Enhancing the path to student success...

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Academic and Administrative News

Ross Named Student Affairs VP

Anthony R. Ross is the new vice president for Student Affairs at Cal State L.A., having served as interim vice president for Student Affairs and associate to the president at Wichita State University, Kansas.

An expert in dispute resolution and affirmative action, Ross received his B.A. and M.Ed. from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, and his Ed.D. from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.

He earned certificates from the Harvard Institute for Educational Management and the Wichita Leadership Program.

Ross has received the NAACP Image Award, Arizona Alliance Black School Educators’ Distinguished Service Award, and Northern Arizona University’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

In addition to his academic and professional experience, Ross has served on the personnel budget committee for Wichita Public Schools, on the foundation board of St. Mark United Methodist Church, as a board member for NationsBank Community Reinvestment Act, and as a member of the Northeast Optimist Club.

Beeler AVP for Student Affairs-Enrollment Management

Carl J. Beeler is the assistant vice president for Student Affairs-Enrollment Management. Beeler’s duties include planning, organizing, directing and evaluating activities for outreach and recruitment, admissions, new student orientation, registration and records, career planning and placement, and financial aid. He is also lead enrollment management consultant on the campus.

Before coming to Cal State L.A., Beeler was associate vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. While there, he secured a $1.4 million Strengthening Institutions Development Grant to increase retention and graduation rates and decrease time to degree, and a $720,000 Student Support Services grant for disadvantaged students.

Beeler obtained his B.A. in philosophy from Regis College, his M.Ed. in counseling and guidance from the University of Arizona, and Ph.D. in professional higher education administration from the University of Connecticut. He also received a post-doctoral certificate from the Management Development Program at Harvard University.

Dean O’Neil Oversees Extended Education

Thomas O’Neil was appointed dean of Extended Education. O’Neil comes to Cal State L.A. from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, where he was associate vice president for academic affairs. Before that, he was dean of the School of Extended Education at New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, NY, and also held positions at CSU Stanislaus and CSU Fullerton.

O’Neil holds a Ph.B. in religious studies from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, and was honored as Ontario Graduate Fellow, McMaster Benefactor Fellow and McMaster Graduate Fellow. He earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. from McMaster University-Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, with further graduate work at Harvard University’s Institute for the Management of Lifelong Education and Vanderbilt Institute on Judaism. He also has research experience at Banaras Hindu University, in Varamani, Uttar Pradesh, India, and Madras University, in Madras, India.

O’Neil has published articles and made frequent presentations on lifelong learning, Web-enhanced modalities, cyber-terrorism, world religion and higher education.

Ukpolo Selected for Millennium Leadership

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities recently selected Victor Ukpolo, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, as one of 17 participants to take part in the second annual Millennium Leadership Initiative. MLII is the only program that offers individual-level preparation for the role of college or university president/chancellor. The Institute is designed to strengthen both the preparation and the eligibility of persons who are traditionally underrepresented in these positions.

Ukpolo oversees the program review, outcome assessment, accountability process and accreditation for Cal State L.A. He also works closely with the Office of the President and the Office of Publications/Public Affairs to coordinate planning and implementation of the University Honors Convocation and Commencement exercises.

Ukpolo obtained both his M.S. and Ph.D. at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, and his B.A. at the University of Maryland. He has published over two dozen articles in professional journals such as Economics Letters, The American Economist and Applied Economics Letters.

Creating New Possibilities: That’s What Rehab Engineering is All About

Mothers-Daughters Build Bridges to Career Opportunities

It’s not often that you see people in wheelchairs crashing, bashing and having a great time. But when it’s wheelchair hockey, you can count on a contact sport that certainly breaks stereotypes of the wheelchair-bound.

Making this sport possible are students of ILCRIE (Hands-On Experiences in Rehabilitation Engineering), a two-year-old Cal State L.A. program.

As freshmen presented and discussed their rehabilitation engineering projects, participants in the wheelchair sports program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center tested the student-designed, high impact aluminum hockey wheelchair bumpers.

“Our students are solving real world problems,” said Samuel Landsberger, Northrop Grumman Engineering Endowed Chair, in the College of Engineering and Technology. “They are really energized because they know that their designs have the potential to actually help people.”

