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Nearly 7,000 Students Graduate in Spring Ceremonies

Congressman, Community Activist and TV Studio Head are Among This Year's Slate of Commencement Speakers

Congressman Brad Sherman, community activist Irene Tovar and television studio executive Michael Klausman are among the dignitaries scheduled to address the nearly 7,000 Cal State Northridge students graduating this week.

An estimated 6,874 students are candidates to receive diplomas-about 5,917 bachelor's and 946 master's degrees spread among 58 disciplines-in ceremonies that begin the evening of Tuesday, May 29 with the university's Honors Convocation.

"Commencement is a joyous time for the university and for the graduates, their spouses, parents and families-all of the people who supported them over the years and helped them succeed," said CSUN President Jolene Koester.

"We are extremely proud of our graduates and equally proud of the distinguished alumni who are returning to their alma mater to participate in commencement," the president said. "We see graduation as a community celebration, and all are welcome."

The following are CSUN's 2001 commencement ceremonies:

Honors Convocation
6 p.m. Tuesday, May 29
The graduation celebration begins with the Honors Convocation at the University Club. This year's convocation speaker is President Koester, who was inaugurated in April as the university's fourth president in its 43-year history.
Business Administration and Economics
8 a.m. Wednesday, May 30
Congressman Brad Sherman will speak at the College of Business Administration and Economics' ceremony on the Oviatt Lawn. Sherman, a former member of California's Board of Equalization, serves in the U.S. Congress as a Democrat representative of the 24th District, which includes parts of the San Fernando Valley and Ventura County. He is a former C.P.A who went on to earn a law degree from Harvard.

Engineering and Computer Science
4 p.m. Wednesday, May 30
Peggy Nelson, director of systems development and operations for TRW Systems Information Technology Group and a CSUN alumna, will speak at the College of Engineering and Computer Science's ceremony at the University Club.

Social and Behavioral Sciences
6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30
Community activist Irene Tovar will give the commencement address for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences on the Oviatt Lawn. Tovar, a CSUN alumna, is executive director of the Latin American Civic Association, the largest HeadStart program in the San Fernando Valley.

Health and Human Development
8 a.m. Thursday, May 31
Eric Schultz, executive director of Arthur B. Schultz Foundation, will speak at the College of Health and Human Development ceremony on the Oviatt Lawn. The foundation, founded by and named for Schultz's father, seeks to promote environmental conservation, greater access and recreational opportunity for the disabled and socially responsible economic development.

Science and Mathematics
4 p.m. Thursday, May 31
Michael Day, director of the Beckman Institute Crystallography Laboratory at Caltech, will give the commencement address for the College of Science and Mathematics at the University Club. Day, a CSUN alumnus, nearly lost his life at age 18 in an accident that left him confined to a wheelchair with limited use of his hands. Despite his disability, Day went on to become one of the country's most respected experts in crystallography, which is the use of crystals to determine molecular geometry.

Arts, Media, and Communication
6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31
Michael Klausman, president of CBS Studio Center, will speak at the College of Arts, Media, and Communication ceremony on the Oviatt Lawn. Klausman, also a CSUN alum, is responsible for the marketing and operation of the center in Studio City, where the television shows produced include "Just Shoot Me," "Will & Grace," "Malcolm in the Middle" and "Spin City." During the ceremony, Los Angeles Councilman Hal Bernson will present a city citation for the college recently being named as the best film school in Southern California.

Humanities
8 a.m. Friday, June 1
The College of Humanities will not have a speaker for its commencement ceremony on the Oviatt Lawn.

Education
4 p.m. Friday, June 1
CSUN special education professor June Downing will give the commencement address to the College of Education at the University Club. Downing is a national leader in special education, which targets the needs of students with severe disabilities.
Northridge Film Program Named Best in Southern California

Northridge Program Chosen by Independent Film Producers Group Over UCLA, USC and Others

The film program in Cal State Northridge's College of Arts, Media, and Communication has been named the best in Southern California-topping UCLA, USC and others-by the Association of Independent Feature Film Producers (AIFFP).

CSUN President Jolene Koester, AMC Dean William Toutant (right)and Interim Associate Dean Paul Krivonos accepted the 2001 IndiGo Award for Educational Excellence from the 20,000-member AIFFP organization at the Thursday, May 17 opening gala for the college's new Manzanita Hall facility.

"It comes down to how prepared students are to succeed in the industry," said AIFFP President Barry Collin in explaining how his organization evaluated film programs. "You have to not only master the art and craft, but you must know the business. That is truly where Northridge excels."

"I am amazed and proud of the high quality of everything this college produces," said Dean Toutant at the opening of the new building, which will house three AMC departments starting in the fall. "We are limited only by our own imagination, which is to say, there is no limit to what this college can accomplish."

The AIFFP award was the group's first to an educational institution. Collin, who heads the Hollywood-based nonprofit group, which serves as the education and advocacy entity for independent film producers worldwide, said CSUN was chosen from among dozens of evaluated local full-time film programs.

With a focus on undergraduate programs, which train the bulk of the professionals who go on to work in the film industry, the AIFFP considered programs' curriculum, faculty projects, internships, job placements, industry involvement and balance of classroom and practical training.

Based on those criteria, Collin said the Northridge program emerged as the best. "Northridge has alums in the highest levels of the industry, as well as everyone down the line," he said. "Their grads are extremely knowledgeable, competent and flexible. They graduate ready to make things happen."

In his speech during the award presentation, Collin added, "Like those years at the Oscars when we are surprised and pleased at an unexpected winner, we could not be happier to present this award to a campus that quietly, deftly and relentlessly built an institution that produces young professionals who are ready to make things happen."

