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1999 Graduating Scholars

U. S. Congresswoman Is Commencement Speaker

Congresswoman **Maxine Waters** '71, who earned her B.A. in sociology at Cal State L.A., will deliver the address at the University's fifty-second Commencement Exercises, June 12, 1999. Considered by many to be among the most prominent women in American politics today, Waters has gained a reputation as a fearless and outspoken advocate for women, children, people of color, and poor people. On a whole range of issues—economic development and police brutality, veterans' concerns, and international affairs—Congresswoman Waters can be found on the cutting edge.

Before she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990, Congresswoman Waters already had

attracted national attention for her no-nonsense, no-holds-barred style of politics. During 14 years in the California State Assembly, she rose to the powerful position of Democratic Caucus chair. Early in her Assembly career, she worked on the strategy that helped make Willie Brown Assembly speaker.

Waters was responsible for some of the boldest legislation California has ever seen, including the largest divestment of state pension funds from businesses involved in South Africa and landmark affirmative action legislation that opened up state procurement and contracting opportunities to women-owned and minority-owned businesses. She also created the nation's first statewide child abuse pre-

vention training program, gained passage of a law to prohibit police strip searches for nonviolent misdemeanors, and promoted legislation to prevent toxic chemical catastrophes.

Congresswoman Waters is serving her fourth term in the House of Representatives from California's District 35. She is chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and has served on many congressional committees, including Banking and Financial Services, Judiciary, and Urban Affairs. She serves on the boards of the National Women's Political Caucus, the National Minority AIDS Project, Women for a Meaningful Summit and the National Council of Negro Women and founded the Black Women's Forum.



Maxine Waters '71

Graduate Student Achievement



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. Rosser** will bestow Jackson's doctoral hood as a special part of the Commencement ceremony.

Jackson, who 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. Fotheringham '99
Degree: M.S. in Biology

Biology graduate student **C.J. Fotheringham** 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

Fotheringham wrote with fire ecologist Jon Keeley, currently of the U.S. Geological Survey and Fotheringham's former adviser at Occidental College. The article appears in the June 11 issue.

This is the second article by Keeley and Fotheringham 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 Southland'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 Fotheringham.

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

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

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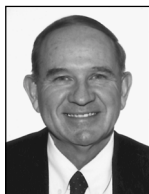
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Letters from Alumni

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 superfantastic university: studying under wonderful professors...becoming the Out-standing Pledge of Alpha Gamma Omega—a Christian men's service 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. involvement in Vietnam...representing the Political Science Dept. in an annual Model U.N. conference ...thoroughly enjoying meeting and making friends with... professors, students and administrators.

—**William Daugherty '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 Daugherty '83, to "brighten some reading hearts." Although it's clear that he contributed much as a student, Bill says he began to give back to the University as an alumnus in 1987, when he donated much-needed hurdles to the athletics program. He notes that he valued the advanced tennis education 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)

Alumni Awards Gala Sets New Standards in Elegance

On May 18, 1999, following a reception in the Luckman Art Gallery 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 alumnus/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 '96** distinguished this year's ceremony at the Luckman Theatre.

Head deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County **Stephen L. Cooley '70** was honored as Cal State L.A.'s **Outstanding Alumnus**. **Larry L. Adamson '74**, president and CAO of The Midnight Mission, received the **Alumni Award of Merit**. **Judith L. Papenhausen '71, '72**, chair of Cal State L.A.'s Nursing Department, was the first-ever **Distinguished Faculty Alumna**.

The **Distinguished Alumni Awards** were presented to one graduate of each of the University's six schools: Pulitzer Prize-winning editor and journalism educator **Stan Abbott '65** (Arts and Letters); **A. Sami Siddiqui '76**, president, Citicorp Credit Services, Inc. (Business and Economics); **Bernard J. Luskin '61**, president and CEO, Global Learning Systems (Education); **Pervaiz Lodhie '71**, founder and president, LEDtronics, Inc. (Engineering and Technology); **Manuel A. Mollinedo '70, '73, '77**, zoo director, Los Angeles Zoo (Health and Human Services); and **Gerard J. Libaridian '69**, senior research fellow, EastWest Institute and senior consultant, IREX (Natural and Social Sciences).

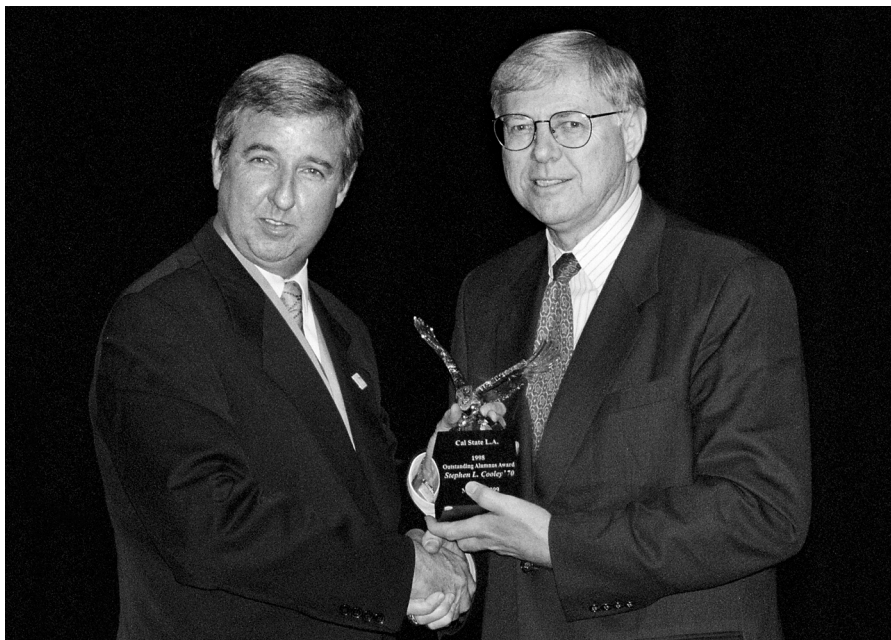
The Alumni Association honored two students: **Louise Ghandhi '99** (Outstanding Senior) and **Diane Millett Lewis '99** (Outstanding Graduate Student).

The Alumni Association is grateful to the following sponsors of the Alumni Awards Gala: **V.I.P. Reception**—First USA; **Golden Benefactors**—Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, John F. Marshall, Mattel, Inc., School of Business and Economics, School of Health and Human Services; **Eagle Sponsors**—Automobile Club of Southern California, Steve Cooley for D.A., School of Arts and Letters, School of Engineering and Technology, School of Natural and Social Sciences, University-Student Union, and Western Badge and Trophy.

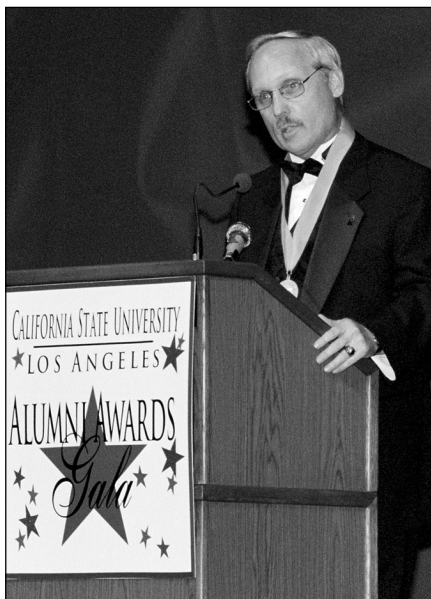
*In 1973, the Alumni Association presented its first Outstanding Alumnus Award by honoring novelist **Joseph Wambaugh '60, '68**. Other award recipients have included **William Anton '52, '54**, former LAUSD superintendent; Congresswomen **Maxine Waters '71** and **Lucille Roybal-Allard '65**; former LAPD deputy chief of police **Mark Kroeker '70**, Los Angeles County supervisor **Michael D. Antonovich '63, '67**; and **David R. Barclay '61**, retired vice president of Workforce Diversity, Hughes.*

Stephen L. Cooley '70 1998 Outstanding Alumnus Award

The walls behind head deputy district attorney **Stephen L. Cooley's** desk attest that many have paid him thanks—civic organizations, his law school, police departments, even the FBI.



