CSUN Salutes Volunteers at Service Awards Luncheon

Former Alumni Association President Gene Detchemendy and Professor Carol Kelly Among Those Recognized

Cal State Northridge’s top volunteer honors were awarded to former Alumni Association President Gene Detchemendy ’84 (Marketing) and child and adolescent professor emeritus Carol Kelly at the annual Volunteer Service Awards ceremony on Nov. 5.

President Jolene Koester, Vice President for University Advancement Vance T. Peterson and Alumni Association President Tammy Tolgo ’02 MBA saluted Detchemendy, Kelly and 20 other dedicated volunteers.

“This luncheon is about saying thank you to all of you for your selfless service to Cal State Northridge,” said Koester. President Koester said she “binds” the award recipients to the university and provides “personal standing volunteer role models, was honoring alumni or friends of the university who serve CSUN as outstanding volunteer role models, was presented to Detchemendy, who is among the university’s most loyal and dedicated alumni supporters. A university donor and Alumni Association lifetime member, Detchemendy has actively supported the university through his nearly 15 years of service as a member of the Board of Directors of the California State University, Northridge Alumni Association.

Gene Detchemendy

Carol Kelly

Campus Mourns the Death of Deaf Studies Department Chair

Lawrence Fleischer, an Alum of CSUN and Advocate for the Deaf Community, Will Be Missed

The Michael D. Eisner College of Education (COE) and the campus join in extending condolences to the family of Lawrence Fleischer ’72, MA (Special Education), chair of the Deaf Studies Department and a national leader in the Deaf community. Fleischer, 64, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 1, upon his return from a conference in Arizona. He is survived by his wife Vera, a daughter, son and granddaughter.

“He was a pioneering figure in the establishment and success of the Deaf Studies Department,” wrote Harry Hellenbrand, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs in an e-mail sent to the campus community on behalf of President Jolene Koester. Cal State Northridge and the Deaf community will have a challenging time filling the void left by the loss of Fleischer, Provost Hellenbrand added.

Fleischer was born on Oct. 11, 1945, to Deaf parents in Long Island, N.Y. He graduated from the New York School for the Deaf (also known as Fanwood) in White Plains, N.Y., and earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. in 1967. Fleischer taught mathematics at Gallaudet for three years prior to coming to CSUN in 1971. He earned his master’s degree in special education and worked as a professor in the Department of Special Education. Fleischer received his doctorate in education from Brigham Young University in 1975.

At CSUN, Fleischer led the effort to establish the Deaf Studies Department in 1994, the first Deaf Studies program in the U.S., and has served as department chair since then. He was also instrumental in promoting and developing Deaf Studies as an academic discipline across the country.

Fleischer has been an advocate for the Deaf community, serving on numerous professional organizations and boards including the Council on Education of the Deaf, the USA Deaf Sports Federation, the American Sign Language Teachers Association, the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education and the Deaf Communication Foundation. He has also been involved in professional endeavors such as the development of the California Subject Matter Examinations for Teachers American Sign Language test and helped organize the national conference, “Hollywood Films & Deaf Films: Past, Present and Future.”

“He was an unparalleled leader in the Deaf community,” said Michael Spagna, dean of the College of Education. “Larry fought long and hard for the Deaf community.”

Fleischer was remembered at the Stop Audism Day event on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the Oviatt Library. Tribute messages have been posted on a memory board outside the Deaf Studies Department office.

A memorial service is planned for Jan. 23, 2010, on campus. A formal announcement will be forthcoming.

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Volunteer Program Launches Holiday Giving Campaign

Students, Faculty and Staff Urged to Participate by Collecting Food and Clothing Items

To help needily families during the holiday season, the Matador Involvement Center has revived a program that has broadened.

Northridge students, faculty and staff together to collect and donate food and clothing items.

The program Sun Serve: The Volunteer Program at CSUN, was in hiatus for more than a year. The newly-conceived program aims to help develop and train volunteer student leaders, identify community needs and provide assistance.

“We’re trying to bring everybody together as one CSUN community and effect change as one,” said Justin Weiss, coordinator of the Volunteer Program. “We’re taking philosophy and turning it into action.

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Here’s how you can help:

1. Donate food and clothing: The program asks for donations of food and clothing items. They are looking for items that are needed by those in need.
2. Volunteer: The program also needs volunteers to help with the collection and distribution of items. You can volunteer your time and skills to help.
3. Spread the word: Help spread the word about the program to your friends and family. You can do this by sharing the program’s website, social media pages, or by talking about it in person.