"In an environment where there is little time for on-the-job training, and less room for error, we need students like
those produced by this university. We salute their success, as we watch CSUN develop the next generation of visionaries," Collin said.

"So when next you gaze upon the screen, lost in a world of action and emotion, know that you will increasingly be in the very capable hands of students of California State University, Northridge," Collin added.

In the fall, the college's departments of Journalism, Communication Studies and Radio-Television-Film will operate out of the new 65,000-square-foot Manzanita Hall. The latter department at the same time will change its name to the Department of Cinema and Television Arts.

The state-of-the-art building—the last major new building completed as part of the university's recovery from the 1994 Northridge earthquake—will include a movie theatre, television and film production studios, a foley studio and production and editing rooms.
CSUN at Channel Islands Hosts Student Awards Ceremony

More Than 80 Students Earn Scholarships and Special Recognition

CSUN at Channel Islands held its second annual student awards ceremony on Thursday, May 10, honoring more than 80 students who earned scholarships and various awards.

Stephen Lefevre, director of the CSU Northridge at Channel Islands program, welcomed guests and introduced the ceremony's keynote speaker, attorney Carmen Ramirez, a coordinator for the Ventura Superior Court's Self-Help Legal Access Center.

Ramirez was president of the Ventura County Bar Association in 1998, and remains active in several bar committees, including the Volunteer Lawyers Committee and the Public Education Committee. She also is active in the community and serves on the CSUN at Channel Islands Community Advisory Committee.

George Morten, student services coordinator for CSUN at Channel Islands, presented the top four students—those receiving a 3.9 or above GPAs with completion of at least 33 units of work in letter-graded courses—with certificates of exceptional academic achievement accompanied by monetary awards.

Certificates of outstanding academic achievement and bronze medals were presented by sociology professor Helen Meloy to 54 students who earned GPAs of 3.5 and above with completion of at least 33 units of work in letter-graded courses.

Maria de la luz Flores, an EOP academic advisor, presented 25 students with service and leadership awards honoring those who have made significant contributions to the community and the university. These students were selected based on their evaluations from their field supervisors.

Examples of service performed included working with the Boys & Girls Club, the RAIN project, in elementary education, with the Youth Authority, at the university, at outreach centers and recovery centers, softball leagues, the Port Hueneme Police Department, local churches and the Channel Islands Historical Association.

The Community Action Scholarship and the Citizens for Youth Scholarship were presented to Scott Groeneveld, a liberal studies major who earned a 3.69 GPA while at the Channel Islands campus.

The Community Action Scholarship, $500 funded from community donations, was given for the first time this year. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and promote student leadership and community involvement.

The Citizens for Youth Scholarship is given to a deserving student who attended Ventura County high schools. The scholarship encourages student participation in programs that strengthen the campus or the local community.

The CSUN Community Advisory Board Scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Grabow, a liberal studies major with
an option in history. The scholarship, with a $500 value, was launched in fall 2000 to promote student leadership in the community.

The Dorothy L. Huston Scholarship was awarded to Greta Mitzova-Vladinov, a nursing program student. The scholarship is awarded to a student who showed academic excellence while pursuing a career in nursing or the patient care profession.

A special award was given to Jerry Gillespie, a volunteer from the Student Services Department. Gillespie is a volunteer tutor in math and statistics with a background in physics. He has volunteered for three semesters and given more than 100 tutoring hours in these most challenging disciplines.

**Exceptional Academic Achievement**
- Sandra Cavallo
- Laura Eve Newman
- Elizabeth Yeider
- Denise Zufelt

**Outstanding Academic Achievement**
- Tiffany Armas
- Carolynn Arnot
- Judy Barrios
- Tanya Benson
- Katrina Bernasconi
- Erica Blackwell
- Kevin Brown
- Robert Buenrostro
- Kathleen Callahan
- Erashel Centeno
- Carlos Covarrubias
- Daniel Crespo
- Teresa Eddy
- Margaret Eggleston
- Dani Espinosa
- Barbara Goldenson
- Heather Guss
- Teresa Halverson
- Sarah Heston
- Cheryl Jacobson
- Dee Jenkins
- Summer Johnson
- Vanessa Kellerman
- DaNell Lagomarsino
- Heather Larson
- Jenny Leland
- Jaime Lenoski
- Julie Lico
- Deborah Manders
- Amber McPherson
- Heather Moe
- Claudia Moore
- Elizabeth O'Boyle
- Martha Palomares
- Matthew Pescador
- Janice Peyton
| Belinda Poore  |
| Dana Purcell  |
| Aundrea L. Roberts |
| Brandi Rogenmoser |
| Karen Sanchez  |
| Mari Schuck  |
| Jenne Simental  |
| Francine Smith  |
| John Smith  |
| Rachel Spero  |
| Michele Stierlin  |
| Kathleen Taillon  |
| Kyla Tams  |
| Patsy Thompson  |
| Candace Webb  |
| Blanca Wiggins  |
| Jennifer Wissusik  |

**Service and Leadership**

| Erica Alvarez  |
| Carrie Austin  |
| Monica Elizabeth Barragan  |
| Tara Noel Bartolone  |
| Lori Camp  |
| Aurora Diaz  |
| Lydia Diaz  |
| Mahala Fortner  |
| Jayne Garcia  |
| Mariela L. Gonzales  |
| Bryan Gosser  |
| Stephanie Grabow  |
| Scott Groeneveld  |
| Jaime Lenoski  |
| Megan Miller  |
| Jeana Morelli  |
| Norma Noriega  |
| Irleen Oden  |
| Regina Lynn Olsen  |
| Aundrea L. Roberts  |
| Diana Simental  |
| Deborah Sims  |
| Francine Smith  |
| Lisa Stasiak  |
| Candace Webb  |
University Salutes Top Graduating Students and Award-Winners

Seven Graduates Receive Special Honors as the Best of the Best at the Honors Convocation

More than 1,400 graduating seniors and master's degree recipients have been invited to participate in Cal State Northridge's annual Honors Convocation this spring, including seven students receiving special recognition for outstanding academic performance and community contributions.

