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GRADUATION

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Students discuss looming commencements

By Amie Birks
Reporter

The countdown has begun for graduating seniors at CSU Bakersfield. With only a few days left, CSUB is holding many different ceremonies to honor those of different ethnicities, cultures and departments.

The commencement ceremony for undergraduate students will be held on June 10 and 11 at 7 a.m. in the outdoor amphitheater.

Students that are partaking in the commencement are required to meet at 6:15 a.m. on the Red Brick Road (west side of the Dorothy Donahue Hall, DDH), so that students can line up. It will be an exciting moment for students and some are already anticipating the celebratory event.

"I think what excites me the most is that I will get to walk with all the friends I have made at CSUB," said graduating English major Andrea Pena. Graduate students have a

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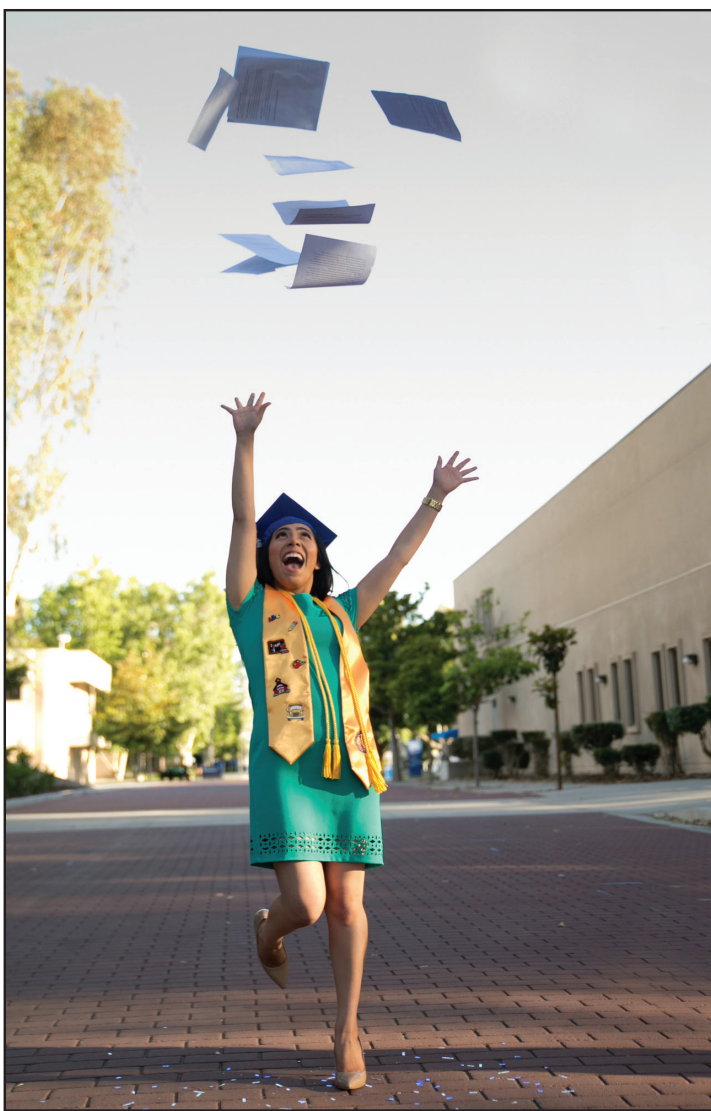
Andrea Pena
English major

separate ceremony on Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Icardo Center. Family and friends attending will get the opportunity to see their graduate partake in the special hooding ceremony.

The hooding ceremony is when a faculty member places the doctoral hood over the graduate to signify his or her success in completing the graduate program. Apart from the

commencement ceremonies, CSUB is hosting a black graduation recognition ceremony on Saturday, June 4 at 3 p.m. in the Icardo Center. This special event honors and recognizes black students for their achievements at CSUB. Each participating student is recognized and given a stole that represents the pride of his or her African heritage.

Students that are participating in this event are also able and encouraged to participate in the commencement as well.

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AJ Alvarado/The Runner

Liberal studies major Lupita Melendez celebrates her upcoming graduation from CSUB.

EDUCATION

Minors no longer required starting fall semester

By Jonathan Wells
Reporter

Beginning fall 2016, CSU Bakersfield will no longer require its students to have a minor for any of its major courses, potentially eliminating four classes students would not need.

The minor change was proposed by CSUB's Academic Senate because they wanted to give students the choice of whether or not to have a minor, according to CSUB program director Dr. Jackie Kegley.

"Some students do not have any idea of what they want for a minor or they just tack something on," said Kegley. "So this makes it more optional, and they can sit down with an adviser and see will this [minor] look good for their career goals."

However, this option will not affect all students.

The minor option will not be grandfathered into the older catalog years so current students have to keep their minors.

"For example, the school of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, they don't have minors with their degrees, because

[NSME] already takes a lot of courses, so they don't really have a lot of room," said Kegley.

These students felt bad for their peers who have to have minors.

"I never had a minor, but I see how that could suck if you had to take one," said biology major Lesley Chavez, 20.

The students who were affected directly, like those in the Social Sciences and Education department were upset the switch came so late.

"What if you wanted to graduate on the tenth, but since you had to do your minor you have to take four more classes, and now you must graduate later messing up your whole plan," said psychology major Bianca Tabera, 19.

Even political science alum Jovani Jimenez felt they needed to speak up about the change.

"It's better for new students," said Jimenez, 24. "If you have a minor that will help you in your career, then you have the option for a minor, but most of the minors here are just profit making for the school."

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COMMUNITY

Sanders challenges Trump during rally in Bakersfield

By Javier Valdes
News Editor

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders spoke about his campaign and challenged presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump to a debate during Sanders' Bakersfield visit to the Kern County Fairgrounds on Saturday.

More than 3,000 members of the community gathered to listen to what Sanders had to say.

"I say to Donald Trump, you're a big macho guy, you have any guts, come on down and let's debate," said Sanders.

The crowd responded with resounding cheers to every jab Sanders gave to Trump.

Trump released a press release on May 27 stating that he found it "inappropriate" to debate Sanders, claiming that because the Democratic nominating process was rigged and that Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton wouldn't allow Sanders to win, it would not be appropriate for him to debate Sanders because he is "the second-place finisher."

"As much as I want to debate Bernie Sanders — and it would be an easy payday — I will wait to debate the first place finisher in the Democratic Party, probably Crooked Hillary Clinton or whoever it may be," said Trump in his press release.

During Sanders' Bakersfield rally, the Democratic candidate pushed that Trump change his mind and accept his challenge for a debate.

"The other day Trump said yes he would debate, and then he changed his mind and said no he wouldn't debate, and then he changed his mind again and said he would debate, then he changed his mind again and said he wouldn't debate," said Sanders. "So I say to Mr. Trump, change your mind again. Let us have a debate."

Sanders was very vocal to the thousands attending the rally about how he believes that Americans will not allow Trump to become the next United States President.

"Trump will not become president because the American people will not support a

candidate who insults Mexicans and Latinos, who insults Muslims, who insults women and veterans and who insults African-Americans," said Sanders. "The American people understand that the greatest strength we have as a nation is our diversity."

Sanders mentioned that every poll that has been published in the last two months has predicted him beating Trump in November's presidential election.

Sanders also spoke on his vision for America and the power that the youth have had in the primary elections.

"Our vision, a vision of social justice, economic justice, racial justice, environmental justice, that vision is the future of America," said Sanders.

Sanders said he was proud that he saw a large young crowd at Saturday's rally.

"Young people have stood up and they have said 'we are the future of this country and we damn well will help shape that future,'" said Sanders.

