Greetings from the Provost and Vice Provost

Dear Academic Affairs colleagues,

In just a few weeks we will have completed the fall 2023 semester. As we wrap up classes with final exams and close out projects from the semester please know that we understand that for some this time of the semester brings with it its own stressors. We hope that during the break, you will find time to do the things you enjoy, whether it be spending time with loved ones, relaxing and unwinding, or working on projects that you didn’t have time for during the semester.

This year, we will also conclude the semester with our inaugural pilot December commencement on the 17th. We know that many of our students and their families are excited about a December commencement opportunity. We hope to see as many of you as possible as we support our graduates.

We also know that the end of the semester can be a stressful time for faculty, staff, and students on many fronts. If you see a student or a colleague struggling, please consider reaching out to lend a hand or to get them to support services needed.

Thank you for all you do, your dedication to our students and your commitment to the success of CSUSM. We wish you a wonderful conclusion for the fall semester and look forward to seeing you all when we return in the Spring.

Wishing you the very best of the holiday season!

Carl and Mary O-S

Harry E. Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award

Dr. Edward Price, professor of physics in CSTEM is the 2023-24 recipient of the Harry E. Brakebill award!! Price is the founding faculty director of the Center for Research and Engagement in STEM Education (CRESE). Price joined CSUSM in 2005, was promoted to full professor in 2016, and has consistently demonstrates excellence in teaching, research, scholarly activity, and service to the community. CONGRATULATIONS, Dr. Price!
CONGRATULATIONS to our Promotion and Tenure honorees!!

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Hedayat Alibeiki, Associate Professor and Tenure
Majid Karimi, Associate Professor and Tenure
Marcus Wardley, Associate Professor and Tenure
Catalin Ratiu, Professor

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES
AsherLev Santos, Associate Professor and Tenure
Deanna Schmidt, Associate Professor and Tenure
Matthew Schubert, Associate Professor and Tenure
Tumay Tunur, Associate Professor and Tenure

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Maria Patrice Amon, Associate Professor and Tenure
Nathan Carnes, Associate Professor and Tenure
Elvis Nshom, Associate Professor and Tenure
Konane Martinez, Professor
Xuan Santos, Professor
Carrick Williams, Professor

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS
Elinne Becket, Associate Professor and Tenure
Carlos Luna Lopez, Associate Professor and Tenure
Darcy Taniguchhi, Associate Professor and Tenure
Ali Ahmdinia, Professor
Badal Joshi, Professor
Achievements & News

Students are what make the COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND MATHEMATICS a home at CSUSM. Because our students are our biggest accomplishments, we highlight Yesenia Mora, a Biological Sciences alumna and master’s student, who has been coming to campus since she was just 10 months old with her mother, Rosa who has worked for the university for 27 years. On Sept. 12, Mora earned CSU’s highest recognition of student accomplishment, the university’s 2023 Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement, for her outstanding work with research projects in the lab and internationally at conferences. Click here to read her full story!

FACULTY AFFAIRS
The CSU Policy Governing the Provision of Employee References requires review before references for current and former employees can be issued. To make the process easier for Unit 3 and 11 employee references, Faculty Affairs created a Reference Request Form and posted FAQs and other information. If you are asked for a reference for a Unit 3 or Unit 11 employee, please fill out the Form. Do not provide a recommendation or other formal reference for a current/former employee without prior approval. If you are asked to provide a reference for other employees, please contact Human Resources.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
Kelly Ann Sam, Lauren Magnuson, and Dr. Toni Olivas from the Library--joined by partners from Miracosta and Palomar Colleges--were awarded an NCHEA grant for funds to host an event to bring together faculty from multiple disciplines to solidify zero textbook cost (ZTC) transfer pathways for zero cost course material (ZCCM) degrees at CSUSM.

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Dr. Meegan Feori-Payne secured a partnership with the Fashion Scholarship Foundation, allowing our CSUSM students to compete in case study competitions for Business Strategy, Merchandising, Marketing, or Design and Product Development. One student entered this year’s competition: “With guidance from my Fashion mentor at CSUSM...[i]t changed my creative identity and how I planned my releases for future collections. Regardless of whether I win the scholarship award, I’ve already won something money can’t buy, and that is self-improvement... I’m grateful that the opportunity exists, and I’m grateful that CSUSM is involved. I feel that the future of Fashion at CSUSM has started on a trajectory that will change the industry.” - Ayokunmi Akanle, President of the Entrepreneurship Society and Founder of Queuethype

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
Civic Engagement’s annual Town Hall on Human Trafficking Monday, November 13: The Town Hall, a student-centered discussion, represents a culminating learning experience that brings together academic research and learning from community experts. The evening brought together 190 CSUSM students in Global Studies and Anthropology courses; CSUSM faculty, staff, and student moderators and facilitators; and human trafficking community experts. District Attorney Summer Stephan provided the keynote. Students and community experts then gathered for Dialogue Sessions. The evening closed with students engaged in facilitated action-planning sessions where they identified how they can become change agents in their communities by addressing human trafficking.

District Attorney Summer Stephan giving her keynote address at the 2023 Town Hall
INNOVATION HUB
At the inaugural Innovation Showcase on Thursday, November 16, President Neufeldt introduced the first cohort of Faculty Innovation Fellows. Each Fellow had the opportunity to reveal the innovation project they designed during the Fellowship. This year’s projects included: a face mask that delivers aerosolized medicine, an entrepreneurship resource guide, a team of student social enterprise founders, an interdisciplinary mobile wellness clinic and an aquatic biome box. Following the program, the audience had a chance to see the projects on display and ask questions of the Fellows.

