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## Cal State LA ranked among best universities in West by U.S.

### News & World Report

Cal State LA's business, engineering undergraduate programs included as among the nation's best

California State University, Los Angeles continues to climb in the national rankings and is once again one of the nation's best regional universities, according to *U.S. News & World Report* in its just released *Best Colleges 2019 guidebook*.

The publication ranks Cal State LA #13 among the top public regional universities in the West, up two spots from last year's ranking.

Among both public and private universities with undergraduate and master's programs, Cal State LA ranked #52 among western universities, moving up from #59 a year earlier.

"Our continued ascent in the national rankings is good news for the Cal State LA community and for all of Los Angeles," said Cal State LA President William A. Covino. "Cal State LA graduates work, serve, and lead in communities throughout our region. We are L.A. — and we make L.A. stronger."

Two Cal State LA programs were noted as among the nation's best undergraduate programs. Both have been included in the magazine's rankings for two decades. The engineering program in the College

of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology is one of the top 10 in the nation among public, master's awarding institutions, excluding military academies. The business program in the College of Business and Economics continues to be one of the top 10 in California among public institutions.

"Our support of entrepreneurship and innovation in Los Angeles is producing industry leaders in health care, finance, technology, biosciences, and arts and entertainment," said Jose A. Gomez, executive vice president for Cal State LA. "Cal State LA is ranked number one in the nation for the upward mobility of our graduates."

In a separate listing, *U.S. News* recognized Cal State LA for its affordability, ranking among the top 10 in the West for graduates with the least debt. Cal State LA is also listed as one of the top 50 Best Value Schools and among the Best Colleges for Veterans.

The rankings evaluate colleges and universities on 16 measures of academic quality. For the 2019 rankings methodology, see the *U.S. News & World Report* website.

## Academy of Special Dreams to honor Latino leader Oct. 20

Celebrating love, remembrance, and joy in the tradition of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation will honor a distinguished Latino leader, Fernando De Necochea, who has worked to foster a more inclusive society and better the Latino community in the greater Los Angeles area, at a fundraising event hosted by Haydel Biel & Associates from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the home of Patty and Dino Barajas, Casa California, in Pasadena.

The event will feature a live and silent auction of art, photography, and other works by various artists with disabilities, in addition to face painting, food catered by Los Tacos (Pasadena), and music by Mariachi Silvestre and soloist Maria Lara. In furtherance of its mission, the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation, a tax-exempt public charity dedicated to bringing awareness to artists in the special needs community, will use the proceeds of the event to award college scholarships and working artists grants to artists with disabilities and to continue encouraging, recognizing, and promoting the exhibition of their works of art.

"Even though the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was adopted nearly 30 years ago, we must continue to emphasize the view that disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers, and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the mainstream of America," said Michael Dergar, Academy of Special Dreams CEO. "The Academy of Special Dreams Foundation, through our website and participation in art exhibitions, seeks to publicize the creative talents of artists with disabilities and each year provides financial support to them through our college scholarships and working artists grants."

Haydel Biel & Associates is a Pasadena-based firm of financial advisers who



The Academy of Special Dreams will honor Fernando De Necochea for his many years of leadership in the greater Los Angeles community and his lifetime dedication to higher education and public and community service that foster a more inclusive society.

provide unbiased, client-centered, community-based advice. This is just one way Haydel Biel & Associates brings together diverse people in a social setting to support community-based organizations while spending time with old friends and making new ones.

"Haydel Biel & Associates believes in supporting grass-roots organizations, such as the Academy of Special Dreams Foundation, that strive for a more inclusive society by promoting and showcasing artists with disabilities," said Ricky Biel, principal. "Similarly, our honoree is a tireless advocate who has devoted his life toward the inclusion of Latinos into the fabric of the greater Los Angeles community. We are pleased to host this Dia de los Muertos event not only to give back to our community but also to remember our loved ones who still touch our lives every day."

For more information, phone 626-529-8347, or e-mail [Specialacademy@gmail.com](mailto:Specialacademy@gmail.com).

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## Arts and crafts vendors wanted for Christmas boutique

St. Thomas More Church, Alhambra, is seeking arts and crafts vendors for its Christmas boutique, which will take place 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11.

To reserve a table space and for more information, contact Lucia at the rectory: 626-284-8333, Ext.141.