

The Corner

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Thank you, David Barsky!



On February 8th, Academic Affairs celebrated Dr. David Barsky as he steps down from many years of directing the Early Start program. As his friends, family and colleagues joined in commemorating his contribution, the theme was repeated over and over. His legacy is alive and well and will continue to propel students forward.

Announcement

Provost Kemnitz and Vice Provost Oling-Sisay would like to invite you to office hours. Share your work activities, ideas, events, and suggestions. [Appointments](#) are first come, first served.



[Identifying the Dan Rios Photographs](#): Special Collections is seeking volunteers to identify people, places, events, and/or dates in historical photographs. Dan Rios, a photographer for the Escondido Times-Advocate and North County Times newspapers from 1968 to 2001, donated his collection of roughly a million photographic negatives to University Library Special Collections.

[Library Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Accepting Submissions](#): Faculty, was your students' research notable last semester? Consider having them apply for the Library Award for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. Students can win a \$600 cash prize and public recognition for their work. We like all types of projects! Submissions can range from written research papers to creative works such as art, music, lyrics, poetry, dance, etc.

[Call for Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow](#) (apply by March 31, 2023):

The Undergraduate Research Faculty Fellow will work with the Committee for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) and the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research to provide leadership in promoting, advancing, and sustaining the work of CUGR and developing opportunities and initiatives for undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activities.

Accolades

Rebecca Brooks was awarded the Department of Developmental Services 2022 Employment Grant:

- Title of Project: CSU Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Pilot Program
- Amount: \$710,000
- Award will be shared with CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, San Francisco State, CSU East Bay, and San Jose State.

Xochi Archey's proposal was selected for the ERASMUS Mobility Staff program. It was the only one in the US. Erasmus+ is a program funded and supported by the European Union. Recipients of the grant participate in professional development that raises awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries. Archey's period abroad is going to support the sustainability of our study abroad program with the University of Valladolid, Spain.



The [2023 CSUSM Symposium on Student Research, Creative Activities, & Innovation](#) took place Friday, March 3rd. A total of 41 students from various academic disciplines presented their research in 10-minute talks followed by questions from the judges and audience. The event wrapped up with a reception and award ceremony. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate of CSUSM's commitment to student research, scholarship, and creative activity. The 10 students chosen by our judges will move on to represent our campus on April 28-29 at the [37th Annual CSU Student Research Competition](#) at San Diego State University. We would like to extend our gratitude to all participants, judges, and moderators for their contributions towards making the competition a success. We wish the winners the best of luck at the statewide competition.

Updates

Estimated 1900 students met with our Advising Team during the Add/Drop period. Our services have expanded to include virtual, in-person and phone options that allow for multiple and convenient ways to get the help they need.

The CSUSM community has been very active in seeking external support for our campus priorities. Awards through the door for the first half of the year (Q1 and Q2) have already surpassed the total for all of last year (\$13.9 Million for Q1+Q2 of this FY vs. \$13.3 Million for all of 21-22). In the area of proposals out the door, fiscal year to date (part way into Q3 now) – we have had **70 proposals, \$54.2 Million** requested. Last year \$39.9 Million (83 proposals) was requested for the entire fiscal year.

The [Long-Range Academic Master Plan \(LAMP\)](#) Taskforce work is underway. Currently they are holding consultative webinars with many stakeholders. The taskforce have solicited feedback from Program and Industry Advisors, Students, faculty, community organizations, employers and many more. You are welcome to reach out at: LAMP@csusm.edu.

Annual Assessment for Learning – UAC Spring Meeting Coming Soon

The spring University Assessment Council (UAC) will meet in person later this semester to share annual assessment activities, best practices, and provide support and camaraderie. All involved in program-level annual assessment for learning should plan to attend. Keep an eye out for the calendar invite coming soon with date and time. Looking forward to seeing you back in person!

CourseMatch Opportunities

Every semester, the CSU Fully Online program allows matriculated CSU students to take one online course at another CSU along with coursework at their home campus. Courses are submitted via the Academic Programs office through the CourseMatch (CM) process and compensation opportunities for departments offering CM courses is offered by the Chancellor's Office. Submissions for the following fall semester are usually sent sometime in March, so it doesn't hurt to get ahead of the game for fall 2023. As a reminder, CourseMatch courses must be delivered asynchronously and fully online. Instructors MUST have proof of completed QLT training, either from the CO or on campus. Interested in submitting a course for CourseMatch? Contact Melissa at msimnitt@csusm.edu or x8880 for details and submission forms.

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) Update

The feedback from the Thematic Pathway survey is currently under review, and we should have some information to share about that very soon. In other news, the WSCUC Steering Committee has been seated by twelve representatives across all campus units and we will begin working on our self-study once we have our theme determined.

Annette Daoud and Ana Hernandez have been invited by the US Department of Education – Office of English Language Acquisition to present their newly published chapter on Learning About My Students: Examination of Cultural Asset-Based Assessments in Dual Language Education at the National Professional Development Project Director's Meeting on April 11-13, 2023, in DC.

Xochi Archey and Elsie Solis-Chang will be hosting a county-wide Dual Language Conference in collaboration with the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and San Diego State University (SDSD) from April 26-29, 2023.

Ana Hernandez and Xochi Archey, in collaboration with the Office of Global Studies, will be leading the Summer Study Abroad for Teachers of Spanish at the University of Valladolid, Spain this summer from July 3-14. Two teachers from Spain will be visiting the School of Education in March as part of this program.

Events

[Service Learning & Community Engagement:](#)

Save the date for Cal State San Marcos' annual César Chávez Day of Service Event. This year's event marks 10 years of service and celebration and will take place on **Friday March 31, 2023**.

[Spring Campus Common Read Events:](#) The University Library is hosting a variety of events where students can choose from fiction and non-fiction titles to explore and discuss the banning and censorship of books.

[Spring Context Exhibit Artist Reception:](#) You're invited! Join the University Library in welcoming artist Britton Neubacher as she discusses her work and her spring [Context Exhibit](#) on display in the 3rd floor exhibit area of the Library. The reception will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Kellogg Library Reading Room, 5th Floor. [RSVP Required](#).

Open Education Week, March 6-10: Interested in saving your students money? [Cougars Affordable Learning Materials \(CALM\)](#) helps faculty lower their course materials costs by finding free and affordable materials available online and through the library. Stop by the University Library for Open Education Week or contact calm@csusm.edu to find out how your students are affected by high course materials costs and how you can find open educational resources (OER) and library resources to make your course zero-cost!

[The Hansen Speaker Series](#) is alive and thriving! Upcoming topics include: "A Socio-political History of Rock and Roll" and "Restorative Practices in Education". Guests are welcomed to attend and free of charge.

Publication

[Understanding Middle School Teachers' Levels of Efficacy to Meet the Needs of Young Adolescents](#) by Erika Daniels for Middle Grade Review.