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The Golden Globe and Academy Awards have come and gone, but Cal State L.A. continues the spirit of awards presentations on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 by honoring those who have brought distinction and service to the community and the University. The 27th Annual Alumni Awards Gala will pay tribute to the Alumnus of the Year, six distinguished alumni, an active supporter of the University and a faculty alumnus. The Gala will also recognize an outstanding senior and graduate student, and award 15 student scholarships. The University's Alumni Association will host the ceremony, starting with a dinner reception at 6:30 p.m. at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex (see pages 6 and 7).

Chemistry Professor Wins CSU Excellence in Teaching Award

Following on the heels of his second national award, Chemistry professor **Carlos G. Gutiérrez** was announced as the winner of the **CSU Wang Family Excellence Award** in the category of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering. He was among the four faculty members and one administrator selected this year from throughout the 23-campus system to be so honored. Honorees will receive a \$20,000 award at a formal ceremony during the CSU Trustees meeting in May.

In a nomination letter, Cal State L.A. **President James M. Rosser** praised Gutiérrez for “devoting his entire academic life to enhancing the educational success of those students who, in particular, are underrepresented in the sciences.

“Often,” wrote Rosser, “in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, throughout the campus, in local high schools and community colleges, he is regarded as the first choice for advisement from among department faculty. His sincere interest in students’ welfare and enthusiastic encouragement of their participation in the chemical sciences have inspired many to select these fields as careers.”

Gloria Romero, California State Assembly member for the 49th District and majority whip, sent congratulations to Gutiérrez and the University community for receiving the CSU Wang Family Excellence Award. Romero, on leave from her post as a professor of psychology at Cal State L.A., said: “I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Gutiérrez as a member of the Cal State L.A. faculty for several years and witnessed firsthand his extraordinary efforts to enhance access to the sciences for underrepresented students. He has consistently demonstrated his commitment and dedication as a teacher and scholar. In this era of higher expectations, as proclaimed by Governor Davis and the California State Legislature, he is a stellar example of just how high we should set the bar for excellence and achievement.”

In 1996, Gutiérrez was among the first individuals named by the President of the United States to receive the then-newly-established annual Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. This past December, he was selected to receive another national award—the Year

2000 MSE Giants in Science Award from the QEM/MSE (Quality Education for Minorities in Mathematics, Science and Engineering) Network.

Gutiérrez is director of the University’s National Institutes of Health Minority Access to Research Careers and Minority Biomedical Research Support programs. In his 20+ years at Cal State L.A., he has



had a significant impact on minority student education, mentoring more than 180 students through NIH-funded programs or as a faculty participant in programs such as the National Science Foundation-sponsored Research Improvement in Minority Institutions and Research Experiences for Undergraduates.

In great part through his effort, the American Chemical Society (ACS) established the Committee on Minority Affairs in 1993, with Gutiérrez serving as its first chair. During his tenure as chair, the Society also established the ACS Minority Scholars Program, a \$5 million scholarship program for undergraduates, and the ACS Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students to Pursue Careers in

Chemical Sciences. Gutierrez helped to establish the ACS Scholars Program in 1995, and has been active on its behalf since its inception.

As vice-chair of the National Academy of Science Committee on a National Scholars Program, under contract to NASA, Gutierrez has persuasively articulated the responsibility of all faculty—but especially science faculty—to seek out talented minority students and encourage their academic development very early in their undergraduate careers.

Gutiérrez received a B.S. in chemistry from UCLA and Ph.D. from UC Davis. He served as Chemistry Department chair at Cal State L.A. from 1988-92 and was Visiting Scholar at UC Berkeley from Fall 1989 to Winter 1991. He has served on and chaired various NIH committees, subcommittees and the NIGMS Council, and is an advisory committee member of the National Research Council Office of Scientific and Engineering Personnel. Gutiérrez has published numerous articles, all with student coauthors.

At the University, Gutiérrez’ honors include the Outstanding Professor Award; the Distinguished Scholar Award (Cal State L.A. chapter of the national honor society *Phi Kappa Phi*); the Hispanic Support Network Outstanding Educator Award; and the Associated Students Outstanding Faculty Award.

His wife, **Linda Tunstad**, is an associate professor of chemistry at Cal State L.A.

*This is the second year of the Wang Family Excellence Award, and the second time a member of the Cal State L.A. community has received the award. Last year, **Raymond B. Landis**, dean of the School of Engineering and Technology, received the first award for administrative leadership.*

In 1999, a gift from trustee Stanley T. Wang of \$1 million—the largest ever given to the CSU system by an individual—was established to reward 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.”

Harold Goldwhite Reappointed to CSU Board of Trustees

Harold Goldwhite, an honored member of the Cal State L.A. Chemistry faculty for 38 years, was reappointed this past March to the Board of Trustees of the California State University (CSU) by Governor Gray Davis.

“I am very pleased that Governor Davis has allowed me to continue to bring a faculty perspective to the Board,” said Goldwhite.

The CSU Board of Trustees establishes policy for the CSU and manages and administers all colleges within the system. Goldwhite’s original term began April 1998.

Goldwhite is the second Cal State L.A. faculty member to be appointed as CSU Faculty Trustee. In 1983, Robert D. Kully, Cal State L.A. professor of Speech Communication, was selected by Governor George Deukmejian to fill the then newly-created position.

Goldwhite joined the Cal State L.A. faculty in 1962 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1964, and professor in 1967. He currently serves as director of the California State University Institute for Teaching and Learning.

Previously, Goldwhite was a lecturer for the



Chemistry Department at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology in England and a research associate at Cornell University.