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Javier Valdes/The Runner

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders speaks during his Bakersfield rally at the Kern County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 28.

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ASI

Dominguez, Lim among election winners



Alex Dominguez and Alana Lim were voted ASI's president and executive vice president for the 2016-2017 year.

New execs voted in to ASI board

By Esteban Ramirez
Editor-in-Chief

The unofficial results for this year's ASI election are in, and Alex Dominguez has been elected as the new president and Alana Lim has been elected as the executive vice president.

Dominguez received 58 percent of the votes garnering 794 votes, while current ASI President Mike Kwon received 42 percent of the votes with 574 votes.

"When I saw my name on top, I was very surprised because it's something to beat an incumbent," said Dominguez. "I was very proud of myself and my team."

Lim garnered 57 percent with 776 votes, while current ASI Director of Social Sciences and

Education Nicole Mirkazemi received 581 votes.

"I'm very excited but mostly humbled," said Lim. "I'm just very honored that students have kind of put their confidence in me to help lead ASI with Alex and take them in a new direction."

"They have put their confidence in me and I look forward to delivering to them and just overall contributing to the growth of our campus."

According to Interim ASI Executive Director EJ Callahan, around 1,370 students voted in this year's elections.

As for the other vice president positions, Oscar Alvarez ran unopposed and received 1,310 votes.

For vice president of finance, current ASI Director of Clubs

and Organizations Outreach Precious Nwaoha ran unopposed and received 1,299 votes.

Current Director of Campus Pride Mariela Gomez ran unopposed for vice president of programming and received 1,296 votes.

"I knew that Oscar, Precious and Mariela were going to make because they were running unopposed, but knowing that Alana was going forward with me, it was just a great feeling," said Dominguez.

"Now we have the whole team together."

"We have one unified agenda going forward and that agenda is to help all the students, so I'm very happy that Alana got elected as well."

Director of natural sciences, mathematics and engineering went to Jeremy Ngo who ran unopposed and garnered 1,282 votes.

Six other director positions were unopposed.

Director of arts and humanities went to Claudia Ramirez with 1,272 votes, director of budget management went to

Gurbachan Sidhu with 1,230 votes and director of R.E.P.S. went to Nadia Mirkazemi with 1,253 votes.

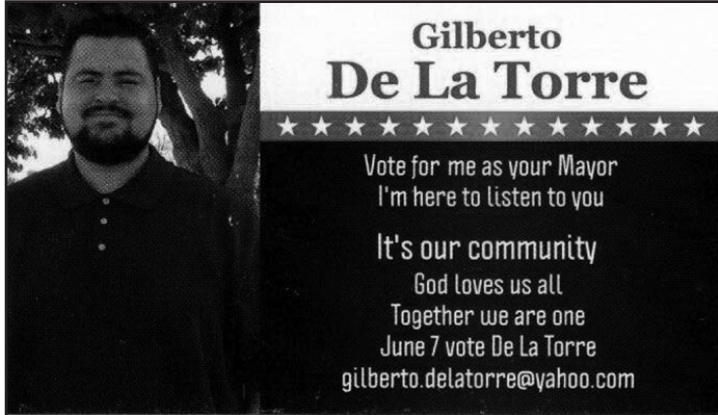
Additionally, upper division director went to Jesus Banuelos with 1,248 votes, director of community affairs went to Courtney Ludford with 1,250 votes and director of educational events went to Brianahi De Leon with 1,259 votes.

Director of relations was the closest race as Ashley Schmidt received 50.2 percent with 670 votes, while Jose Garcia received 664 votes.

For director of clubs and organization outreach, Alejandra Lopez received 63 percent with 834 votes, while Wendy Melendez received 493 votes.

"I was incredibly excited," said Lopez on winning director of clubs and organization outreach. "Walking into the Student Union, I was very nervous but when I saw my name up there and my status, I was relieved."

"Campaigning was really tough this last week, but I'm excited to get next year going."



GRADUATION



Karina Diaz/The Runner
Many students can be seen taking photos around campus in their caps and gowns to celebrate their graduation.

No tickets needed for CSUB cultural commencements

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"What's so special about it is that all my family is able to attend," said graduating senior Taevi Wilson. "They don't require any tickets, so I can invite as many people as I want to be there for my big day."

In addition, CSUB is holding its 36 annual Chicano commencement on June 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Icardo Center.

The Chicano ceremony originally began as a form of protest by Latino graduating students at San Jose State University.

Students were concerned that they [Latinos] were unrep-

resented and were of little concern to the universities and government.

Now the event is held as a way to honor Latino students for their academic success.

The application deadline for the Chicano commencement has already been closed.

However, those attending should note that there are no tickets required to attend the event.

Students can expect a press release to be sent out this week or can go to www.csub.edu/ commencement to find additional information regarding graduation.

EDUCATION

Minors no longer mandatory

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"It's good for new students but as [alumni's] the system already screwed us over, there's nothing left we can do about it."

Although students may feel cheated, Kegley reminds them to remember the advantages to having a minor.

"The important thing is, it does appear on your transcript if you choose to [have a minor], and later, wherever you go people will say this person has a major in this field but he has a minor in this field; that means

he is more broadly-based," said Kegley.

Kegley also believes the biggest benefit from making minors an option is the freedom students will be receiving when choosing an academic plan that works for them.

"[Students benefit] by giving them a choice and not forcing them to do something that does not seem useful, but also by making them aware that this may be a useful option," said Kegley. "Not forcing, but saying you might want to consider this, then let them decide."



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COMMUNITY

Sanders sets the burn in the valley

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CSU Bakersfield biology and sociology major Sabah Sahah, 19, attended the event because she really wanted to see Sanders.

“He’s the only candidate whose platform is to unite people, rather than to divide,” said Sahah.

Sanders also covered topics of marijuana, gay rights, minimum wage, student debt and equal pay.

“In America, people that work 40-50 hours a week should not live in poverty,” said Sanders. “Raise the minimum wage to \$15 and hour. Women should not be making 79 cents on the dollar. We are going to fight for pay equity for women.”

Many who attended the rally were inspired by Sanders’ speech and by the big crowd at the event.

Bakersfield College psychology student Chyenne Guey-Mock, 19, found the crowd to be energetic and diverse and said Sanders was amazing and very inspirational.

As for what brought Guey-Mock down to the event, she said she wanted “to be part of history.”

Guey-Mock said that the event inspired her and her friend to volunteer for the Sanders’ campaign.

Current Sanders campaign volunteers Monica Hinson, 28, and Matt Hinson, 26, began to volunteer for the Sanders campaign since January.

The Hinsons volunteer the majority of their free time to help Sanders’ campaign, whether it be by going door-to-door, working with data entry or fundraising.

Matt Hinson felt that the rally was everything that he expected and talked about why he believes people should vote for Sanders.

“He’s for the people,” said Hinson. “He doesn’t take contributions from super PACs.”

Some attendants credited Sanders’ platform and focus on unity as their decision to vote for him.

Others felt that his passion and honesty is what most

resonated with them.

“He speaks very passionately. He doesn’t leave any room for interpretation like some candidates,” said Bakersfield resident Hannah Victor.

