

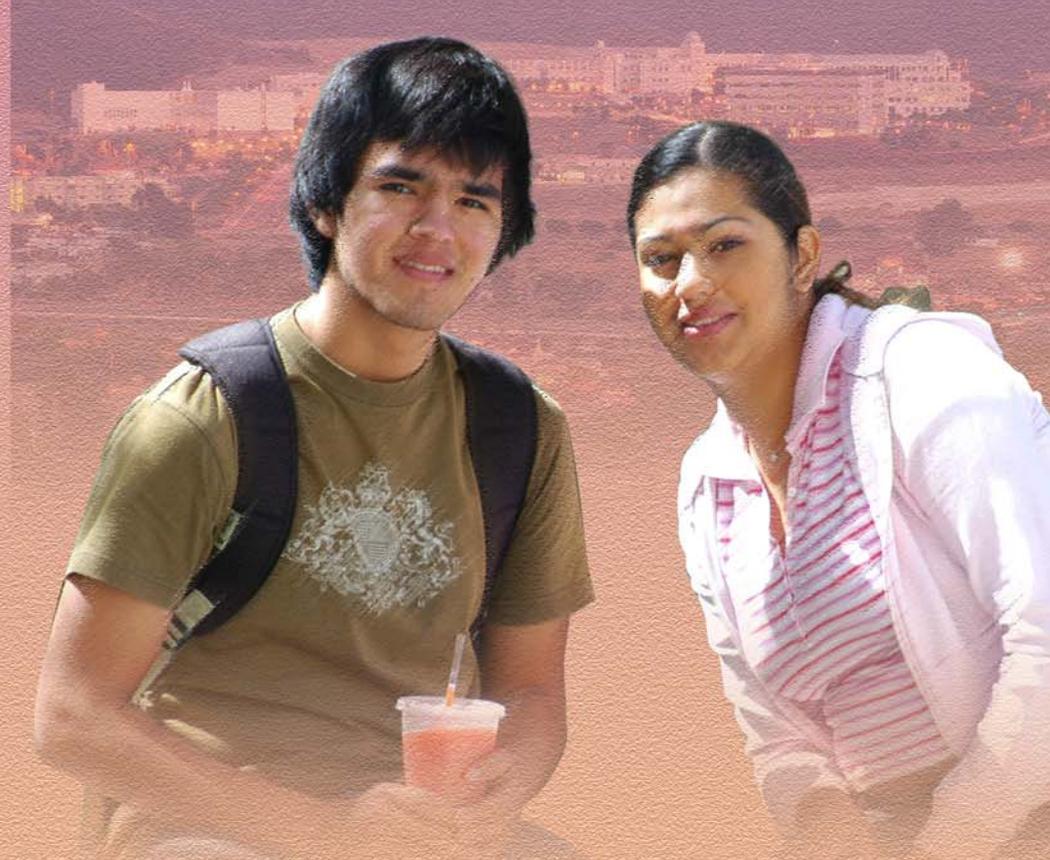
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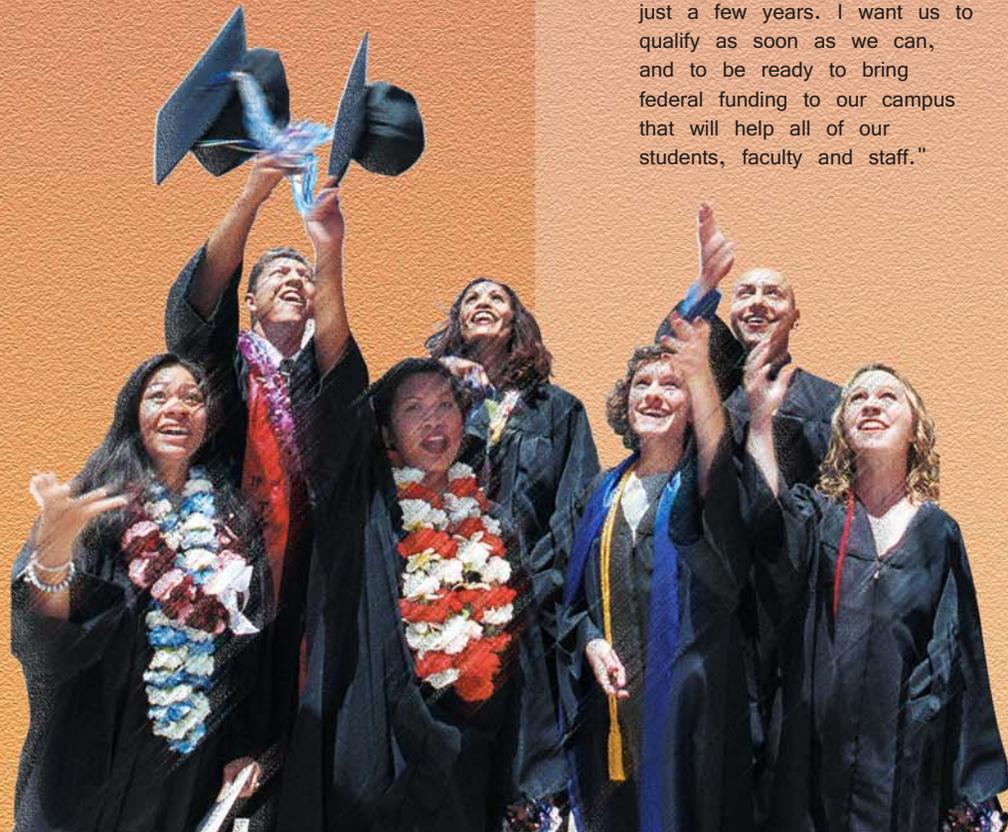
"In these tight budget times, Cal State San Marcos would be foolish not to prepare for the opportunities ahead," said President Karen S. Haynes. "If current patterns continue, the campus will attain HSI status in just a few years. I want us to qualify as soon as we can, and to be ready to bring federal funding to our campus that will help all of our students, faculty and staff."