Goldwhite has been highly active in both academic governance and community and professional organizations. He was chair of the Chemistry Department at Cal State L.A. from 1971 to 1977 and from 1992 to 1993, and served as acting chair in 1984 and 1991. He also chaired the University’s Academic Senate, served in the Statewide Senate of the CSU as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, and was a member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Senate. He has been one of the prime movers in the local chapters of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and was a member of the California Faculty Association’s board of directors from 1979 to 1983. A member of the American Chemical Society, he has served as chair of the Society’s Southern California Section.

Goldwhite was born in England and received both his Bachelor of Arts and Ph.D. in chemistry from Cambridge University. His honors include visiting professorships at the University of Strasbourg, France, the National University of the Andes, Merida, Venezuela, and at other universities in England and Mexico. He was chosen as Outstanding Professor of Cal State L.A. in 1967 and was recognized as a CSU Trustees’ Outstanding Professor in 1978.

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Better Learning Through Service Learning

Students Receive Potent Education with Curriculum Focused on Community Service and Self-Reflection

When Cal State L.A. student volunteers visit the Alhambra Retirement Community, flying beach balls and run-away wheelchairs are not uncommon.

“Some students borrow wheelchairs and pop wheelies to make people laugh,” says 22-year-old broadcasting major **Robert Costantino**, who volunteered with the wheelchair-bound at the retirement community’s Lutheran Health Facility. “We helped to create a fun atmosphere.”

Current volunteers at the facility include nursing sophomores **Cherry Vasquez** and **Wilhelmina Owusu**, who are using this opportunity to explore the health-care field. Costantino, Vasquez and Owusu opted for service learning when they were presented with the opportunity in professor **Nancy Cobb**’s introductory psychology course.

Encompassing more than just volunteering at a social service agency, service learning integrates volunteer work with the type of education and reflection typical of the best academic classes. At Cal State L.A., service learning has been adopted in majors as wide-ranging as Political Science, Art, Marketing, History, Social Work, Liberal Studies, Theatre Arts and Dance, and Education.

“Typically, a service learning course requires students to reflect on the relationship between theory and practice, and then document their reflection in journals or final reports. The experience as a whole enhances a student’s understanding of the course content,” says Ed Forde, professor of art and the University’s faculty coordinator of service learning. Nancy Cobb concurs: “The process humanizes the presentation of course material in a way that helps students relate concepts to how people live in the real world.

“For example, students could read about dementia in the elderly, but once you volunteer at a nursing home and you see the same 80-year-old resident every week who keeps forgetting your name—that really drives it home,” explains Cobb, who teaches human development.

Service learning has been a familiar teaching approach among faculty at Cal State L.A. for more than three decades. Performances at community centers and schools are part of the degree requirement for a B.A. and M.A. in Theatre Arts and Dance at Cal State L.A. It’s not a new concept in the School of Business and Economics, says Management Professor **Mohammad Ala**, who has been incorporating service learning into his classes for the past 15 years.



Residents of the Lutheran Health Facility, part of the Alhambra Retirement Community, (l.-r.) Marguerite Henderson, Mary Heartfield, Erma Turner and Harry Hartman, enjoy an afternoon bingo game with the help of Cal State L.A. students Anthony To, Robert Costantino and Mirna Gonzalez.

coordinating. In service learning, students work more directly with faculty.” Although community service projects have been incorporated for years, the University’s Strategic Plan, adopted in 1997, formalized the development of more courses based on active learning principles. Within five years, says Forde, the University will have reached its goal of increasing the amount of service learning course work by 50 percent.

For some students, this exposure to community service is their first. Those initially hesitant about spending extra hours outside the classroom have reported positive experiences and a sense of accomplishment.

“You get to *know* the people,” said Criminal Justice major **Anthony To**, who gave as an example his developing friendship with a retirement home resident who told him stories of fighting in the Pacific during World War II.

The service learning curriculum provides many advantages for students: they learn about the lives of others in the community, learn about themselves, develop friendships and learn about new career possibilities. Those interested in community-based service learning are not limited to non-profit organizations. Ala teaches two management courses that offer the option of developing projects for small businesses, large corporations or government agencies, in addition to non-profit charities.

Ryan Kert, a Winter 2000 graduate with a degree in Business Administration, took both of Ala’s classes while working part time at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

“We had to attend lectures *and* spend additional hours interviewing people, meeting with team members, discussing our progress... now we have something to show for it,” he said, referring to two 40-50 page case studies he and a team of Engineering students created for the JPL Mars Pathfinder and Cal State L.A. Solar Eagle.

“Service learning is different from an internship because many times, internships are related to a professional credential. With service learning, the teacher bases grades on what the student has learned, not the number of hours they served,” said Forde.

Though it remains an option, most students opt for community service in lieu of more traditional coursework. Cal State L.A. professors are impressed by the level of student responses to service learning projects.

“We have very loving, giving students at Cal State L.A., especially because so many of them have constraints on their time—with full-time jobs and family obligations,” said Cobb.

A survey by the California State University based on data gathered last year shows that approximately 40 percent of all CSU students volunteer 33.6 million hours annually. But it’s only recently that service learning has become a national and state priority. Last July, Governor Gray Davis addressed the need for additional public service when he called for a community service requirement for all state university and college students. In response, the CSU Board of Trustees in March voted unanimously to approve a resolution that ensures all CSU students receive the opportunity to participate in service learning.

Ed Forde works closely with professors and the University’s EPIC (Educational Participation In Communities) office to develop service learning-based curriculum. Staff members at EPIC, which has served as a conduit to service in the community for 34 years, assist in the placement and coordination of student volunteers.