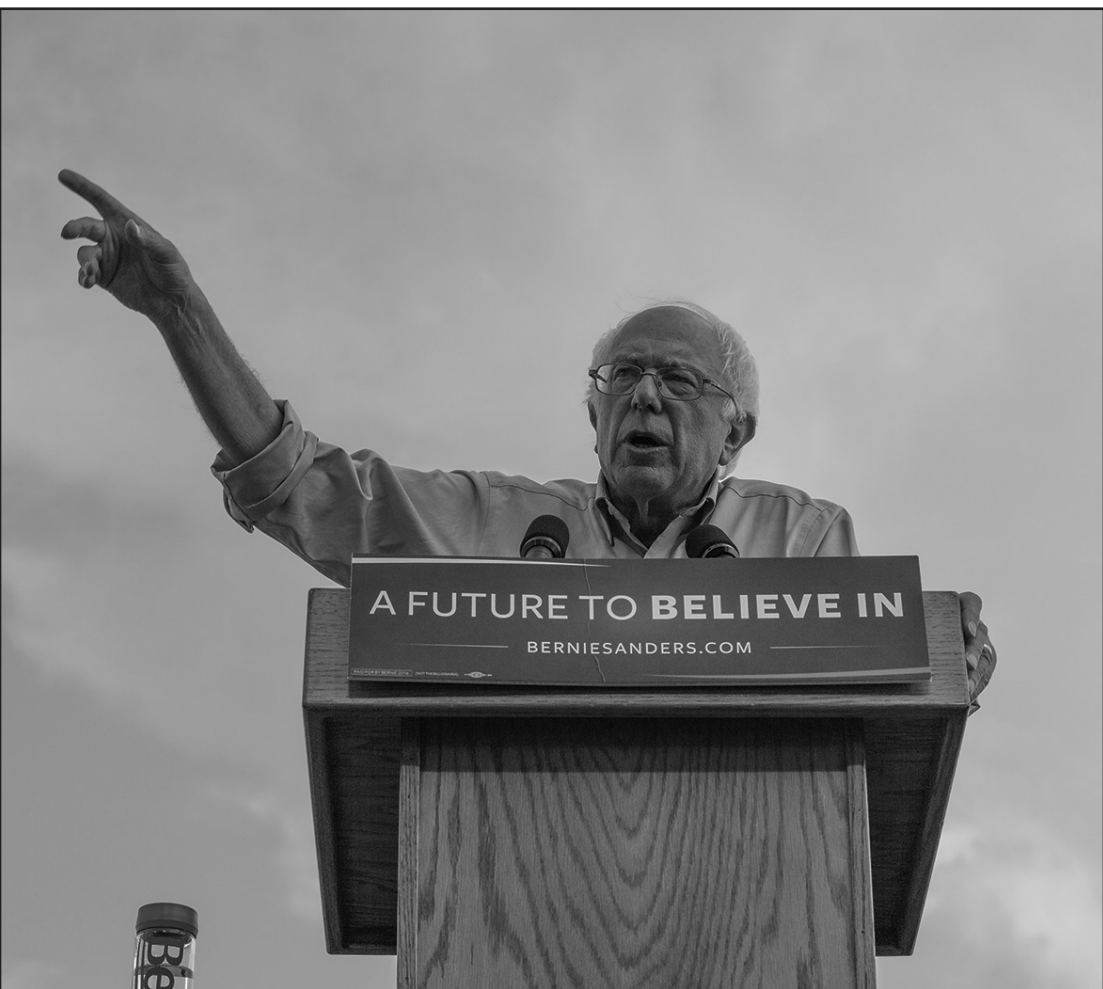
“I like his honesty. I approve a politician that doesn’t sugarcoat shit,” said BC student Satiyyah Desouza.

Although many of those attending were big Sanders supporters, some were there to educate themselves about the candidate, hoping that the event would help them make a decision on which candidate they would vote for.

Bakersfield resident Selenia Duran, 23, heard about the event through social media and was surprised by the thousands of people that attended the event.

Duran, a first-time voter, was unsure of who her vote would go to come the primaries.

“I’m nervous. I’m feeling the ‘Bern’ but I still don’t know my choice...it all depends after today,” said Duran.



Ben Patton/The Runner
Senator Bernie Sanders speaks to the crowd at the Kern County Fairgrounds on May 28.

FACULTY

Board of Trustees ratifies 10.5% faculty wage increase

By Javier Valdes
News Editor

The California State University Board of Trustees ratified the tentative agreement reached in collaboration with the California Faculty Association on May 24.

The agreement is set to be in effect until 2018, at that point

they will reach new contract negotiations.

The agreement covers nearly 26,000 faculty members, librarians, coaches and counselors on the 23 CSU campuses.

“I am pleased the Trustees ratified this agreement. Investing in our faculty is an investment in our students’ learning and discovery environment, en-

abling student achievement and degree completion,” said CSU Chancellor Timothy White is a press release.

In addition to the general salary increases, which are set to raise faculty salaries by 10.5 percent over the next three years, the agreement also included to double the vesting period for retiree health bene-

fits for faculty hires after July 1, 2017, from 5 to 10 years.

Additionally, included in the agreement was the minimum raise for those with tenure track promotions, under the new agreement those faculty members would receive a minimum 9 percent increase instead of the current 7.5 percent.

Back in April, 97 percent of

the voting CFA membership approved the tentative agreement reached by the CFA and CSU. Following the CFA’s vote the tentative agreement moved on the to CSU Board of Trustees to approve the agreement and put this year-long matter to rest, and on May 24 they did.

As per the agreement faculty unit employees will receive a 5

percent general salary increase on June 30, a 2 percent general salary increase on July 1, and a 3.5 percent general salary increase on July 1, 2017.

The agreement also includes a 2.65 percent service salary increase for all eligible faculty employees in fiscal year 2017-18, read the CSU press release.

What’s Going on Around Campus

Mark your calendars with these upcoming events at CSUB. You can also find events at therunneronline.com.

<p>WED., JUNE 1</p> <p>ASIAN AFFINITY GROUP LUNCH 12-1 PM @ SU MPR 125</p> <p>WONDERFUL COMPANY RECRUITING 2-5 PM @ DDH 100F</p> <p>CSUB FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING 3-5 PM @ ICARDO ROOM</p>	<p>FRIDAY, JUNE 3</p> <p>A&H GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY 10-11 AM @ ARTS & HUMANITIES</p> <p>CONCERT BAND SPRING CONCERT 7:30 - 9:30 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE</p>	<p>SATURDAY, JUNE 4</p> <p>BLACK GRAD RECOGNITION CEREMONY 10 - 11 AM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER</p> <p>CSUB JAZZ ENSEMBLE SPRING CONCERT 8 - 9:30 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE</p>
<p>SUNDAY, JUNE 5</p> <p>CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND WIND SYMPHONY 3-5 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE</p>	<p>MONDAY, JUNE 5</p> <p>STUDY STRONG FREE LUNCH 12-2 PM @ SU PATIO</p>	<p>TUESDAY, JUNE 6</p> <p>2016 GRADUATE AND HOODING CEREMONY 6 - 8:30 PM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER</p> <p>UNIVERSITY SINGERS SPRING CONCERT 7:30 - 9:30 PM @ DORÉ THEATRE</p>
<p>WED., JUNE 8</p> <p>STUDY STRONG DE-STRESS ACTIVITIES 12-1 PM @ SU PATIO</p> <p>PAW AWAY STRESS 2:30 - 4:30 PM @ SU PATIO</p> <p>CHICANO COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 6-9 PM @ ICARDO ACTIVITIES CENTER</p>	<p>FRIDAY, JUNE 10</p> <p>2016 AH, BPA & NSME COMMENCEMENT 7 - 9:30 AM @ DORÉ AMPHITHEATRE</p>	<p>SAT., JUNE 11</p> <p>2016 SSE COMMENCEMENT 7 - 9:30 AM @ DORÉ AMPHITHEATRE</p> <p>FIRST AID CPR CLASS 11 AM - 5 PM @ SRC SOLARIO DE FORTALEZA</p>

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The purpose of the Campus Beautification Committee is to beautify the CSUB campus through education and example with the prideful participation from the University community. Each month, the Monthly Selection Committee tours the campus to see which adopted area is the cleanest. We are proud to recognize members of our campus community each month for their outstanding contributions toward keeping CSUB beautiful. If you are interested in adopting an area or would like to learn more about the Campus Beautification Committee, please visit us at http://www.csub.edu/about_csub/beautify/

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GRADUATION

Caps off to our 2016 graduates



Photo courtesy of Lorena Mendoza
PEAK major Lorena Mendoza prepares to graduate with a cap decorated with flowers.



