



## A Note From The Dean ...



EVERY STUDENT deserves the opportunity to thrive. EVERY STUDENT should have the benefit of high impact educational experiences. Our Giving Day funds help make that possible. **Hugo Peralta-Ramirez** is a history major preparing to apply to Ph.D. programs. Last spring he was able to attend a week-Long Intensive Introductory Nahuatl/Nawat Language Study Graduate Level Seminar at the Newberry Library in Chicago thanks to a CHABSS Student Success Grant, one of five funds we're supporting for Giving Day 2023.

**Jon Spenard**, fresh off his speaker role at the Faculty Colloquium for Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Dinner this month, takes students to undocumented archaeological regions in Belize. Closer to home, our music program promotes social mobility by providing world-class instruments for our students.



Student success extends beyond the classroom, too. **Kameryn Valencia** and **Ariatna Pelayo** are thriving alumnae after receiving the Political Science Senior Experience Scholarship as undergraduate students. **Eymon D'Anna** has already connected with her mentor in the career readiness program Career Network @ CHABSS.

This is what student success looks like. This is Why I Give. Thank you for all that you do, and please consider contributing to our programs: [CHABSS Giving Day 2023](#)

## Alumni Achievements





## Three Decades of Military Stories for Alumna

Amy Forsythe doesn't fit the traditional definition of historian. She didn't major in history as a student at CSUSM in the mid-2000s (her degree was in communication). She doesn't teach history or speak at history conferences or write about historical eras or figures. Yet there Forsythe was last March, on stage at San Diego State's Joan B. Kroc Theatre, being inducted into the San Diego Women's Hall of Fame with six other trailblazing women. Her category: historian. The honor was one that first surprised her, since she has served as a military journalist in two branches of the U.S. armed forces for three decades. Upon reflection, though, as she sat on the stage, it overwhelmed her to be recognized for documenting the stories of service members and their families for so many years, most notably on five combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Communication alumna in SD Women's Hall of Fame

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## Giving Day 2023

CSUSM's annual Giving Day demonstrates how powerful the heart of a Cougar really is as we come together Tuesday, November 28, to support the people and programs

...as we come together, faculty, administrators, to support the people and programs we love. Like the ripples caused by a stone tossed into a pond, the ripple effect of donor gifts of all sizes leads to student success. There are more than 25 challenges and matches up for grabs, including five that will directly benefit CHABSS (see below). Together, when we give with the #HeartofaCougar, we pave the way for a brighter tomorrow for our students.



## Student Success Grant

CHABSS undergraduate or graduate students who have demonstrated exceptional academic skills and/or performance can receive a grant to help them present and/or attend conferences, workshops or seminars. Professors nominate students who wish to receive training in a particular field of study and/or enhance particular academic or professional skills. Grants are reviewed and approved by the DO.



## Career Readiness

The goal of Career Readiness in CHABSS is to significantly increase the professional preparedness of the graduates of the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences. We seek to expand the range of career options for graduates, improve the connection between the college and community members, and encourage faculty to be leaders in pedagogy and curriculum regarding career readiness in the liberal arts.



## **Anthropology Student Travel Scholarship**

The Anthropology Student Travel Scholarship is for full-time undergraduate anthropology majors. The scholarship assists students with travel expenses related to participation in field research or academic conferences in anthropology. For many students, the cost of travel is prohibitive from their participation. Working in the field or attending an academic conference provides invaluable skills and life-changing experiences.



## **Commitment to Music Education Excellence**

While our students have access to top-tier instruments, limited resources hinder frequent maintenance and tuning. Your donation can transform their experience, ensuring instruments match the caliber of our esteemed All Steinway program. As advocates for social mobility, we believe every student deserves the best. Your support upholds our high standards, fostering a rich musical environment.



## **Political Science Senior Experience Scholarship**

Many internships in the social sciences and humanities remain unpaid experiences. CSUSM students who support themselves or their families may simply not be able to take advantage of these valuable learning and professional opportunities. PSCI's Senior Experience Scholarship seeks to make academic internships a realistic option for more of our students. We have awarded eight scholarships to deserving PSCI seniors since Fall 2022, and we are just getting started.

Consider giving to our amazing projects today only!

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# Save the Date

- Nov. 28 – **Office of Global Education Drop-ins:** Mark 243 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (throughout the fall every Tuesday)
- Nov. 28 – **Speech & Debate Practice:** SBSB 2207 12 p.m.-2 p.m.
- Nov. 29 – **SWANS- Slow War Against the Nuclear State:** USU Ballroom 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29 – **Powwow Dance Workshop:** SBSB Serenity Circle 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Nov. 30 – **Summer in Spain Language Info Session:** Mark 209 12 p.m.-12:50 p.m.
- Dec. 1 – **The Music Department Presents The CSUSM Jazz Ensemble:** Arts 111 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Dec. 3 – **CSUSM Choir Concert:** Arts 111 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4 – **Powwow Dance Workshop:** SBSB Serenity Circle 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.