“The tradition of our students serving in the community is a long-standing one,” said **Jorge Uranga**, EPIC director. “The new service learning is different from the traditional community volunteering that EPIC has been arranging and

Community agencies that currently engage Cal State L.A. students in service learning (partial listing):

- Alhambra Lutheran Retirement Home
- Bruggemeyer Memorial Library (homework assistance program)
- City Terrace Elementary School
- Challengers Boys and Girls Club (tutoring and recreational club)
- College S.M.A.R.T.–Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Dept. (youth mentoring program)
- Buchanan Street Elementary School
- Commonwealth Elementary School
- Foshay Learning Center
- Fremont Elementary School
- The Fulfillment Fund (outreach, mentoring and scholarship program)
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- Hammel Elementary School
- Harrison Elementary School
- Hollenbeck Middle School
- Hoover Street Elementary School
- Ivanhoe Elementary School
- Korean Youth and Community Center
- L.A.’s BEST (free after-school literacy-based enrichment program)
- Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center
- Los Angeles High School, Teen Outreach Program
- Los Angeles Urban League
- Monte Vista Elementary School
- Noyes Elementary School
- Pasadena Unified School District
- Plaza Community Center
- Robert F. Kennedy Elementary School
- Salvation Army Youth Center (runaway youth program)
- Sheridan Elementary School
- UCLA Medical Center
- Woodlawn Elementary School
- YMCA of Long Beach

The Art of Giving Back: Service Learning and University Gifts

"Community service cannot be forced. It has to be important enough for individuals to *want* to do it," says **Gary Best** ('61, '65), former professor of education and former Charter School of Education associate dean.

As the current associate director of Teacher Education and K-18 Programs for the California State University system, Best is well positioned to encourage incorporation of community service components into teacher preparation programs statewide. He knows that, besides providing an excellent way for students interested in community service careers to "test the waters," service learning is often a student's first experience in community service. "Giving back" *can* be taught, says Best. But exemplars must be available, and those in need of a role model need look no further than Gary Best.

Best's commitment to, and history of, giving to his community is strong and long-term. A Special



Education expert, he has worked closely with children challenged with varying degrees of physical disability. When some of these disabilities proved terminal, Best was confronted with issues of death and dying. This led to his involvement with hospice care and the establishment of the first residential hospice facility in East San Gabriel, the Hospice of East San Gabriel Valley. Best's community service has extended to participation on numerous boards, including the Crippled Children's Society of Southern California (now AbilityFirst), Intercommunity Medical Center Foundation and Hospice, and the Cal State L.A. Foundation.

As a former Fulbright Scholar and recipient of many other scholarships and grants, Best recognizes his responsibility to reach out to help others. With his wife, Shirley, a retired occupational therapist, he has created two funds at Cal State L.A. to benefit the Charter School of Education.

The Fred Lull Scholarship Fund, named for his early teaching career mentor, helps aspiring educators in the special education field of physical disabilities meet their financial obligations. "Even though Cal State is an excellent educational bargain, it still costs money!" he says.

The Best Family Endowment in Special Education,

a discretionary program account, allows the Division of Special Education in the Charter School of Education to support high-priority areas. "Most gifts are very specific and never have enough flexibility to fund strong, new programs," he points out. Additional contributions to this fund are made through bequests from Best and members of his family, who have each made will provisions directing assets to the CSLA Foundation for this purpose.

According to Best, much good work goes unrecognized. "Every time a person attends a PTA meeting, buys Girl Scout cookies or collects recyclables, I consider that a form of community service." He hopes that those he helps will want to give back to the community in meaningful ways, perhaps by teaching in distressed urban schools.

"All communities need quality teachers for quality student outcomes," says Best, noting that Cal State L.A. has long offered one of the premier teacher training programs in the country. Whether teaching in rural or suburban, public or private schools, graduates of the Charter School of Education will be grounded in both the theory and practice of community contribution, thanks to exemplary models such as Gary Best.

Students Destined to be L.A. Area Teachers Receive Edison Scholarships

Five Cal State L.A. students recently received the **Teachers for Tomorrow Scholarship**—a \$5,000 award to each student for the 1999-2000 school year made possible through the generous support of **Edison International**.

The Teachers for Tomorrow Scholarship Program is new to the Edison International Scholarship Portfolio. The program aims to address the state's teacher shortage, mitigate the number of teachers holding emergency credentials and place well-prepared, qualified teachers in classrooms.

"The Teachers for Tomorrow scholarship provides meaningful support to aspiring teachers who must often forego full-time study because of financial obligations," says **Jamie Dote-Kwan**, associate dean for Student Services. "We are grateful that Edison International has taken this leadership role in the corporate community to invest in training professional educators who can make a difference in children's lives."

As a premier urban school of education, the Charter School each year attracts approximately 150 talented students who are committed to full-time studies that will lead to careers in teaching. For every available scholarship, however, there are nearly 20 qualified applicants. Many, representing diverse cultural and linguistic populations, are the first in their families to attend college.

Individuals or corporations interested in following Edison's lead in establishing scholarships for tomorrow's teachers may call (323) 343-4310.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jennifer Chan has worked closely with children as a substitute teacher and as an instructor for an after-school enrichment program. Her unique blend

of cultural experiences and artistic talents allow her to work creatively with students, peers and other educators. She plans to teach at the elementary level using her degree in child development and a multiple-subject teaching credential.

With a keen interest in working with young adults, **Teresa Giedraitis** is pursuing a secondary education credential. Her experience as an aide and teacher at all grade levels has prepared her well for both the rigors and rewards of this work. She plans to further augment her credential and undergraduate studies in anthropology with a master's degree. Her language skills include German and Spanish.

Timothy Luzzi is committed to helping build a better community. Having survived Hodgkin's Disease, he

has prioritized his life simply—he wants to teach. His current goal is to earn his credential and become an elementary school teacher. He plans to combine his education with a decade of experience in world music and travel to enrich the lives of young students.

As a Special Education teacher, **Laura Murphy**'s goal is to encourage each student's personal development and maximum academic achievement. She is working toward her early childhood credential so that she may apply her bilingual and teaching abilities in communities where they are needed most. She has high expectations for herself and her students.