The Honors Convocation is being held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 29 at the University Club. CSUN President Jolene Koester, celebrating her first year leading the university, will give the keynote address.

These are the graduating students receiving special recognition:

**Mayra Bamaca-Gomez**
*Wolfson Scholar*
This year's Wolfson Scholar recipient, the award given each year to the university's top graduating senior, is Mayra Bamaca-Gomez, 27, of Van Nuys. She immigrated to the United States from Guatemala at age 17, not speaking a word of English.

Determined to get an education, Bamaca-Gomez spent a summer translating a high school algebra textbook into Spanish so she could take the course, eventually finishing at the top of her class and graduating with honors. In the process, she mastered English so she could take other college preparatory classes while in high school.

After a couple of years attending community college, Bamaca-Gomez transferred to Cal State Northridge to study psychology. While at the university, she worked alongside her faculty members conducting research.

But she also found time to serve as a special education teaching assistant at an elementary school, teach parenting classes at several community centers and serve as a translator of parent surveys for the Northeast Valley Urban Village Initiative.

"I have been highly motivated, and my goal has always been to get the highest degree possible," Bamaca-Gomez said. "Coming here [to CSUN] has changed everything for me. It's been such a supporting environment that I know I will be able to realize my dreams."

Bamaca-Gomez will be attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall to pursue her doctorate in human development.

**Rebecca Espiloy Baroma**
*Outstanding Graduate Student*
This year's recipient of the President's Associates Outstanding Graduate Student Award is Rebecca Espiloy Baroma, 33, of Los Angeles. Baroma, who is getting her master's degree in creative writing, has already established herself as...
one of Los Angeles' leading Filipina poets.

She has been invited to speak at UCLA, Wesleyan College and Claremont Graduate School. The prestigious literary organization, Beyond Baroque, also invited her to participate in its "The World Beyond Festival."

While at CSUN, Baroma served as editor of The Northridge Review, an undergraduate magazine produced by the English Department. Her work won the American Writers and Poets' National Program Director's Prize for Undergraduate Magazine, Design Award. She also has been invited to join the editorial board of Dis-Orient Journalzine, an international avant-garde journal.

Baroma was a liberal studies student at CSUN as an undergraduate. After graduating, she took an extended learning writing class on a whim and ended up in the university's graduate program. "I didn't know what I wanted to do. I took a writing class, and it changed my life," Baroma said.

She will be teaching developmental writing classes in CSUN's Asian American Studies Department this fall, and plans to continue with her outside literary work.

**Nelson Cadenas**  
*President's Associates Outstanding Graduating Senior*

Nelson Cadenas, 24, of Sun Valley is one of two recipients this year of the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award from the President's Associates. Cadenas, who is earning his bachelor of science in electrical engineering, is fulfilling a dream he set for himself when he was seven.

Every night his father would take him outside and point out the stars. Cadenas wanted to join them in space. "I wanted to be an astronaut," he said. "And when I learned that most astronauts were engineers, I knew exactly what I wanted to be when I grew up."

Cadenas now works at Vitesse, a Camarillo engineering firm. Cadenas is the first in his family to receive a college degree. Beyond his schoolwork, Cadenas also found time to encourage local high school students to attend college.

**Nicholas Hamlin**  
*President's Associates Outstanding Graduating Senior*

Nicholas Hamlin, 22, of San Diego is the second recipient of the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award from the President's Associates. Hamlin, who is receiving his bachelor of arts in biology, has led a full life while at CSUN.

Despite switching majors at the end of his sophomore year and cramming four years of study into two, Hamlin still found time to compete as a member of CSUN's intercollegiate cross country and track and field team. As the team's leading 5,000- and 10,000-meter runner, he became the first CSUN runner in the 10,000-meter race to score in a Big Sky Conference championship.

"My classes always came first," said Hamlin. "But I decided to go out for track because I knew it would be the only time in my life that I could run college track and get a chance to compete for an [NCAA] Division I school."

After graduation, Hamlin plans to get his Ph.D. in biology from the University of California, San Diego.

**Robert Hanff**  
*Alumni Association Outstanding Graduating Senior*

CSUN student body president Robert Hanff, 22, of Northridge is this year's Outstanding Graduating Senior Award recipient from the CSUN Alumni Association. Hanff, who is earning his bachelor of science in political science, has been president of Associated Students Inc., the student government, for the past two years.

In addition to his studies and leadership responsibilities, Hanff also found time to serve as a White House intern, a judicial intern with the San Fernando Superior Court and the only student member of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the state's 16-member planning and coordinating body for higher education.
"I just don't like not to be busy," said Hanff, who will be attending UCLA Law School in the fall.

**Brian Richard Hubinger**
*Goldstein-Saulter Memorial Award*

Brian Richard Hubinger, 23, of Arcadia is this year's recipient of the Karen, Leon and Rita Goldstein-Saulter Memorial Award, which is given by the Alumni Association to an outstanding graduating senior.

Hubinger, who is earning his bachelor of science in environmental and occupational health, also served as a member of CSUN student government, an offensive lineman with the Matadors football team, an orientation leader and a member of the interfraternity council.