(l.-r.) Stephen L. Cooley '70 receives Outstanding Alumnus Award from former Outstanding Alumnus Michael D. Antonovich '63, '67.



Larry Adamson '74

A prosecutor for 25 years, Cooley was recently featured in a highly positive story by the newsmagazine *20/20* for his office's crackdown on people living rich off welfare.

But on May 18, Cooley received what he calls his most prestigious award, "the culmination of all these smaller things well done."

Cooley was presented Cal State L.A.'s **Outstanding Alumnus Award** by his friend and colleague, L.A. County Supervisor **Michael D. Antonovich '63, '67**.

"It's a special honor because you have to be a decent person to even be in the running for this award—you've got to do something for the community. You can't just be good at your job," said Cooley. "And it was at Cal State L.A. that I first experienced the joys of public service."

As student body president in 1969, Cooley led a successful campaign against converting back to the semester system because he perceived that the quarter system better fit the needs of the Cal State L.A. students he represented.

"It was about keeping a system that was beneficial to the working class, part-time students going to Cal State L.A. at the time," said Cooley. For his efforts, he received a campus commendation.

Cooley says his experience at Cal State L.A. made him a better person. USC Law School gave him the "ticket" to become an attorney, but Cal State L.A. "was more significant in my development as a human being," said Cooley.

As a deputy district attorney, he has participated in "Diversity on the Bench" forums and programs, encouraging and counseling attorneys of different backgrounds so they could pursue judgeships.



Judith L. Papenhausen '71, '72

Cal State L.A. alumnus and fellow head deputy district attorney **Curtis A. Hazell '70**, recalls Cooley's college days.

"Steve was a leader who engendered loyalty," said Hazell. "Students naturally rallied behind him, especially because the times were so intense back then."

In fact, bonds Cooley first forged at Cal State L.A. have lasted throughout his professional and personal life. Hazell remains one of his best friends; his accountant, **Steve Tyre '72**, was a Cal State L.A. buddy; he and Antonovich remain close. One of Cooley's top investigators, Lt. **Denise Dube '73**, also featured in the *20/20* piece, graduated from Cal State L.A.

Cooley made the point at the Alumni Gala by including among his guests people with whom he's worked—judges, high ranking police officers, attorneys and other government officials who graduated from Cal State L.A.

"I wanted to show how important Cal State L.A. has been to L.A. County by pointing to these people in the audience," said Cooley. "Cal State L.A. has really provided the muscle, heart and guts of a lot of institutions in this city's government."

Larry Adamson '74 1998 Alumni Award of Merit

From his office on the tough streets of downtown L.A.'s "Skid Row," **Larry Adamson** ministers to a human-run engine that feeds the city's homeless 591,403 times a year.

The Cal State L.A. graduate and Alumni Association past president works only blocks away from what he calls "the hub of madness," which, at night, becomes a cardboard encampment of broken lives. Adamson's awesome responsibility is to help put some of the pieces together.

Adamson is president and CAO of the Midnight Mission, a facility that has fed, bathed, clothed and tried to set people on the right path since 1914. During the Great Depression, it was designated Federal Relief Station #1.

For his work here and at Cal State L.A., Adamson received the **Alumni Award of Merit**.

"I've had self-fulfillment, but to see others acknowledge that my work has been beneficial is truly special," said Adamson. "I learned a lot about people at Cal State L.A. You see a world where people are killing each other over differences, and then you look at this campus, where people of diverse ethnicities and ages come together. This had a huge impact on my life."

Adamson was a vice president of the Automobile Club of Southern California—the largest AAA affiliate in the United States—when Auto Club president and CEO **Tom McKernan '81, '85**, also a past Alumni Association president and Distinguished Alumnus, encouraged Adamson to become involved. "It ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made" said Adamson of his affiliation with his Alumni Association.

Since 1991, Adamson has been instrumental in the tremendous growth of the Alumni Association and helped to develop its first strategic plan.

Starting in July, Adamson will take on added volunteer responsibility. In addition to his continuing leadership with the CSULA Alumni Association, he will serve as president of the CSU Alumni Council, representing the more than two million CSU alumni from the system's 23 campuses.

Judith L. Papenhausen '71, '72 Chair, Department of Nursing Cal State L.A. Distinguished Faculty Alumna Award

Following completion of her A.D.N. at Fullerton College in 1963, **Judith L. Papenhausen** graduated from CSULA with a B.S. in Nursing in 1971 and an M.S. in Nursing in 1972, both with high honors. She completed predoctoral work at USC before completing her Ph.D. in Nursing at The University of Texas at Austin in 1995.

Papenhausen entered Cal State L.A. with nine years of clinical experience as an O.R. staff nurse, charge nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit, head nurse in the Coronary Care Unit and inservice instructor in Critical Care Nursing at Whittier, Palm Harbor and St. Joseph's Hospitals. Immediately following the awarding of her master's degree at Cal State L.A., Papenhausen was hired by the University as an assistant professor, attained associate professor status in 1977 and professor status in 1982.

Papenhausen has been chair of the Nursing Department since 1996, after serving as acting chair and in numerous other capacities. She has led her department to successful accreditation with the Board of Registered Nursing and is preparing for accreditation by the National League of Nursing.

She was the co-founding editor of *Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Professional Nursing*, which has more than 3,000 subscribers. Currently president-elect of the California Association of Colleges of Nursing, Papenhausen serves as an advisory board member to the Departments of Nursing at Los Angeles Trade Technical College and Compton Community College. Recently, she was selected as faculty representative to the CSULA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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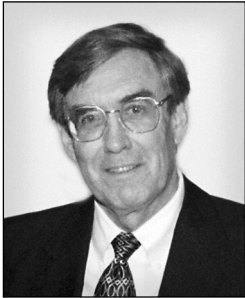
Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Awards

Stan Abbott '65

**Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper editor and journalism educator
School of Arts and Letters**

As a student **Stan Abbott** (B.A., Government) was editor of the *College Times* (now the *University Times*) and went on to earn an M.A. in Journalism at the University of Missouri. Between his two educational degrees, Abbott built an inspiring journalism career. Following graduation from Cal State L.A., he rose from reporter to feature writer, sports editor, Sunday editor, 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.

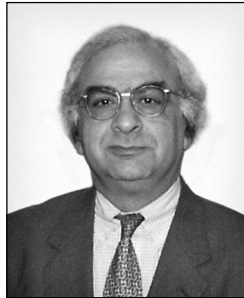
Abbott served as president of the Alaska Press Association, was a correspondent for *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated*, news service editor of the McClatchy Newspapers and city editor of the *Columbia Missourian*. He has taught at the University of Missouri in the School of Journalism, one of the nation's top journalism programs



Gerard J. Libaridian '69, senior research fellow,
EastWest Institute, and senior consultant, IREX
School of Natural and Social Sciences

Gerard J. Libaridian graduated *cum laude* from Cal State L.A. (B.A., History) while working the graveyard shift in a wire factory. He received his M.A. and a Ph.D. in Armenian Studies at UCLA. In Boston, he co-founded and directed the Zoryan Institute to gather, analyze and make public a wide range of primary documentation on Armenian history.