For more information, visit the program’s website or contact Justin Weiss at jsweiss@csun.edu or call (818) 677-5111.

Research Fellows Showcase Diverse Research

A sign of Cal State Northridge’s increasingly vibrant research focus, the Provost hosted the first annual Research Fellows Colloquium.

Eight of the university’s top scholars presented their research findings at an event on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Oviatt Library Presentation Room. Presentations were made by faculty who completed research during 2008-09 on a variety of topics from international finance to East German popular music to research on skeletal muscle insulin resistance.

One important role of faculty is to create new knowledge and new artistic experiences for society as a whole,” said Library Dean Sue Curzon, who moderated the event. “Faculty push the boundaries of our understanding outward to new ideas and new ways of thinking.”

The Research Fellows Program was created and is funded collaboratively by the Office of the Provost, the colleges and the library. Fellows, chosen from a competitive process, are:

- Owen Doonan (Art). Doonan pursued research related to his ongoing archaeological field project in Turkey, received a three-year grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to conduct an archaeological survey, began negotiations with the Turkish government to excavate at Sinop, the earliest Greek colony in the Black Sea, and is editing a multi-authored final report
- Vincent Covrig (Finance, Real Estate and Insurance). Covrig focused on international finance and stock investments, and researched how the international institution investors around the world trade stocks.
- Suzanne Scheld (Anthropology). Scheld was able to return to field site in Dakar, Senegal where she was studying urbanization of Dakar, specifically, since 1990. With the fellowship, Scheld was able to track the latest and most important development in the city, which is mainly the emergence of a new trading Chinese community.
- Yi-Xi Hang (Electrical and Computer Engineering). Modern cancer treatment depends on the accurate classification of tumors. Hang’s research presents how new machine learning algorithms can help in the early diagnosis of oncological field project in Turkey; received a three-year grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to conduct an archaeological survey, began negotiations with the Turkish government to excavate at Sinop, the earliest Greek colony in the Black Sea, and is editing a multi-authored final report.

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$35,000 to an alumni data-restoration project. Most importantly, the alumni chapter program grew exponentially to 24 academic and interest-based chapters.

Detchemendy has been an advocate, traveling to Sacramento to lobby for the university’s needs with state legislators. He spent multiple terms on the President’s Advisory Board on Intercollegiate Athletics and served as the alumni representative on NCAA compliance committees.

He serves on the board of the CSUN Center for Real Estate Advisory Council, and the Real Estate Outlook Committee for the San Fernando Valley Economic Summit, which CSUN has co-hosted with the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley for the past four years. He currently conducts a mock anchor tenant negotiation each year in conjunction with professor Donald Bleich’s Honors Real Estate program in the business college.

Detchemendy is married to CSUN alumna Deanna Wollam Detchemendy ’87. They have two small Cal State Northridge students named as the Emeriti Merit Award. The award was renamed in honor of Peckham who retired in 1991 as vice president of student affairs after working at CSUN for 25 years. He was named ‘Honorary Lifetime Director’ of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Since arriving at San Fernando Valley State College in 1969, Kelly has provided key leadership in developing and implementing an innovative interdisciplinary major in child development. She has established a legacy as a valued teacher and continues to mentor students and alumni and provide leadership as an emeritus professor.

She has encouraged numerous students to pursue graduate and doctorate degrees.

Kelly initiated the Peace Expo at CSUN, drawing over 5,000 participants. She has served as a representative for the United States to the International Federation of Educational Communities (IFEC) and to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). She is also a past recipient of the CSUN Distinguished Teacher Award and has been inducted into the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame.

Since her retirement, Kelly has continued to provide service to the university. With her guidance, the Child and Adolescent Development Alumni Chapter was reactivated. The chapter has offered career development and mentor programs for both alumni and undergraduates. She is personally responsible for securing five annual chapter scholarships. This past year, in collaboration with Child and Adolescent Development Association (CADA), the undergraduate department student organization, the alumni chapter created a Kids Zone for the CSUN 50th Grand Reunion which contributed to the success of the event.

