Anonymous Donor’s $1 Million Pledge Honors CTVA Alum

Gift Will Support Cinema and Television Arts Department Scholarships

Cal State Northridge has received a $1 million pledge from an anonymous donor who asked that the money be used to support scholarships for students in the Department of Cinema and Television Arts. The gift will be used to create the Scott M. Weiss Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Scott M. Weiss Memorial Scholarship Endowment in honor of a cinema and television arts alumnus and entertainment industry professional who was killed in an automobile accident in July 2008.

“This gift is not only generous, but inspiring,” said Terrena Willey, chair of the Department of Cinema and Television Arts. “Scott Weiss’s memory will be both an encouragement and a standard for a talented, creative and enterprising student to cross the bridge from school to his or her professional life. The gift truly is wonderful.”

Scott M. Weiss Scholarships will be awarded to cinema and television arts students who meet the university’s financial need requirements and demonstrate promise in their major. That will be measured by their passion, commitment, creativity and effort. A recipient must be at least a sophomore and maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average. The first scholarship is expected to be awarded later this year.

Karen Kears, associate dean of CSUN’s Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication, had Weiss as a student in fall 2000.

“Scott was in my single-camera television class,” she said. “He and his group created a wonderful, five-minute piece called Silver Lining. It was about a little girl who was hit by a car and killed. Her organs were donated and the family met the little girl who received their daughter’s heart. It was very touching. It also added so much to the team and its ability to create this wonderful story.”

Kears said she was “touched” that an endowment for cinema and television arts students was created in his honor.

CSUN Finds Creative Ways to Help Haiti Earthquake Victims

Benefit Concert, Coin Drive and Shoe Collection Among Student Lead Initiatives

Cal State Northridge will host “CSUN’s Hands for Haiti” a student and professional showcase to benefit victims of the Haiti earthquake on Friday, Feb. 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the University Student Union’s (USU) Northridge Center.

The event is free but a $10 “suggested” donation will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Hope for Haiti Now fund. The showcase will feature musical performances, spoken word and slide shows by CSUN students. Organizers are also interested in cash and in-kind donations from alumni and local businesses.

“Students, faculty and staff and community members who live in the Northridge area have a history of knowing what it is like to be hit by a natural disaster,” said Hamid Jahangard, the USU’s program coordinator for major events. “This is what we should be doing as global citizens of the world.”

In addition to the showcase, university representatives have collected hundreds of pairs of shoes to donate to Sports Chalet’s Soles 4 Souls program. The campus’ Student-Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC) gathered dozens of their “gently” used athletic shoes for victims. SAAC also has pledged to donate its Big West Coin Drive winnings to the Children’s Hunger Fund Haitian Earthquake relief.

The campus is one of the nine Big West Conference institutions to participate in the annual Big West Coin Drive. The coin drive, which takes place during the month of February, helps raise money for charity. The school that raises the most money wins and the other member institutions must donate half of their proceeds to the winner’s charity of choice.

For more information about the showcase, contact Hamid Jahangard at hamid-reza.jahangard@csun.edu or call (818) 677-4171.
CSUN Police Go Green with T3 Electric Vehicle

Three-Wheeler Improves Access, Visibility on Campus and Saves Money

In keeping with the campus’ efforts to become more environmentally friendly, Cal State Northridge’s Department of Police Services has traded in a few of its old four-wheeled, gas guzzling black-and-white patrol vehicles for new battery-powered three wheelers.

The T3 Motion is a three wheel personal mobility electric vehicle, designed with law enforcement in mind. Officers ride it standing up and can use it to gain access to locations hard to reach in a traditional patrol car and to improve visibility on campus “It makes the officers more accessible,” said Police Chief Anne Glavin. “This type of vehicle has become increasingly popular.”

Chief Glavin said her department decided to purchase the vehicles last year after a one-year budget cuts. She said some of the most expensive parts of her operation were gasoline and the maintenance of gasoline vehicles. The department cut its patrol vehicle fleet by three cars and replaced them with the T3s in fall 2009.

“We saw this as a great alternative,” Glavin said. “We increase officer visibility, save energy, contribute to an eco-friendly environment and we save on long-term costs.”

The T3 vehicles cost between $8,000 and $10,000 each and come complete with lights, sirens, and a glove box for emergency equipment. CSUN purchased three—two for police patrol and one for parking.

Police Capt. Alfredo Fernandez said the department chose the T3 over other similar vehicles because of its “excellent” reputation. It is used on college campuses like UN and by police agencies around the nation, becoming increasingly popular.”