At that time, he was called to the newly-created Republic of Armenia to support the work of the new democratic Parliament. He was named senior adviser to the president of the Armenian Republic and was simultaneously appointed extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador and ambassador-at-large. During this period, he served as a prominent negotiator for the Armenian state, most notably working with Azerbaijan on the disputed district of Nagorno Karabakh, negotiating a permanent cease fire that is still in force today.



Outstanding Student Awards

Diane Millett Lewis '99

Outstanding Graduate Student

Diane Millett Lewis earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, with a major 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, olfaction 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.

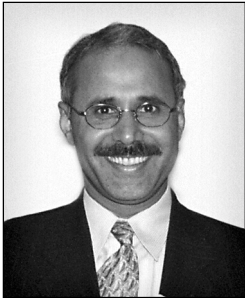
Lewis is a former treasurer of the campus chapter of Psi Chi, the national psychology honor society, and has been employed as a consultant at the University Writing Center. In addition to tutoring, Lewis conducts staff training, incorporating a tutoring model directed toward improving students' writing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



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

A. Sami Siddiqui (B.S., Math Analysis) 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 AT&T Universal Card's 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 Provident Bancorp, 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.

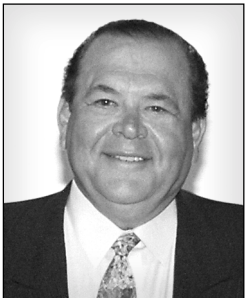


Bernard Luskin '61, president and CEO,
Global Learning Systems
Charter School of Education

At graduation, **Bernard J. Luskin** (B.A., Business Education) was the recipient of the National Business Education and United Business Education awards as Outstanding Graduating Senior. He received his M.B.A. from CSU Long Beach and his Ph.D. in Educational Technology from UCLA. Luskin's new company, Global Learning Systems, is dedicated to media communication in education and training.

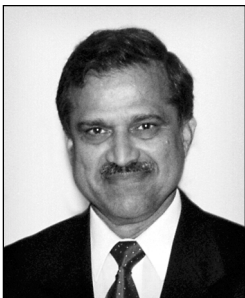
Luskin was founder and president of several colleges and universities and was the first person in the nation to place computers in a community college. As executive vice president for educational programming at KOCE-TV in Orange County, he received two Emmy awards.

Luskin is the author of the best selling *Data Processing for Decision-Making*, one of the most widely used college texts on information systems. He served as the chair of the Programs and Policies Committee of the California Postsecondary Education Commission and was a congressional appointee to the Science Education Committee of the National Science Foundation. At Cal State L.A., he is working with faculty members to strengthen teacher preparation and faculty professional development programs. He serves as an adviser to the CSU Chancellor in distance learning and instructional technology.



Pervaiz Lodhie '71, founder and president, LEDtronics, Inc.
School of Engineering and Technology

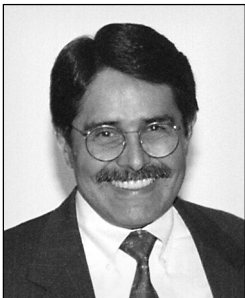
As a student, **Pervaiz Lodhie** (B.S., Mechanical Engineering) interned with FMC Corporation, where he went to work full time after graduation. In 1973, Lodhie co-founded Data Display Products and, in a garage in Torrance in 1983, he started LEDtronics—a company that has grown from a two-person manufacturing organization into one of the world's leading suppliers of innovative LED lamps, clusters and arrays. LEDtronics' clientele currently include 70 percent of the Fortune 500 list. Lodhie attributes the success of LEDtronics to its vigorous research and development. As a result, the United States Small Business Administration honored him with the 1992 Administrator's Award for Excellence. Lodhie has recently agreed to serve as a member of the Cal State L.A. School of Engineering and Technology Advisory Board.



Manuel A. Mollinedo '70, '73, '77, zoo director,
Los Angeles Zoo
School of Health and Human Services

Manuel A. Mollinedo (B.S., Recreation Administration, B.A., Anthropology, M.S., Recreation Administration) is widely recognized for the recent turnaround and reaccreditation of the Los Angeles Zoo. He earned his Master of Public Administration degree at USC in 1983. Mollinedo served with the County's Department of Parks and Recreation, the LAUSD Youth Services Division and the City of Alhambra. In 1983, he was superintendent of Parks and Recreation, City of Long Beach. He later directed the Chula Vista and Austin, Texas Parks and Recreation Departments. In 1992, he returned to the City of Los Angeles as assistant general manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

In 1995, the City of Los Angeles feared that the Zoo would lose its accreditation because of mounting problems. It was Mollinedo's outstanding leadership and knowledge of city politics that made the accreditation team note the remarkable turnaround one year after threatening accreditation withdrawal.



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 "reentry" student—transferred to Cal State L.A. from the University of Montreal 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, Sorab, 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, select, 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.

"My specialty is cultural and historical geography," Ghandhi explained, when asked about her career goals. "But geography is really a physical science, and there are many career possibilities—in the area of geographical information systems, for instance. I'd love 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."



1998 CSULA Alumni Scholarship recipients (l-r): Tyler N. Huynh '00, Business Administration; Charlene Vu '00, Nursing; Jesus Gomez '00, Psychology; Shanika Blanton '00, Psychology; Pankit Doshi '99, Political Science; Mark Gordon '99, Anthropology; Christopher Gonong '00, Electrical Engineering; Jemima Galiano '99, Child Development; Marisela Salazar '99, English; Susan Ngo '01, Business Administration; Haley Leung '99, Psychology. Not pictured: Veronica Hernandez '00, Child Development; Sonia (Hoa) Ngu '00, Psychology; Daniel Santos '99, Sociology; Robert Velasquez '99, Business Administration—Accounting.

WOW! (1999 was a Big Year for Student Honors)

Students Take First Place in Mini Baja West for Third Time in Four Years



Continuing its exceptional achievement in competitive engineering contests, Cal State L.A.'s car #38 placed first overall at the **Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International 1999 Mini Baja West** competition for the third time since 1996. The all-terrain vehicle outperformed 60 other teams representing half of the United States. Kansas State University hosted the three-day event.

The Cal State L.A. car also won two additional first place and one second place awards. It finished ahead of vehicles from Rochester Institute of Technology (5th), University of Michigan (43rd), Washington State University (11th), and every other competing CSU campus (Cal Poly SLO, CSU Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona and CSU Fullerton) plus UC Santa Barbara (52nd).

Systemwide Student Research Competition Recognition

Daniel Santos (Sociology undergraduate) and **Julie Seguin** (graduate student—Special Education joint doctoral program) each won second-place honors in their categories at the 13th Annual **CSU Student Research Competition** held in May on the CSU Bakersfield campus. The size and format of the CSU competition makes it unique in higher education.

The Cal State L.A. entries were chosen following a campus Symposium of Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity in March.

Santos' prize-winning paper, "Cyber Racism: Another Look at Today's Racism," was entered in the Behavioral and Social Science category. Seguin's paper, "Transition Issues of Individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome vs. Down Syndrome," was entered in the Education category.

Pi Sigma Epsilon Marketing Awards

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 co-educational 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 Murat 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.