Jill Nicole Tschirgi's interest in becoming a speech pathologist grew out of her personal experience with minor hearing loss as a child. Damage from chronic ear infections impeded the development of her speech, causing her mother to seek assistance from a speech and hearing specialist. A substitute teacher with the Alhambra Unified School District, she is working toward an M.A. in communicative disorders and a clinical rehabilitative services credential, as well as state licensure and national certification.



(L.-r.) Teresa Giedraitis, Jennifer Chan, Laura Murphy and Timothy Luzzi (not pictured: Jill Tschirgi).

Cal State L.A. Receives W. K. Kellogg ENLACE Grant

The **W. K. Kellogg Foundation** selected Cal State L.A. as one of 18 colleges and universities nationwide to receive a \$100,000 planning grant to improve educational opportunities for Latino communities in East and Northeast Los Angeles.

The grant supports university-community programs that increase the number of underserved students who successfully matriculate in the K-16 pipeline. This initiative is known as ENLACE (pronounced en-lah'-seh)—Engaging Latino Communities for Education. The word *enlace*—a form of the Spanish verb *enlazar*, to link or weave together—signifies a connected entity whose whole is stronger than its parts.

The Cal State L.A. ENLACE will create an infrastructure for University and community collaboration through the development of "Concilios" or councils. These serve as the forum for University and community partners to investigate issues that support or undermine the educational progress of Latino students, and to examine best practice models. Findings from the Concilios will be distributed and recommendations for policy or institutional change will be discussed at the ENLACE Summit in July 2000.

Co-principal investigators of the project are **Rita Ledesma**, assistant professor of social work, and **Ali Modarres**, professor of geography and urban analysis and associate director of the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs. Administrative coordinators are **Theodore Crovello**, dean, Graduate Studies; **José Galván**, interim associate dean, Graduate Studies; and **Collette Rocha**, assistant vice president, University Development. Representatives from community-based human services, health, educational, political and development agencies are committed to collaborating on this project. For more information, call (323) 343-3770.

Outstanding Professors

At this year's Fall Faculty Day, **Theodore Anagnoson** (Political Science), chair of the awards selection committee, announced the University's 1998-1999 Outstanding Professors. The award recipients are: **Marshall L. Cates** (Mathematics and Computer Science); **Robert Desharnais** (Biology and Microbiology); **Hae Kyung Lee** (Theatre Arts and Dance); and **Marguerite Ann Snow** (Educational Foundations and Interdivisional Studies).

These awards are made for excellence in teaching, with significant achievements expected in scholarly inquiry or creativity, professional activities, and service to the campus and community.

As part of the annual faculty tradition, Professor of Philosophy **Ann Garry** was selected as the recipient of the President's Distinguished Professor Award. This award recognizes superlative teaching and exceptional commitment to students as well as professional accomplishments and services. Only those professors who have previously been selected as Outstanding Professors are eligible for this award.

MARSHALL L. CATES

Professor of Mathematics, School of Natural and Social Sciences

Marshall Cates joined the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science in 1971, the same year he received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He has served his department as chair for six consecutive years and, since 1995, has headed the department's remedial program.

Early in his academic career at Cal State L.A., Cates began to explore and use alternative forms for the teaching of mathematics. Together with a CSU colleague and two faculty members of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Cates developed a television and textbook series, "Metrify or Petrify" that aired for two years and was purchased by other districts. In the '80s, he worked with the PLATO system, an early form of computer-aided instruction. He now directs a large multimedia program for teaching remedial mathematics that explores the power of the Web to provide remote access to instruction.

Cates has made more than 40 different conference presentations and has 16 published articles. On one of these articles, Cates collaborated with the noted mathematician Paul Erdos, whom *Time* magazine called "...the most prolific and arguably the cleverest mathematician of this century."

Cates is serving a second term as chair of the Cal State L.A. Academic Senate.

ROBERT DESHARNAIS

Professor of Biology, School of Natural and Social Sciences

Robert Desharnais came to the Department of Biology and Microbiology in 1988 from Rockefeller University in New York, where he held a postdoctoral position. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island in 1982 and was a postdoctoral fellow at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

Consistently evaluated at the highest levels by his students, Desharnais has taught introductory to graduate level courses, and has mentored high school students and University undergraduate and master's students. In 1995, he coauthored an article on population dynamics that was published in *Nature*, and in 1997, coauthored an article in *Science* magazine that a colleague described as "the most convincing evidence to date of complex dynamics and chaos in a biological population."

Over the years, Desharnais has been awarded more than 15 grants totaling more than \$1 million—seven from the National Science Foundation alone. In 1992, he received an NSF grant toward a project to improve the way science is taught to introductory students. The result was groundbreaking "virtual courseware" that began with the highly-praised Virtual FlyLab, a Cal State L.A. Web site that has been accessed more than 50 million times from high schools and colleges around the nation and the world. Recently, this courseware served as a model for "Biology Labs On-Line," a new Web publication of the CSU and academic publisher Addison-Wesley-Longman, in which Desharnais' online genetics education application is featured.

HAE KYUNG LEE

Associate Professor of Dance, School of Arts and Letters

Born and raised in Seoul, Korea, Hae Kyung Lee received a Bachelor of Arts in dance at Seoul's Ewha University and a Master of Arts in dance at UCLA. She studied in Paris and in New York City, under Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, and Jennifer Miller.

A founding member of the Seoul Contemporary Dance Company and Hae Kyung Lee & Dancers, Lee has performed in Korea, Japan, France, Indonesia, Taiwan, Mexico, Canada, Switzerland, and the United States. She has received numerous grants, including a 1995 National Endowment for the Arts Choreography Fellowship. Lee has performed as an invited artist at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Arts Festival, 1994 International Dance Festival in Seoul, Korea and, in 1995, the 50th Independence Day Celebration, World Korean Artists Festival, which toured throughout South Korea. Her professional dance troupe, Hae Kyung Lee & Dancers, has performed as part of the 1997 Soho Arts Festival at New York's Joyce

Theatre, was an invited participant at the Belluard Bollwerk International Festival in Fribourg, Switzerland this past summer, and participated in the recent World Festival of Sacred Music—the Americas.