Hubinger, who was forced to leave school for one semester because of an illness, said he never intended to be so busy while in college, "but I opened one door and it led to five others."

Hubinger now works at Anheuser-Busch, Inc., as an environmental health and safety specialist. He plans to return to CSUN in the fall to pursue a master's degree in environmental and occupational health.

**Amy London**
*Schiffman Memorial Scholarship Award*

Amy London, 25, of Encino is this year's recipient of the Robert H. Schiffman Memorial Scholarship Award, given each year to an outstanding graduate student.

London, who is earning her master's in communication studies, previously received her bachelor of arts in communication studies at CSUN. For the future, she is contemplating pursuing a doctorate. In the meantime, she plans to teach at local community colleges and universities.

"Communication is fundamental to the people we are and what we do in our lives," London said. "I like to focus on intercultural communication, with people who don't normally communicate with each other."
When more than 6,800 Cal State Northridge graduates receive their diplomas to close the spring 2001 semester, the ceremonies will recognize more than just students' academic achievement.

The university's annual commencement week May 29 to June 1 also will highlight the tenacity and dedication of many students who overcame obstacles—often seemingly insurmountable—to complete their education in pursuit of their personal goals.

"Many of our students are the first in their families to attend college. Some have worked full-time jobs while carrying full course loads," said CSUN President Jolene Koester.

"Others have had to deal with challenging family obligations, often as single parents. Their determination to overcome the obstacles before them and succeed academically inspires and reminds us of the importance and value of higher education."

Here are just some of CSUN's extraordinary graduates this spring:

**Antoinette Acosta**

*Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering*

Antoinette Acosta admitted that when she graduated from an Arizona high school, she had no idea what she wanted to do. She ultimately enrolled at the University of Arizona, but dropped out to get married at age 20. Three years later, she was divorced and had a one-month-old son.

"I had to get myself in gear if I was going to provide for the both of us," said Acosta, now 27. She moved in with her parents, who had since moved to Bakersfield, and enrolled first at the local community college, and then at Cal State Northridge with the goal of becoming an engineer.

For the past few years, Acosta has commuted between Bakersfield and Northridge, dividing her time between a full load of engineering classes and her son. An internship last summer at Warren A. Minner and Associates, a Bakersfield engineering firm, turned into a part-time job that also demanded her attention.

Through it all, Acosta said, she kept her eye on her main objective—her son, now age 4.
"When I'm home, I don't do homework until he's asleep. He comes first," she said. "I want to be an example for him. I want to be a strong role model for him so that when he grows up, he will be able to admire his mother."

Acosta, who maintained a 3.7 GPA at CSUN, is receiving her diploma in the College of Engineering and Computer Science commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 30. She plans to continue working at Warren A. Minner and Associates and also pursue a master's in engineering.

**Lydia Aguirre**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Sociology*  
Lydia Aguirre dropped out of high school and ran away from home at age 15. By age 17, she was a single mom determined to get her life back together. She enrolled in a Santa Barbara continuation school and graduated from high school in 1996.

Determined to make a better life for her and her daughter, Aguirre enrolled first at Santa Barbara Community College, where she earned an associate's degree in anthropology and liberal studies, and then transferred to CSUN's Ventura Campus, now CSUN at Channel Islands, in 1999.

Aguirre, now 23, admitted commuting between Camarillo and Santa Barbara, where she also works at the community college as a transfer advisor, can be arduous, but she said it is worth it. Aguirre would like to become an academic counselor at a community college.

"I want to reach that population that hasn't really been exposed to the educational system," she said. "I want them to know that even if they've made some wrong decisions in the past, they still have a second chance if they get an education. Like I did."

Aguirre, who is the first in her family to get a college education, received her diploma on Friday, May 25, at the Channel Islands' commencement ceremony.

**Linette Astourian**  
*Bachelor of Science in Psychology*  
Growing up in Syria of Greek and Armenian parents, Linette Astourian never really felt she fit in. The fact that she was a girl who spoke her mind, Astourian said, really made her stand out in a community that favored more traditional behavior.

Her family immigrated to the United States when she was 14, and after three tough years in New Jersey, they finally moved to California and settled in Whittier. Worried that their opinionated daughter would become too American, her parents arranged her marriage immediately after high school.

Despite family opposition that she should stay home and take care of her two daughters, Astourian, now 36, tested the waters of independence with the support of her husband by enrolling at a community college. She loved it. It took her five years, but Astourian earned her associate's degree and then transferred to Cal State Northridge in 1998 to study psychology.

Through it all, Astourian worked, first at her husband's jewelry shop and now with the Armenian Relief Society in Glendale helping new immigrants adjust to their new country.

"I want to go on to graduate school and eventually become a clinical psychologist. I want to work with immigrant children to help them deal with adjusting to coming to the United States," Astourian said.

"I know personally how hard it is. It's not just the language issues, but the cultural ones that the whole family has to adjust to," she added.

Astourian, who now lives in La Crescenta, is receiving her degree in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences' commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 30.
Eriko Iwata
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Eriko Iwata came to the United States with the idea that she could polish her nursing skills with an American education and return home to Japan in just a couple of years. That was nearly six years ago.

Iwata, now 37, quickly discovered that what she learned in Japan was not up to American standards, nor was her English proficient enough for a university program.

With the support of her husband, a magazine editor who remained at home in Tokyo, Iwata enrolled at Glendale Community College to brush up on her language skills and to meet the general education requirements she needed to transfer to Cal State Northridge.