The T3 is the latest effort by the police department to find eco-friendly ways to serve the campus. The department has a bicycle division that patrols campus housing and the campus core. The agency has also purchased the CT Series Micro electric car to replace one of its gas trucks. Fernandez said the T3 can travel at speeds up to 20 mph. Its zero emissions make the vehicle environmentally friendly. It is also economical with an estimated operating cost of 10 cents per day.

According to the Costa Mesa based manufacturer, other features include a zero degree-turning radius for navigating tight spots. The driving platform puts the driver nine inches above the ground for visibility above crowds.

Registration Opens for CSUN’s Youth Summer Camps

Programs Offer Discounts for Early Registration, Convenience for CSUN Employees

From sports camps to drama workshops, Cal State Northridge offers a variety of summer youth programs for elementary, middle and high school students.

Registration has already opened for the Sunny Days Camp, an accredited summer camp supervised by the University Student Union. It is open to children entering grades K-7 in fall 2010. Campers participate in sports, field trips, arts and crafts, drama and swimming. The camp facility includes a swimming pool, playrooms, secure outdoor play areas and food service. “It’s an on-campus childcare alternative,” said Arman Sadri, commercial services manager of the University Student Union. “It’s easier for faculty and staff, and it’s more convenient to drop their kids off on campus.”

Sunny Days offers full-day and half-day programs. The full-day program runs from June 21 through Aug. 15, and the half-day program runs from June 28 through July 30.

CSUN faculty, staff and students get a $10 discount per week. Registration is open to the public, but parents interested in enrolling their children are encouraged to pay at least an early deposit to reserve a spot.

The regular rate for summer 2010 is $200, and the CSUN discount reduces that to $190 per week. The price includes daily lunch, snack and extended morning and afternoon care, and a weekly field trip. For more information, visit usu.csun.edu/sunnysdays or call (818) 677-5706.

 Registration also has opened for CSUN’s popular Teenage Drama Workshop, a six-week, intensive summer workshop for young people interested in theatre. It is open to students entering grades 7-12 in fall 2010. There is a $100 discount for students who apply early by March 1 and scholarships are available. For more information, visit uscsun.csun.edu/teen or call (818) 677-4250.

The university also offers summer academic enrichment through the Summer Academic Program for Elementary School Students (SAPESS) and the Summer Academic Enrichment Program (SAEP). Registration for SAEP, the campus’ academic program for middle and high school students, opens on Feb. 17 and SAPESS’ registration begins March 15. Both programs, offered through the Michael D. Eisner College of Education, run from June 28 through July 30. Scholarships are available for qualified families. For more information about elementary school program, visit www.sapess.com or www.sapep.net to find out information about the secondary school program.

For more information about the elementary school program, visit csaep.csun.edu/ for more information about the various athletic camps at CSUN, visit csaep.csun.edu/.
For Your Information publishes announcements of events, public meetings, notices, classes, and deadlines. Submission deadline is noon on Monday, one week before the next issue.

The deadline for the March 1 issue is Monday, February 22. We strive to include all items submitted by deadline occurring until the next issue. Submit future items by e-mailing them to pubinfo@csun.edu, sending them to mail drop 8242 or faxing them to (818) 677-6999. E-mail is also the preferred method of submitting.

Note: “-means for more information.

Residential Security Workshop
The Department of Police Services will present “How to Make Your Home a Safer Place,” a basic home security class, from 12–1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the CSUN Police Department. fmi-Daniel Foster, x5820 or david.foster@csun.edu.

Benefits Information Workshops Spring 2010
The Office of Human Resources will offer benefit information workshops to all interested CSUN faculty and staff. The workshops will take place in the Human Resource Conference Room, UN 165. Unless otherwise noted.

- TIAA-CREF One-on-One Retirement Tuesday, Feb. 23.
  To schedule an appointment, call (800) 732-8535.
- Faculty One-on-One Retirement Consultations
  Tuesday, March 16
  To schedule an appointment, call (800) 642-7131.

Faculty Development
Faculty Development presents free training workshops for CSUN faculty in Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room, unless otherwise noted. fmi-Donna Brooks, x6656.

- "Student Plagiarism and Turn-it-in.com: Research Findings" Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 3–4:30 p.m.
- "Promoting Multicultural and Social Justice Education"
  Monday, Feb. 22 from 12–1:30 p.m.
  at Sierra Hall 459, CIELO Conference Room.
- "Faculty Book Group: Developing Learner-Centered Teaching"
  Tuesday, Feb. 23 and March 9 from 3:30–4:30 p.m.
  at Sierra Hall 439, CIELO Conference Room.
- "Teaching Social Security with Disabilities"
  Thursday, Feb. 25 from 2–3:30 p.m.
- "Developing and Assessing Students’ Critical Thinking Skills"
  Thursday, Feb. 25 and March 18, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
  at Sierra Hall 439, CIELO Conference Room.
- "Voice Coaching for Faculty"
  Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1–2:30 p.m.
  at Sierra Hall 422, CIELO Conference Lab.