News Flash:

Luckman Announces Resident Theater Company

A Noise Within, Southern California's acclaimed classical repertory company, has entered into a long-term relationship with Cal State L.A.'s **Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex**, to become Company-in-Residence beginning with the 1999-2000 season. In the eight years since its inception, **A Noise Within** has proven to be one of the fastest-growing theater companies in Southern California history.

By this move, the Luckman becomes host to the only classical repertory company based in an academic setting in America. The proposed schedule allows the Luckman to continue its varied selection of performing arts events throughout its annual season, while providing an unusually wide range of Luckman season attractions.

Future Journalists Win Top Honors

Cal State L.A. students **Edgar Zuniga**, **Ina Chang**, **Darren Brown** (current editor-in-chief of the *University Times*), **Mary Montoro** and **Amy Dam** (a former editor-in-chief) were recently selected by **The Freedom Forum** as **Chips Quinn Scholars**.

Each student receives a \$1,000 scholarship and a paid internship at a major newspaper: Zuniga's internship will be at the *Wichita Eagle*, a Knight-Ridder newspaper, in Kansas; Chang's will be at the *Oakland Tribune*; Brown's will be in the business section of the *Contra Costa Times* in the Bay Area, where he interned as a Chips Quinn Scholar this past fall; Dam and Montoro will intern at newspapers in the Bay Area.

All three follow in the steps of English majors **Hector Becerra** and **Irma Lemus**, two former editors-in-chief of the *University Times* who were Chips Quinn Scholars, Becerra at the *Nashville Tennessean* and Lemus at the *San Francisco Examiner*. In additionally, Becerra was recently accepted in the prestigious *Los Angeles Times* METPRO internship program and will receive intensive, two-year training intended to prepare reporters to join the staffs of metropolitan newspapers. Last year, Becerra interned for three quarters at the *Los Angeles Times*. Among his stories were two front-page articles, including a Column One on Latino and Asian elder care.

The Freedom Forum is a nonpartisan, international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The foundation pursues its priorities through conferences, educational activities, publishing, broadcasting, online services, fellowships, partnerships, training, research and other programs.



(L.-r.) Mary Montoro, Amy Dam, Darren Brown, Edgar Zuniga and Hector Becerra

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.

Martin's achievements also brought her top recognition in the Cal State L.A. chapter's annual award ceremony; chemistry senior **Uyen Thien "Sam" Truong** was a runner-up for the chapter's award.

The awards were announced in May at the University's Phi Kappa Phi national honor society awards banquet, where more than 100 of Cal State L.A.'s top students were inducted into the University's chapter.

Graduating this year with MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test) scores that her professors called "phenomenal," Martin has been accepted by medical schools at Harvard, UCLA, USC, UC San Diego and Stanford, among others. Truong, a chemistry major, has been accepted to Ph.D. programs at Caltech and USC.

Two academically outstanding freshmen—both participants in the University's Early Entrance Program—were selected by the Cal State L.A. chapter to receive \$200 awards each. Thirteen-year-old music major **Vanessa Sheldon**, who has a 3.89 GPA, and 15-year-old political science major **Yang "Kelly" Yang**, a published author with a 3.94 GPA, were co-recipients of the Cal State L.A. Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Freshman Award.

Each year, a limited number of outstanding students are invited to become members of Phi Kappa Phi, the largest academic honor society in the nation open to students in all academic disciplines.



(l-r) **Cal State L.A.**: Carl Selkin, dean, Arts and Letters; Clif Harper, executive director, Luckman Complex; Margaret J. Hartman, provost and vice president. **A Noise Within**: Geoff Elliot, Julia Rodriguez Elliot, and Art Manke, co-artistic directors.

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Many Cal State L.A. students have been helped on their paths to success by the generosity of donors who provide scholarships. Annually, more than one million dollars in scholarships, grants, internships and other aid make the difference for thousands of our University’s students who otherwise might not be able to realize their goals. Among those that provide support for such aid are foundations, corporations and many individuals, all of which have “invested” in Cal State L.A.

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 Ordoñez** ’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.”

Making Dreams Possible...

Michael Munda ’92

Michael Munda, real estate manager, UCLA law school grad and Internet entrepreneur, represents a rarity in academic philanthropy: a twenty-something donor.

Only 29 years old, Munda earned his B.A. in political science at Cal State L.A. seven years ago and then obtained his law degree.

He has since devoted his time entirely to his highly successful Internet mall business, in which he is a partner with business titans IBM and Microsoft.

Munda’s success allowed him to donate money to many worthy causes, including Cal State L.A. scholarships, at the tender age of 28.

“There are so many resources at Cal State L.A. if people just open their eyes,” said Munda, who credits Cal State L.A. for helping him develop essential people skills.

Munda also has fond memories of his student days. “I worked hard and had a great time at Cal State L.A. It really taught me how to think and communicate,” said Munda.



Larry Chu ’73

Because the physics department gave him a job as a graduate assistant when he was struggling to stay financially afloat, **Larry Chu** ’73 has given back to the department, to the University and to its students.

For the better part of 20 years, Chu, who teaches part -time in Cal State L.A.’s Physics and Astronomy Department, has donated part of his paycheck to the University for student scholarships. Because he had it rough when he was a college student, Chu wants to help current Cal State L.A. students to focus on academics.

A native of Hong Kong who went to high school in Australia, Chu has “gone through all kinds of hardships” to become successful. “I was one of those struggling students once,” said Chu, who works for the Honda Foundation. Increasing the value of Chu’s donations, the Honda Foundation has matched some of his scholarship gifts to Cal State L.A.

Chu’s rewards come from the successes of the students who have received the scholarships he has funded. And the students keep in touch: “Students send me Christmas cards, birthday notes and other greetings throughout the year,” says Chu. “That is my satisfaction...”

Carol Smallenberg

Emerita Professor of Education, 1950-1985

“Cal State L.A. students have always worked hard and had busy lives with family responsibilities,” said **Carol Smallenberg**, educator to thousands of students at Cal State L.A.

The daughter of a teacher, Smallenberg always identified more with her Cal State L.A. students than with her peers at Stanford University from which she graduated in 1948.

“[Students] at Cal State L.A. came from the same group I came from. They became student body presidents and got a co-curricular education of a very special sort they wouldn’t have received at other universities, where social status weighed heavily.”

The numerous scholarships Smallenberg has funded span the relationships she has made at Cal State L.A. and elsewhere. She established a scholarship for her late husband, **Harry Smallenberg**, and one of her students, **Zoe Parola**. Through a scholarship, she paid tribute to **Florence Bonhard**, the late chair of Cal State L.A.’s language department, and she has helped raise funds for a scholarship in honor of late public affairs director emeritus **William E. Lloyd**.

Now in her eighties, Smallenberg is active in the Emeriti Association, which often brings her to campus. She still climbs “Cardiac Hill” and enjoys seeing the students: “I like climbing Cardiac Hill and stopping while the young students pass by,” said Smallenberg.



Gloria Ramirez Santillan ’74

Alma mater means “spiritual mother.” The late **Gloria Ramirez Santillan** ’74, had two “spiritual mothers”: Anita Ramirez, her beloved mother, who inspired Santillan’s positive outlook in life, even throughout Gloria’s battle with cancer, and Cal State L.A., which helped her find the tools to perform her life’s labor-fighting for the betterment of her community.

Santillan, who received her degree in Mexican American Studies, was heavily involved in the early days of the Chicano movement in the ’60s. She was active in Latino politics, especially with issues that affected farm workers in California.

