Cal State L.A. salutes the last class of the 1900s!

1999 Graduating Scholars
U. S. Congresswoman Is Commencement Speaker

Tamara Jackson '99
Degree: Ph.D. in Special Education

After studying at Cal State L.A. for nine years, Tamara “Tammy” Jackson—a teacher, school psychologist and mother of Fabio, 18, and Tomas, 15—will receive her Ph.D. degree at Cal State L.A.’s 52nd Commencement under the Cal State L.A./UCLA special education joint doctoral program. Cal State L.A. President James M. Ross will bestow Jackson’s doctoral hood as a special part of the Commencement ceremony.

Jackson also recently completed her dissertation on prenatal drug exposure, chose the field of special education because she feels strongly that “children with special needs need an advocate.” Her goal is to teach the people who are going to play a part in shaping the future of special needs children—whose abilities and needs are extremely varied, she points out. She is a school psychologist in the Norwalk-La Mirada School District.

C.J. Fortheringham ’99
Degree: M.S. in Biology

Biology graduate student C.J. Fortheringham receives her M.S. in biology in June with an important national fellowship, significant research experience and two articles in Science magazine—one of the world’s most prestigious scientific publications—under her belt.

California shrubland wildfires are no more frequent or destructive than in the past, there is just more urban sprawl in their path, reports the article that Fortheringham wrote with fire ecologist Jon Keeley, currently the U.S. Geological Survey and Fortheringham’s former adviser at Occidental College. The article appears in the June 11 issue.

This is the second article by Keeley and Fortheringham that Science has published in the past two years. The first, which appeared in May 1997, dealt with how hazardous trace gases like nitrogen dioxide spark the growth of certain annual plant species.

The most recent article counters widely-held beliefs about fire frequency and intensity in the Southern California’s chaparral regions and contradicts the notion that fire suppression leads to larger, more intense wildfires. “Basically, there are just more people in the way of fires and more houses to lose,” said Fortheringham.

Among the first participants in Cal State L.A.’s new interdisciplinary CEA-CREST Center for Environmental Analysis, established through a multimillion dollar National Science Foundation grant, Fortheringham has been offered the prestigious National Science Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship.

After conducting wildfire research this summer in Sequoia with the USGS, Fortheringham will begin doctoral studies in biology at UCLA.

Letters from Alumni

Dear Editor,
When one contributes to the CSULA Alumni Association, one gains more than is given. I know because I did it...As I proudly advocate students to attend CSULA and ask graduates to affiliate with our Alumni Association, I ask every reader, here, to do the same.
We have much to be proud of...A few fond memories I hold of this superlative university are under wonderful professors...becoming the Out-standing Pledge of Alpha Gamma Omega—a Christian’s ser-vice and social fraternity [no longer on campus]....being an initiator of a major political party’s youth organization on campus...assisting the two track coaches to successfully establish the first L.A. Summer Track Olympics...writing weekly articles [for the campus newspaper] about U.S. involve-ment in Vietnam...representing the Political Science Dept. in an annual Model U.N. confer-ence...shamefully en-joying meeting and making friends with... professors, students and administrators.

—William Daughtry ’83

Editor’s note: The above reminiscence is excerpted from a letter sent from a Political Science grad, donor. Golden Eagle contributor and “proud Alumni Association life member” Bill Daughtry ’83, to “brighten some read-ing hearts.” Although it’s clear that he contributed much as a student, Bill says he began to give back to the Uni-versity as an alumnus in 1987, when he donated much-needed hurdles to the athletics program. He notes that he valued the advanced tennis educa-tion he received from Joan Johnson (Physical Education emerita and long-time tennis coach), which helped him learn new playing tactics and become “a small-time tennis champion,” among many other achievements. (See Class Notes, p. 8)
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ery and an elegant outdoor dinner, Cal State L.A. recognized two outstanding students, awarded 15 scholarships, and paid its highest honor to nine alumni, including—for the first time—a category for a faculty member alumni/a, all of whose outstanding achievements have brought distinction to the University. This is the 26th consecutive year the University’s Alumni Association has presented the prestigious awards. A video presentation by alumnus Art Simon ’99 distinguished this year’s cer-
mony at the Luckman Theatre.