Lee joined the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance in 1993. She has instituted a course at the University that brings professional dancers to campus as guest lecturers several times a year. Her highly popular classes tour local high schools to give dance performances and workshops throughout the year and frequently perform at community venues such as Highways in Santa Monica.

MARGUERITE ANN SNOW

Professor of Education, Charter School of Education

Marguerite Ann Snow, who teaches in the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program, has been a faculty member in the Division of Educational Foundations and Interdivisional Studies in the University's Charter School of Education since 1988. Snow received her Ph.D. in applied linguistics from UCLA in 1985 and has taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong on a Fulbright fellowship. She has authored or edited four books on teaching English as a second or foreign

language and published more than 30 articles in scholarly journals.

Since 1995, she has coordinated an external M.A. degree program in conjunction with the Instituto Cultural Argentino Norte Americano (ICANA) in Buenos Aires, to train teachers of English as a second language. In addition to Argentina, her extensive international teacher training experiences have taken her to Brazil, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Russia, Spain, Morocco, and Pakistan. Snow has also received various grants and awards to develop programs to improve the academic achievement of language minority students. These include two grants from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). She has consulted for numerous institutions, from the Peace Corps to the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington, D.C.

President's Distinguished Professor: ANN GARRY

Professor of Philosophy, School of Arts and Letters

Ann Garry joined the philosophy faculty in 1969. She received an M.A. from the University of Chicago in 1966 and Ph.D. in 1970 from the University of Maryland. At Cal State L.A., she served three terms as department chair, and has been a visiting professor at UCLA and USC, and acting director for special academic programs at Cal State Northridge.

Garry is acknowledged as one of the prime movers in establishing and creating the institutions that sustain feminist philosophy today. She was a founder of the Pacific Division of the Society for Women in Philosophy and of *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, for which she currently serves as associate editor. She has been an active member of the American Philosophical Association's Committee on Women.

Her scholarly work in both feminist epistemology and applied ethics covers topics ranging from pornography, abortion, and sexuality to whether theories can be gendered, and whether analytic philosophy and naturalized epistemology are appropriately used in feminist theory. Her essays have been widely reprinted.

The second edition of her book, *Women, Knowledge and Reality*, was published in 1996, extensively revised and with new introductory essays. During the last six years, she has published eight articles and reviews, some in Spanish, and has given numerous scholarly presentations.

Garry has lectured in South America as well as in the United States, and has been in demand for workshops on the integration of feminist scholarship into the teaching of traditional philosophical courses. In addition to her valuable long-term leadership within the American Philosophical Association's Pacific Division, Garry has co-coordinated the CSU Institute for Teaching and Learning Workshop on Critical Thinking, and served on the California Council for the Humanities.



(L.-r.) Front – Robert Desharnais, Hae Kyung Lee, Marshall Cates, Marguerite Ann Snow. Back – President James M. Rosser, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Margaret J. Hartman, Ann Garry, and Theodore Anagnoson.

— Correction —

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In assembling the names of respected faculty and administrators who went on to become presidents of other universities during the 20-year tenure of President James M. Rosser, we inadvertently omitted **Philip Vairo**. Vairo was dean of Cal State L.A.'s School of Education in 1973 and, following that, acting vice president for Academic Affairs. He left the University in 1982 to become president of Worcester State University.



Alumni Award

Recognizes Outstanding

You are invited to the University's premier alumni event—the **Alumni Awards Gala**—on the evening of Tuesday, **May 16, 2000** at the Luckman Fine Arts Complex.

Emceeing the awards presentation for the third year in a row will be **Barry Gordon '86**, past president of the Screen Actors Guild and 1988 Outstanding Alumnus.

Since the Alumni Association initiated the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1973, Cal State L.A. has recognized a long list of distinguished alumni with notable service to the University community.

Among past recipients are novelist Joseph Wambaugh '60, '68, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard '65, entertainer Florence LaRue '66, research scientist Thomas W. Okita '89, and Rodrigo T. Garcia '93, founder of the Society of Hispanic Engineers. In 1976, the University presented its Outstanding Alumnus Award to tennis great Billie Jean King, who attended in '61-'65, and received an honorary doctorate from the University in 1997.

To reserve your spot at the 27th Annual Alumni Awards Gala, call the Alumni Association at (323) 343-ALUM. Cost for general admission is \$75. Tickets for Cal State L.A. Alumni Association members, faculty and staff are \$55. Students with current I.D.s pay \$25. Sponsor packages are also available.



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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
RONNIE C. CHAN '72, '74
Chairman of Hang Lung Development Group

Ronnie C. Chan left his native Hong Kong in 1967 to study at Cal State L.A. "It was different then," he stated during an interview years ago. "The tallest building in Hong Kong was about 20 stories."

Now, equipped with a bachelor's and master's in biology from Cal State L.A. and a master's in business administration from the University of Southern California, Chan runs the family business as chairman of the Hang Lung Development Group, a major real estate development, management and investment firm in Hong Kong.

Under his leadership, Hang Lung has grown to a half-billion dollar (U.S.) company—building more than 30,000 residential units and numerous office and commercial complexes in cities throughout the Pacific Rim. Chan invests in companies internationally as co-founder of the Morningside/Springfield Group.

In addition to attending his businesses, Chan stays active with countless civic duties throughout the world. He chairs or serves on the boards of organizations, universities, forums, councils and publicly listed companies such as Enron Corporation in Houston and Motorola Inc. in Chicago. He is also a trustee of the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowships and the African-Asian Society. Chan also heads a fund that restores cultural relics in China.

