Cal State L.A. Names Courtyard In Honor of Lloyd N. Ferguson

Los Angeles, CA — “Ferguson Courtyard”—the quad located in between La Kretz Hall and Wing B of the Wallis Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex on the Cal State L.A. campus—was officially dedicated on Friday, Feb. 18, during an 11:30 a.m. ceremony.

The courtyard is named for Cal State L.A.’s emeritus professor of chemistry, Lloyd N. Ferguson, in recognition of his campus accomplishments and his national and international scientific contributions. Ferguson, who taught in Cal State L.A.’s Chemistry and Biochemistry department for 21 years, served as director of CSULA’s MBRS (Minority Biomedical Research Support) program from its inception in 1973 through 1994. MBRS provides support for research participation and career enhancement of undergraduates and graduate students, with the expectation that student participants will pursue a Ph.D. following graduation from Cal State L.A. He was recipient of Cal State L.A.’s 1973-74 Outstanding Professor Award and the 1980-81 CSU Trustees’ Outstanding Professor Award.

Ferguson has served as a role model for hundreds of underserved students who have gone on to careers in science and technology. Like those he mentored, Ferguson also had a passion for science from a young age. While in his teens, he developed such products as a moth repellent, spot remover and silver polish. After graduat-

El Camino College Celebrates 11th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival; Awards Scholarship to Radiological Technology Student

With a spring breeze in the air, El Camino College student Nhi Le Trinh stood among blooming cherry trees at El Camino College and accepted a scholarship that will help her reach her educational goals.

Trinh recently became the fifth recipient of the Dr. Nadine Hata Scholarship, and was presented with the award at El Camino College’s 11th Annual Dr. Nadine Hata Memorial Cherry Blossom Festival. The event celebrates friendship and the beginning of spring with a student scholarship award and other presentations.

“I am so thankful—this scholarship will help me so much,” said Trinh.

Carson, Calif. — West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) recently honored Senator Dianne Feinstein with its Legislator of the Year award.

The Legislator of the Year award is presented to legislators who have helped the water industry and West Basin provide more reliable water supplies through legislation, advocacy or by helping to fund local water supply infrastructure projects. It’s no secret that Senator Feinstein has been a champion of water issues and the environment, including such noteworthy issues as the Salton Sea, Lake Tahoe and others.

For the past few years, Senator Feinstein has led the discussion and championed legislation to help solve some of California’s most pressing water issues, including funding solutions to challenges in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta (Bay Delta). Issues in the Bay Delta run the gamut from protecting habitat for endangered fish species to allowing adequate pumping to send water to Southern California to meet its drinking water needs.