Art Gallery

In Search of Our Mother's Kitchens:

Women and the Domestic Arts, 1900-2000

An exhibition that celebrates both the public and private achievements of 20th century American women.
Dates: Mon., March 5 through Fri., March 30
Opening reception, Wed., March 7, 7 p.m.
Place: Oviatt Library exhibit room

Boris Yaro Assignment: L.A.

Boris Yaro has completed 35 years of daily assignments as a news photographer and has been on three Pulitzer Prize-winning teams at the Los Angeles Times. This exhibition includes 40 of the most important and provocative photographs he has produced to date. The images
range from the drama of Robert Kennedy's assassination to intimate moments of daily life.

Dates: Through Sun., June 3
Place: Performing Arts Center Lobby Gallery

Athletics (home games)

Baseball

2/27 Loyola Marymount 2:30 p.m.
3/2 Westmont 2:30 p.m.
3/8 Temple 2:30 p.m.
3/9 Temple 2:30 p.m.
3/17 Purdue 1 p.m.
3/18 Cal Poly Pomona 1 p.m.
3/26 UCLA 2:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

3/1 Eastern Washington 7:05 p.m.
3/3 Portland State 7:05 p.m.

Softball

3/2 Oregon State 1 p.m.
3/3 UNLV 1 p.m.
3/4 Colorado State Noon
3/11 Notre Dame Noon
3/21 Washington 1:30 p.m.
3/22 Northwestern 1:30 p.m.
3/24 Utah State Noon
3/25 Utah State Noon

Tennis

3/2 Eastern Washington 2 p.m.
3/8 Loyola Marymount 2 p.m.
3/14 Iowa State 2 p.m.
3/18 Northern Arizona 9:30 a.m.
3/19 Cincinnati 1:30 p.m.

Men's Volleyball

3/2 Pacific 7 p.m.
3/5 Lewis 7 p.m.
3/13 Concordia 7 p.m.
3/15 Rutgers 7 p.m.
3/17 Quincy 7 p.m.
Northridge Dance Summit

An evening of dance featuring La Danserie, Francisco Martinez Dance Theatre and Frit & Frat Fuller's Kin Dance Company.
Date & Time: Sat., March 3, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $15 general, $12 seniors, $9 students

Music

Admission to all music events (unless otherwise specified): $10 general, $7 faculty, staff and seniors, $5 students.

Guest Artist Series

Guitar clinic and recital with Michael Chapdelaine.
Date & Times: Thu., March 1
1 p.m. guitar clinic (free)
8 p.m. recital
Place: Music Recital Hall

CSUN Jazz "A" Band

Big band sounds brighten the stage under the direction of Matt Harris with special guest Ron Stout.
Date & Time: Fri., March 2, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center

Guest Artist Series

Pianist Serge Martinchuk performs works by Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Brahms and Carl Vine.
Date & Time: Sat., March 3, 8 p.m.
Place: Music Recital Hall

CSUN Youth Symphony

Under the direction of Edward Kawakami. And CSUN Camerata Strings under the direction of Kimberly Blake-Kilgore.
Date & Time: Sun., March 4, 3 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center

CSUN Wind Ensemble

Frank Batistti will be the guest conductor.
Date & Time: Thu., March 8, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center

Osiris Piano Trio

This internationally revered trio of leading Dutch musicians features a program of Beethoven,
Van Norden, Martin and Mendelssohn.  
Date & Time: Mon., March 5, 8 p.m.  
Place: Performing Arts Center  
Admission: $24 adults, $19 seniors, $7 students, $5 CSUN students  
Tickets & Info: (310) 552-3030

CSUN Youth Philharmonic

Featuring Strauss' "Four Last Songs" and Saint-Säens "Organ Symphony No. 3," under the direction of Jerry Luedders.  
Date & Time: Sun., March 11, 3 p.m.  
Place: USU Northridge Center

Faculty Composer's Recital

With the music of Daniel Hosken, Daniel Kessner, Elizabeth Sellers and William Toutant.  
Date & Time: Fri., March 16, 8 p.m.  
Place: Music Recital Hall

Alumni Artists Recital

Featuring Steve Martinez, clarinetist; Beth Elliot violist; Jonathan Rubin, violinist; and Marina Gushanksy, pianist.  
Date & Time: Sat., March 17, 8 p.m.  
Place: Music Recital Hall

Forever Plaid

This beloved '50s show has sold out across the country with its crooned harmonies of "Catch a Falling Star," "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," and much more.  
Dates & Times:  
Sat., March, 17, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
Sun., March 18, 3 p.m.  
Place: Performing Arts Center  
Admission: $29  
Tickets & Info: (818) 785-8885

Primavera Trio

Guest artist Roland Kato, violist, joins the Primavera Trio as they perform works by Beethoven, Martinu and Brahms.  
Date & Time: Sun., March 18, 8 p.m.  
Place: Music Recital Hall

American Guitar Society

Guitar orchestras from CSUN, Cal State Fullerton and USC Thornton School of Music celebrate the sound of the guitar.  
Date & Time: Sat., March 24, 8 p.m.
Parisii String Quartet

This esteemed quartet from Paris will perform Mozart's "String Quartet in D Minor," Ravel's "String Quartet in F Major," and Beethoven's "String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3."

Date & Time: Mon., March 26, 8 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $24 adults, $19 seniors, $7 students, $5 CSUN students
Tickets & Info: (310) 552-3030

Theater/Performance

King Lear

Tony Award-nominee Tony Tanner directs this new rendition of William Shakespeare's classic.

Dates & Times:
Fri.-Sat., March 2-3, 8 p.m.
Sun., March 4, 11 & 18, 5 p.m.
Wed., March 7 & 14, 7 p.m.
Thu., March 8 & 15, 8 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., March 9-10 & 16-17, 8 p.m.
Place: Studio Theatre
Admission: $10 general, $7 CSUN faculty/staff/students & seniors

A Slice of Rice, Frijoles & Greens

A feast of stories that give humorous and vivid insights into the Asian, Latino, African and Deaf American experiences.

Date & Time: Thu., March 22, 7 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center
Admission: $15 general, $12 CSUN faculty/staff, $10 children, CSUN students free

The Tender Land

Aaron Copland's opera of the American Midwest and the story of a young girl's first love. Featuring music cut from the cloth of "Appalachian Spring."

Dates & Times:
Thu. & Sat., March 29 & 31, 8 p.m.
Sun., April 1 & 8, 5 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., April 6-7, 8 p.m.
Place: Little Theatre
Admission: $10 general, $7 CSUN faculty/staff/students & seniors