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Angeles County Stephen L. Cooley ’70 was honored as Cal State L.A.’s Outstanding Alumnus. Larry L. Adamson ’74, president and CEO of The Midnight Mission, received the Alumni Award of Merit. Judith L. Papenhausen ’76, ’77, chair of Cal State L.A.’s Nursing Depart-
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gine that feeds the city’s homeless 591,403 times a year.
Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Awards

Stan Abbott ’65
Politzer Prize-winning newspaper editor and journalism educator
School of Arts and Letters

As a student, Abbott was a top-level executive in the competitive world of credit card providers. In April 1998, Siddiqui led Citibank’s purchase of American Express’s Card Services. In 1999, he founded the Siddiqui Group, managing editor and finally executive editor of the Anchorage Daily News. In 1976, Abbott edited the Daily News’ groundbreaking series of articles that secured the prestigious Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal Award for Meritorious Public Service for the newspaper. It is important to note that each year only one newspaper in America receives this honor.

Siddiqui has been president of the Alaska Press Association, was a correspondent for American Banker, and is working with faculty members to strengthen teacher education and policies committee of the California Postsecondary Education Commission. He has taught at the University of Missouri in the School of Journalism, one of the nation’s top journalism programs.

A. Sami Siddiqui ’76, president, Citicorp Credit Services, Inc.
School of Business and Economics

A. Sami Siddiqui (B.S., Math Analyst) has established himself as a top-level executive in the competitive world of credit card providers. In April 1998, Siddiqui led Citibank’s purchase of American Express’s Card Services portfolio, which American Banker called a “bold stroke,” and has managed the launch of three new credit cards. Before joining Citibank, Siddiqui spent nine years at Prudential, where he was executive vice president in charge of that company’s Unsecured Credit Group. Siddiqui has been an enthusiastic and generous financial supporter of Cal State L.A., through scholarship funding. “I had a great experience at Cal State L.A. and am grateful to be in a position to give back,” he says.

Bernard J. Luskin ’61, president and CEO, Global Linx, Inc.
Charter School of Education

As a student, Luskin was the recipient of the National Business Education and United Charter School of Education Alumni Awards Gala continued from page 3

Outstanding Student Awards

Diane Milliett Lewis ’99
Outstanding Graduate Student

Diane Milliett Lewis earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a minor in Fine Arts and a minor in Chemistry. At Commencement, she will receive an M.A. in Psychology, having achieved a near-perfect GPA. Lewis has assisted with research in media psychology, education and ethics in psychology, including one project that led her to co-author a paper with psychology professor Jean LaCour, published in Psychological Reports. She is also conducting original research for her master’s thesis related to body image and eating attitudes of women over 50, a previously unexplored subject.

Lew is a former treasurer of the campus chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, and has been employed as a consultant at the University of Washington. In addition to tutoring, Lewis conducts staff training, incorporating a tutoring model directed toward improving students’ writing skills through display of empathy, positive regard, attentive listening, and caring and respect.

Lewis is involved in her community through Union Station, a program in Pasadena that provides services to the homeless, and as a Family Court Certified Monitor, through which she provides pro bono monitoring for parents unable to pay for court-ordered supervision during visitations with their children. She has also assisted with field interviews and home evaluations in child custody cases. Lewis has served on the board of the Los Angeles County Women’s Appointment Collaboration, which assists county supervisors by identifying qualified female candidates for appointments to agencies, boards and commissions.

Louise Ghandhi ’99
Outstanding Senior

Clearly comfortable with public speaking, Louise Ghandhi took the podium as the first award winner to speak at the University’s Alumni Awards Gala on May 18, warming the audience with her poise and humor. Ghandhi—a “recently” student—transferred to Cal State L.A. from the University of Toronto in the winter of 1997. This year, she graduates with a B.A. in history with an option in geography and a superb academic record—a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

A single parent (her son, Sairah, is four years old) and active community volunteer, Ghandhi has been involved in a number of campus activities as well. Her outstanding academic performance has led to her induction into several honor societies, including Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, and the Cal State L.A. chapter of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society. She is a member of the editorial board for the 1998 issue of Perspective, the student journal of the Department of History, where she works with three other board members to collect, edit and prepare student research papers for publication.