Photo courtesy of Georgie Jazmin
Business major Georgie Jazmin tops her cap with daisies and rhinestones for graduation.



Photo courtesy of Crystal Villatoro
Criminal justice major Crystal Villatoro gets her handcups ready for a future with law enforcement.



Photo courtesy of Julianne Mau
English major Julianne Mau decorated her cap with pop lyrics and butterflies.

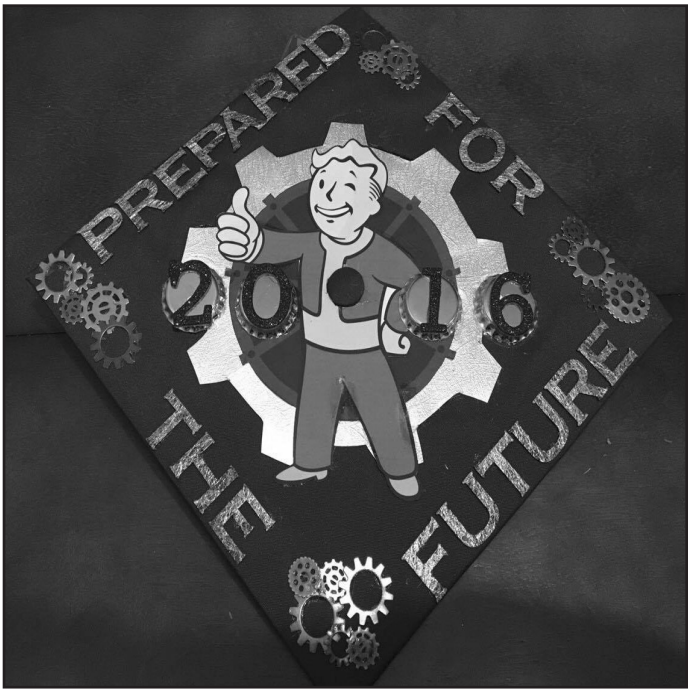


Photo courtesy of Jesus Gutierrez
Geology major Jesus Gutierrez prepares for graduation with a stunning graduation cap.



Photo courtesy of Ariana Luna
Psychology major Ariana Luna heads for the second star to the right as she prepares for the many adventures that await.

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Alumni Association continues excellence

By Domenica Ortiz
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield's Alumni Association represents more than 45,000 graduates.

The association promotes educational excellence by engaging and connecting alumni students, campus partners and the community.

Members of the association make affiliation with CSUB a lifetime commitment.

Individuals are given the opportunity to volunteer, participate and support CSUB's advancement.

"The CSUB Alumni Association allows students to stay connected," said alumna Jessica Rodriguez. "I am very much apart of this campus since the day I graduated."

Rodriguez stated that she will continue to support the University.

She revealed that the Alumni Association offers so many services, benefits, and opportunities for graduates.

Members of the Alumni Association have access to discounted Student Recreation Center memberships.

Alumni have access to CSUB's Center for Career Education and Community Center, in which they have access to career resources and are able to find out about job openings.

Members also have access to CSUB Bookstore and Walter

Stiern Library, as well as all libraries in the CSU system, so they can expand their knowledge and keep learning off campus.

The Alumni Association gives graduates special event notifications, discounts on insurance, and updates on campus news.

"The Alumni Association keeps me updated on exciting campus news I can attend special events," said alumna Stephanie Fenn. "I love that I still have access to the campus."

Fenn stated that she enjoys the unlimited access to the library specifically.

"I research a lot, so the membership comes in handy," said Fenn.

Also, graduates are invited to meet and greet fellow alumni at campus events.

"I am still apart of this University in many ways," said CSUB alumnus Jonathan Reece. "I love attending campus events and community projects."

Reece stated that the involvement, community awareness and being able to stay informed drove him to become a member.

He stated that some of the events he enjoys are Celebrate CSUB, Party in the Park and Alumni Nights.

"I always have a blast," said Reece. "The association provides many opportunities. It is like I have never left."

Additionally, annual scholarships from the Alumni Association helps graduate students and teaching credential students pay for their education.

Many CSUB alumni help students train and prepare for life outside of the classroom.

CSUB English major Richard Wright stated that it is in his plans to become part of the Alumni Association next year.

"I have had many great memories here at CSUB and no matter where my life takes me, I will stay connected and true to my alma mater through my future membership in the Alumni Association," said Wright.

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Richard Wright
English major

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When the CSUB wrestling coach resigned, The Runner was there.
When Bill Clinton campaigned in Delano, The Runner was there.


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Grad Shoutouts

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-Mahogany

Congratulations Mimi!
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Deb,
Erich, Gami,
Campi and
Silas




It took a while. You fought for it. You never gave up. Here you are... The next chapter in the journey of life, but remember... You did it wifey.. YOU!
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Love, Erich




Paul,
We are immensely proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations on receiving your Bachelors Degree. Your friends are here to cheer you on as you overcome your struggles and achieve your goals.
"When you want something all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it." -Paulo Coelho
Love,
Leo & Jasmine



Sal,
Words cannot explain how proud I am of you! Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment. I have no doubt you will do great things in life! Thank you for being who you are and for always being there! Love you brother!
Sincerely,
Anayele




Melissa,
I knew you would make it this far. We are proud of you and we know you will succeed in whatever you do afterwards! We are always praying for you!
Love,
Dad, Mom,
and your sister Lisa



Congratulations Nikki
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From: Megan, Khamille, and Daniela



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Love you around the world and back
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ACADEMICS

So long quarter system, hello semester

By Annie Russell
Features Editor

From three quarters to two semesters, and a list of pros and cons, CSU Bakersfield continues to move forward with their plans to change to the semester system.

CSUB pledged to both current and incoming students that the change would not delay the expected time for graduation, nor would it cost more money.

“I honestly don’t like it. I feel like it’s going to take longer,” said junior computer science major Arielle Battle.

Academic Operations Director John Dirkse stated that though the change to semester will put

CSUB students back in school early in August, there are still a lot of benefits to the change from quarter to semester.

“I think they’re a lot of benefits to the students and I don’t think they’ll realize it till they get in there a year.”

Most courses in the fall will be converted from five quarter units to three semester units. Students who plan to graduate in four years our advised to take 15 units each semester.

For financial aid, a full load is 12 semester units.

However, students majoring in natural science, mathematics and engineering should expect most of their classes to convert to four semester units.

In this case students are advised to take 16 units a semester.

“If students don’t take the five per term [classes], or the equivalent of five per term, then they’re going to be a little delayed in graduating,” Dirkse said. “For the three quarters you paid last year, you’re going to pay about the same amount this year for two semesters.”

Opposed to the 180 units to graduate in the quarter system only 120 units are now needed to graduate in the semester system.

“I’m pretty indifferent about it,” senior anthropology major Andy Nasrawin said. “I think the pros out-weigh the cons.”

Some of the perks that come along with the semester system is that students will have more time to learn and articulate more information versus having to cram within a 10-week quarter.

Additionally, students only have to worry about two finals instead of three.

Because the semester system ends in May aligning with high school and community colleges summer break, CSUB students have a chance to apply for jobs during the summer instead of having to wait two weeks while high schoolers snatch up the jobs.

