

## Wayne Warner to receive Distinguished Alumna Award at CSULA's Alumni Awards Gala

Wayne A. Warner is the recipient of the Outstanding Senior Student Award. He will be graduating with honors from Cal State L.A. in 2013 with dual Bachelor of Science degrees in Biochemistry and Microbiology.

While at Cal State L.A., Wayne has been the recipient of numerous academic achievement awards including two fellowships under the National Institutes of Health-funded Minority Opportunities in Research programs. Recently, he was selected as a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar and was awarded the U.S. Department of Homeland Bio-Security Scholarship for his contribution to the elucidation of the phenotypic and molecular characteristics of the multi-drug-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* bacteria, which is responsible for significant infections among injured soldiers in the Middle East

conflicts.

Wayne's stellar academic achievements have been recognized by the Biochemistry department, where he has been awarded the Glen Chung Biochemistry Award, the Hoyland Ricks Award, the Richard Perrigan Biochemistry Award and the Grifol's Biochemistry Scholarship. He has also received the CSULA Alumni Association Scholarship and is on the Dean's List.

Wayne authored several published scientific papers. In collaboration with Gail Washington from the School of Nursing, he is the first author of a paper titled, "The Role of Effective Communication in Reducing Health



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Care Disparities" in The Journal for Nurse Practitioners published in July 2011. Working in the biochemistry research lab of Jamil Momand, he is the first author of a research paper titled "Identification of FDA-approved Drugs that Computationally Bind to MDM2" in the journal Chemical Biology & Drug Design published in July 2012. As the

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"We burst with pride when we see how funds raised support our outreach efforts such as the Mentoring Generations Program, the Young Docent High School Intern Program and the Busses and Docents Program which provides transportation services for Title I schools that otherwise could not afford a field trip to CCAM."

The California African American Museum opened its doors during the 1984 Olympics after being housed in Temporary quarters at the California Museum of Science and Industry for seven years.

Current exhibits and programs being offered at the Museum are: Shared Thread/CAAM's Courtyard; African American Military Portraits from the American Civil War; Selected Images from the Library of Congress Collections; The Legacy of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company; More Than A Business; Go Tell It On The Mountain.

For current exhibitions dates and descriptions you may contact the museum at (213) 744-2060 or visit the museum's website at [www.caam-museum.org](http://www.caam-museum.org).

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without!"

The mother of five sons, Person-Lynn has also finished writing a children's book, entitled "Penny and the Popsicle." "It's about teaching responsibility to children who babysit their siblings," she said.

As for "Sunday Morning Live," Person-Lynn is planning to create a channel on YouTube that will feature each interview from the show. "I'm excited about it because it will enable audiences to see 'Sunday Morning Live' interviews 24 hours a day," Person-Lynn said. To contact "Sunday Morning Live," access [www.SundayMorningLive.net](http://www.SundayMorningLive.net) or call (619) 996-1674.

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first author, his research findings in the microbiology lab of Howard Xu were submitted to the Journal of Clinical Microbiology for publication. This paper is titled "Phenotypic and Molecular Characterization of *Acinetobacter baumannii* Clinical Outbreak Isolates from Los Angeles County Hospitals".

Wayne has participated in research outside of Cal State L.A. and credits his mentor, Momand, and the MORE programs for helping make this

possible. For two summers, Wayne participated in cancer research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Wayne has been accepted by Harvard Medical School to spend 10 weeks next summer looking at the role of the PI3K pathway in cancer and ways to therapeutically reduce the cancer burden it triggers.

Outside of the classroom and labs, Wayne is the founder of the Biochemistry Journal Club and a volunteer chemistry tutor for the Upward Bound Program. He is also a spokesman for the Los Angeles chapter of the American Cancer Society. Currently, he is self-employed as a chemistry, anatomy, and physiology tutor and enjoys running, writing and bike riding.

Wayne is working to become a cancer physician/scientist after earning M.D./Ph.D. degrees.

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outstanding career is highlighted by becoming the only NFL player to score two safeties in one game.

Dryer retired from the NFL in 1981 and in 1984 landed the leading role in the hit TV series "Hunter." He continues to act,

and has since turned to producing, establishing his own production company.

Dryer is one of thousands of students started their higher education endeavors at El Camino College, leading the way to successful careers in the South Bay and beyond. Students have access to a high-quality, affordable education to transfer to a university or gain employment in areas such as nursing, fire fighting and other first-responder and health care positions.

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behind us, it gets dark earlier, we contemplate and discuss the Presidential election, and gas prices are out of control. Feeling the challenges and enjoying the moments -- the sunrise, the bountiful fruits of summer, the constancy of life.

I'm now preparing for winter -- updating my ecommerce website -- and preparing for a feng shui boutique sale to give thanx in November, in Santa Monica. Stay tuned -- I'd love to meet you either online or in person. In gratitude, Janet Mitsui Brown, [www.thejoyoffengshui.com](http://www.thejoyoffengshui.com)

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