Ghandhi led the Cal State L.A. team in preparing for its first Model Arab League simulation in April 1998, earning a Certificate of Recognition from the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. "You study geography during a time when the world is so fast-paced that you feel you have to know about everything. But geography is really a physical science, and there are many career possibilities –in the area of geographical information systems, for instance. I’d close to work in the area of education –to teach–but I’d like to explore all the options first. Right now, I plan to continue at Cal State L.A. to earn my master’s in geography.”
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Graduating this year with MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test) scores that her professors called “phenomenal,” Martín has been accepted by medical schools at Harvard, UCLA, UC, UC San Diego and Stanford, among others. Truong, a chemistry major, has been accepted to Ph.D. programs at Caltech and USC.

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Top Students Honored at Phi Kappa Phi Initiation

Cal State L.A. biology senior Rosalinda Martin is one of 50 national winners of the prestigious $7,000 Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship. This is the second consecutive year that a Cal State L.A. student has been awarded the national Phi Kappa Phi fellowship.

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Two prestigious national awards were brought home by marketing majors in the Cal State L.A.’s chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE), a national, professional coeducational fraternity in marketing, sales management and selling. One of the University’s most active student organizations, PSE won this year’s Western Region and Challenger Awards at the 43rd annual National Convention in New Orleans.

Under the leadership of chapter president Ahmet Mazut Mendi, student members were able to continue a winning tradition: for the second year in a row, the Cal State L.A. chapter won the national marketing fraternity’s Top Western Region award for best overall interaction and communication between chapters within the region.

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On May 19, the University hosted more than 100 guests at a special luncheon honoring scholarship donors. Provost Margaret J. Hartman, Kyle Button, vice president for Institutional Advancement, and scholarship recipient Patricia Ordonez ’99 spoke to guests about the significance and impact of their gifts on student scholars.

“Most of our students work and have considerable family obligations beyond their education,” said Vice President Button. “Many of our students are the first in their families to attend college...or relatively newly-arrived in this country—often from cultures and traditions in which debt is anathema...You can see the important role your scholarship support plays in providing opportunities and overcoming barriers to pursuing higher education.”

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“The scholarships I have received over the past five years have enabled me to...pursue my education uninterrupted.” Ordonez told more than one hundred listeners. “As a first generation college student, that is an accomplishment in itself,” she said, noting that she was the first member of her family to “graduate from high school with no children.”

“I have always understood the value of my education, because I’ve had to work hard for it,” said Ordonez. “As an average high school student, too often overlooked, I had to prove to everyone, and myself, that I had the potential to succeed.”

In addition to helping her pay the rent, buy her textbooks and buy a printer, Ordonez said her scholarships from the Institute of Retail Management and the Richard Alatorre Scholarship Fund of TELACU helped her continue an education that “changed her life” in unexpected ways. Her studies and research at Cal State L.A. introduced her to many different people: “I’ve held my own with adults 20-30 years my senior, with accomplished scientists and professionals,” said Ordonez who is “stronger, more confident, and...more capable than I was four years ago.”

“I came with the potential to succeed,” said Ordonez to the scholarship donors, Cal State L.A. professors, staff and administrators, “but you discovered it and helped me excel.”

1999 Graduating Seniors

California State University, Los Angeles’ Commencement of 1999 is the last such celebration of the 1900s, but it represents a true beginning. At this historic moment, the University salutes all those whose efforts have resulted in hard-earned degrees, and who now advance into the year 2000 and a new phase of their lives. The following graduating seniors—and other degree recipients who are profiled throughout this issue of Cal State L.A. TODAY—represent only a few of the many stories of excellence at Cal State L.A.

Robert Rivoli III
Degree: B.S. in Biology

Because Robert Rivoli, 19, left junior high for Cal State L.A. when he was 13 years old, he has been asked whether he doesn’t regret missing out on such scenes of teenage life as winter dances and the prom.

