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In the culture of the Akan people of Ghana and the Ivory Coast, *adinkra* are pictorial symbols that preserve and communicate language and cultural values through associated proverbs. The word *sankofa* translates as “go back and get it” and is represented by a mythical bird that flies forward while looking back carrying in its mouth an egg, a symbol of the gems of knowledge of the past, and the future generations to whom the wisdom of past knowledge will be passed. The proverb, “it is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten,” conveys that the past illuminates the present, and reminds us that it is okay to go back to our roots and pick up what we have lost or forgotten, and to keep it with us as we move into the future. We close 2013 and head toward 2014 carrying the wisdom of our past as we progress toward educating generations to come and transforming lives, families and communities.

Donations for Local Charities

Many thanks for your donations of toys and food collected during our holiday receptions to help those in need. Several departments also sponsored clothing drives to help families who are being sheltered at the Bakersfield Homeless Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



In addition, the **Business and Administrative Services (BAS) Division** collected 160 toys and monetary donations at their annual holiday breakfast. The donations were delivered to children at the San Joaquin Community Hospital-Grossman Burn Center Pediatric Unit earlier this week. BAS selects a new charity each year.

Holiday Closure

In observance of the holidays, our campus will be closed December 24 – January 1, 2014. The University Police Department will be open and able to receive emergency calls.

Political Science Graduate Selected for 2013-14 California Senate Fellows Program



Rogelio Caudillo on Senate Floor – November 2013

Rogelio Caudillo, a Political Science graduate (June 2013), was selected as one of eighteen senate fellows chosen from over 500 applicants for the 2013-14 California Senate Fellows (CSF) program. The CSF program provides college graduates with a paid, full-time legislative staff position in the State Capitol. Fellows are assigned to the offices of a senator or policy committee and work as a member of the Capitol's public policy staff team. Rogelio has been assigned to the office of Senator Andy Vidak (16th District). The CSF Program is jointly sponsored by the California State Senate and the Center for California Studies at CSU Sacramento.



Annual Giving

I am pleased to announce that, under the direction of **David Melendez**, Vice President for University Advancement, CSUB has raised more than \$3.2 million for the current fiscal year for academic, athletic, and scholarship programs supporting the entire campus. Reaching this benchmark is particularly important as it represents the 2013-14 funding goal set out in the University's Funding Enhancement Plan. CSUB will now seek to achieve its stretch goal for the remainder of the current fiscal year of more than \$5 million to further advance the work of our students and faculty. To give to CSUB and support the school, program or initiative of your choice, please visit our [Make a Gift](http://www.csub.edu/giving) website at www.csub.edu/giving or contact the University Advancement Division at 654-2136.

Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

Long-time soccer coach **Simon Tobin** will be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame for 2014. The annual awards banquet will take place in February at the Bakersfield Marriott. In his 27 seasons, Coach Tobin has led our teams to 307 victories, two Mountain West Pacific Division titles, 19 all-conference and 12 academic all-conference selections, our first NCAA Division I tournament berth, and has produced 23 professional soccer players. Coach Tobin joins fellow CSUB inductees **Joe Seay, Charlie Craig, Dave Barber, Ernie Maglischo, T.J. Kerr, Gloria Friedman, Pat Douglass, and Stephen Neal**.

Guardian Scholars Program Receives California Wellness Foundation Grant

The 2014 **Guardian Scholars Program** proposal to The California Wellness Foundation has been accepted for funding. The proposed project includes housing for foster youth students during times of non-enrollment, a service learning class for students in the program, and a foster youth conference that will take place in early May. The total funding from The California Wellness Foundation for 2014 is \$85,000. Thank you to **Dr. Jacqueline Mimms** and **Mr. Steve Walsh** for their work on this project.



Our Guardian Scholars, in turn, give back to the foster community in important ways. In November, our students held the inaugural Foster Youth Awareness Walk on campus,

drawing attention to the issues of youth in the foster care system, and showing foster students that college is possible. Most recently, our students volunteered at the Children Joining Children for Success "Holiday Skating Extravaganza" where they served as mentors for groups of foster youth. At the Department of Human Services "Breakfast for Santa" program, they helped children currently in foster care with crafts, distributed presents, and assisted with holiday photos.

Teacher Education Department Awarded Chancellor's Office Funding



The Chancellor's Office Bechtel Foundation awarded a \$19,500 grant to the **Teacher Education Department** in the School of Social Sciences & Education (SSE). The grant will fund a pilot program to enhance undergraduate science coursework and practicum experiences. The project is an interdisciplinary undertaking between SSE and the School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering (NSME) that aligns revised courses and a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) practicum with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) standards.

Fourteen pre-service elementary school teachers will be guided by expert teachers and will work directly with Sierra Middle School students in an after school scientific investigation and discovery program to improve student learning. Congratulations to **Kristina LaGue**, chair of the Teacher Education Department, and to SSE and NSME for their out-of-the-box collaboration.

Quarter to Semester (Q2S) Campus Forum

A Q2S Campus Forum for faculty and staff is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2014 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Doré Theatre. The first portion will cover updates on Q2S conversion activities, introduction of the Q2S website, presentations by academic departments on transition and conversion activities, and Q&A. During the second portion of the forum, the General Education Implementation Committee will present the proposed new GE program and supporting materials to generate campus feedback prior to finalizing recommendations to the Academic Senate.

University Council

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. The next meeting of the University Council is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Albertson Room.

First Lady Barbara Mitchell and I wish you a joyous holiday season in the company of family, friends, and community. If you did not get a chance to view our holiday greeting card, please click [here](#).




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