With the community in mind, Santillan made provisions in her will that scholarship money be provided for students at Cal State L.A. and Sacred Heart of Jesus, her elementary school alma mater. “She loved Cal State L.A. It was extremely important for Gloria to be part of her community, and Cal State L.A. was part of her community,” remembers her brother **Art Figueroa** ’75, an elementary school teacher in Monterey Park and a Cal State L.A. graduate.

As her family sat at her bedside, Santillan announced that she wanted her funeral procession to travel down Whittier Boulevard so she could “march one last time through the neighborhood.”

Figueroa said that everyone laughed, and the grief they felt over Santillan’s illness, for a while at least, dissipated.

On May 19, representing Gloria Santillan’s spirit of community support, Santillan’s mother and brothers attended the luncheon held in honor of those who have given scholarship support to Cal State L.A.

Fulfilling a Dream...

Patricia Ordoñez

Degree: B.S. in Biology

As a freshman at Cal State L.A. and first generation college student, **Patricia Ordoñez** was troubled by something she saw when she visited city high schools for the Cal State L.A. ACCESS Center program, where she now works: girls were being discouraged from going to college by parents who themselves were deprived of schooling in their native countries.

Ordoñez, 22, decided that speaking in front of 500 students wasn’t enough. Fluent in Spanish, Ordoñez spoke directly to parents—particularly fathers—to convince them of the importance of higher education in their daughters’ lives.

“It’s tough for first generation college students, especially girls,” said Ordoñez. “It was easy for me to get along with the parents, to tell them that college wasn’t about partying and that their daughters really needed to get an education after high school.”

Ordoñez—the daughter of Salvadoran immigrants who fled that war-ravaged country long ago—has consistently maintained a high GPA despite holding down multiple jobs and supporting her mother who was disabled three years ago during a work-related accident.

The biology senior was introduced to Cal State L.A. through a science-based partnership between this campus and Lincoln High School, the University Preparatory Program. “It’s really been like a family for me here at Cal State L.A.,” Ordoñez said. “There’s always someone waiting to help you.”

Ordoñez still performs volunteer work in her community. She plans to go into teaching, save money to go to graduate school and eventually become a medical doctor.

In May, at the University’s luncheon to honor scholarship donors, Patty Ordoñez was the keynote speaker.



ips: Stories of Success

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“The scholarships I have received over the past five years have enabled me to...pursue my education uninterrupted.” Ordoñez 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,” Ordoñez said. “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, Ordoñez 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 Ordoñez who is “stronger, more confident, and...more capable than I was four years ago.”

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



Patricia Ordoñez '99, addresses scholarshp donors, students, faculty and staff at the University's May 19 luncheon to honor scholarship donors.

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 staples of teenage life as winter dances and the prom.

Except this award-winning Early Entrance Program senior, who was reading *TV Guide* 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 a career trajectory that helps other people, whether that means performing reconstructive plastic surgery on accident victims or stumping as a politician for better health care. He will begin his graduate studies at Cal State L.A. in the fall.



Sumanta Pal

Degree: B.S. in Biology

Recently, 17-year-old senior **Sumanta Pal** scored in the national top five percent of students taking 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.”

But, when Pal was only 13 years old, in his first quarter at Cal State L.A., his father died. The aftermath of such a loss resulted in a few first-year G.E. classes in which he didn't get perfect A's. But Pal's father's priorities were clearly his own—at graduation, the standout biology major has achieved higher than a 3.9 GPA.

In 1998, Pal won the honor of presenting his research on the bonding properties of hemoglobin—relevant in the study of illnesses like sickle cell anemia and beta-thalassemia—at the statewide CSU Student Research Symposium. He received a George Smith Memorial Scholarship, the Ron and Nan Okum Scholarship, the Joyce Bourke Scholarship and, last year, the 1997-1998 CSULA Alumni Association Scholarship.

Pal is president of the General Education Honors Program and vice president of the campus' Circle K community service organization.

Pal clearly knows where he's going. He interviewed for medical school at Harvard, Stanford, UCLA and others, and chose UCLA.

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?



Marisela Salazar

Degree: B.A. in English

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 lifeblood 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 A's 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 Colloquy: A Journal of Communication Scholars*. This coming fall, she will begin her studies at Western State University College of Law in Fullerton.



1950s

David Strauss ('52 BS Business Administration-Accounting) is the president of TELE-BIPER De Costa Rica, S.A. David was Associated Student Body vice president, 1951-52 and a member of the Sigma Chi Alpha fraternity and Blue Key national honor society.



Marv Marshall ('56 BA Language Arts, '61 Business Administration) is an international speaker in and for the learning community. He presents seminars on social development and human behavior and has writings published by Phi Delta Kappa, *Education Week*, National Association of Secondary School Principals, California Teachers Association and the Association of California School Administrators. His seminar, "How to Discipline without Rewards and Punishment," discusses strategies that promote individual and social responsibility. At Cal State L.A., Dr. Marshall was an active member of the ASB, was recognized as Outstanding Male Student, and awarded an honorary life membership in the Alumni Association.



Frank M. Witman ('56 BA English) is co-author of *The Pastor's Survival Guide* and *The Church Administration and Finance Manual* (1998). He serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Claremont School of Theology.



Dominic F. Ruggiero ('57 BS Business Administration-Accounting) owns his own CPA business in Tucson, AZ, where he resides. Dominic was president of his senior class at "L.A. State."

Helen E. Salandra ('58 MA Psychology-Health Science) has received numerous awards during her nursing career, including the 1997 Distinguished Alumnae Award from Cleveland General Hospital and St. Luke's Nurses Alumnae. In 1991,



with her sister Marie, she was co-recipient of the Woman of Achievement Award, Arcadia Branch of the American Association of University Women. She began her career at Cleveland General where she was as a general duty nurse, assistant head nurse, and obstetrical department supervisor. At Pasadena's Huntington Memorial, she has been head nurse in labor and delivery, assistant director of nursing services and medical-clinical instructor. She has also been a school nurse in Los Angeles elementary schools and was supervisor in the nursing office for the LAUSD. In 1985, the eye clinic at the Murchison Street School was named in her honor. She has served as a vice president in the local branch of the AAUW. She retired as the coordinator of the LAUSD school nursing services.

1960s

James R. Hutkin ('61 BS Business Administration) is the owner of Post Net in Fort Collins, CO.

Albert P. Melone ('64 BA '67 MA Political Science) has completed his latest book, *Creating Parliamentary Government: The Transition to Democracy in Bulgaria* in the *Parliaments and Legislatures* series. The book depicts personal accounts of leading politicians involved in the transition to democracy in Bulgaria.

Arnold L. Shugarman ('64 BS Chemistry) received the 1998 UC Irvine Science Education Advisory Award for Outstanding Contributions to Science Education in Orange County. He is president of the Orange County Science & Engineering Fair, a member of the board of the Orange County Science Education Association, and a volunteer with Project Tomorrow, a business-education coalition to improve science education in Orange County. He is principal scientist with 76 Lubricants Company (formerly Unocal) in Santa Ana.

Galen Bessert ('67 BS Engineering-Civil) earned the ANSER Excellence Award for his work on the Headquarters Air Force information architecture planning (IAP) team. A financial management expert, Bessert has worked for ANSER, a public service research institute based in Crystal City, VA, since his retirement as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. The IAP team delivered a strategic informational management plan to modernize the headquarters information management practices and provide faster service to its customers.

Michael James ('69 BA History '77 MA Education) is associate professor of education and associate dean at Connecticut College. He is the co-founder of the Interdistrict School for Art and Communication (ISAAC), one of 12 original charter schools in Connecticut. James is a former member of the Cal State L.A. faculty in the School of Education.