Chan not only has been featured in *Newsweek*, *Fortune* and *The Wall Street Journal*, he has authored articles that ran in some of those same publications. Even with all his activities, Chan eagerly participated in last year's Cal State L.A. Alumni Professor for the Day program.



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LINDA BURNES BOLTON

Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

A leader in the fields of nursing and nurse administration, Linda Burnes Bolton, Dr. P.H., R.N., FAAN, is vice president and chief nursing officer at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a Magnet Recognition Award hospital for "nursing excellence" as designated by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Burnes Bolton oversees administrative and nursing practices, including healthcare research, allied health education, and patient education. As a member of the Cedars-Sinai Health System and Research Institute focusing primarily on women's health, she directs interdisciplinary research teams in educating the community on various health and nursing-sensitive outcomes.

After completing academic degrees in Nursing and Public Health Burnes Bolton amassed extensive experience as a nurse, healthcare executive, government advisory board member, university professor and consultant. She serves on several health boards and committees, including the National Black Nurses Foundation and the American Organization of Nurse Executives. She is a member of organizations such as *Sigma Theta Tau*, Association of Women's Health, Children's Defense Fund, and the American Academy of Nursing.

Burnes Bolton assisted the University's Nursing Department in implementing an on-site program that provides faculty salaries and classroom space at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Through her efforts, Cal State L.A. has been able to increase enrollment in nursing and expand the program's visibility into West Los Angeles.



DISTINGUISHED FACULTY ALUMNUS
LOUIS R. NEGRETE '57
Professor of Chicano Studies

Beginning his career at Cal State L.A. as a part-time faculty member in 1969, Louis R. Negrete helped to shape the nation's first Department of Chicano Studies. Now a tenured professor, Negrete is a popular teacher and department advisor, considered by students to be among the University's best and most creative faculty.

With degrees in social and urban studies and a doctorate in Sociology, Negrete's expertise is widely recognized. He has been called "a pioneer in Chicano Studies as a discipline." As a prominent scholar of community empowerment and leadership, his views are regularly cited in media such as the *Los Angeles Times* and *La Opinión*.

He is a volunteer senior leader with the United Neighborhoods Organization, where he works directly with inner-city families in campaigns for social justice, to establish youth sports programs and increase the state minimum wage. He also organizes multiracial and interfaith church coalitions.

Among his many contributions is serving as chair of the Strategy Team for Hope in Youth, a partnership of the city of Los Angeles, the private sector and ten religious denominations to reduce youth gang violence. His work for the Active Citizenship Campaign, a program to prepare residents for citizenship and voting, helped to deliver 90,772 new and occasional voters to the polls in 1996.

Negrete has been recognized by President Bill Clinton, Cardinal Roger Mahoney and private and community foundations.



STUDENT AWARDS

The *Outstanding Senior Award* will be presented to **Daniel Santos '00**, who is pursuing a degree in Sociology. The *Outstanding Graduate Student Award* will be presented to **Michele Adashek '00**, who is working on a master's in Social Work.

Recipients of the *Alumni Association Scholarship* are (pictured, l.-r.) 1st row: **Humberto A. Gallegos '00**, civil engineering; **Tania M. Vasquez '00**, Spanish; **Deborah E.R. Hanan '00**, anthropology; **Ubaldo Medina '00**, mechanical engineering. 2nd row: **Eleanor Chen '02**, business administration; **Audrey D. Jones '00**, English. 3rd row: **Dasha Haas '00**, sociology; **Yang "Kelly" Yang '02**, political science; **Bryan C. Pascarelli '00**, political science; **Jenny Ho Chang '02**, computer science; **Lianne V. Valerio '00**, art; and **Jesus M. Gomez '00**, psychology. Not pictured: **Kristina De Ladurantey '01**, nursing; **Jeffrey A. Draper '01**, business administration; **Lisa Anne Dunbar '00**, nursing.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA, SCHOOL OF ARTS AND LETTERS

MARY MICUCCI '75

Owner/President of Along Came Mary

Mary Micucci received her bachelor's degree in communication studies from Cal State L.A. Since then, Micucci has developed an unparalleled reputation for producing unforgettable events, including productions for film premieres, and Emmy and Grammy events. *The Hollywood Reporter* has called her "the Epicurean Steven Spielberg."

Starting her company "from the back of a Volkswagen Bug" in the mid-70s, Micucci built Along Came Mary Productions into a preeminent event production and gourmet catering source. Micucci has gained worldwide recognition not only for her dominance of Hollywood entertainment and movie premieres, but for her vast corporate clientele as well.

Maintaining a busy schedule, Micucci is still deeply committed to the community she serves. Through Adopt-A-School, Micucci was instrumental in building a new library at Los Angeles Unified's Alta Loma Elementary School.

She is also a generous benefactor to many worthy charities: Big Sisters, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Angel Harvest, to name a few. For the past ten years, Micucci has served on the board of The Neil Bogart Memorial Foundation, which supports efforts to treat and cure children's cancer, leukemia and AIDS at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA, CHARTER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MYRA LeBENDIG '97

Mentor Teacher at Foshay Learning Center

English and home economics teacher Myra LeBendig received her master's in educational administration from Cal State L.A. She was selected as Cal State L.A.'s 1999-2000 CSU Teacher of the Year, a prestigious award that honors outstanding alumni educators.

Prior to teaching at South Central L.A.'s James A. Foshay Learning Center, LeBendig taught at schools in Louisiana and Los Angeles. She was the first teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District to receive National Board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the highest honor a teacher can earn.

Principal Howard M. Lappin credits LeBendig with playing a pivotal role in the transformation of the Foshay Learning Center from one of the "31 worst schools in Los Angeles" to the coveted designation of "California Distinguished School."