For six months, students labored collaboratively to design and manufacture a bumper system on an existing commercial wheelchair. In the wheelchair sport, hockey balls replace pucks, and casters take the place of chair wheels. “We tried to protect the casters from getting knocked out, since the hockey players ram into each other head-on,” said freshman engineering team member Neerida Soto.

In fact, the name of the game in wheelchair hockey is to eliminate members of the opposing team by disabling their chairs, according to Rancho head coach Lisa Hilborn.

“Part of the game is destroying the other teams’ wheelchairs. Hockey is definitely the most high impact wheelchair sport,” Hilborn said.

Other Cal State L.A. freshman projects included a heating aid retainer custom-made for a toddler with an ear deformity and Down’s syndrome; a hearing aid retainer custom-made for a toddler; a transmission modification for the Generation Beach Cruiser, a beach wheelchair designed by senior engineering students.

Environmental Quality Addressed Through New Program

Safe drinking water, waste disposal, air quality, water pollution and reclamation and reclamation of contaminated sites: these are some of the challenges for the field of environmental engineering. Besides monitoring the quality of the environment, environmental engineers focus on developing new and improved ways to protect it.

Addressing this critical need, the College of Engineering and Technology has established an environmental engineering program and appointed Crist Khachikian, assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering, as its coordinator.

Courses available to junior/senior civil engineering majors include “Introduction to Environmental Engineering,” “Sewage and Water Treatment,” “Technological Aspects of the Urban Environment,” “Environment, Earth Systems and Technology” and “Groundwater Contamination and Remediation.”

By teaching these cutting-edge courses, Khachikian hopes to encourage students to pursue environmental engineering careers by allowing them the chance to work on research projects and opportunities to conduct experiments in the new environmental engineering lab.

“I’m very excited about working with undergraduates in the labs,” says Khachikian. “The experience will give them a stepping stone to their careers.”

Khachikian’s special environmental interests include groundwater contamination, mass transfer in the environment, advanced cleanup technologies, and environmental organic chemistry. He attended Hoover High School in Glendale and received bachelor’s and Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering at UCLA. He earned his master’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from MIT.

Just GET Online Technology Opens Paths of Learning

These days, the latest technology is a must for college students, who count on computers not only for class assignments, but also to simplify their lives. A major new timesaver for Cal State L.A. students is that they are now able to get out of lines and just GET online. A new student self-service Web site—GET, short for Golden Eagle Territory—allows students to perform a number of functions online. With GET, students can view their grades, change their address or personal information, check personal class schedules, print forms and more. In fact, GET will be adding services such as online registration in the near future!

Here are additional highlights of what’s going on in support of academic enhancement:

• At Cal State L.A., computer labs are a hub of activity throughout the year. To keep up with the demand, a sixth computer lab—the King Hall Link—opened this fall in D151. This new lab features 24 link stations, three scanners, four laptop hook-up stations, as well as image editing software for those with more advanced support needs. Each Pentium III station has 128 MG of memory with a 17” monitor, CD-ROM and zip drive. Color and black and white laser printing is available at a nominal fee, while dot matrix printer usage is free. Additionally, four laptop link stations may be used for printing, students need only to supply their own paper. And finally, another HelpDesk has been set up at the new King Hall Link, with extended evening and weekend hours to help faculty, staff and students.

• It used to be that computer training was available to faculty, staff and students online. Now, for those who want to save time, a new CD is available at minimal cost. Some of the courses include Office 2000, Windows 98, Internet skills, setting up a Web site and programming fundamentals. All training courses are always available online, and all for free — a great way to develop skills and enhance academic or professional development.

• EagleLink II Remote Access Toolkit CD, another “bundled” CD, features all the necessary software tools (Netscape, Internet Explorer, AcrobatReader and others) to give users connected access to the campus network. Installation of EagleLink II is quick and easy, and instructions for installation are provided with each CD. Students with a student ID may purchase EagleLink II for $1.50 through the ASI Student Services Office.

• Another successful new approach to simplifying students’ complicated lives is through the new Web-based version of the 1999-2001 University Catalog, now up and running at www.calstatela.edu/catalog. The Catalog Home page offers an explanation of the various ways in which searches can be carried out, either via the expandable, hot-linked Table of Contents, the Headings or Text Search boxes. The Catalog Home page also provides an explanation of how to effectively navigate through the catalog.
Governor Gray Davis was on campus September 11 for a press conference to sign into law two historic bills that enhance student access to higher education: SB 1688, the Governor’s Merit Scholarship program, and SB 1644, which expands the Cal Grant program.