## Preparing for Greater Diversity

How HSI Status Will Benefit Everyone

Growing numbers of Hispanic students are on their way to Cal State San Marcos. In response, President Karen S. Haynes has appointed a campus-wide task force to ensure that the university is positioned to compete for federal institutional development funds that will become available when enrollment growth qualifies the campus for status as a Title V Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).



## ► What is HSI?

- A Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) is defined by federal agencies as an accredited U.S. college or university with at least 25 percent Hispanic full-time student enrollment.
- The HSI program is part of an effort by the federal government to provide assistance to colleges and universities serving traditionally underrepresented groups. Through other programs, federal aid is available to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and to tribally controlled institutions.
- There are approximately 250 HSIs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Almost half of these institutions are located in



California and Texas. Ten campuses in the California State University system have qualified for HSI status: Bakersfield, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, San Bernardino and Stanislaus. CSU Chancellor Charles Reed has encouraged campuses to achieve HSI status.

## ► What are the benefits of becoming an HSI?

- Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible for millions of dollars in federal grants – nearly \$100 million in 2004.
- Students are eligible to apply for scholarships, internships and academic advancement programs.
- Faculty and staff are eligible to apply for research grants, teaching/professional development opportunities and student support programs.
- Institutions are eligible to apply for resources that benefit all students, including community development, healthcare, science, technology and academic preparation.

## ► What has HSI meant to other CSU campuses?

- In 2002, Cal State Northridge was awarded a five-year, \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education HSI program to strengthen library collections and archives and students' information competence.
- In 2004, CSU Dominguez Hills received more than \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Education for a grant titled "Enhancing Critical Literacy." This five-year institutional improvement grant aims to enhance reading, writing and critical thinking skills among transfer students.
- CSU Fresno received \$199,920 in 2004 to improve the Dairy Science and Technology Program. The grant allows integration of theory with application, leading to improved student learning.

- Cal State Los Angeles received a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture HSI program from fall 1997 to winter 2000 to fund curriculum development, scholarships, educational seminars, recruitment and a remodel of the campus foods lab.

## ► Eligibility arrives soon

Statistics indicate that Cal State San Marcos is already close to qualifying for HSI status. For the fall 2004 semester, 21



**"Being an HSI has opened numerous doors to our campus... the benefits of being an HSI are not limited to a single group. Instead, the advantages accrue potentially to all of our students, faculty and staff."**

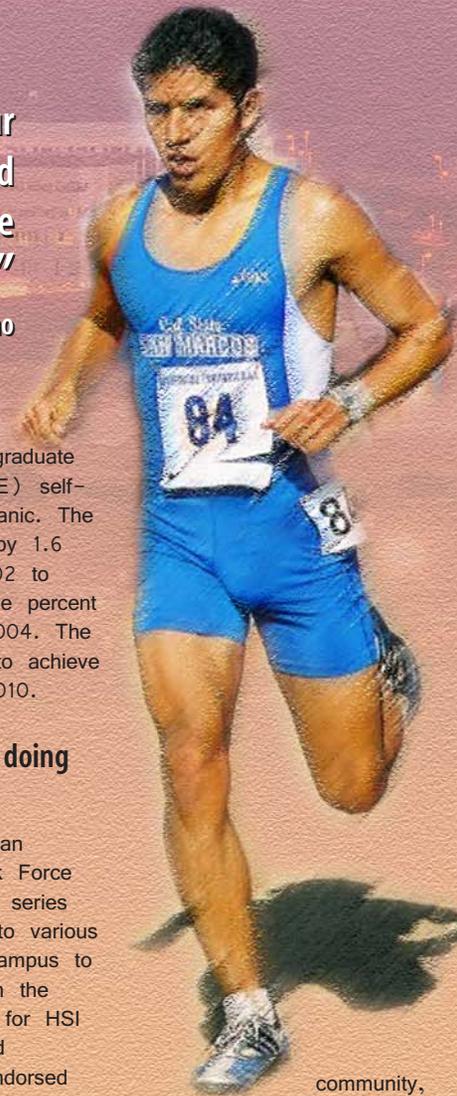
**Dr. Albert Karnig, President, CSU San Bernardino**

percent of undergraduate students (by FTE) self-declared as Hispanic. The share increased by 1.6 percent from 2002 to 2003 and by one percent from 2003 to 2004. The campus goal is to achieve HSI status by 2010.

## ► What we're doing to prepare

The Cal State San Marcos HSI Task Force has conducted a series of presentations to various groups on the campus to introduce to them the need to prepare for HSI status. Associated Students, Inc. endorsed the project. The Academic Senate unanimously approved a resolution supporting the effort to achieve HSI status, saying that it "fully supports...achieving HSI status by 2010."

Following the campus presentations, task force members will conduct a series of conversations to engage the external



community, including school counselors, teachers and community groups.

A second phase of the project will develop specific strategies for fostering recognition of the need to diversify the pool of students eligible to attend Cal State San Marcos.