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PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY CAMPUS UPDATE

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School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering Wins National Award

I had the distinct privilege to join **Dean Julio Blanco**, Provost and Vice President for

Academic Affairs Soraya Coley, and **"First Lady" Barbara Mitchell**, along with other higher education leaders from across the country, at the U.S. Capitol on October 2nd. We were there for ¡Excelencia in Education!s recognition of the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering as the top baccalaureate-level program in the nation for increasing academic opportunities and improving achievement for Latino students. The recognition, which comes with a \$5,000 award, names NSME's Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) initiative as an evidence-based practice that supports higher educational achievement of Latino students as well as



all enrolled students. The award is a testament to the success of our collaboration with educational and corporate partners to raise the level of educational attainment in our region. Our thanks go to Kern High School District **Supervisor Don Carter**, Bakersfield College **Deans Dan O'Connor** and **Hamid Eydghai**, and **Bruce Johnson**, Vice President of Chevron's San Joaquin Valley Business Unit. Congratulations to NSME faculty and staff for their well-deserved recognition.

National Science Foundation Awards \$267,000 Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded a three-year \$267,000 grant to the REVS-UP summer science research program. An interdisciplinary team of faculty from the School of Social Science and Education and the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering collaborated on the Federal Cyber Service capacity-building grant. With the funding, the REVS-UP program will add research opportunities for high school students and teachers beginning Summer 2013. The research focus will change each year. With a focus on cyberterrorism and cyberwarfare in year one, the program will offer research opportunities in cryptography and network security and vulnerability. In addition,

the grant will fund the addition of an information security concentration to the computer science curriculum, as well as a no-cost information assurance course and lecture series for the public. Congratulations to **Mark Martinez**, Professor, Political Science; **Charles Lam**, Associate Professor, Mathematics; and **Melissa Danforth**, Assistant Professor, Computer and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. The primary funding for REVS-UP continues to come from Chevron.

India Association of the San Joaquin Valley Gala for Summer Bridge

"Your open hearts can open minds" was the theme of the India Association of the San Joaquin Valley's gala to support our Summer Bridge program. The fundraiser was a cultural expression of Indian food and fashion used to celebrate the power of higher education to transform lives, and the importance of higher education to our region. Summer Bridge is a four-week, intensive, residential skills-building induction for entering freshmen and transfer students. The learning-intensive classes strengthen English language arts, mathematics, and critical thinking skills needed for academic success, and orients students to university life. Our thanks go to **Harminster Bhangoo**, President of the IASJV, **Robin Mangarin**, gala co-chair, **Jacqueline Mimms**, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, and **Steve Walsh**, EOP Summer Bridge Coordinator, for forming this new partnership for excellence.



Dignity Health Partners with CSUB Athletics

Dignity Health, formerly Catholic Healthcare West, has made a five-year, six-figure annual commitment to CSUB Athletics, becoming the Roadrunners' newest corporate sponsor. Dignity, which operates Memorial, Mercy, and Mercy Southwest hospitals, now becomes our student-athletes' preferred provider, as well as a major broadcast sponsor of our men's basketball games and our weekly Roadrunner Runwdown radio program on KERN Newstalk 1180. Thank you, Dignity Health!

How Do You Like Us Now?

These words from Athletics Director **Jeff Konya** drew cheers of excitement from faculty, staff, students, athletics teams, and community



members in the Doré Theatre audience on October 9th. The campus and community gathered as I joined interim commissioner **Jeff Hurd** to announce our acceptance of an invitation from the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Board of Directors to join the WAC conference. CSUB officially will become a member effective July 1, 2013. Conference affiliation marks the beginning of a new chapter for our athletics program and follows our successful transition to NCAA Division I status. On our home page at www.csub.edu is a short but dynamic video of our transition and new conference affiliation. This is an excellent move for our university. Go 'Runners!

Congressional Internship Program – Students Work and Study in Washington, DC



Each fall, the Panetta Institute hosts students for its Congressional Internship Program in Washington, D.C. **Jeremy Villanueva**, a senior political science major, is interning with **Congressman Jeff Denham** of California's 19th District. His work sessions focus on policy issues, giving Capitol tours, as well as coordinating work with

state and local governments and constituents. The internship runs August through November. Congratulations, Jeremy.

Principal Partner's Day



On October 10th I joined other business leaders, government officials, and educators to see the Kern High School District's efforts in helping young people succeed. I started the morning with a tour of South High School which included presentations by South High students who attended various summer programs, including CSUB REVS-UP, UC San Diego COSMOS, CSU San Marcos Advancement Academy, and UCSB Research Mentorship Program. The program ended with a luncheon featuring Bakersfield High School Principal David Reese as the keynote speaker.

Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

Our baccalaureate nursing program has received a ten-year renewal of its accreditation by the Board of Commissioners of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The renewal comes after the Commission's Spring 2012 campus visit which included input from members of the community, prospective and current students, and alumni. The program also maintains approval by the California Board of Nursing. A round of applause goes to **Debbie Boschini**, Nursing Department Chair, and department faculty and staff.

Student Health Services Accreditation

Accreditation serves as evidence of meeting rigorous industry standards. Our Student Health Services continues to demonstrate those standards in medical care with its three-year accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). The SHS provides health care services to students both on the main campus and at Antelope Valley Center and logs some 6600 patient visits during the academic year. Hats off to **Oscar Rico, M.D.**, Student Health Services Director, and the SHS staff.

CSUB Alcohol and Drug Education Committee Holds OkSoberFest

October 22-26 is National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. In observance, the CSUB Alcohol and Drug Education Committee and departments in the Division of Student Affairs have scheduled OkSoberFest, a week of alcohol awareness activities. Impairment simulations, consequences of drinking games and binge drinking, the Life Interrupted alcohol collision mobile unit, Recreation Center and athletics events are among the array of activities presented. For more information, contact Erika Delamar, Health Educator, at 654-3453.

University Council

The next University Council meeting will be held Friday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room. University Council is an open forum for members of the campus community to voice concerns or make suggestions for continued improvement. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend.

I look forward to seeing you around campus or at an upcoming University or community event. Take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Horace Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Horace" and last name "Mitchell" clearly distinguishable.

Horace Mitchell
President