Except this award-winning Early Entrance Program senior, who was reading FY Cide when he was three years old, didn’t just go to the prom, he went to four of them—three in one year. He did this by keeping in touch with friends from El Sereno Junior High and through new colleagues at Cal State L.A.

“I haven’t missed out on anything in the social sense, said Rivoli, who made the Greek Honor Roll, and was a 1998 Eagle Pride awardee (formerly called homecoming king). In fact, Rivoli has benefitted socially and academically at Cal State L.A. A General Education Honors Program student, Rivoli was a 1997-1998 CSULA Alumni Association Scholar, received the Major Tsai Award in Chinese Studies and was selected to receive the University’s Richard Alatorre TELACU Scholarship in his sophomore year.

Involvement with campus clubs and organizations has honed his political savvy, and this past winter, Rivoli was able to secure an internship with the L.A. office of Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa. In his spare time, Rivoli has volunteered at hospices and performed other community service.

A biology student, Rivoli would like to follow the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) at an age when most students are first applying to colleges. Pal came to Cal State L.A. through the University’s Early Entrance Program—largely because of his father, he says. “My parents put a lot of pressure on me to excel, to go farther and faster,” said Pal. “Especially my father.”

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It’s not only medicine that interests Pal, though. A British rock aficionado and reformed classical pianist, Pal recently started a rock band with three students from Walnut High School. “We’re not that good,” says lead guitarist Pal, wrinkling his face good-naturedly. Yes, but did Noel Gallagher of Brit rock group Oasis ever score in the top tier on a medical exam?

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When she was four years old, Marisela Salazar used to trail her father as he worked in the family’s furniture upholstery business, ready to hand him a tool even if it was easily within his arm’s reach.

“He was teaching me about work. He was making me feel important,” said Salazar, 22, the youngest of four children of Mexican immigrants, who will graduate from Cal State L.A. this year with a bachelor’s degree in English, along with a Speech minor.

For the better part of her life, Salazar has worked in the family business, traveling to swap meets and crunching numbers to preserve the financial life-blood of the family. Despite the hours spent working, Salazar was Garfield High School’s valedictorian, with a 4.16 GPA. Since her freshman year at Cal State L.A., Salazar has managed to maintain a 3.5 GPA while working more than 40 hours a week helping in the family business and ministering to the family’s finances. She was awarded a TELACU scholarship and has also received the Glenn N. Nishizawa Memorial Scholarship and the CSU Scholarship for Future Scholars.

Her mother’s death in May 1998 strengthened Salazar’s resolve to do even better in school. That quarter, Salazar earned two As and a B. On May 18 of this year, Salazar was one of 15 select students to receive the CSULA Alumni Association Scholarship at the Alumni Awards Gala.

This past March, under the auspices of Communication Studies professor David Olsen, Salazar advocated greater empathy for the presidential First Lady in an article that appeared in the campus’ Journal, Communication College: A Journal of Communication Scholars. This coming fall, she will begin her studies at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton.
Alumni On the Move

Robert Bailey '67

I was like somebody had read Robert Bailey’s mind. When the owner of Salem, Oregon-based Pacific Software International, Inc., picked up the Winter 1999 issue of Cal State L.A. Alumni Magazine, he was taken aback by the casual way that he read, “Come back to Campus.”

“I thought, ‘Boy, golly, I’ve been wanting to go back to Cal State L.A.,’” Bailey, a former art student, says.

In a scrapbook, Bailey shows the “proof” picture he took more than 30 years ago, a Steve McQueen-like face that would have peeked out of the yearbook with the rest of the Class of ’67 had he not left for the military. Bailey’s photo never appeared in the yearbook, and he never got to participate in Cal State L.A.’s Commencement ceremony. The Navy had called him to active duty one month before.

It was a missed opportunity that always gnawed at Bailey. More so because he had been a completed sculptor, his years at Cal State L.A. were “the best time of my life.”