Iwata, who brought her now 12-year-old son with her to the United States, transferred to CSUN in 1997 and immediately embarked on a full load of courses.

Juggling childcare, classes and later a job as an intensive care nurse at Cedars Sinai Medical Center has not been easy. But Iwata is determined to take what she has learned in the United States back home to Japan.

"In Japan, the doctors are in charge. The nurses basically don't have any say in the care of the patients," Iwata said. "Here, nurses are part of the team, and they have a more clinical approach to what they do. The nurses in Japan would love to do what American nurses do."

Iwata, who lives in Glendale, currently maintains a web site for Japanese nurses on American nursing practices, as well as how to apply to an American university to study nursing. She also is writing a series of articles for a Japanese nursing magazine about her experiences in the United States.

Iwata is receiving her diploma at the College of Health and Human Development's commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 31. She is planning to earn her master's degree in nursing at UCLA, and then work in the United States for several years before returning to Japan.

Theresa Leonard
Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

By most accounts, Theresa Leonard shouldn't be here.

When she was in the first grade, she, an older sister and her mother were kidnapped. When she was 12, her father was murdered. About a year later, her mother was arrested in connection with her father's death and Leonard was put in foster care.

Leonard married a minister by age 19. But after eight years of abuse, she took her two children and left her husband.

Leonard later married another pastor, but again found herself in an abusive relationship. That marriage lasted 11 years and produced another child. After her then-husband was arrested, Leonard found the courage to leave him even though he had her convinced he could track her down even while behind bars.

After months of therapy, Leonard, now 42, decided it was time to get an education in order to do something for herself and her children.

She enrolled in a community college. About that time, she met the man who would become her current husband. Once she earned her associate degree, they married and moved to California to start a new life for their family in 1996.

Leonard, who now works at CSUN as a sign language interpreter for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, ultimately wants to become an elementary school teacher.

"I firmly believe the abuse has to stop somewhere," she said. "I want children to know that love is out there. At least when they go to school, they will know that their teacher loves them and that they will be treated with the honor,
dignity and respect they deserve."

Leonard, a Canyon Country resident, is receiving her diploma at the College of Humanities' commencement ceremony on Friday, June 1. She is planning to enroll in CSUN's teacher credential program in the fall.

Jeremy Sonenschein
*Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology*
All Jeremy Sonenschein ever wanted to be when growing up was a commercial pilot. But after two years at a training facility in Arizona, his dreams were dashed when he learned he was color-blind.

Disillusioned, he returned to Van Nuys and, at his mother's urging to "get out of the house," he enrolled at Cal State Northridge in 1996. After signing up for a variety of majors, including political science and pre-med, he settled on kinesiology. Sonenschein now wants to become a student affairs administrator at a university.

While taking 16 to 18 units each semester at CSUN, Sonenschein still found time to volunteer in the community. It is a passion he developed while in middle school, when a teacher assigned him to work with autistic children as part of a class project. "I loved it," he said. "I really enjoyed the feeling I got helping people."

During his time at CSUN, Sonenschein has volunteered with the Los Angeles Music Center, Tree People, the Wildlife Way Station, the Los Angeles Fire Department as an emergency medical technician, the Sierra Club, various political campaigns, CSUN's University Student Union and the American Red Cross, where he is a member of a disaster response team.

In addition to his volunteer work and his studies, Sonenschein, now 24, also holds two part-time jobs, as a personal trainer at the Northridge YMCA and as an emergency medical technician for a Torrance-based private ambulance company.

Sonenschein is receiving his diploma at the College of Health and Human Development's commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 31.
Who's Who Students

The 2000-2001 student selections at CSUN for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges are:

Erika Diaz Alvarez, Child Development
Kelly Austin, Child Development
Nidia Joanna Becerra, Broadcast Journalism
Doretta Lanier Crawford, Marriage & Family Therapy
Doreen Dagan, Child Development
Desiree Despues, General-Experimental Psychology
Sucari Epps, English
Deleram Gidanian, Electrical Engineering
Mabel Gonzalez, Psychology & Child Development
Irene Inkyung Ha, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Polet Der Hovanessian, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Jessica Jefress, International Business
Svetlana Kacherova, Nursing
Jenny Rebecca, Leland Child Development
Tuula Mattson, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Aaron Alan Rozzell, Psychology & Statistics
Jeremy Brad Sonenschein, Kinesiology
Murray Stach Educational, Psychology & Counseling
Judith Ann Terhar College, Counseling & Student Services
Achievements

Publications


Mary Sayles (English) published an article titled "Choose Children Only If You Choose to Take Care of Them" on March 18 in the Valley Edition of the Los Angeles Times. She also presented her paper "The Spirit of Things: Consumerism as a Religious Alternative in Late Victorian England" at the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery conference in Colorado Springs.


Donna Harpster and John Wayne Plasek (Sociology) had a paper titled "Serving Needs of Immigrants to the United States: A Case Study of Child Development Resources of Ventura County, California," published in Actas del II y III, Colloquios Internacionales, La Frontera: Una Nueva Concepcion Cultural, Ruben Sandoval, ed.


James Elias, Herman Rodriguez and Veronica Diehl Elias (Sociology) had a paper titled Los Papeles que cambian entre individuos y parejas que cruzan la frontera de America Latina a Los Estados Unidos: los motivos, alculturacion, y los papeles del genero, published in Actas del II y III, Colloquios Internacionales, La Frontera: Una Nueva Concepcion Cultural, Ruben Sandoval, ed.

Jack Solomon (English) had his 23rd column titled "The Pop Culture Scene Appears to be Going Primitive" published in the Valley Edition of the Los Angeles Times on February 25.