Anne Marie Novinger ('69 BA Biology, '77 MA Health and Safety Studies) is a partner, with her husband **George Novinger** ('59 MA Education), of

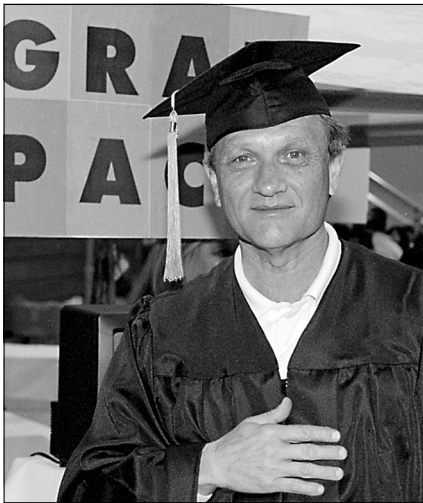
Alumni On the Move . . .

It 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. TODAY*, it was with no casual eye that he read: "Come Back to Campus."

"I thought, 'By golly, I've been wanting to go back to Cal State L.A.'," Bailey, a former art student, remembers.

In a scrapbook, Bailey shows the 'proof' picture he took more than 30 years ago, a Steve McQueen-like face that would have peered out of the yearbook with the rest of the Class of '67 had he not left for the military.



Robert Bailey '67

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, for this accomplished 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 from Portland to Los Angeles for GradFair '99. All this in preparation to participate in—finally—Cal State L.A.'s Commencement Exercises.

In April, he was welcomed on campus by Alumni Executive Director **Randi Moore**, the person who wrote the article that fueled his trip.

"This is great," 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 now they're all grown up."

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** (now emeritus), Bailey had a mentor who took opportunities to introduce him to West Coast artists.

"There isn't a month that goes by that I'm not reminded of something Mac McClain taught me," said Bailey, who has lived in Oregon for more than 20 years.

McClain, in turn, well remembers his former student.

"Bob made one of the most terrific sculptures ever at Cal State L.A. It was a slim piece, three stories high. It was just fantastic," said McClain. 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 either get special permission or avoid the cops," said McClain, chuckling.

During his Spring trip to L.A., Bailey got together with McClain for the first time in 30 years. Meanwhile, at GradFair, Bailey—at long last—got to try on caps and gowns.

"I am so glad I'm here," said Bailey. "My years here were the most fun I've ever had. It was a golden age."

the Apple Shed Restaurant, Bakery and Gift Emporium in Tehachapi, CA. Their specialty is fresh mountain apple dish delights. The couple say they are really enjoying "retirement" and invite the Cal State L.A. family to check out their new venture!

1970s

Bill King ('70 BS Recreation Education) is senior partner at the law firm of Graves & King. As a Cal State L.A. student, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, an ASI officer, and a member of the Blue Key honor society.

George Nakano ('70 BS Mathematics '79 MA Education) was elected to the California State Assembly, 53rd District, on November 4, 1998. He sits on several of the most powerful and prestigious committees in the Assembly: Education, Transportation, Veteran Affairs, International Trade and Development. He will also chair the Budget Subcommittee and the Select Committee on Aerospace.



Marie L. Stone ('71 BA Speech Communication) retired as a major in the United States Army. She purchased a retail nursery in 1994 and incorporated Edwards Garden Art into the nursery in 1995. The business has won the Antelope Valley's Best title every year from 1994 to 1998.

Barbara "Bobbi" Allen ('72 BS Recreation) works for the Department of Leisure Services in Las Vegas, NV. She is as recreation field supervisor and chair of the national Recreation and Park Association. She has been president of the Nevada Recreation and Parks Society.



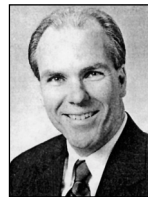
Mary Idella Coleman ('72 BA Sociology) is the program administrator for the Los Angeles Urban League Head Start Preschool and currently teaches child development courses parttime at Los Angeles City College and East Los Angeles College.

John A. Turner ('73 BS Business Administration-Marketing) was appointed director of development for San Francisco Theological Seminary on October 1, 1998. He will be based in Tustin and will be responsible for capital campaigns, endowments, annual giving campaigns and scholarship fund-raising for the seminary at both Northern and Southern California locations. Turner had been a development officer with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation for 10 years.

Michael T. Carre ('76 BS Criminal Justice) was promoted to the position of commander and acting deputy chief of the Orange County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation on January 7, 1999. He has completed 18+ years of service with the Bureau of Investigation.



Craig Curtner ('76 BA Theatre Arts) has been promoted to senior vice president and director of sales and marketing for SAFECO SELECT Insurance Services in Santa Ana, CA. At Cal State L.A., he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and the Blue Key national honor society and received the University's Honorary Life Membership from ASI.



Ann Bradley ('76 BA American Studies, '78 MS Counseling) was appointed deputy director of communications for the Music Center of Los Angeles County. She has coordinated media services for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, the AIDS Service Center in Pasadena and the Los Angeles County Office of Education and was a public affairs manager at Cal State L.A. Her life partner, **Dana Champion** '99, received her BS in Criminal Justice this year.



James B. Griffin ('77 BS Industrial Technology-Printing Management) is a sales agent for Century 21 Realty in Long Beach, CA.



Nanci C. Winston ('77 BA Child Development) is a lead teacher at Altadena Christian Children's Center.

Gary K. Chan ('79 BS Business Administration) is a partner at Chan, Chau & Wang, LLP in Cerritos, CA.

1980s

Winifred Salinas Chabot ('81 BS Business Administration-International Business) is a sales support officer at California Federal Bank.

Daniel W. Kwong ('82 BA Political Science) will be included in the 1999 edition of *Who's Who in Asia and the Pacific Nations*. He has been listed in several *Who's Who* publications, including *Who's Who in American Education*. He was a special guest at the first Convention of Overseas Chinese in Science and Technology, sponsored by the Government of China, and serves as a panel chair.



Bill Daugherty ('83 BA Political Science) is the author of *J.F.K. Assassins-At-Large and their Accomplices* (1997). He was selected for inclusion in the 1999 *Who's Who in America* and was the only U.S. Marine Vietnam veteran guest of honor at a special \$1,000/plate charity dinner given by Bob Hope in 1971. He is married to Cal State L.A. alum **Sopin Cherdchuvitayil Daugherty** ('84 BS Business Administration-Information Systems) and is a proud parent of an only son Matthew (age 7).

Isabel M.N. Hemming ('85 BA Anthropology) obtained her PhD in Anthropology at UCLA in 1997 and is working as a consultant in health issues for the United Nations, World Bank, and other international agencies.

Deborah Meadows ('86 MA English) teaches interdisciplinary courses at California Polytechnic State University, Pomona. Her poetry has been accepted by the literary publications *Generator*, *Colorado Review*, *Chain* and *Rooms*.



Jan Mackay ('87 BA Child Development) has been awarded a Haynes Foundation First Year Fellowship to study the effective management of non-profit organizations as a PhD candidate in the University of Southern California's School of Policy, Planning and Development.

1990s

Jennifer (Choi) Uyeda ('90 BS Criminal Justice) began her career with the Torrance Police Department and, in 1993, won the Medal of Valor for heroism. Uyeda has also received six gold medals in the California Police Olympics in tennis and in the Toughest Cop Alive competitions. She works in the Personnel Department for the Torrance PD in charge of hiring/recruiting new police officers. In February 1999, she was inducted in the Cal State L.A. Athletics Hall of Fame.