Professional Development Program
Professional Development classes are available to assist members of the CSUN community. Training is available to all eligible staff and faculty. Registration and event info varies. fmi-Laurin Nilo, x5386.

- The Fundamentals of Effective Supervision
  Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Workplace Etiquette
  Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Assertive, Non-Defensive Communication
  Tuesday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Basic Business Writing
  Wednesday, March 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Events

Friday, Feb 19
Narratives of Transgender Latina Immigrants
The Center for Sex and Gender Research will present “Narratives of Transgender Latina Immigrants in Los Angeles: Understanding the Social Environment and Services Needs of a Community.” Yarla Veijnez Vargas, assistant professor of Chicana/o Studies, will lecture. The event takes place from 1–3 p.m. in Sierra Hall, Whitsett Room x5331. www.csun.edu/sexsandgenderresearch

Thursday, Feb 25
The Archaeology of Colonialism
The Department of Anthropology and the College of Social Behavioral Sciences will present the annual Keith Morton Lecture, “The Archaeology of Colonialism: Rethinking Colonial Encounters with Hunter-Gatherers in California.” Kent Lightfoot, professor of anthropology from UC Berkeley, will lecture. The event starts at 5 p.m. in Sierra Hall, Whitsett Room.

Wednesday, March 17
The Brains of Psychopathic Killers
The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences will host the Richard Smith Lecture in Cultural Studies, entitled “The Brains of the Psychopathic Killers: The Nexus of the Genes, Environment, Brain Damage.” James Fallon, professor of psychiatry and human behavior at UC Irvine, will lecture. The event starts at 5 p.m. in Sierra Hall, Whitsett Room.

Public Meetings

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 11:5–p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17 and March 3
University Hall 277

Tseng College Faculty Committee
Meets 3:15–p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Bookstore Complex Conference Room

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 5:30–p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 24
University Hall 211

Senate Executive Committee
Meets 1–3 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 25
University Hall 277

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 1–3 p.m.
Friday, March 5
University Hall 211

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Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 faculty awards honoring outstanding faculty achievement. Nominations must be received in the Faculty Senate Office by Monday, March 22. Supporting materials must be received by Monday, March 22. The criteria and nomination form are available on the Faculty Senate Web site at www.csun.edu/senate/awards.html.

Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
The California State University is seeking applications for the Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program 2010–11. The goal of the program is to increase the pool of qualified students for future CSU faculty positions by funding the education of doctoral students. Deadline is Monday, March 1, 5p-m. Bedford Carpenter, bedford.carpenter@csun.edu or x2138.

Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards
The Research and Grants Committee is accepting applications for the 2010–11 competition for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Awards. Full-time and part-time faculty may apply to receive three periods of released time or up to $5,000 of funding for project expenses. Guidelines and application can be found at www.csun.edu/grp/research/funding/oncampus.html. The deadline for application submission is Monday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

Grant Proposal Requests
The Office of Faculty Development is now accepting applications for the Julian Beck Learning-Centered Instructional Projects grant. The grant application is available online at www.csun.edu/facdev/grants.html. The proposal submission deadline is Friday, March 5 at 4 p.m.

Black History Month 2010
The Department of Pan African Studies (PAS) and the Black Student Union present “Celebration of the Generations,” a series of events throughout February celebrating Black History Month, with lectures, film screenings and activities. Events include the PAS Speaker Series on Monday, Feb. 15 at 11.30 a.m. in the USU Grand Salon, the Harambee Conference on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Northridge Center, and the African Studies Interdisciplinary Symposium on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the USU Flintridge Room. For more information, contact hsa.csun@gmail.com or (661) 905-1506.

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Faculty and Staff Evaluation on Persons with Disabilities
The CSU Policy for the Provision of Accommodations and Support Services for Students with Disabilities requires that feedback on services to students with disabilities be gathered from students, faculty and staff every five years. The deadline for the evaluation has been extended to Friday, Feb. 19. fmi-http://california-state-university. dsy-faculty-staff-survey.sismo.com or e-mail jodi.johnson@csun.edu.

Fee Waiver Deadline
The CSU Fee Waiver and Reduction Program deadline for the summer 2010 semester is Feb. 17. Applications are available on Human Resources Professional Development Web site at www.admin.csun.edu/hr/developement/feewaiver_enrollment.htm.

Robert Williams: Conceptual Realism in the Service of the Hypothetical
Robert Williams’ new body of work, including paintings, prints and sculptures. Opening reception: Sat., Feb. 20, 6-9 p.m.

Artist personal tour: Mon., Feb. 22, 10 a.m.