Barbara Kroll (English) had her article titled "The Composition of a Life in Composition" published in the collection "On Second Language Writing" by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. This essay had also been published in Odense Working Papers in Language and Communication (Denmark) in January 2001.

Jack Lopez (English) had his short story collection "Snapping Lines" published by the University of Arizona Press. He also gave a reading at CSU Fullerton on January 11.

Donald Hall (English) had his review essay on Anthony Giddens and the usefulness of Gidden's theories in the
analysis of Victorian literature and culture published in the fall 2000 issue of "Victorian Poetry."


Noah Blaustein (English) had his edited anthology titled "Motion: American Sports Poems" published with the University of Iowa Press. The Los Angeles Times Book Review reprinted a poem from this anthology in April. He also published a book review in Pleiades and gave a reading from his new book at the AWP conference in Palm Springs.

Steven Oppenheimer (Biology) had Volume VI of the Journal of Student Research Abstracts published by Pearson Education, Boston, MA, 71 pages. He also co-authored a poster paper with five students titled "Specificity of Cell Binding to Derivatized Agarose Beads". The paper was presented by his students at the 40th annual national meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology on December 10. An abstract of the paper was published in Molecular Biology of the Cell, vol. 11, p. 107a, December 2000.

Presentations

David Miller (Chemistry) presented a paper "Surface Cleaning: Quantitative Study of Gel Residue on Cleaned Paint Surfaces" at the International Institute for Conservation Conference in Melbourne, Oct. 10-14, 2000. The paper also has been published in the International Institute for Conservation's "Tradition and Innovation: Advances in Conservation" proceedings of the Melbourne Congress.

George Uba (English) presented a paper "Contesting the Dance Floor: Asian Pacific Ballroom Dancing as Transnational and Postcolonial Site" at the Association for Asian American Studies National Conference in Toronto, Canada. He also moderated the discussion for the panel "Literary Orientalisms and Postcoloniality."

Rick Mitchell (English) presented a paper titled "Laughing Like Crazy: Performing Comedy with/for People with Mental Illness" at the seventh annual Performance Studies International Conference in Mainz, Germany on March 30. He also served as a panelist at the Augusto Boal/ Theatre of the Oppressed/Applied Theatre Arts Symposium at USC.

Harry Gamboa Jr. (Chicano/a Studies) presented his conceptual multimedia performance "Spatial Dialogues" at the Getty Center in January.

Irene Clark (English) presented a paper titled "Is Everything an Argument? A Genre Approach to Argumentation in the Writing Class" at the CCCC in Denver.

Sheryl Thompson (English) and Margaret Fieweger (Undergraduate Studies) presented "Freshman Writing, An Online Symphony of Multiple Perspectives" at the 2001 American Association for Higher Education National Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 27.

Jackie Stallcup (English) presented her paper titled "Shrinking Kids Down to Size: Adult Surveillance and Children's Autonomy," and chaired the panel on "Surveillance in Children's Literature" at the MLA convention in Washington, D.C. She was also elected by the Children's Literature Division as an alternate for the MLA representatives.

Irene Clark (English) gave a workshop titled "The Role of the Introduction in the Doctoral Dissertation" at Temple University. She also gave a brown bag lunch on "Mid-Semester Evaluations."

Gale Larson (English) chaired an international panel on "The Status of Bernard Shaw in Academe, Theatre, and Elsewhere" at the Shaw Conference "Brave New World" at Marquette University from April 18-22.

Fred Field (English) presented a paper titled "Second-Language Acquisition and Creolization" at the Third International Symposium on Bilingualism at the University of the West at Bristol, England on April 18. He also
presented a modified version of the same paper titled "Pidgins: Their Nature and Significance," at a workshop at the University of Westminster, London.

Rick Mitchell (English) presented a paper titled "The Playwright as Auteur" at the Mid-America Theatre Conference in Chicago on March 10.

Kimmerly Brady, Marty Sayles and Anna Tripp (English) conducted workshops for the Young Black Scholars program at CSUN on March 3.

Sabina Magliocco (Anthropology) and Tara Carter, Maria Teresa Fiumerodo, Matthew Kerchner (graduate students) presented papers at the annual meeting of the California Folklore Society on April 21. Magliocco's paper was titled "Tracing the Ways of the Strega: the Construction of Italian-American Witchcraft."

Steven Oppenheimer (Biology) was interviewed on Channel 13 on January 9 expressing concerns about the "toilet to tap program" that will supplement Los Angeles' water supply. He also presented together with his students four poster papers titled "ph Effects Sea Urchin Fertilization," Amino Acid Inhibitors of Immobilized Concanavalin A-Cell Binding," "Lens Culinaris Agglutinin Causes Exogastrulation in the Sea Urchin Lytechinus Pictus," and "A Method for Analysis of Human Cancer Cell Surfaces Using Derivatized Agarose Beads," at Experimental Biology 2001 in Orlando, Florida in April. These papers co-authored by 24 CSUN students and one K-12 teacher were published in The FASEB Journal, vol. 15, pp. 717, A179, A871 and A819 respectively in abstract form.

Gordon Nakagawa (Equity & Diversity) served as panelist at the forum held by the San Fernando Valley Hate Crime Alliance on March 1.

Maya Thaman (Chemistry) presented a poster on her research in a national competition of undergraduate students in Washington, D.C. on March 29.

Debra Hammond and Arna Fulcher (University Student Union) presented two workshops at the Jan. 7-10, 2001 Auxiliary Organization Association (AOA) Conference in Monterey, California.