So, in the first week of April, Bailey hopped into his red Corvette and drove to Los Angeles for Cal State L.A.’s ‘99 Commencement. His intention to participate in the event.

“His name is Robert Bailey,” said Bailey. “I can’t believe how much this campus has changed. It looks beautiful. All the trees were being held up by stakes. And that’s the way the world is going.

Back in the ’60s, Bailey was so absorbed in his work as an artist that he had to get special permission to remain in the Fine Arts Building after ten o’clock at night.

In art professor Malcolm “Mac” McClain’s memory, Bailey had a mentor who took opportunities to introduce him to West Coast artists.

“His technique was like that of a true master sculptor,” McClain taught me,” said Bailey, who has lived in Oregon for more than 30 years.

McClain, in turn, will remember his former student.

“Bob made one of the most terrific sculptures at Cal State L.A. It was a slim piece, three stones high. It was just fantastic,” McClain said. That sculpture, “The Windbird,” was featured on the front page of a November 1966 issue of the College Times student newspaper.

McClain confirms that he, Bailey, and other Cal State L.A. artists often stayed around the clock on campus, working. “They were always trying to run us off. We had to get either special permission or the cops,” said McClain, chuckling. The Dilworth Springs trip to L.A., Bailey got together with McClain for the first time in 30 years. Meanwhile, at GradFair, Bailey—at long last—took the time to come over and visit his old school.

“I’m glad I’m here,” said Bailey. “My years here were the most fun I’ve ever had. It was a golden age.”

Craig Curtner ’76 BA Thoroughbred has been most known for his career as a director and producer of the Traveling Insurance Services in Santa Ana, Calif., through the end of 2000. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and the Blue Key National Honor Society, and his life partner, Dana Champion ’99, received her BS in Business Administration at Cal State L.A.

James B. Grillen ’77 BS Business Administration—International Business is a sales support officer at California Federal Bank.


Welcome Saline H. Chaban ’81 (BA Business Administration—International Business) is a sales support officer at California Federal Bank.

Augie Potente’s novel, The Enemy Within (1999) received the Frontiers of Fame Book Award in the Western fiction category. She was selected for inclusion in the 1999 edition of Who’s Who in America.

Barbara Robin Allen ’72 BS Recreation education works for the Department of Leisure Services in Las Vegas, Nev. She is an recreation facility supervisor and chair of the national Recreation and Park Association. She has been president of the Nevada Recreation and Parks Society.

Mary Delلندا Coleman ’72 (BS Sociology) is the program administrator for the Los Angeles Urban League Head Start Preschool and currently teaches child development courses part-time at Los Angeles City College and East Los Angeles College. Coleman’s master’s degree in recreation administration—Marketing was appointed director of development for the Doxie Foundation in January 1999. He will be based in Boston and will be responsible for capital campaigns, endowments, network giving campaigns and scholarship fund- raising for the national doxie Foundation. He will be based in Boston and will be responsible for capital campaigns, endowments, network giving campaigns and scholarship fund- raising for the national doxie Foundation. He held a special $1,000/plate charity dinner given by Bobbi Yudin in 1997. He was a special guest at the first Convention of Overseas Chinese in Science and Technology, sponsored by the Chinese Students Association of Southern California.

Deborah Meadows ’86 MA is a teacher listItem-

catory courses at California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. Her poetry has been accepted by the literary publica-

tions, Columbia: University Review, Chiron and Focus.

Jesper Oeyrups ’98 (BA Business Administration—International Business) is a sales support officer at California Federal Bank.

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A Letter from the Alumni Executive Director:

“Welcome New Leaders”

Very soon, a group of new, yet familiar, faces will join the board of directors of the CSULA Alumni Association. This summer, we welcome alumni members who have been chosen to serve the board in various roles.

Our new president, Oma Jones ’71, ushered in a new era of leadership. Oma has been an active board member for more than 10 years and brings a dedication to CSULA that is second to none. The president not only serves as the Association’s chief executive, but also acts as an ambassador for the Association at universitywide events.

I want to thank the outgoing alumni board president Linda Wah ’85 ’89 for her leadership and guidance. Linda is dedicated to CSULA and will remain on the board as past president.