Hans & Thordis Bukhard Foundation artist lecture: Wed., March 10, 7 p.m.

Runs through Sat., April 3.

Main Gallery
Jamison Carter, sculpture
Sat., Feb. 20 through Thu., March 4.

West Gallery, Art and Design Center

“Now Give Three Cheers” The Timeless Magic of Gilbert and Sullivan exhibition features Gilbert and Sullivan posters, music scores, books, theater programs, and more. Through Fri., July 16.

C.K. and Teresa Tseung Gallery, Oviatt Library

Baseball
2/26 Peppergine 2 p.m.
2/28 Peppergine 1 p.m.
3/1 Waseda University (Tokyo) 2 p.m.

Men’s Basketball
2/17 Cal Poly 7:30 p.m.
2/20 Drake University 7:05 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
2/24 UC Santa Barbara 7 p.m.
2/27 UC Irvine 4 p.m.

Softball
2/27 Michigan St. 12:30 & 2:30 p.m.
2/28 Michigan St. 12 p.m.

Women’s Tennis
2/20 Cal Poly, 11 a.m.
2/24 CSU Los Angeles 11 a.m.

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field
2/20 All Comers 8:30 a.m.
2/27 All Comers 8:30 a.m.

Bianchi Planetarium
For ticket info, (818) 677-2488 or visit www.csun.edu/physics/planetarium. Telescope viewing follows second show.

“Winter Sky Show” Fri., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Cinematheque
Screencasts are free and take place in the Alan and Elisa Amor Theater on the first floor of Manzanita Hall at the southwest corner of campus. Seating is not reserved. For more info, (818) 677-3192 or see www.cinematheque.csun.edu.

‘West Side Story’ Directed by John Robbins and Robert Wise.
Mon., Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

‘National Lampoon’s Animal House’ Directed by John Landis.
Tue., Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

‘Les dames du Bois de Boulogne’ Directed by Robert Bresson.
Feb., 16, 7 p.m.

‘Monte Carlo’ Directed by Ernst Lubitsch.
Thu., Feb. 18, 4 p.m.

‘Nights of Cabiria’ Directed by Federico Fellini.
Thu., Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Projectionist’s Choice: Animation.
Feb., 19, 7 p.m.

‘Patton’ Directed by Franklin Schaffiner.
Mon., Feb. 22, 7 p.m.

‘Caddyshack’ Directed by Harold Ramis.
The Movies of Harold Ramis.
Tue., Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

‘A Matter of Life and Death’ Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.
Tue., Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

‘Closely Watched Trains’ Directed by Jiří Menzel.
Wed., Feb. 24, 2 p.m.

‘Mr. Deeds Goes to Town’ Directed by Frank Capra.
Thu., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.

‘La Dolce Vita’ Directed by Federico Fellini.
Thursday Nights at the Cinematheque: The Films of Federico Fellini.
Fri., Feb. 26, 7 p.m.

Film
Followed by Q&A with Jewish Studies faculty.
Thu., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Laemmle’s Town Center 5 Theater.
17200 Ventura Blvd., Encino.
RSVP at jewish.studies@csun.edu
or (818) 677-4724

Music

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

Wind Ensemble
Lawrence Stoffel, conductor.
Fri., Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

Chamber Opera
David Aks, music director and conductor.
Fri., Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

CSUN Symphony
John Rosophino, conductor.
Fri., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

American Guitar Society
Paul O’Dette.
Sat., Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

FFaculty Artist Series
Steven Thachuk, guitarist and Sarah Wass, flute.
Sun., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

Theatre/Performance

Interpreted performances subject to change.

RTE Vanbrugh Quartet
String quartet plaza.
Francois Chouchan.
Wed., Feb. 24, 8 p.m.
Cypress Recital Hall

Dave Binney Quartet
Saxophonist Dave Binney and his quartet.
Sat., Feb. 27, 8 p.m.
Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
$5–$40

Comedy of Errors
William Shakespeare’s shortest, most farcical play.
Fri., Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 28, 2 p.m.
Wed., March 3, 7:30 p.m.
Thu., March 4, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., March 5, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 6, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., March 7, 2 p.m.
Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall 121
$8–$20

Athletics (home games):

Faculty and staff receive reduced rate general admission to all regular season home events. For more info, call (818) 677-2488 or visit www.GoldMatadors.com.

Urban Invitational
MLB Urban Youth Academy’s 3rd annual Urban Invitational. The men’s baseball team will play historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).
Fri., Feb. 19, 2 p.m., Bethune-Cookman vs. CSUN
Sat., Feb. 20, 2 p.m., CSUN vs. Southern University
MLB Urban Youth Academy, 901 East Artesia Blvd., Compton

Film

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