Notable Alumni

Lee Baca  Former Los Angeles County Sheriff.

James Bell  (1997) Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of the oldest and largest multi-billion dollar Aerospace Corporation in the world, Boeing Aerospace Corporation. Bell’s advice to CSULA students and anyone striving for greatness is, “If you are going to differentiate yourself you have to be innovative. You have to dare to be GREAT!”


Steve Cooley  Politician who has been a prosecutor for 27 years, and was Los Angeles County District Attorney from 2000 to 2012.

Samuel Durrance  (B.S. 1972 and M.S. 1974) NASA Astronaut and payload specialist who went on two missions into outer space on the NASA Space Shuttle, Endeavor, the last one being the longest flight to date. In which he carried the CSULA President’s Medallion with him.

Jaime Escalante  (B.S. 1977 and M.S. 1979) Famous Calculus teacher from Garfield High School located in East Los Angeles, who proved that students from poor neighborhoods and poor schools could master extremely difficult subjects, like Calculus.

Billie Jean King  (1964) Former international women’s tennis player who holds 20 Wimbledon wins and 5 U. S. Open wins. She is one of CSULA’s most generous benefac-
tors through her Billie Jean King Foundation, so much so that every athletic facility on campus is part of the Billie Jean King Sports Complex.


**Gloria Molina** Long time community activist who held office as L.A. County Supervisor for twenty years.

**Rosario Morin** Former U. S. Secretary of the Treasury


**Lucille Roybal-Allard** Congresswoman representing the 34th Congressional District, which included the CSULA campus, now 40th District.

**Jennifer Uyeda** Won many tennis championships, and also won the California Collegiate Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award with a 3.503 GPA.

**Joseph Wambaugh** Best-selling writer known for his fictional and non-fictional accounts of police work in the U.S.

**Dianne Watson** United States Congresswoman who served in Congress for more than twenty years.