Hundreds of volunteers annually devote their time and talents to Association programs. In the fall, we will provide volunteer orientation sessions to introduce members to the myriad opportunities that the Association offers. Watch the next issue of Cal State L.A. TODAY for more details. If you haven’t been involved before, it’s a great time to discover how to get connected with CSULA through the Association. I look forward to your involvement.

RANDI MOORE
Executive Director

P.S. Let me know how you like our new logo in our membership box below. You can e-mail me at rmoore@cslanet.calstatela.edu.

Join Us!!

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Calling a Few GREAT Volunteers!

New Volunteers: Be a part of the more than 100 volunteers who have already joined Alumni Association committees to reach out to current Cal State L.A. students and network with alumni. The Alumni Association is seeking volunteers to get involved with alumni programs, events, and committees. Most committees meet five times a year, help implement programs, and recruit alumni for various endeavors.

If you want to GET INVOLVED… contact Maria Ubago, program manager, student and alumni outreach at (323) 343-4945.
Sports Update

Golf Tournament Raises $48,000 for Scholarships

With the help of title sponsors Michelob and Pepsi, and major sponsors of the tournament the University Bookstore, University Auxiliary Services, Inc. and the University-Student Union, the 23rd Annual Golden Eagle Golf Tournament raised more than $48,000 for the Athletics Scholarship Fund. In a ceremony at the Clubhouse and Country Club, the tournament was sold out for the sixth consecutive year, with 160 golfers and 200 dinner guests. The tournament featured 4-hole “sponsors.” The evening program included a live and silent auction, an awards presentation and a drawing for an Acapulco vacation and a color television.

John Buza, Rod Faurot, Todd Hummer, and Jim Jacobs were chosen as the men’s title, while the foursome of Lee Maldoon, Linda Saucedo, Sharron Erdhaus, and John Erdhaus won the mixed division crown.

Nominations Requested for Athletics Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being accepted for the next Athletics Hall of Fame which will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2000, at the Tower Restaurant in the Transameric Building in downtown Los Angeles. To be eligible, a former student-athlete must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in at least five years and must have been a member of a class that graduated from Cal State L.A. At least five years after a nominee who did not receive a degree must have left Cal State L.A. in good academic standing. Coaches, staff and administrators must have served on the intercollegiate athletics staff for at least five years. Nominations must be submitted to the Cal State L.A. athletics program. Others who have demonstrated a high level of volunteer support that has contributed significantly to the success and quality of Cal State L.A.’s intercollegiate athletics programs are also eligible.

To nominate an individual, please provide the following information: name, address, phone number and class year of the nominee, the sport(s) participated in or staff position(s) held while at Cal State L.A., including a list of achievements, accomplishments or awards received, and any other honors received since leaving Cal State L.A.

Send nominations to Jacqueline Mejia, Sports Information Director, Cal State L.A. Athletics, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, California, 90032-8240. If you have any questions, call 323-343-5308.

Athletics Year-in-Review

• The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics continued its high level of commitment to support sport, coordinated by the athletics academic advisor Ruben Quintero, professors and coaches.

• There is evidence: student-athletes achieved a Fall 1998 overall GPA of 2.63 and a Winter 1998 overall GPA of 2.66. In addition, 33% of all student-athletes currently have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

• Athletics continues to conduct its community service program, “Let’s Read with the Golden Eagles,” designed to give our student-athletes the opportunity to support the efforts of local teachers in developing the learning skills of children at Fremont Elementary School in Alhambra.

• The division continues its drug education program for student-athletes and coaches.

• Sophomore defensive hitter Kasey Jungwirth was chosen as the CCAA Northwest Division (CCAA) Volleyball Player of the Week. Jungwirth helped the Golden Eagles to a 5-1 win over then-ranked No. 21 UC Riverside with a .370 (22-64) hitting percentage.

• October 12, 1998 - Sophomore left-hander Kristy Contreras earned CCAA Women’s Soccer Player-of-the-Week accolades. Contreras recorded the first-ever hat-trick (scored three goals in a single game) in Cal State L.A. women’s soccer history, leading the team to a 3-2 win.