Judi A. Kessler ('93 BA Latin American Studies) is a doctoral candidate at UC Santa Barbara and received \$49,000 in grant awards this past July from the National Science Foundation, the Pacific Rim Program, UC-MEXUS, and the UCSB Graduate Division to support her dissertation research on Post-NAFTA Southern California-Mexico Transnational Apparel Production Networks.

Shalandra Baptiste ('95 BS Nursing) is a nurse case manager at Arrowhead Medical Management Service.

Steve Caroulis ('95 Business Administration-Finance) was appointed assistant vice president of special assets at Washington Mutual Bank.



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, **Ona Jones** '71, ushers in a new era of leadership. Ona 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

Reconnect with the Past

If you were involved with a campus organization while at Cal State L.A. and would like to network with current members or be reunited with old friends, please contact your alumni association at (323) 343-4980 or e-mail mubago@cslanet.calstatela.edu.



Model United Nations, an active campus organization.

1990s continued

Levik Yarian ('96 BS Criminal Justice) is a second-year law student at Southwestern University School of Law, where he was an oralist on the Moot Court Team and won awards for First Place Team, First Place Oralist, Second Place Oralist, and Fifth Place Memorial Award at the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, Northwest Regional Rounds.

James Carbone ('97 BA Anthropology) is currently traveling, using his skills and knowledge of photography and anthropology as he experiences different cultures.

Yvette Elva Reyes ('97 BS Criminal Justice) is a deputy sheriff with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



In Memoriam

Russell Irwin Hanson ('66 MA Industrial Arts)—May 15, 1998, in La Verne, at the age of 84. Hanson taught FAA-approved aviation technology courses at Chaffey Community College and at Mount San Antonio College, from which he retired in 1980. He

was a charter member of the California Wing of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers' Association, chartered in June 1957. He had been active in the aviation industry since early 1939, when he and a partner organized "L&H Flyers" to operate at the abandoned airport in Fergus Falls, MN.

Edward Arnold Love ('66 BA, '67 MA Art)—March 1999, in Florida, at 62. An artist and sculptor, Love became nationally recognized with his 1976 one-man show at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. His metal sculpture is included in many prestigious collections, including those at the High Museum in Atlanta and at Yale University. Love has been referred to as "a towering figure" in art; his work has been featured in major publication such as *Art in America*, *The New York Times*, *Village Voice*, *Washington Post*, *the Los Angeles Times*, *the Atlanta Journal/Constitution*, and on National Public Radio. He was the subject of an Emmy-nominated public television documentary. Love had been director of the sculpture program at Howard University, 1968 to 1987, and founding dean of the visual arts division of the New World School of the Arts, Miami, 1987 to 1990. Since 1990, Love was professor of art and director of undergraduate studies at the Florida State University in Tallahassee. The recipient of numerous awards, he received Cal State L.A.'s Distinguished Alumnus Award (School of Arts and Letters) in 1991.



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Golf Tournament Raises \$48,000 for Scholarships

With the help of title sponsors Michelob and Pepsi, and major sponsors, which included the University Bookstore, University Auxiliary Services, Inc. and the University-Student Union, the **XX Annual Golden Eagle Golf Tournament** raised more than \$48,000 for the Athletics Scholarship Fund. Held on May 10 at the Via Verde Country Club, the tournament was sold out for the sixth consecutive year, with 160 golfers and 200 dinner guests. The tournament featured 34 "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.

On the course, the foursome of **Josh Buzan, Rod Faurot, Todd Hummer**, and **Jim Jacobs** captured the men's title, while the foursome of **Lee Maldoon, Chris Maldoon, Sharron Erdhaus**, and **John Erdhaus** won the mixed division crown.



(L.-r.) Josh Buzan, Rod Faurot, Todd Hummer. (Not pictured Jim Jacobs).



(L.-r.) Lee Maldoon, Chris Maldoon, Sharron Erdhaus and John Erdhaus.

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 Transamerica Building in downtown Los Angeles. To be eligible, a former student-athlete must have demonstrated outstanding achievement in at least one sport and must have been a member of a class that graduated from Cal State L.A. at least five years ago. Nominees 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 and must have made a significant contribution 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 athletic 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) competed 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 continues to implement an academic support system, coordinated by the athletics academic advisor **Ruben Quintero**, professor of English. The program's success is evident: 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 higher.
- 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.
- September 28, 1998** – Sophomore outside hitter **Kasey Jungwirth** was chosen as the California Collegiate Athletic Association's (CCAA) Volleyball Player of the Week. Jungwirth helped the Golden Eagles to a 3-1 win over then-ranked No. 21 UC Riverside with a .370 (22-2-54) hitting percentage.
- October 12, 1998** – Sophomore forward **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 Arana** garnered CCAA Men's Soccer Player-of-the-Week honors. In a 3-2 double overtime win over San Francisco State, Arana recorded a hat-trick. He also added an assist in a 3-1 win over Sonoma State.
- October 24, 1998** – The men's and women's cross country teams advanced to the NCAA West Regionals where the women finished 8th and the men finished 7th. The women's team was led by sophomore **Shaela Luter**, who ranked 24th out of 111 runners (23:43 – 6,000 meters), while the men were led by junior **Jim Maynard** who ranked 14th out of 100 runners (32:59 – 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 Bernardino, Saucedo registered 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: **Kristy Contreras** and **Maria Rico**. Two Golden Eagle men's soccer players were named to the All-CCAA Second Team: **Victor Arana** and **Walter Buckeridge**.

- November 8, 1998** – Athletics was proud to host "**A Legend and Her Friends, Billie Jean King Day**." Twenty-time Wimbledon champion, alumna **Billie Jean King** (att. '61-'64), generously donated her time to help raise funds for student-athlete scholarships. Activities 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 Huntington Hotel. The event raised more than \$50,000 for scholarships. Billie Jean has committed to at least two more fund-raisers with the next event slated for October 3, 1999.
- November 14, 1998** – The women's volleyball team concluded its season with an impressive second-place 18-4 conference record and a 24-7 overall mark.
- November 21, 1998** – The CCAA announced its all-league volleyball teams, and four Golden Eagles received recognition: First Team – **Linda Saucedo**; Second Team – **Monica Salcedo** and **Myetsha Coffey**; and Honorable Mention – **Kasey Jungwirth**. Linda Saucedo ended her 1998 campaign by earning All-Pacific Region honors.
- November 25, 1998** – Golden Eagle volleyball standout **Kasey Jungwirth** earned GTE Academic All-District VIII honors with an overall 3.88 GPA.
- February 8, 1999** – Senior guard **Tracson McLeod** earned Rawlings CCAA Men's Basketball Player-of-the-Week kudos. Against the defending national champions and then-ranked No. 4 UC Davis Aggies, McLeod scored a game-high 19 points, helping the Golden Eagles achieve a 67-65 overtime win.
- February 24, 1999** – Three new members were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. Honorees included: **Bill Mallory**, a three-year letterwinner (1972-75) in men's basketball; **Abdom Piñon**, a four-year letterwinner (1988-91) in baseball; and **Jennifer Uyeda**, a four-year letterwinner in women's tennis (1986-90).
- February 26, 1999** – The Golden Eagle men's and women's basketball teams were the featured attractions at the University's Pep Rally, held in conjunction with Mardi Gras.