Honored Volunteers

College Recipients

- Bruce Rosenblum ’76, Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communication
- Carl Raggio, College of Business and Economics
- Vaughn Cable, ’70, ’72 MS, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- Nancy Owens, College of Health and Human Development
- Lefty Nyquist, College of Science and Mathematics
- Janet Bryant, ’96, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Philip Browning, Ta eng College of Extended Learning

University Recipients

- Eleanor Baxter, Arts Council
- Kevin Bailey, ’93 and James Forsyth ’96, Athletics

Alumni Chapter Recipients

- Leadman Yep, 89, Accounting and Information Systems Alumni Association
- Marta Gonzalez, ’01 MS, Child and Adolescent Development Alumni Chapter
- Lorraine Sedlak, ’95 MS, Environmental and Occupational Health Alumni Chapter
- Dimitrios Alexiou, ’01 MS, Health Administration Alumni Chapter
- Laura (Estay) Prince, ’05 Journalism Alumni Association
- Kurt Rayner, ’95, ‘00 MBA, MBA Alumni Chapter

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Ann “The Raven” Dolan, KCSN Radio
- Jim Doie, Oviatt Library
- Arthur Fass, Student Affairs Chapter
- Mona Fletcher, Valley Performing Arts Center/Plaza del Sol Performance Hall

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Events

Monday, November 16
Oviatt Library Lobby Exhibit
The Oviatt Library’s new exhibit, “Geographic Information Systems: Presentation, Analysis and Handling of Spatial Information,” will run until the end of the fall semester. It is available for viewing during regular library hours. fmi–Eric Garcia, x6099.

Tuesday, November 17
Used Book Sale
Friends of the Oviatt Library will sponsor a used book sale. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Oviatt Library lobby. Checks welcomed with I.D. www.csun.edu/ua/publicrelations/atcsun/.

Wednesday, November 18
“Erotic City”
The Center for Sex and Gender Research presents “Erotic City: Sexual Revolutions and the Making of Modern San Francisco,” at 7:30 p.m. in Sierra Hall 120. fmi–x5665.

Thursday, November 19
European Empires, Imperialism and the New World
The Atlantic History Center in the Department of History presents its annual Speakers Series, “The ‘Newness’ of the New World,” by UCLA Professor Anthony Pagden, 7 p.m. in Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room. Copies of Pagden’s book will be available for purchase before and after the event. fmi–x5665.

Friday, November 20
“Dirty Words”
The Center for Sex and Gender Research presents “Dirty Words: A Reading of Stories About Growing Up Cajun and Queer on the Bayou,” from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Sierra Hall 386. fmi–x2011.

Public Meetings

Educational Policies Committee
Meets 2–4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18
Education 3118

Personnel Planning and Review Committee
Meets 2–5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18
University Hall 277

Tseng College Faculty Committee Meeting
Meets 3:15–5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18
Bookstore Complex (Executive) Conference Room

Academic Technology Committee
Meets 1–3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 4
University Hall 211

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The deadline for the December issue is Monday, November 30. We strive to include all notices 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 the preferred method of submitting.

Note: fmi–means for more information.

Mentoring: Is it Different for Women?
This second of five Leadership Forums on Women’s Issues will focus on mentoring. It will take place, Wednesday, Nov. 18 and Thursday, Nov. 19 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Oviatt Library 16, HR Training Room, Garden Level. fmi–Sue Talavera, x3820.

Successful Time Management Through Priority Setting
The Office of Human Resources’ Professional Development Program presents part 1 of a two-part training series based on Franklin Covey’s FOCUS workshops. As a manager, the ability to first determine importance in “To Do” list and then prioritize is crucial skills. The workshop will be Thursday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the second floor training room of the Police Services Building. fmi–Sue Talavera, x3820.

Deadlines

2010–11 China Scholarship Council Award Program
Undergraduate and graduate students in all fields of study are invited to apply for up to four awards from the China Scholarship Council to study any selected subject matter in one of the best institutions of higher learning in China. A file containing the application proposal, resume, and two letters of recommendation should be e-mailed to Harold Geidt, Harold.geidt@csun.edu, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 1. fmi–Justine Su at zsu@csun.edu or Harold Geidt, barold.geidt@csun.edu.

CSUN Events Calendar Online
University related activities and events are now available online. For more information about the events listed in the #CSUN Calendar section, visit www.csun.edu/calendar/.

Message From the President
President Jolene Koester recently released a video message to share information about the current budget situation facing the CSU and California State University, Northridge. To view the message, visit www.csun.edu/budgetvideo/november.html.

Notes

Condonences
The entire Cal State Northridge campus community offers their deepest condolences to the families of emeritus professor Shirlene Soto and her husband, Walter Elliot. Soto and Elliot were killed in a head-on collision, Friday, Oct. 23, on Highway 46. Soto taught in the Chicana/o Studies Department for 29 years and was one of the first Chicana historians. She also served as an assistant vice-president at Cal State Northridge.

Please join the Physical Plant Department in extending deepest sympathies to Grove Anderson and his family on the passing of his father on Friday, Oct. 30. Grove is a property clerk in the PPM stockroom.