• October 19, 1998 – Senior forward Victor Amaya earned CCAA Men’s Soccer Player of the Week honors. In a 3-2 double-overtime win over San Francisco State, Amaya recorded a hat-trick. He also assisted an assist in a 3-1 win over Simonne State.

• October 24, 1998 – The men’s and women’s cross country teams advanced to the NCAA West Regionals where the men finished 21st and the women finished 7th. The women’s team was led by sophomore Shauna Larceno with a time of 23:43 (6,000 meters), while the men were led by junior Mike Burns who ranked 146th out of 100 runners (32:36 – 10,000 meters).

• November 2, 1998 – Sophomore middle blocker Linda Saucedo was named CCAA Volleyball Player of the Week. In a 3-1 road win over then-ranked No. 17 CS San Bernar-

dius, Saucedo had a match-high 22 kills, hit .429 and added 15 digs, three service aces and four blocks.

• November 6, 1998 – Two Golden Eagle women’s soccer players were named to the All-CCAA Second Team. Victoria Arana and Matia Rico. Two Golden Eagle men’s soccer players were named to the All-CCCAA Second Team. Victor Arana and Willie Buckeridge.

• November 8, 1998 – Athletics was proud to host “A Legend and Her Friends, Billie Jean King Day” – Twenty-seven-time Wimbledon champion, All-American Billie Jean King (’61-’64), generously donated her time to help raise funds for student-athlete scholarships. Activi- ties included a tennis clinic, celebrity exhibition match (with tennis professionals Rosie Casals, Pam Shriver and Tracy Austin, just to name a few), Pro-Am tournament and a dinner and auction at the Ritz-Carlton Hunt- ington Hotel. The event raised more than $50,000 for scholarships. Billie Jean has com- mitted to at least two more fund-raisers with the next event slated for October 3, 1999.

• November 14, 1998 – The women’s vol- leyball team concluded its season with an impressive second-place 14-4 conference record and a 24-7 overall mark.


• November 25, 1998 – Golden Eagle vol- leyball standout Kasey Jungwirth earned CCAA Athletic All-District VIII honors with an overall 3.88 GPA.

• February 3, 1999 – Senior guard Taucson McLeod earned Rawlings CCAA Men’s Basketball Player-of-the-Week award. Against the defending national champions and then ranked No. 4 UC Davis, McLeod scored a game-high 19 points, helping the Golden Eagles achieve a 87-65 overtime win.

• February 24, 1999 – Three new members were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. Honorees included: Bill Mullory, a three-year letterwinner (1975-77) in men’s basketball; Abdum Frison, a four-year letterwinner (1984-91) in basketball, and Jennifer Uyeda, a four-year letterwinner in women’s tennis (1986-90).

• February 26, 1999 – The Golden Eagle men’s and women’s basket- ball teams were the featured attractions at the University Drive, Los Angeles, Cali- fonia drive by pitching a 9-in- 

ning complete game and senior pitcher Steve Brown earned Rawlings CCAA Player and Pitcher-of-the-Week honors, respectively, for their efforts in six games played. Draper exploded in the second contest of a four-game weekend series at CS Stanislaus, going 5-0 with a perfect 1.00 earned run average. He blanked the Grizzlies in three games and three runs scored and four RBI in the Cal State L.A. 10-6 win. Brown ended his collegiate ca- reer by pitching a 9-in- 

ning complete game no-hitter and being named the series opener against CS Stanislaus. He completed the performance with the second no-hitter in Cal State L.A. history.

• May 6, 1999 – The following baseball stu- dent-athletes earned all-conference honors: Mike Burns, John Draper, Steve Brown, Greg Iemini, and John Caligiuri.

• May 10, 1999 – The XX Annual Michelob/Pepsi Golden Eagle Golf Tour- nament raised over $48,000 for athletics scholarships.

• July 10, 1999 – Junior catcher Matt Lucas was named to the CCAA Academic All-Di- strict VIII Team. Lucas is a social science major with a 3.44 overall GPA.