LeBendig's excellence in the classroom is matched by her achievements in the community. She has been a curriculum consultant for the "Planning for Your Future/Los Angeles Times" program and serves on the Professional Council for the Fulfillment Fund, the largest private scholarship-granting organization in L.A.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA, SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARIE S. TORRES '76

Senior Vice President of Long-Term Care and Governmental Relations at AltaMed

Since joining AltaMed Health Services Corporation in 1991, Marie S. Torres has directed the expansion of senior health services by implementing Southern California's first Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). Under PACE, Torres created three new adult health care centers and supported community-based home and long-term care services in underserved communities.

Torres has more than 20 years' experience in gerontology and health services administration, legislative advocacy, and health and social welfare. She is active in organizations such as the California Association for Adult Day Services, Trabajadores de la Raza (a professional Latino social work agency) and the Cal State L.A. Advisory Board for the Graduate Social Work Program.

Torres received her master's and doctoral degrees in Social Work from USC. She has kept in close contact with Cal State L.A. as a part-time faculty member in the School of Health and Human Services and interim director of the Edward R. Roybal Center (now Institute) for Applied Gerontology.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

MARSHALL S. GELLER '61

Founding Partner of Geller & Friend Capital Partners, Inc.

Marshall Geller, who received his B.S. in business administration, is the chairman, chief executive officer and founding partner of Geller & Friend Capital Partners, Inc. Formed in 1995, Geller & Friend is one of several banking investment firms at which Geller has held top positions.

Geller serves on the boards of publicly held and private corporations, including Hexcel Corporation, Value Vision International, Players International and iMALL, and has served on financial advisory boards created by former Illinois governor James R. Thompson and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

Geller also serves on boards of charitable organizations such as the Coro Foundation and Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, among others. His varied interests have led him to invest in sports franchises and in entertainment and other industries in the United States and abroad. Geller is a former partner in the Chicago Bulls.

He is currently a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Business and Economics at Cal State L.A.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

STEPHEN M. EHRET '71

Head of the Shore Facilities Department at the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center in Port Hueneme

Immediately after graduating with a B.S. degree in civil engineering from Cal State L.A., Stephen Ehret traveled to Venezuela to supervise public works projects for the Peace Corps. By the time he left in 1975, Ehret and a colleague shared a Venezuelan national award for their design of a YMCA sports complex.

The registered civil engineer spent the next 27 years as a civilian employee for the U.S. Navy, where he studied and investigated environmental concerns associated with naval operations and facilities. He earned a master's in Public Administration from USC, and is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers. In his current position, Ehret is responsible for supervising more than 100 Navy engineers and scientists conducting civil engineering research in support of Navy and Marine Corps forces worldwide.

Ehret has donated generously to the University's Annual Fund and the "Buy a Solar (Eagle III) Cell" campaign. In addition, he has taught at two CSU campuses and served on the Chancellor's curriculum development advisory panel.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS, SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD '69, '71

U.S. Congressman representing the territory of Guam in the House of Representatives

Robert A. Underwood, a native of Tamuning, Guam, grew up in Sinajana, where his mother taught school and his father worked as an employee of the U.S. Post Office.

After earning bachelor's and master's degrees in history at Cal State L.A., Underwood joined the faculty of George Washington High School, Guam's oldest public secondary school. Involved in efforts to advance the Chamorro culture, he co-founded the Organization of People for Indigenous Rights.

Underwood continued to provide a strong voice for educational advancement on Guam. He was elected to the Territorial Board of Education in 1978 and, the next year, was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Bilingual Education by the U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. He spent 20 years as an educator and administrator and retired as the University of Guam's academic vice president in 1992. Underwood won the election that same year to become Guam's third delegate to the House of Representatives, and was re-elected in Washington in 1994 and 1996.

1950

Robert M. Levie ('54 BA Government) has owned children's wear manufacturer LLCO Importers since 1954. The company has four showrooms at the California Mart in Los Angeles and three at the San Francisco Apparel Mart. Though he retired, he works as a consultant in the garment industry for infants' and children's wear.

Robert Katz ('58 BA '67 MA History) was head of the Social Science department at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. In 1959, he was graduate class president and signer of the first student body charter (Associated Students) at Cal State L.A. He created and became president of the first Democratic club on campus. Katz is retired and spends his time traveling and reading.

Monica Monaco-Johnson ('59 BA Education) is a teacher in the Soulsbyville (CA) School District.

1960

Joseph E. Jensen ('64 MA Education) retired as a teacher from the Glendale Unified School District after 34 years. He moved back to Utah with his wife and is enjoying life with his six kids and 27 grandkids.



Merry Shelburne ('68 BA Journalism) is public information officer at Glendale Community College, where she's worked since 1977. Her textbook, *Walking the Highwire: Effective Public Relations*, published by Course Wise in 1998, is used in college classrooms across the country.

1970

Alonso Almeida ('70 BS '78 MBA Business Administration) has been appointed chief of the L.A. World Airport (LAWA) Small Business and Job Opportunities Bureau. He worked for 17 years at the City's Community Development Center and 26 years at other L.A. facilities. His responsibilities in the newly created bureau includes providing small businesses, job seekers, and youths with improved access to business and job opportunities at LAWA and other business and government agencies in the Southland.

Terence M. King ('71 BS Engineering) served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968. He earned his master's in Public Administration from UC Riverside in 1974. He is a licensed California civil engineer, and a member of the U.S. Committee on Large Dams, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for more than 25 years, including the last seven years as resident engineer at the Seven Oak Dam project in Highland, CA.

Barbara Zielinski-Martinoff ('71 BA Sociology) has been appointed head of the newly created LAX Residential Acquisition Bureau, which implements the airport's voluntary residential property acquisition and tenant relocation program. She had served as director of strategic planning at the L.A. Department of Public Works.



Judith A. Holton ('72 BS '80 MS Nursing) received her Ed.D. in Health, Education and Curriculum and is a professor of Nursing at Los Angeles Valley College.