Catastrophic Leave Donations
Kenneth Swanston from IT Help Desk was out on medical leave of absence and exhausted his leave credits. Brian Thiele from University Cash Services, Mary Hendriks from Cinema and Television Arts, Luis Lopez from Conference & Customer Service and Kurt Pedesky from PPM–Lock Shop are currently out on medical leave of absence and have also exhausted their leave credits. To make a voluntary donation, please forward a completed Catastrophic Leave Donation form to Payroll Administration, mail code 8228.

Emotional Intelligence II
The Office of Human Resources’ Professional Development Program presents “Emotional Intelligence II,” a workshop on the ability to first understand and then manage yourself and your emotions in difficult situations. The workshop will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Oviatt Library, HR Training Room 16, Garden Level. fmi–Sue Talavera, x3820.

University Faculty Development
All university programs and faculty development learning communities.

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Employee Assistance Program
The Office of Human Resources presents Employee Assistance Programs in fall 2009 for interested faculty and staff. fmi–Debra Rozanski, x2681 or debra.rzanski@csun.edu.

Relaxation/Meditation Group
Monday, Nov. 16, 23, 30; 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 1–2 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 3, 1–2 p.m.
Bayramian Hall 520

Intuitive Eating
Tuesday, Nov. 17
12 p.m.–1 p.m.
Klotz Student Health Center Conference Room 258

Mindfulness I: Breathe: Here and Now.
Tuesday, Nov. 17
12–1 p.m.
HR Training Room, Oviatt Library 16, Garden Level

Free Furlough Yoga
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 12–12:50 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 24, 12–12:50 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 12–12:50 p.m.
Redwood Hall, Room 180

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Parenting Teens
Tuesday, Nov. 24
12 p.m.–1 p.m.
Oviatt Library, HR Training Room 16

Mindfulness II: Breathe. Here and Now
Tuesday, Dec. 1
12–1 p.m.
HR Training Room, Oviatt Library 16, Garden Level

Building a Game Plan for Today’s Economy
The Office of Human Resources presents “Finding Humanity During Difficult Times: The Ethics of Philanthropy,” Monday, Nov. 16, 1:30–2:30 p.m., Presentation Room, Oviatt Library. To register go to http://www-admn.csun.edu/obrs/ciap/gamplan.html. fmi–Laureen Garcia, x3821 or Brubaker, x3809 or Debra Rozanski, x2681.

Beck Grants: Practical Advice and Inspiring Insights for the Prospective Applicant
Tuesday, Nov. 17
3–5 p.m.
Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room

Faculty Writing Circle
Wednesday, Nov. 18
3–5:30 p.m.
Sierra Hall 451, GELO Conference Room

Race and Pedagogy: A Beck Grant’s Findings
Monday, Nov. 23
2–5:30 p.m.
Sierra Hall 451, Whitsett Room

Faculty Book Group Developing Learner-Centered Teaching
Tuesday, Nov. 24
12:30–1:30 p.m.
Sierra Hall 451, GELO Conference Room

Library Workshops for Faculty
The Oviatt Library presents “Finding Your Library Work Has Been Cited,” for all faculty members, but may be of particular interest to those currently preparing their PIFs. The workshops will be Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., two sessions each day, in the Oviatt Library Lab A. To RSVP and fmi–Coileen Martin, x5096 or coileen.martin@csun.edu.

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In Brief

Rent-A-Text Expanding to More Than 400 Titles in Spring 2010

In an effort to reduce student expenses, The University Corporation and Follett Higher Education Group have agreed to expand Cal State Northridge’s Rent-A-Text program to include more than 400 titles this spring.

“Follett Higher Education Group shares our concern and we are happy to have them as a partner in developing affordability programs that benefit CSUN students,” said Rick Evans, executive director of The University Corporation. “We are sensitive to the cost of educational materials.”

TUC launched a pilot textbook rental program in 2008 that included four book titles. The program allows students to rent used or new textbooks at a discount, 42.5 percent of the new book price.

Amy Berger, director of the Matador Bookstore, said the rented textbook must be returned in “complete and salable condition.”

However, Berger said the bookstore recognizes normal wear and accepts and permits highlighting and writing in the rented books.

“The expansion of the Rent-A-Text program should save students a great deal in the purchase of their course materials,” Berger added.

The A.S. Ticket Office in the University Student Union sells tickets to many events on campus, except for some held by outside groups. The Ticket Office is open from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Mon.–Fri. For prices not given, call (818) 677-2488. To park on campus for performances, athletic events, lectures and other activities, guests must purchase a $6 parking permit.