• May 14-15, 1999 – The Men’s and Women’s Track and Field teams competed at the 1999 CCAA Championships. Sopho- 

more Nicole Duncan won the 100m and 200m races in a time of 12.40 seconds. Duncan earned All- 

American awards at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 100m and 200m races. Freshman Tisha Matthews placed 5th na- 

tionally in the 100m hurdles.

• May 18, 1999 – Greg Iemini and John Draper were named to the American Base- 

ball Coaches Association All-West Region Second Team.

• June 1, 1999 – The DIA hosted the Cal State L.A. Student-Athlete Awards Banquet at Eagles’ Landing to honor its student-ath- 

letes and their accomplishments.

We’re Looking For You!

If you’re a former student-athlete, we want to invite you to various “Alumni Games,” Homecoming and other special events. Please send your name, address, and home phone number to Cal State L.A. Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, California 90032-8240.

Save the Date

A Legend and Her Friends! Billie Jean King’s Birthday Celebration Sunday, October 3, 1999 Call us at 323-843-8080.
Honors Students Hear Smithsonian Counsel John Huerta '65

al State L.A. alumnus John Huerta '65, general counsel for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., was the keynote speaker at this year's Honors Convocation, addressing more than 2,000 Cal State L.A. students whose academic record places them in the top five percent of their peers.

Huerta directs an office of 11 attorneys who advise in commercial contract, real estate, employment, entertainment, intellectual property and civil rights matters and provide representation in administrative proceedings and litigation.

He has handled cases before the California and United States Supreme Courts and has lectured extensively on civil and human rights throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. Huerta attended Cal State L.A. from 1961 through 1965 and graduated with a B.A. in government. During his studies at the university, he founded the Folk Music Society, served as student body president from 1964 to 1965 and graduated with a B.A. in government. During his studies at the university, he founded the Folk Music Society, served as student body president and started the first Cal State L.A. tutorial program for Latino high school students.
Raymond B. Landis, dean of the School of Engineering and Technology, is the first California State University administrator to receive the $20,000 systemwide CSU Wang Family Excellence Award for his administrative leadership. The inaugural award, along with four faculty excellence awards, was presented at a formal ceremony on May 11, 1999 at the CSU Trustees meeting in Long Beach.

Last fall, a gift from trustee Stanley T. Wang of $1 million—the largest ever given to the CSU system by an individual—established this award to recognize outstanding CSU faculty and administrators. According to the CSU, the Wang Family Excellence Award is designed to “celebrate those CSU faculty and administrators who through extraordinary commitment and dedication have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines and areas of assignment.”

Landis has been with the CSU for more than three decades and has been dean at Cal State L.A. for 14 years. His achievements are numerous, but his support and leadership in his School’s three Solar Eagle projects have resulted in the University’s most enduring and widespread recognition since its founding.

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In his capacity as a dean, Landis continues to teach and mentor students. In addition, his textbook for college freshmen, Studying Engineering: A Roadmap to a Rewarding Career, has been read by more than 32,000 students at over 300 institutions across the nation. Complementary efforts to help guide faculty include his popular newsletter, Success 101, for engineering and engineering technology faculty, and his NSF-sponsored Chautauqua short course, which has benefited more than 700 engineering educators throughout the country.

Throughout his career, Landis has garnered significant recognition for his work. Most recent among his numerous awards are the 1998 American Society for Engineering Education Visiting Scholar Award, Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists’ 1998 Engineering Project of the Year Award (Solar Eagle III), and 1998 Spirit of Los Angeles Award from the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles. In 1998, he was honored by the ARCO Foundation, and in early 1999 he was among the first inductees in the National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators Hall of Fame.

Under Landis’ tenure as dean, the School has risen to the ranks of the nation’s top 20 undergraduate engineering schools and has received the highest rating from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

“Inaugural CSU Wang Family Award Goes to Raymond Landis

“What Dean Landis has devoted his life and his career to increasing the representation of minorities in engineering,” said Cal State L.A. President James M. Rosser. “I know of no other engineering educator who has accomplished more.”

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