In addition there will also be more classes offered for stu-

dents during the semester and unique one-unit filler classes students can pick and choose to take for their eight or five miscellaneous units, depending on their catalog rights.

“I always advised all of my students to take one activity class every term, I’m not saying for financial aid or whatever reasons. Just it will force you to exercise, workout, get your mind off of class,” Dirkse said. “Just do something to stay in good physical condition it’s important to your studying and your general well-being.

“You can’t study if you’re not feeling comfortable or you’re unhappy about your weight, and you’re worried about not

getting exercise and now you’re trying to study. It’s not going to work, your brain is just not in the right place.”

One change students might come to notice is that Peak classes are now kinesiology courses, which will offer more activity classes than ever before.

Some of these classes include: basketball, yoga, bicycling, judo, swim and many more.

“Don’t panic, our goal is that you will take no longer to graduate than you would’ve if we would have stayed on quarters,” said Dirkse.

ALUMNI

CSU Board of Trustees adds Nilon to council

By Tamrah N. Johnson
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield alumnus John Nilon has been appointed as the California State University’s new alumni trustee.

Nilon was elected by the CSU Alumni Council to serve a two-year appointment with the board of trustees set to begin in July, where he will be representing the CSU alumni on the 25-member board and keep alumni leaders informed on issues affecting the 23-CSU campuses, stated a media release from the CSU system.

The Alumni Association believed Nilon was a great candidate to be on the board and then later elected him.

Nilon has held several positions within the community serving as County Administrative Officer, Assistant Director of Human Services, Executive Director of Employers’ Training Resource, the Director of Department of Children Support Services and the Director of Public Health.

Nilon earned his bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in business administration at CSUB.

He was also named Outstanding Alumni in 1990.

Nilon is excited to be a part of CSUB’s Board of Trustees and is looking forward to the new opportunities ahead for him.

“I think it’s going to be just a thrill getting to know the faculty, students, and administrators and just getting a sense of how diverse we are and how much we are really achieving,” said Nilon.

Nilon is committed to students achieving academically and believes that being a good board member requires to realize their purpose and look at the big picture.

“One of the things I think we have to address in terms of policy is how are we helping our students if we know that 25 percent of them are hungry, 10 percent of them are homeless, and 50 percent of them are low income,” said Nilon. “What are we going to do to make sure



Photo by John Nilont/The Runner
Newly appointed CSU alumni trustee, John Nilon.

that they are successful at earning their degrees to make sure they can springboard out of that low income, poverty position that they are in?”

TECHNOLOGY

Clutter creates email chaos for students, faculty

By Tamrah N. Johnson
Reporter

Recently, students and faculty were experiencing problems receiving their CSU Bakersfield Office 365 Outlook emails.

Rather than bulk junk mail clogging inboxes en mass or important email being sent directly to the junk folder, another option was created for the Outlook system.

The system forced incoming emails to be sent to their ‘clutter’ folder instead of their inbox. Faust Gorham, associate vice president and chief information officer, explained the updated email system and the ‘clutter’ feature.

“About a year ago, Microsoft introduced the ‘clutter’ folder,” said Gorham. “The clutter folder was a separate folder in between your inbox folder and your junk mail folder where mail that you may want would go.”

The feature was initially something that was unable to be controlled by the user.

“Microsoft thought clutter would be this awesome thing and so they turned it on for everyone and then told you how to turn it off,” said Gorham.

As students interacted with their incoming emails, the system interpreted what was and wasn’t being read as important from its source.

“If it starts seeing a pattern, it will continue the pattern,” said Gorham. “It will learn. That’s how clutter and junk mail both work.”

Because CSUB emails are sent out frequently and to hundreds of students at once, they have similar properties to junk mail that the system filters away from the inbox.

The filtering went unnoticed until students and faculty began to notice a lack of response to mass emails.

“Things were being marked as clutter and people were saying they were not getting any emails, but when they checked their clutter, there it was,” he said. “So, we went back to our group and talked about it an



Photo by Faust Gorham/The Runner
Associate vice president and chief information officer at CSU Bakersfield.

decided to turn off the clutter feature and provide instructions to students and staff how to turn it back on for those who like it and want to use clutter.

“So now it’s a deliberate function people want instead of a forced function the majority didn’t want.”

Students can customize the clutter feature by going to <http://www.csub.edu/office365/faq/email/>

AWARDS

Scholastic Roadrunners

A&H students awarded honors

By Devon Halsell
Reporter

It’s a week away from CSU Bakersfield’s graduation ceremony which means it’s academic award season. Students within the School of Arts and Humanities who impressed faculty members will be honored with awards.

On Wednesday June 1, at 6:00 p.m., the School of Arts & Humanities will host an honors ceremony in the Walter Stiern Library Dezember Reading Room that will present students with awards for their academics, projects and behavior.

The big honor of the night will be the Outstanding Student of Arts and Humanities award that will be revealed that night.

“There will be an outstanding graduate of the school selected from all of the outstanding graduates of the programs,” states Mandy Rees the Chair of the Music and Theater Department.

There are four sections of honors that will be awarded to students on top of the Outstanding Student of Arts and Humanities: Departmental Awards of Excellence, Departmental Outstanding MA Graduates, Departmental Outstanding BA Graduates, and Dean’s Awards.

“I nominated two seniors, and both are receiving an award,” said Steve Campagna-Pinto professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies “One because of academic excellence, and the other because of CSUB

community and public service combined with academic excellence.”

Out of all the Outstanding Student award winners one student will get the award of overall Outstanding Student of Arts and Humanities Award.

The School of Arts & Humanities hosts an award ceremony in the Walter Stiern Library Dezember Reading Room tonight at 6 p.m.

Nursing student nominated

By Annie Russell
Features Editor

Senior nursing major Danica Adoc was nominated for the Outstanding Student award for Natural Science, Mathematics, and Engineering department.

“I felt really honored to have been selected by the nursing department,” Adoc said. “I could not believe it and I was really surprised.”

Adoc was inspired to go into nursing because of her passion for science and helping others. After graduation her goals are to pass the board exam NCLEX to become a licensed nurse at the telemetry unit at San Joaquin Community Hospital.

“In addition to being passionate about science and helping others, I thought that I have the

capability to be in a profession where I can help individuals lead better lives.” Adoc said.

Adoc is involved in the California Nursing Students’ Associations, the Community Preventive Health Collaborative, a member of Alpha Chi and Sigma Theta Tau. She also enjoys playing tennis and traveling.

Adoc’s experience at CSU Bakersfield has been filled with many memories shared with friends she has made during her years at CSUB. Adoc also stated that her nursing professors were all great.

“As experienced nurses who are passionate about the work that they do, they all did an excellent job in teaching our class with the knowledge and wisdom to become the best

nurse that I can be in the future.” Adoc said.

For current and incoming freshmen Adoc advises students to continue their studies at CSUB, “stay motivated and work hard,” said Adoc.

“In addition to being passionate about science and helping others, I thought that I have the capability to be in a profession where I can help individuals lead better lives.”

Danic Adoc,
Nursing major

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PROFILE

Art alum reflects on life after CSUB

By Patricia Rocha
Writing Coach

As many graduating seniors are contemplating their next big adventure, CSU Bakersfield art alum Tanya Darapiza offered some advice through her own reflections of her time at CSUB, and how it led to her current position as the office manager for the Arts Council of Kern.

“I didn’t expect to be so involved as I was,” said Darapiza.

Darapiza began her time at CSUB with a strong urge to be a part of something in the art department.

During a freshman introduction to the department’s professors, Darapiza went up the gallery director and offered her assistance.

“That alone, me presenting myself to him and telling him, ‘I want in on what you’re doing,’ helped a lot with opening doors, to talking to a lot of different people that I normally wouldn’t have talked to,” she said.