Eric Edson, Jon Stahl and Thelma Vickroy (Radio-Television-Film) presented a panel titled "The Streaming Future is Now: Teaching Writers the Short Narrative Script," at the 46th annual convention of the Broadcast Education Association on April 21 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
Honored Faculty Reception and Awards Ceremony

Cal State Northridge's Annual Honored Faculty Reception was held Thursday, May 17, in the Grand Salon of the University Student Union. The breakfast program-sponsored by CSUN President Jolene Koester and the California Faculty Association-honored newly designated emeritus and long-serving 25-year faculty members, and this year's recipients of individual awards. The ceremony was conducted by President Koester, Provost Louanne Kennedy and Faculty President Diane Schwartz.

Emeritus Faculty

David Anderson, English
Shirley Anderson, Marketing
Michael Auer, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Liucija Baskauskas, Anthropology
Augusto Britton Del Rio, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Verne Bryant, Pan-African Studies
Dwight Call, Accounting & MIS
Marvin Chernoff, Educational Psychology & Counseling
James Dennis, Pan-African Studies
Ronald Doctor, Psychology
Donald Dorsey, Educational Psychology & Counseling
David Elder, Art
Richard Falk, Theatre
Linda Fidell, Psychology
Alvin Ford, Modern & Classical Languages & Lit.
Lary Gibson, English
Elmer Heerema Music
Margaret Holzer, Chemistry
Jeanine Jacobson, Music
Daniel Kessner, Music
Robert Kiddoo, Accounting & MIS
William Kimball, Accounting & MIS
Gerard Knieter, Music
Shao-Ju-Lee, Management Science
Ants Leps, Radio-TV-Film
Gary Lobb, Geography
James McMartin, Psychology
Thomas McMillin, Art
Joseph Morris, Psychology
John Motil, Computer Science
Weston Nathanson, Mathematics
Bernard Nisenholz, Educational Psychology & Counseling
Thomas Potter, Elementary Education
Ronald Purcell, Music
Rosentine Bennett Purnell, Pan-African Studies
Todd Reinstein, Accounting & MIS
Barbara Rhodes, Pan-African Studies
Paulette Shafranski, Kinesiology
Richard Sharp, Elementary Education
Antonia Sims, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies
Christine H. Smith, Family Environmental Sciences
Mary Lee Sparling, Biology
Leonard Spunt, Civil & Manufacturing Engineering
Linda Stones, Music
Richard Streid, Kinesiology
Margaret Thompson, Educational Psychology & Counseling
James Torcivia, Psychology
I-Shou Wang, Geography

Emeritus Administrator

Delia Rudiger, President's Office

Faculty Completing 25 Years Service in the CSU System

Carol Docan, Business Law
Susan Henry, Journalism
Robert Kiddoo, Accounting & MIS
Michael Kline, Health Sciences
Leonard Rymsza, Business Law
Jack Winkelman, Health Sciences

Faculty Completing 25 Years Lecturer Service at CSUN

Sandra Bostrom-Aguado, Music
James Elias, Sociology
Glen Garrett, Music
Phyllis Herman, Religious Studies
Roy Poper, Music
Jacqueline Salas, Music
John (Li) Schroedel, Philosophy and Kinesiology
Judith Scott, Music
William Tomlinson, Philosophy
William Wallis, Political Science

Distinguished Teaching, Librarianship and Counseling Awards

Steven Bourque, History
Penelope Jennings, Business Law
Gerald Prescott, History
Visionary Community Service Learning Award
Kathryn Sorrells, Communication Studies

Extraordinary Service Award
Herman DeBose, Sociology

Exceptional Creativity Accomplishment Award
Daniel Kessner, Music

Outstanding Achievement in Equity and Diversity Award
Debra Chen, Special Education

Vice President of the Faculty for 2001-2002 Term
Michael Neubauer, Mathematics

Secretary-Treasurer of the Faculty for the 2001-2002 Term
Michael Barrett, Reference Librarian
Judge Julian Beck 2001-2002 Grant Recipients

The recipients of the Beck Instructional Improvement Grants from the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) are:

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May 29, 2001

FYI

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 next issue appears.

We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring during the period until the next issue. Items further in advance will be run on a space-available basis.

This is the final @csun of the 2000-2001 academic year. The 2001-2002 schedule, listing @csun publication dates and deadlines for submitting information, will be distributed on campus before the start of the fall 2001 semester.

Submit 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

North Campus/University

Park Devel. Corp. Directors Meets from 9-10:30 a.m. Thu., June 28 in University Hall 277.

Personnel Planning and Review Committee

Meets at 1:15 p.m. every Wednesday in University Hall 277.

Notices

President's Inaugural Speech

The full text of President Jolene Koester's April 19 inaugural speech is now available on the Internet at www.csun.edu/~presofc/inaugural.html. Paper copies of the text also are available upon request from the President's
Lennin Glass' Passing

Lennin Glass, one of the early faculty members at San Fernando Valley State College and the former dean of the School of Communication and Professional Studies, has passed away. Glass began work at the campus in 1961, served as a professor of health sciences and was an avid supporter of Matador athletics. A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 29 in the Grand Salon of the University Student Union. Glass is survived by his wife of 50 years, children Steven, Daniel and Karen, and four grandchildren.

Pat Capaldi Memorial

Campus friends of Pat Capaldi, who worked at the university more than 20 years before passing away Sunday, May 20, plan to dedicate a tree on campus in her honor. Those wishing to contribute can send checks payable to the CSUN Foundation, care of Rayetta Esquibel, campus mail drop 8242. fmi-Veronica Grant, x4400, or Rayetta Esquibel, x2130.