James M. Rosser, president of Cal State L.A., represented the CSU System at the ceremony. In his address, Rosser applauded the Governor and Legislature for greatly improving access to higher education for California students. “With the CSU fee among the nation’s lowest, this historic financial aid program renews the California dream and will open university doors for many more students.” The signing was attended by dignitaries from throughout the state and received extensive media coverage.

Cal State L.A.’s Six Schools Officially Renamed Colleges

President James M. Rosser has approved the official change of name for the University’s six schools, effective September 1, 2000. In each case, the School’s faculty has supported the name change, following the recommendation of the University’s Academic Senate Executive Committee.

The change will bring California State University, Los Angeles, in line with most of its sister campuses in the adoption of the title “College” for the main academic units within the University. Below are the designations:

- College of Arts and Letters
- College of Business and Economics
- Charter College of Education
- College of Engineering and Technology
- College of Health and Human Services
- College of Natural and Social Sciences

In addition, the Division of Continuing Education is now the Division of Extended Education.

In the Division of Extended Education recently opened its Pasadena Training Center at 3500 East Colorado Boulevard, Suite 200. The Center will be home to the College of Health and Human Services’ Center on Child Welfare. Additionally, the Center provides business and professional training to residents of the surrounding areas during evenings and Saturdays. Among course offerings are a variety of computer workshops [e.g., Visual Basic, Oracle, and Web design], an M.B.A. program, and accounting and tax seminars. The spacious new facility offers state-of-the-art equipment and furnishings, including modern computer labs, classrooms equipped with audio/visual resources, administrative offices, and conference rooms.

Cal State L.A. students and those enrolled in the Training Center programs may park free. Conveniently located near Rosemead Boulevard, the Center is easy to access from the 10, 210, or 110 freeways.

For more information about the Cal State L.A. Pasadena Training Center, call (626) 720-2580, (323) 343-4967, or visit the Web site at www.calstatela.edu/cont_ed/ptc.htm.

Charter College of Education Receives Ten-Year Extension

Following its five-year pilot phase, the CSU Office of the Chancellor granted the Charter College of Education at Cal State L.A., a ten-year extension of its charter status.

An assessment of the Charter College of Education, conducted by The Evaluation Center at Western Michigan University, mentions many accomplishments including, “an extremely high level of faculty and staff enthusiasm for the directions and the way the Charter College of Education is operating.”

The Charter College of Education is committed to leading educators to transform public schools, offering a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach. The faculty prepares professionals to become learner advocates — competent in subject matter and professional knowledge — dedicated to improving the educational environment of all young people.

Since 1993, Cal State L.A. had operated the first such charter school in the nation and ranks as one of California’s largest educator of teachers.

The Charter College of Education has been continuously accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and recently became the first institution in California to have been granted full accreditation by the California Committee on Accreditation.

Extended Learning Courses Offered at New Pasadena Center

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The Cal State L.A. College of Business and Economics began integrating Oracle's solutions into every discipline. All 5,000 students participate in Lincoln's Multilingual Teacher Career Academy (MTCA). The students team up to create a lesson plan for Gates Street Elementary first graders. In another class, Cal State L.A.-Lincoln "teachers" helped bilingual-Cantonese second graders create drum-like instruments from cans, beans and construction paper to understand sound and vibrations. The class of second graders were assigned to use two "D" batteries and aluminum foil to illuminate a bulb. David and Mark, excited and eager to enhance their experience, recruited classmates to use six batteries.

"There was a big ol' spark and the light bulb went out. It was cool," says David. And when Cal State L.A. child development senior Reidiny Barajas, asked why this happened, the class chimed in unison: "Too much energy!"

Under the guidance of faculty members from the University's Charter College of Education and Lincoln High School, the project—the Model Teacher Education Project (MTEP)—provides practical teaching and peer mentoring experience to light up interest in teaching. MTEP allows Cal State L.A. Child Development and other majors to complete a preliminary credential while earning a bachelor's degree. The high school students participate in Lincoln's Multilingual Teacher Career Academy (MTCA). The students team up to create a lesson plan for Gates Street Elementary first through fifth graders.