Darapiza’s proactive attitude is what led to her current position, with a little help from her time at CSUB.

When the art department sent an email about a part-time position in the Younger Gallery, she passed, instead looking for something full-time, as most graduates do.

When she accompanied a friend who was applying for the position, she found out the space didn’t have a gallery director. She then typed up her experiences from CSUB and offered her services for that position.

“I wrote it out, what my job would be there, and I offered myself up as a gallery director and I met with the owners of the gallery...Betty and Milt Younger, and they really liked me and my ideas and what I could do for them,” she said.

When the Youngers began to reevaluate the future of the gallery, the Arts Council of Kern was in need of an office manager, and the Youngers suggested Darapiza for the position.

“It kind of started with Cal State and then ended to where I was, even in this one job, so having that great connection, with where I feel my roots are, helped me to where I am right now, even after I graduated,” she said.

For current students, Darapiza offered a bit of wisdom from the art world that can be applied to anyone creating a body of work.

“Do what you’re doing on purpose. Even if it looks like a God-awful mess, do that mess on purpose,” she said. “Defend it, and communicate extremely well what you want others to get from it. It doesn’t mean that your work is going to be 100 percent what you want it to be. You’re always going to be working on it and making it

better, but if you’re communicating your concept well, then you’ll get 100 percent better feedback.”

Darapiza feels feedback and critiques are important to grow as an artist and as a person, because you build confidence by learning what you’re good at, and where you need to improve.

“Just knowing, in general, of what you’re bad at can help so much, because some people never get to know what they’re bad at,” she said. “...The best of us will be in your face and say, ‘look, I’m going to question what you’re doing,’ and then if you’re ballsy enough, you’ll say, ‘OK, let’s do something about it.’”

One of Darapiza’s favorite critiques came from a performance during a ceramics class.

Instead of making a traditional sculpture, she watered down the clay to its runny “slip” form and poured it into empty make-up containers.

The performance artist then set up an empty frame in front of her to represent a mirror, with the audience facing her on the other side.

“I’m putting on this slip on my face, and it’s just kind of muddy and then it just gets worse. Then I go for the eyelash, for the mascara, and I can hear some women go “Ugh!” They’re like, ‘Ugh, oh my gosh, don’t do that. It’s too close to your eye!’”

Aside from the entertainment aspect of horrifying an audience, one comment stood out the most.

“At the end of the critique, one girl said, ‘she looked so sad,’” said Darapiza.

She said she wasn’t sad when performing, but sadness was what she wanted to portray in her piece. The comment and piece made her reflect on how sad she was the the time, pressured to look a certain way for beauty’s sake.

“What a critique that meant for me, as an artist,” she said.

Darapiza said that she fell in love with performance art because she loves the interaction capabilities with other people in the audience, especially if they’re willing to participate along with her.

“I love being in the presence of someone else because I feel like people have so much energy and they have so many feelings and just there’s a whole lot to people,” she said. “I feel like through performances...that’s the most I can get out of people. If I have a sculpture, and it’s sitting there, I feel like I’m not getting as much as I can from individuals.”

Her last piece of wisdom is to surround yourself with positive influences and be “cool with each other.”

“There are some really mean, ugly people out there... you’ve gotta choose who you’re going to be around and connect with,” she said.

CAMPUS

CSUB Top 10 Highlighting the most memorable

Fall 2015

September 14

CSUB began its final year under the quarter system with over 9,000 students enrolled for the first time in university history.

October 30

CSUB held its first Runner Nights event in an effort to encourage student life on campus. The event featured a Halloween costume contest and other games.

November 7

CSUB's Campus Gamers hosted the “Extra-Life” event which is a gaming marathon. The event is a fundraiser for the Lauren Small Children’s Medical Center at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, and \$35,000 were raised



Winter 2016

March 12

The CSUB men's basketball team won its first ever Western Athletic Tournament against New Mexico State. The men's team went on to play at NCAA Division I tournament but lost to Oklahoma State.

March 17-19

Five of the CSUB wrestling team members competed in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships in Madison Square Garden in New York City.



Spring 2016

April 7

A tentative agreement between the California Faculty Association and California State University was reached after months of salary negotiation and threats of a 5-day strike.

April 12

Tracy Martin, Trayvon Martin's father, visited CSUB for the 30th Annual Charles W. Kegley Memorial titled “We are all Trayvon.” The event was held in the Icardo Center and the audience was able to ask questions to [Tracy] Martin.

April 23

CSUB had its first Spring Music Festival as part of the Runner Nights that featured singer-songwriter Alessia Cara. This was the first time a pop artist headlined a student event.

May 14

CSUB's softball team won its first-ever WAC tournament against New Mexico State. The team played the NCAA Division I Softball Regional against UCLA and Fresno State but lost, bringing the season to an end.



April 28 to 29

CSU Chancellor Timothy White visited CSUB. This is only the second time White has visited the campus. An an open forum he spoke about the future of education and the audience was able to ask questions, most them centering around the CFA and CSU agreement.

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RUNNER ON THE STREET

By Amie Birks/Photos by Karina Diaz

This week The Runner asked, “What are your plans after graduation?”



David Chisholm
Criminal Justice
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“Right now, I’m in the midst of a hiring process for the CHP. If that doesn’t work out, I will be working for some type of law enforcement agency.”



Suzanne Martinez
Biology
27
“I plan of continuing my education through San Jose State to pursue my career in [Clinical Lab Science].”



Kevin Mays
Liberal Studies
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“I’m going to play professional basketball in either France or Italy.”



Lashya Morgan
Liberal Studies
22
“I’m going into the credentials program and I got a teaching job this summer.”

STAFF EDITORIAL

Graduation: The work never stops

Journeys. Paths. Goals. Accomplishments. Careers. If you tried to play a drinking game where you took a shot of .um, espresso every time you heard one of these words during graduation week, you probably wouldn’t make it to the stage. Instead, The Runner is going to write the most straightforward editorial we can without the fluff every graduation speaker pads their speeches with.

We offer our congratulations to the graduating class of 2016 and a bit of unwarranted advice:

Don’t stop learning.

Many feel that getting to graduate means their days of research papers, late nights and critiqued assignments are over. They’re not.

No matter what lies ahead, the ability to evolve as a person is always going to be out there. There’s always going to be a book you haven’t read, a contact you haven’t made, a country you haven’t been to and an argument you hav-

en’t researched quite enough. There’s going to be potential for growth with every day that passes and just because you’ve hung your tassel on your keychain and screwed on the CSUB Alumni novelty plate to your vehicle, doesn’t mean you get to stop taking notes or thinking critically.

The best part of all this is that without the scheduling constraints of a weekly schedule, you get to do these things at your own pace and how they fit within your own life. Even if your novel, computer program or scientific research is going to take you five, ten, even twenty years, the time you spend on it will change you the same way your time at CSU Bakersfield has if you refuse to be stagnant.

Don’t be a passive participant in your own life. Enjoy the journey whatever your path may be, and turn your goals into accomplishments and then into careers. That was five shots of espresso if anyone is still counting.

COMIC

RUNNING RUNNERS RUN

The graduation cap and gown is known to have originated in Europe, particularly in Britain. Although Britain has very few sunny days, in Bakersfield we have very few cloudy days. This is a proposal for a better cap and gown suited to the inferno of Bakersfield heat.