Capaldi began working at CSUN in November 1979, and worked in the University Corporation and later in the Development Office in University Relations (now University Advancement) as an administrative secretary.

Capaldi is survived by her mother, her husband of 46 years, Frank, sons Carey, Tim and Michael, four grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Service-Learning Classes

The Center for Community-Service Learning has selected additional Faculty Development Grant winners for the 2001-2002 academic year, bringing to more than 100 the number of new service-learning courses to be offered next year.

Service-learning classes link meaningful community service to academic objectives, preparation and analysis. Because of this new grant program, each of the university's eight colleges will offer at least one new service-learning course next semester.

The author of each winning proposal will receive a $1,500 stipend for course development, teach the course during either fall or spring semester, and disseminate a report of their experience to future service-learning professors.

The winning faculty members and their programs are:

Gerry Simila  
(Geological Sciences ES300)  
"Pre-Service Earth Science Course in the Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP)"

Larry Oviatt  
(Art 385)  
"Learning Through Art, A Children's Craft Course"

Doug Kaback  
(Theatre 284/384)  
"Utilizing Theatre to Address Issues of Youth & Family Violence"

Bruce Zucker  
(Business Law 498C)  
"CSUN Tenant Legal Clinic Community Service Project (proposed as an experimental course for spring 2002)"

Monica Turner  
(Pan African Studies 151)  
"Publicly Speaking, a Freshmen Speech Communication Course"

Herman DeBose  
(Sociology 492)
"Mentoring and Tutoring At-Risk Middle School Students, a Social Behavior and Development Course"

Teresa Madden  
(Sociology 496K)  
"Diversity in American Schools."

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**Events**

**CHIME Charter School Information Meeting**

The CHIME Institute for Children with Special Needs and the College of Education will hold an information meeting from 6-8 p.m., Tue., June 5 in the Business/Education Lecture Hall (BE 101). The meeting will focus on the new CHIME Charter Elementary School (kindergarten through grade 5), a national model of inclusive education with an accessible American Sign Language component for deaf and hard of hearing children. Sign language interpreters will be provided, if requested by June 1. fmi-x4979.

**Grad/Alumni Job Fair**

The Career Center is sponsoring a job fair for recent grads and alumni from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wed., June 6 in the USU. Entry-level through experienced career opportunities will be available. fmi-x2878.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

The Career Center's Volunteer Program Office is offering the following opportunities:

- 8th annual California AIDS Ride's closing ceremonies: 5 p.m., Sat., June 9, at Exposition Park. Volunteer for this event and indicate the CSUN Volunteer Program sent you. Call (323) 960-3333.
- 9th annual Casino Night: from 6:30-11 p.m., Sat., June 9, at New Horizons in North Hills. This is an exciting evening of gaming, door prizes, a silent auction, food and entertainment. To volunteer, call (818) 894-9301.
- L.A. Works Day 2001: from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m., Saturdays during June and July. This is a help-a-thon (get pledges for the work you do). Work together to beautify the city with planting, painting and removing graffiti. Contact L.A. Works office, (323) 224-6510.

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**Classes**

**Faculty/Staff Computer Workshops**

Information Technology Resources is offering the following workshops in the Oviatt Library, room 30 (garden level):

- Working with Word 2000 Tables: 2-4 p.m., Tue., June 5.
- Excel for Beginners: 9-11 a.m., Tue., June 12.
- Creating a Basic PowerPoint Presentation: 2-4:30 p.m., Thu., June 14.
- Internet Explorer for Beginners: 2-4 p.m., Tue., June 19.
- Visio for Beginners: 9-11 a.m., Tue., June 26.
- PhotoShop for Beginners: 1-4 p.m., Wed., June 27.
- Using Netscape Composer to Add Images, Backgrounds and Tables to a Web Page: 9-11 a.m. Thu., July 5.

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

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Training and Development Courses

The Office of Human Resource Services is offering professional development courses intended to address individual and organizational needs for faculty and staff. The following courses are offered in Business Administration Building 4117:

- CalPERS Pension Overview: 8:30-10:30 a.m. Fri., June 8. Planning for retirement, selecting a retirement date, health insurance, survivor continuance.
- New Employee Orientation: 8:30 a.m. to noon or 1-4:30 p.m., Mon., June 12. An overview of CSUN, employee relations, public safety, environmental health and safety, payroll compensation, training and development, Information Technology Resources, and benefits.

To enroll, call x3820 or e-mail carol.hallenbeck@csun.edu.

Defensive Driving Courses

The Environmental Health and Occupational Safety Office is offering two defensive driver refresher courses, from 8:30 a.m. to noon or 1-4:30 p.m., on Tue., June 11 in the USU Balboa Room. The training classes review driver attitude, defensive driving strategies, handling emergency and hazardous situations, and powered-cart safety. Reservations are required. fmi-x2401.
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.

**Admission is free unless otherwise specified.**

**Juried Art Student Show**

This popular, annual exhibit features works by graduate and undergraduate art students at CSUN. Selected from about 400 entries, 80-90 works are chosen by art professionals. Works in all media are on display from ceramics to printmaking, computer design to industrial design, illustration to video, painting to sculpture, and drawing to graphic design.

Dates: Through Fri., June 1
Place: Main Gallery

**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 exhibit 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

**Illustration West 39**

The largest juried illustration competition, presented by the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles, is open to entries from national and international artists. The categories include advertising, entertainment, editorial, book, instructional, black and white, unpublished/self-promotional and student entries.

Place: Main Gallery
Music

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

Granada Hills High School Highlander Band

Performs a spring concert.
Date & Time: Fri., June 15, 7:30 p.m.
Place: Performing Arts Center