"Planning is only half the work," said Cal State L.A. education professor Sabrina Mims. "Actually being able to teach the lesson, and to reflect on its effectiveness is a primary goal in developing teachers who are reflective and successful practitioners." Mims coordinates the joint project with Lincoln high school MTCA teacher, Miles Nagana. Students in Mims' Methods of Curriculum in Science course also take a physical science class taught by Cal State L.A. chemistry professor Donald Paulson. "This is a good program. It's given me the confidence to teach and taken away the embarrassment of talking in front of a class," says eleventh grader Carlos Vega.

"I love science," said Jose Valdivia, 8, who wants to become a jet mechanic. "I learn a bright idea by David Vargas, 8, and Mark Enriquez, 7, may have temporarily short-circuited during class at Gates Street Elementary School, but the enlightening experiment definitely sparked their interest in science.

Oracle Corporation Provides Software for Business Education

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The award-winning film.”

Top Development undergraduate and emerging volunteer

Glenda L. Gison, who transferred from Rio Hondo College, earned her B.A. in Child and Family Studies with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. Top student for her class of 89 from the Child and Family Studies department, Gison made Dean’s List throughout her undergraduate education, and is a member of the national honor society Golden Key and Phi Kappa Phi. A teacher’s aide at Wright Elementary School in El Monte since 1994, Gison’s career goal is to become a full-time elementary school teacher. Her desire to teach began early—she studied at the Instituto Nacional para Senoritas de Oriente, a high school for future educators in Chiquitania, Guatemala.

In 1987, Gison took a break from college to volunteer for Guatemala’s human rights educational program and, then in 1998, for an environmental awareness project. Gison attributes her knowledge and teaching skills to Cal State L.A. professors Kaveti Subrahmanayya, Bico Gonsalves, and Jennifer Ferris, adding, “Although she is not my direct advisor, Sally Fathman has helped me the most. She has taught me to trust my dignity.”

Professor Ferris says, “it hasn’t been an easy road for Glonda. She didn’t speak any English when she moved here from Guatemala in 1992. She took night classes to learn English while working with her mother, sewing, and then her high school diploma in less than six months—an extraordinary academic distinction.”

Ferris is continuing her studies at Cal State L.A., pursuing a multiple-subject teaching credential and a master’s degree in Educational Foundations and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Up and coming filmmaker

Aspiring cinematographer and film director Ivan Timmons received his bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies under the radio and television broadcasting program. Timmons was awarded a Multicultural Merit Picture: Association of Professional and Development Scholarship in 1999 for his impressive determination in cinematic arts. His credits include more than 100 student music, video and drama productions, a pair of independent short films as well as a series of public service announcements.

Timmons has been a Dean’s List scholar, and earned membership in the Golden Key Honor Society. This year, he was honored by the Communication Studies Department to receive a Graduate of Honor, an award primarily given to undergraduate and graduate students in each academic department.

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The courses will offer students opportunities to learn more about museums and other arts organizations, to foster a better understanding of, and increased commitment to, the nonprofit arts. “The Getty has provided this outstanding opportunity to contribute to the betterment of our communities throughout the Los Angeles basin,” said Ed borne, coordinator of Cal State L.A.’s Service Learning and director of the Getty Service Learning Visual Arts Program.

Service learning has been a familiar teaching approach among faculty at Cal State L.A. for more than three decades, being a degree requirement in many disciplines on campus. During its existence, the Quality Service Task Force directly sponsored customer service workshops, sharing those standards with divisions and departments so that staff, faculty and administrators could focus on customer service. In addition, the Task Force developed and distributed guides and helpful hints for e-mail and voice mail.

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The Getty Funds Two-Year Service Learning Program

Grads on the Path of Success

The 56th Commencement, in June, included 20,000 witnesses to the conferral of more than 1,082 master’s degrees and 3,387 bachelor’s degrees. Here are brief profiles of a few of our many exceptional students who received degrees:

The Quality Service Task Force—Working Toward a Student-Centered University

In June 1997, a Quality Service Task Force composed of vice presidents, faculty members, staff members and students set a three-year timeline for improving student services at Cal State L.A. Three years later, the group has some achievements worth noting. Ideas that began in the task force and were then implemented include:

• “GET” (Golden Eagle Territory)—a student self-service program with online access to forms and student records, in operation this Fall. (Using GET, students avoid waiting in line and can take care of many types of transactions directly from their computers.)
• reduction in the numbers of signatures required on some forms
• additional staff, including custodians and a campus telephone operator
• changes in class modules
• a decrease in the size of the speed bumps on Paseo Rancho Castilla
• improved visibility of the emergency phone system
• a staircase to replace the King Hall escalator and adding elevators
• real and virtual suggestion boxes in the Library, the College of Business and Economics, and the open access computer labs
• name tags for staff and administrators in Student Affairs, University-Student Union, Associated Students, Inc. and Information Resources Management
• improved campus maps and other campus signage
• standard hours of operation for the Administration quad area identification of locations in departments or colleges where students can obtain signatures or appointments during all hours the quad is open
• inclusion of customer service in staff and management evaluation forms
• student access to nighttime lighting of the track
• metered parking in parking lot D
• replacement of the master clock

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You Are Cordially Invited

"Reframing Our World, Technology, Ourselves" International Nursing Leader to Speak on Out Health Issues

Healthcare premiums will likely rise another 8% in 2019! How can HMOs or PPOs represent the interests of a major HMO? And even though integrated health systems and consumer access to information have improved, the consumer’s inability to understand and assimilate what is significantly contributed to managed care’s failure in reducing healthcare costs? Charles L. Ingels, president of the People’s Medical Society, notes, “What is so lacking for most consumers is that personal attachment with a health professional, thereby giving every call to a doctor or question to a nurse is an intrusion into their busy professional lives puts distance and distrust between the caregiver and the consumer. This lack of personal and honest relationship is an economic/time centered dimension... this level of humanity is lacking in healthcare.”

The Cal State L.A. Nursing Alumni Association (NAA) and the University’s chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Nu Mu, are hosting a special event Thursday, October 19th. The guest speaker for the evening will be Jodelle Koerner, Ph.D., R.N., highly regarded nationally and internationally for her leadership in the design and implementation of Differentiated Care and for her vision and development of advanced practice nurse (APN) roles. Koerner, past president of the Association, is currently the executive director of the National Centre for Nursing Research (NCNR) at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. She has spent several years on the empowerment of the consumer and the nurse, along with the integration of Advance Practice Nursing and Internet Technology to bridge the leadership and information gaps.

In her address, "Reframing Our World, Technology, Ourselves," Koerner will speak on the APN role and dynamic approaches for the Internet to support health, wellness, and care. Among the topics she will address are: the role of technology in empowering the consumer and nurse, the integration of Advanced Practice Nursing and Internet Technology to bridge the leadership and information gaps.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Los Angeles Room of the University-Student Union with a buffet dinner. Informal, relaxed, and educational, the event is free to the public. Seating, parking and reservations, are available by calling Nancy Quantana at (323) 434-4700. Non-members are welcome.

When: October 19, 2000 Where: University-Student Union, L.A. Room Time: 6:30 p.m.
Students Earn Wall of Fame Honors
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Each year, hundreds of alumni, students and friends become volunteers for all types of Alumni Association programs and events. While volunteer involvement can be greatly rewarding, it’s nice to know you will be helping to support the educational mission and excellence of Cal State L.A. Check out the opportunities Cal State L.A.’s Alumni Association offers you.

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THE SHAFFER AWARD
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This year’s Tribute Dinner and Auction marks the inaugural of the Shapiro Award, established to honor the memory of Joe Shapiro, a noted attorney and member of the Cal State L.A. academic community, who succumbed to cancer last year. Shapiro, who taught in the department of Finance and Law at the University, was an executive committee member of the Billie Jean King & Friends fundraiser. His love of teaching was equaled only by his love of sports, and he was known as a strong supporter of women’s issues. He is survived by his wife, tennis legend Pam Shriver, a key committee member. In memory of Joe Shapiro, this award will recognize exemplary characteristics of humanitarianism, leadership, and vision.

The inaugural awardees are Dr. Sidney Harman and The Honorable Jane Harman. Sidney Harman is the founder and an active member of the program on Technology, Public Policy and Human Development at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. As chairman of Harman International, a Fortune 500 company, he is widely known for the Quality of Working Life Programs. His programs have become a model for American industry and principal case studies at business schools around the world.

Dr. Sidney Harman, left, and Jane Harman with the late Joe Shapiro.