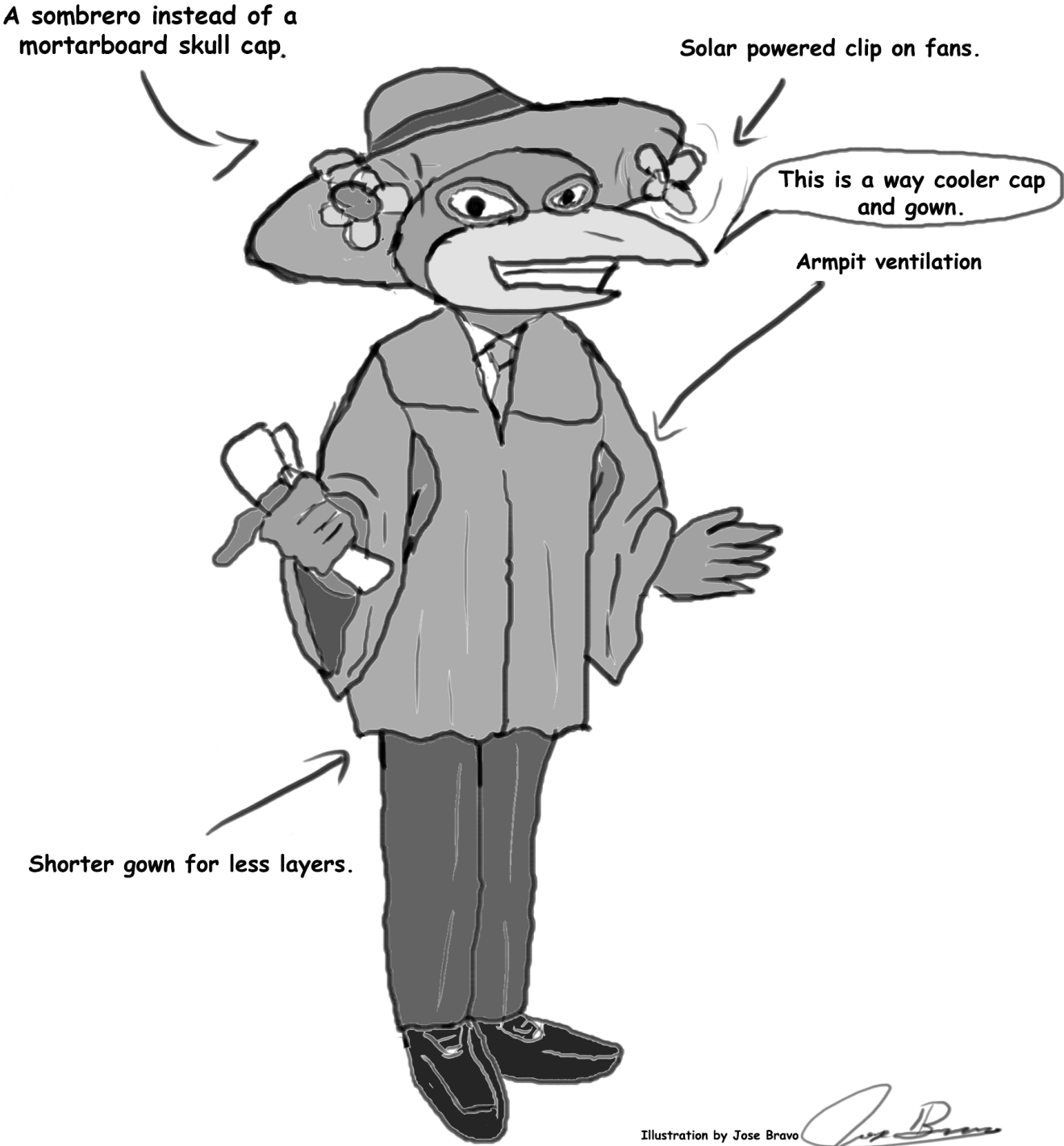


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MAJORS THAT MATTER ARTS & HUMANITIES

Congratulations Outstanding Graduates 2016

Master of Arts
Cody Ganger, *English*
Jenny Andreotti, *History*
Rodrigo Alvarez, *Spanish*



Bachelor of Arts
Andrew Frausto, *Art*
Jennifer Cisneros Hinojosa, *Communications*
Shawn McQuilliams, *English*
Elias Medina, *History*
Delfina Duarte, *Interdisciplinary Studies*
Yesenia Fuentes, *Modern Languages & Literatures*
Sharyn Absher, *Music*
Emily Evans, *Philosophy*
Katherine Garcia, *Religious Studies*
Kayleigh Jacobs, *Theatre*

GRADUATION

Experiences of a CSUB grad Reflection on a four-year college journey

By Amie Birks
Reporter

As I reflect on these past four years, I can surely say this-time flies.

It seems that just yesterday I was a freshmen anxiously awaiting graduation, and now graduation is anxiously awaiting me.

That moment that I’ve waited for will soon be another memory that I cherish, but before that moment slips into my past I can’t help but recollect all the memories that have led me to this point.

The entirety of my college experience has been a wonderful time in my life. It has been filled with times of doubt and triumph, but every moment has



been unique and has shaped me in some form.

I was fortunate to have had some really amazing professors that cultivated within me a

loving interest for my major (English) and have influenced me to pursue my career with passion.

My family and friends have also played an important role in my college experience by encouraging me in times of defeat and rooting for me to push on.

In the end, the most important thing that came out of my time spent in college would be the unending ability to learn new things.

Though my college years are about to come to a close, I will continue to be a student because there is always something new to learn.

Needless to say, it has been a journey-one in which I wouldn’t trade for anything.

If I can offer any wisdom—it would be to cherish every moment of your college years. Enjoy the exciting times, all the new opportunities even the challenging and trying times.

As mentioned, time has a tendency to creep up on you, and before you know it, your college experience will be a mere memory.

So, treasure each moment because it is irreplaceable. It’s a unique time in your life that you don’t get back, so savor it.

One undying piece of advice would be to get involved in some capacity.

There are a plethora of different opportunities and clubs available that will likely strike your interest, so go for it and meet new people.

BASEBALL

CSUB’s loss ends season

By Syleena Perez
Reporter

CSU Bakersfield’s baseall season came to an end on Fri-day, with a loss to New Mexico State in the Western Athletic Conference Baseball Tourna-ment.

The sixth-seeded Roadrunners were battling for a bid into the NCAA Regionals but were unable to.

No. 2 seed NMSU defeated CSUB with a score of 11-6.

New Mexico State was on the board early as they scored four runs in the first inning.

The Aggies junior and WAC MVP Daniel Johnson hit a single on the first pitch off Roadrunner’s freshman pitcher Andrew Hansen.

CSUB freshman Dustin Frailey was able to steal a base in the game which gave him a school season record 22 stolen bases.

NMSU junior Greg Popylisen was a homerun shy of the cycle as he went 3 of 5 and had two

runs batted in for the Aggies. Games started on Wednesday for the Roadrunners where they lost to third seeded Utah Valley 6-4.

Max Carter earned an eight inning complete game and got six strikeouts and only allowed two walks.

The Roadrunners had a chance to tie the game but were unable to get the runs in as they left two guys on base.

This loss put the Roadrunners in the losing bracket of the tournament.

After the loss against Utah Valley, CSUB was set to play Northern Colorado (16-34) in an elimination game.

Thursday’s game against Northern Colorado helped CSUB advance to play New Mexico State as they beat the Bears 11-6.

Northern Colorado used seven pitchers which ended in a loss for UNC sophomore pitcher Justin Mulvaney.

CSUB ended its 2016 season with a record of 19-37.



Trevante Hammonds/The Runner

CSUB senior Chance Gusbeth hits a fly ball against Chicago State in a 14-3 win against the Cougars on May 14.

ATHLETICS

The Runner predicts ROWDYs winners

By Joe Macias
Sports Editor

CSU Bakersfield will have its 2016 ROWDYs awards at The Fox Theater in downtown Bakersfield at 8 p.m. on May 31.