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Dr. Carmen Nava earned a $30,000 CSU grant from the Office of the Chancellor, Subaward Lumina Foundation for her program Building Transformational Cultures: Building Transformational Cultures of Data Use for Student Success. This faculty development program supports a faculty cohort project to cultivate a community of practice focused on increasing equitable instructional practices.

The COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES continues to strengthen its interdisciplinarity and community collaboration through dynamic events that bring our many disciplines and community partners together to think critically, share insights, and provide engaging educational opportunities for our CEHHS students, including: an Interprofessional Education (IPE) Case Simulation on November 7th in partnership with the Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care; two Mobile Wellness Clinic events on August 12th and October 20th, in Partnership with True Care and sponsored by the Conrad Prebys Foundation; a Behavioral and Mental Health Symposium on October 4th in partnership with the Burnham Center for Community Engagement.

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH hosted the annual Student Poster Showcase was held on November 28, 2023. Participation for this event nearly tripled this year and provided an opportunity for students in all majors and disciplines to present their work in a noncompetitive environment. Student work begins with the faculty mentors which made this an ideal setting to celebrate faculty mentors and announce this year’s recipient of the Kerri Mowen Excellence in Faculty Mentoring, Alex C Huynh Ph.D.

The ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC ADVISING has completed our Strategic Plan! Our team met over a nine-month period to develop a Strategic Plan including the creation of Guiding Principles, Vision and Mission. Our goals focus on holistic advising as well as supporting the advising staff who advise our students. We look forward to sharing our plan with the campus and putting it into action!
Grants Awarded

OGSR Grants and Contracts Development applauds faculty and staff principal investigators/projects directors for quarter 1 awards totaling $8.2M and year-to-date awards totaling just under $10M ($9.8M).

Selected recent awardees:

Dr. Sean Newcomer | CEHHS/Kinesiology | Apparel Contract
Drs. Theresa Suarez, Christina Holub, and Madeline Lee | CHABSS/Sociology and CEHHS/Public Health and Social Work | Catalyst subaward, California Department of Social Services | Stop the Hate | CSUSM and community partners form Unifying APIDA Communities Together (U-ACT).

Publications

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Becket, Elinne & Vouritis, George just had a publication come out from a CURE class they taught in Spring 2022, with 14 class student co-authors. This class was made possible by a USDA grant that George and Arun Sethuraman were awarded. Composition and activity of soil microbial communities in native and non-native vegetation of southern California, published in *Applies Soil Ecology, Volume 193*, January 2024, 105164

Conte M, de Campos DF, Eme J (2023) Effective practices for thermal tolerance polygon experiments using Mottled catfish Corydoras paleatus. *Journal of Thermal Biology*, 115, 103616

Jamison, Julie recently published the following article in the *Journal of Immunology*:
Skin Homeostasis and Repair: A T Lymphocyte Perspective

Kim, Jane recently published an article, Massive contractions of Myotonic Dystrophy Type 2-associated CCTG tetranucleotide repeats occur via double strand break repair with distinct requirements for DNA helicases with numerous students in the journal G3 Genes|Genomes|Genetics

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Nataraj, Lalitha; Social Sciences Librarian published in American Libraries Magazine. "Question the Bureaucracy: How corporate influence on higher education negatively affects BIPOC library workers."


Opdahl, Judy; Business and Economics Librarian co-edited and published a book review in the Outstanding Business Information Sources (OBIS) column.
Publications

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Foster, Leslie (AMD): "*Speculative Ritual and Technology in Southern California*," Mirror Archive Journal, October.

Holling, Michelle (COMM): "Making Friends, Making Coalition: Rhetorical Dynamics of Resilient Coalition Building at Friendship Park," Speaker Series Colloquium hosted by the Department of Communication at the University of Connecticut.


Roy, Deya (COMM): "Usability Testing an mHealth Program with Tailored Motivational Messages for Early Adolescents" in *Nutrients*.

Santos, Xuan; Soto, Oscar, Leyva: Martin, and Bickel: Christopher (SOC): "Barrio Criminology," Routledge's *Abolish Criminology*, edited by Nishaun T. Battle, Michael J. Coyle, Viviane Saleh-Hanna and Jason M. Williams (Eds.).

Santos, Xuan and Salinas, Marisa (SOC): "*I Wanted to be the First Mexican Mafia Female Member:* An Intersectional Criminological Analysis of Chicana Gang Members in California," Routledge's Critical and Intersectional Gang Studies (edited by Jennifer Ortiz).


Sepinwall, Alyssa (HIST) "*Unsilencing the Haitian Revolution in US Hip Hop*" in the *Black Perspectives* blog’s Hip Hop at 50 series.


Solomon, Lucy HG (AMD): with research contributions from Cesar & Lois and AMD student Emma Reheis, exhibit *SW:ANS: Slow War: Anti-Nuclear State* at Cerritos College.

Publications

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Matranga, A., & Silverman, J. (Forthcoming). Documenting two emerging sociomathematical norms for examining functions in mathematics teachers’ online asynchronous discussions. Journal of Mathematics Teacher Education


Publications

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