- February 27, 1999** – The DIA unveiled its national and conference championship banners at the Homecoming basketball games, with special guests, movie star and alum **Billy Barty** and the school's first-ever (1948-49) men's basketball team.
- March 6, 1999** – The Cal State L.A. women's track and field team finished 9th at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Winning the national title in the long jump was Golden Eagle sophomore **Nicole Duncan** with an effort of 19-10.75. She also collected All-American honors, finishing 4th in the 55m dash in a time of 7.02 seconds.
- March 8, 1999** – The CCAA announced its all-league men's and women's basketball teams. On the men's side, sophomore guard **Quincy Stinson** received All-CCAA First Team honors, while senior forward **Jerry Espinoza** earned Honorable Mention accolades. On the women's side, junior guard **Jenny Tanaka** and freshman guard **Kelli Kobayashi** each garnered Honorable Mention honors. Quincy Stinson added to his honors by being named to the Daktronics All-West Region First Team.
- April 5, 1999** – Freshman third baseman **Jay Caligiuri** was chosen as the CCAA Baseball Player-of-the-Week. In four games, he hit .846 (11-13) with eight runs, two doubles, two home runs and six runs batted in.
- April 26, 1999** – Senior outfielder **Greg Ienni** earned Rawlings CCAA Baseball Player-of-the-Week honors after leading the Golden Eagles to a split with then 11th-ranked Chico State Wildcats, hitting .500 (7-14) with a home run, three doubles, two RBI, and six runs scored.
- May 5, 1999** – Freshman outfielder **John Draper** 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 series versus CS Stanislaus, going a perfect 5-for-5 that included two home runs, two doubles, three runs scored and four RBI in the Cal State L.A. 10-8 win. Brown ended his collegiate career by pitching a 9-inning complete game no-hitter in the series opener against CS Stanislaus. His outstanding performance was only the second no-hitter

in Cal State L.A. history.

- May 6, 1999** – The following baseball student-athletes earned all-conference honors: **Mike Burns, John Draper, Steve Brown, Greg Ienni**, and **Jay Caligiuri**.
- May 10, 1999** – The **XX Annual Michelob/Pepsi Golden Eagle Golf Tournament** raised over \$48,000 for athletics scholarships.
- May 12, 1999** – Junior catcher **Matt Lucas** was named to the GTE Academic All-District 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. Sophomore **Nicole Duncan** won the 200m race in a time of 24.40 seconds. Duncan earned All-American awards at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the 100m and 200m races. Freshman **Tisha Matthews** placed 5th nationally in the 100m hurdles.
- May 18, 1999** – **Greg Ienni** and **John Draper** were named to the American Baseball 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-athletes and their accomplishments.

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Edison International Funds Scholarship Program for Teachers

An agreement was reached earlier this year between **Edison International** and the **CSLA Foundation** to pilot a new scholarship program.

Called **Edison International Teachers for Tomorrow**, the program will make available five student scholarships of \$5,000 each, beginning with the 1999-2000 academic year.

The scholarship program will be managed collaboratively by the Charter School of Education’s Student Services and Student Development Committee, the University’s Financial Aid Office, and the CSLA Foundation.

- Students will be chosen for the scholarship based on the following criteria:
- Be enrolled full time in the single subject, multiple subject or special education teacher credential programs in the Charter School of Education.
 - Have financial need.
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 - Have a grade point average of 3.0 or better.
 - Plan to teach in the Los Angeles area.
 - Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

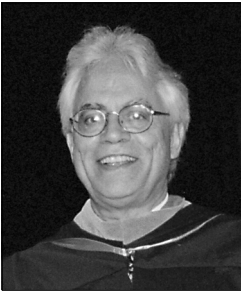
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Honors Students Hear Smithsonian Counsel John Huerta ’65

Cal 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 and started the first Cal State L.A. tutorial program for Latino high school students.



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DAVID BOUBION, JR.

David Boubion, Jr., dean of students at Cal State L.A. from 1971 to 1990, died in May at the age of 71. After serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, he attended East Los Angeles College. Boubion earned a bachelor’s degree at Cal State L.A., a master’s degree in social work at USC and a doctorate at Claremont Graduate School.

In 1976, Boubion was named by Gov. Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown Jr. as one of the first six nonlawyer members of the state Bar of California Board of Governors.

Born in Boyle Heights, Boubion served as Cal State L.A. dean of students from 1971 until his retirement 20 years later. During those decades, he moderated dozens of disputes among groups of students with faculty and administration. He also taught sociology and headed the Center for Careers and Employment at the University.

Before he came to at the University, Boubion spent nine years in the Peace Corps—first as regional director in Panama and Guatemala and then in Washington as director for Central

American Operations and are public information officer.

He also worked with the Catholic Youth Organization and Neighborhood Services for Youth in East Los Angeles. Boubion served as East Los Angeles field deputy for former Los Angeles City councilman (and later congressman) Edward R. Roybal.

BUTRUS ABD AL-MALIK

Renowned Egyptologist **Butrus Abd al-Malik** died July 12, 1998. He was 90 years old. Professor of History from 1969 to 1990, Abd al-Malik had served nearly a normal lifetime of distinguished scholarship and teaching by the time he came to Cal State L.A. at the age of 60.

Daniel Crecelius (*History*) had been his student at Princeton and was able to invite Abd al-Malik to Cal State L.A. as a visiting professor. Asked to stay, Abd al-Malik remained at the University until his retirement at age 81.

“I live by teaching,” said Abd al-Malik, who never missed a class in his entire career until he was hospitalized for cancer. Even then, he made heroic efforts to meet nearly every class while

he was undergoing chemotherapy.

Students appreciated his efforts. His dean called him “the most beloved teacher whom I have ever known.” He was famous for his opening day *tour de force*, in which he provided the etymology of the name of every student in the course. Years later, students would be touched when Abd al-Malik would call them by name as he passed them on campus.

He taught courses in Arabic, Coptic, Aramaic, and Hebrew languages, as well as English, and was fluent in Greek and Latin. Abd al-Malik was respected internationally as a scholar of the Bible, an authority on early church history, a linguist and humanistic professor. The most memorable of his countless scholarly publications is the modern Arabic translation of the Bible from original Greek and Hebrew sources.

In his letter supporting Abd al-Malik’s nomination for the CSU Outstanding Professor award in 1985, **John Allswang** (*History*) wrote that “the concept of ‘Outstanding Professor’ better fits him than any academic I have ever known.”

An ordained Presbyterian minister, he was a member of the campus ministry during his 22 years at Cal State L.A.

NORMAN FRIEDMAN

Norman Friedman, professor of Sociology and graduate adviser, passed away at home in November 1998 of cardiac arrest.

On the Cal State L.A. faculty since 1968, he also served as department chair and associate chair for the Sociology department. His honors and achievements included a Postdoctoral Fellowship from Brandeis University and a National Foundation for Jewish Culture Grant.

A dedicated teacher, he was also a member of the Screen Actors Guild and appeared in a number of television commercials and movies, including Arnold Schwarzenegger’s *The Terminator*,” said Lawrence Hong, chair of the sociology department.

He is survived by two daughters and his wife, Susan, a Sociology faculty member.

Inaugural CSU Wang Family Award Goes to Raymond Landis

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.

Landis is nationally recognized for his pioneering efforts in the education and retention of underserved students. He is the founder of the Minority Engineering Program (MEP), which has become a national model for the education of economically and educationally disadvantaged students. At present, 20 engineering colleges in California alone have replicated the MEP program. As technical adviser for more than 60 universities across the United States, he continues to oversee the programs’ effectiveness.

“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.”

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.

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Raymond B. Landis (r.), dean of the Cal State L.A. School of Engineering and Technology, receives the first Wang Family Excellence Award for administrative leadership, from CSU Trustee William Hauck (c.) and Trustee Stanley T. Wang (l.), whose unprecedented gift to the CSU made the Wang Family Excellence Award possible.