There will be 15 different categories that will feature a ‘Late Night’ talk show theme.

Of the 15 categories, the top five categories include Clutch Performer of the Year, Breakthrough Athlete of the Year, Team of the Year, Blue-Gold Award and Newcomer of the Year.

The nominees for the Clutch Performer of the Year are Kelsey Lange (women’s swim-ming), Dedrick Basile (men’s basketball), Jo Larios (softball) and Teo Chiesa (men’s golf).

Dedrick Basile will win Clutch Performer of the Year

because of his performance in the Western Athletic Confer-ence Tournament championship game, in which he made the game-winning shot against rival New Mexico State.

Basile’s shot sent the Road-runners to its first ever appear-ance in the NCAA Division I men’s basketball tournament.

Basile had a game high 18 points in the game on 8 of 16 shooting from the field.

Nominees for Breakthrough Athlete of the Year for female are: Carlee Burks (diving), Sophie Flemion (volleyball), Batabe Zempare (women’s basketball) and Amber Mills (softball).

For the males the nominees are: Jose Flores (men’s track), Reuben Franklin (wrestling), Jaylin Airington (men’s basketball) and AJ Monarrez

(baseball). The Breakthrough Athlete of the Year for females will be Carlee Burks.

Burks broke the CSUB 11-year record in the three-meter board with a score of 337.28 beating the previous record of 310.80 which was previously set by Laura Lafranchise.

Burks also earned WAC diver of the week four times this season.

Breakthrough Athlete of the Year for the male athletes will be Reuben Franklin.

Franklin was ranked eighth in the country in the 197-pound division and had an overall record of 30-8 and a PAC 12 record of 5-0. Franklin also scored the most dual points for CSUB this season with 61.

The Team of the Year award nominees are volleyball, men’s

basketball, wrestling and softball.

The winner of the Team of the Year will be the men’s basket-ball team for their excellent performance in the WAC Tour-nament that sent the team to its first NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Tournament.

The men’s basketball team had the best scoring margin in the WAC with a plus-9.1 differ-ence as it averaged 72.9 points per game on offense while only allowing 63.1 points per game on defense.

The nominees for the Heart of a Champion Award are for the males: Kevin Mays (men’s basketball), Matt Williams (wrestling), Lovre Soric (men’s swimming) and David Metzgar.

The female nominees are: Audrey Willoughby (women’s swimming), Tancy Aldridge

(water polo), Sophie Flemion (volleyball) and Luiza Martins (volleyball).

The male Heart of a Champi-on Award winner will be David Metzgar.

Metzgar brought a leading presence to the team and had a batting average of .305.

The female Heart of a Cham-pion award winner will be Luiza Martins. Martins had led the WAC in assists with 922 and averaged 10.48 assists per game. Martins was also named to the first team All-Conference in the 2015 season.

For Newcomer of the Year, the nominees will be for females: Addi Walters (women’s Basket-ball), Carol Grasso (volleyball), Chris Hipa (softball) and Ami-nah Settles (women’s soccer).

The male nominees are: Owen van Krimpen (men’s swim-


ming), Dustin Frailey (base-ball), Dedrick Basile (men’s basketball) and Isaiah Moten (baseball).

Addi Walters will take the Newcomer of the Year award for the women as she aver-aged 9.7 points per game and set the CSUB record for most three-pointers in a single game with nine.

Walters ended the game with a career high 33 points.

The male Newcomer of the Year award will go to Dustin Frailey. Frailey finished second in the WAC for batting average (.376) for all players with at least 50 at bats. Frailey started all 52 games that he played in and led the WAC in on base percentage with a .479.


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Andrew Frausto	Art
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Cody Ganger*	English
Katherine Garcia	Religious Studies
Kayleigh Jacobs	Theatre
Shawn McQuilliams	English
Elias Medina	History

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Business and Public Administration: Dr. John Stark, Interim Dean

Manuel Barrera	MPA*
Jeff Cadena	BS, Economics
Danielle Dragt	BSBA, Agricultural Business
Jassica Gauna	BSBA, Accounting
Kiah Heppner	BSBA, Finance
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Ray Solorio	BS, Agricultural Business
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Bryce Vlach	BS, Environmental Resource Management
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David Alex Salisbury*	Biology
Edwin Borrero	Electrical Engineering
Sade Haake	Geological Sciences
Eric Heaton*	Geological Sciences
Janet Lechuga	Human Biology
Christian Michael	Mathematics
Rachel Oldfield	Chemistry
F. Daniela Rodriguez-Zaccaro	Biology
Sheriff Sadiqbacha	Computer Engineering
Mark Stevens	Computer Science
Matthew Soderstrom	Biochemistry

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Dr. Alicia Rodriguez
Donna Simmons
Dr. Christopher Meyers
Matthew Rich
Dr. Dustin Knepp
Dr. Charles MacQuarrie
Dr. Stephen Campagna-Pinto
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Dr. Aaron Hegde
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Dr. BJ Moore
Jesus Madrigal Ortiz
Dr. Chandra Commuri
Dr. Jean West
Rick Kratt
Dr. Lori Paris
Dr. Michael Way
Dr. Aaron Hegde
Leanna Vendro
Dr. Aaron Hegde
Thomas See

Kelly Beglin
Dr. Kathy Szick-Miranda
Dr. Vida Vakilian
Dr. William "Chris" Krugh
Dr. Robert Negrini
Dr. Paul Smith
Dr. Yangsuk Ko
Dr. Karlo Lopez
Dr. Anna Jacobsen
Dr. Saeed Jafarzadeh
Dr. Melissa Danforth
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Samirah Hussain	Psychology
Ryan Kirschenmann	Physical Education & Kinesiology
Cheltzie Lopez	Criminal Justice
Fatimah Masri	Liberal Studies
Pedro Naveiras	Political Science
Steven Teteak	Anthology
Brooke Whitehead	Sociology

Dr. Christina Howell
Dr. Isabel Sumaya
Dr. Brian Street
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Pam Connors
Dr. Mark Martinez
Patrick O'Neill
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Mike Kwon	Associated Students, Inc.
Jasmin Lopez-Trejo	Gamma Phi Beta
Keren Martin	Fashion Club
Anish Mohan	Associated Students, Inc.
Charmaine Parubrub	Associated Students, Inc.
Jennifer Sanchez	Associated Students, Inc.
Mirka Sanchez	Associated Students, Inc.
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Parmeet Sidhu	Associated Students, Club Gen
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Nicola Barrett	Water Polo
Tricia Cervantes	Women's Track and Field
Christian Duarte	Men's Soccer
Reuben Franklin	Wrestling
Nicolette Goncalves	Women's Swimming & Diving
Chance Gusbeth	Baseball
Bryce Hammond	Wrestling
Mitchell Huxhold	Men's Swimming & Diving
Kristen Jensen	Water Polo
Deslyn Joseph	Cheer
Brett Kettler	Men's Golf
Kelsey Lange	Women's Swimming & Diving
Michael Lovato	Men's Track and Field
Luiza Martins	Volleyball
Kevin Mays	Men's Basketball
Ian Nickell	Wrestling
Dante Niño	Men's Soccer
Tori Ornela	Women's Soccer
Sydney Raeber	Softball
Kelsee Sawyer	Volleyball
Alyssa Shannon	Women's Basketball
Paulina Sylvester	Cheer
Dajy Vines	Women's Basketball
Kendra Watkin	Dance
Shannon Wong	Women's Golf
Batabe Zempare	Women's Basketball

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Alex Hoover
Michael Hammond
Chris Hansen
Amber Pezzolla
Arthur Smith
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Graydon Tedder
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