Currently, Yanai ranks 28th among Division II’s winningest active coaches with 355 victories. In 1997-98, he guided the Golden Eagles to the NCAA Tournament, losing in the regional semi-finals to eventual national champion UC-Davis, 53-51 on the Aggies’ home court. In 1998-99, the Golden Eagles missed going to the NCAA by a one-point defeat to Sonoma State.

As the first Japanese-American head coach at any level nationally, Yanai has long respected as one of the premier educators in Division II collegiate basketball, Cal State L.A. head coach Dave Yanai received recognition as an outstanding coach at the John R. Wooden Awards Ceremony held recently at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

This annual award honors an individual who exemplifies the outstanding qualities set by the legendary coach. These include: the highest standards of commitment to his/her student-athletes, significant contributions to his/her community and to the Southern California basketball community, and success as a quintessential teacher, with the ability to embrace various cultures in understanding the sport of basketball.

“Coach Yanai is well-deserving of this award,” said Sam Lagana, executive director of the Los Angeles Athletic Club John Wooden Award. “He was the unanimous choice of the selection committee. We also tried to make it a very special evening for him—to touch his heart—and I believe we were successful.”

“It was a total surprise,” said Yanai, “I am so grateful to Coach Wooden, the selection committee, and the Los Angeles Athletic Club for this very special honor. It took my breath away.”

Fourth-year Golden Eagle head coach Dave Yanai guided his 1999-2000 squad to the NCAA Tournament (his second time in his Cal State L.A. tenure) and finished with a 19-9 overall record, the most wins for a men’s basketball team since the 1958-59 season.

Wooden Award Winner: Coach Yanai
His Winning Ways Go Beyond Basketball

Pam Shriver, top-ranked singles and no. 1 ranked in doubles

Billie Jean King, 20-time Wimbledon champion and captain of the U.S. Olympic and Fed Cup women’s tennis teams, received an honorary doctorate from her alma mater, Cal State L.A., in 1997. She has donated her time over the past three years to help Cal State L.A. raise money for the University’s men’s and women’s tennis programs and for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics scholarship fund. Last year, this event successfully raised $100,000.

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Pro-Am spots for the Billie Jean King & Friends event and the tribute dinner and auction are $225 each; dinner reservations only are $150 per person.

The Tribute Dinner & Auction begins at 5:30 p.m., that evening at The Ritz-Carlton/Huntington Hotel in Pasadena.

Carlton/Huntington Hotel in Pasadena other top local pros.

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She’s an expert in invertebrate zoology, including the study of insects. She has studied intertidal communities from Alaska to California. In the San Joaquin Valley, she studied insect pests of unirrigated pastureland. And, she has a crane fly named after her—*Hexatoma hartmani*.

As chief academic officer since 1993, **Margaret J. Hartman** has overseen programs with more than 18,000 bachelor’s and master’s students in more than 50 disciplines. She has had overall responsibility for six academic schools (now Colleges), the Library, Continuing (now Extended) Education, Records and Registration, the Learning Resource Center, contract implementation for collective bargaining with the faculty, and campus enrollment management.

Her time at Cal State L.A. has included the position of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (1986–93), where she handled accreditation, faculty affairs, faculty contract administration, program review, student outcomes assessment, and faculty development. She developed the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, and as accreditation liaison officer for the University, was responsible for the ten-year self-study leading to the maximum accreditation.

As assistant vice president for Academic Affairs (1981–86), she oversaw faculty development, affirmative action, recruitment, retention, tenure, promotion, grievance and disciplinary action. She also served as acting dean, Graduate Studies and Research for one year, during which time $12 million in contracts and grants were awarded to the University.

She came to Cal State L.A. two years after receiving her Ph.D. in entomology from Oregon State University. An obvious star in the Zoology (which merged with Botany to become the Biology and Microbiology) Department, she was promoted to associate professor two years later, and professor six years after that. She taught courses in general biology, general zoology, environmental biology, animal systematics and natural history, entomology, parasitology, comparative animal physiology, environmental physiology, and biogeography.

Cal State L.A. has benefited from Margaret Hartman’s total devotion and commitment, and particularly from her care and nurturing of the best that higher education can aspire to achieve. Upon her retirement, we thank her, we’ll remember her, we’ll miss her.