J. Jon Bruno ('73 BA Physical Education) has served as provost of the Cathedral Center of St. Paul since 1992. He is active in youth development and gang diversion, and is a long-time advocate of human rights, immigration equity, and gun control. Bruno was elected by the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles to be the next bishop. He is chair of the Episcopal Community Federal Credit Union in L.A. and vice-chair of the Nehemiah West Housing Corp., which has built 300 single family dwellings for purchase by low- and moderate-income families. Bruno is a board member of the L.A. Educational Partnership, an organization committed to public school reform and teacher development in the county. He has served as priest and associate at St. Patrick's Church in Thousand Oaks, CA, St. Mary's Church in Eugene, OR, and St. Paul's Church in Pomona, CA.

Martin J. Martinez ('73 BA Political Science) has been accepted to the United Nations Panel. He is on the list of attorneys qualified to receive appointments as legal counsel in regard to the War Crimes Tribunal, where war crime suspects are tried at the World Forum for crimes against humanity.

Susan James ('74 MA History) received her doctoral degree in British history from Cambridge University. She spent 25 years researching King Henry VIII's fifth and final wife, and recently published the biography, *Kateryn Parr, the Making of a Queen*. She is writing a novel based on her father, a pilot who died in an aviation accident.

Eva M. Allen ('75 BA Education) is a third grade teacher in the Compton Unified School District.



Philip V. Franco ('75 BA Microbiology) is a water microbiologist at the Department of Water Supply in the County of Hawaii. He is a licensed general contractor with his own company, Franco Hawaii General Contractors.

Raul L. Acevedo ('76 BA '80 MBA Business Administration-Information Systems) works as a consultant at Galahad Software.



Norma J. Luna ('76 BA Liberal Studies) has published poetry and works as a renovator in her own business, Luna & Manee Enterprise.



Gary A. Bague ('77 BS Business Administration) is a partner at Haight Brown & Bonesteel in Santa Monica. He serves on the firm's Executive Committee and is chairman of firm's Risk Management and Insurance Law department. He and his wife of 11 years, Sherrie, have four children.

Excell N. Hunter ('77 MS Political Science) received a 1995 Disney-McDonalds American Teacher Award. Hunter is a Los Angeles Systemic Initiative Lead Teacher and Mentor Teacher. He also owns and operates a growing educational remediation and enhancement program for K-8 students, called The Learning Center.



Joan Feldman ('78 BA Sociology) is president of Computer Forensics Inc. in Seattle, WA.



Eunice Downing-Jackson ('79 BS Business Administration-Finance) was a marine specialist with Kemper Insurance Group. A member of the Inland Marine Underwriters Association, she served as Pacific Coast/Southern California liaison from 1984 to 1998. She joined Great American in 1998 and was recently selected as a spokesperson for the 1999 class of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designees.

1980

Carlos Gonzalez ('80 BS Industrial Technology-Printing Management) has worked for various publishing companies. He was a senior analyst at Petersen Publishing until 1992. He also worked for McMullan Argus Publishing Co. in 1998. He is currently working at Information Technology Media Publishing Co., which targets digital professionals and IT vendors.

Gary J. Carter ('81 BA Industrial Arts) is a dentist with his own practice and an assistant professor at the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry. He has received numerous awards, including the 1998 Stephen P. Peglow Award, 1998 Department of Periodontology Award, and 1995 Cramer Award. At Cal State L.A., he was active in organizations and clubs, such as *Epsilon Pi Tau*, *Kappa Delta Phi* and *Phi Kappa Phi*.



Timothy A. Swann ('81 BS Mechanical Engineering), in 1996, received the highest award given by TRW, the Chairman's Award for innovation. He holds 10 U.S. patents and has more than 35 U.S. patents pending for vehicle occupant safety. Swann published five research papers and has traveled to Germany and other countries in support of TRW's products.

Ana Lopez-Stover ('83 MA Special Education) served as principal in the Riverside Unified School District and Whittier City School District. She was a teacher in the ABC Unified School District. She is the new director of instructional support services in the Fullerton School District.

Luz I. Sepulveda ('86 BS Nursing) received her MHA from the University of La Verne in 1995. She is working as an executive director for the San Jorge Children's Research Foundation.



Ralph D. Levy ('87 MA Education) received his Ph.D. from the Union Institute in 1995. He is teaching at the Ambassador Bible Center in Cincinnati, OH.

Sandra G. Sarr ('87 BA Journalism) served as director of public relations at Whittier College from 1987 to 1993. She received numerous awards for her work in college publications and periodicals. She was director of publishing for *Science of Mind* in Los Angeles. Sarr is a regular contributor to *Grace Online*, the spiritual digest of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. She was recently named director of communications at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA.



Wendy J. Snow ('87 BA Child Development) works at First Avenue Middle School as a physical education aide and locker room attendant. She is also a preschool substitute teacher. As a Cal State L.A. student, she was a member of *Theta Gamma Chi* sorority. She served on the Greek Council and received the Greek Woman of the Year Award.

Kim Dingle ('89 BA Art) is represented in this year's Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York by her life-sized "63MG4ME"—described by *L.A. Times* art critic Christopher Knight as a "modified all-girl sports car." The work was featured with a color photo in the *Times*' front page *Calendar Section* by art writer Suzanne Muchnic, and was one of eight (from works by 97 artists) used in the Whitney's full-page ad in the *New York Times*. The exhibition is on view through June 4.

1990

Tammie McMann Brailsford ('90 MS Health Care Management) is chief operating officer at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific. She was chief operations officer at St. Mary Medical Center and served three years at Long Beach Community Medical Center in a similar position. Brailsford and her staff keep the Long Beach Aquarium dynamic with new exhibits like "Phantoms of the Deep," due to open in June.

Edward N. Jackson Jr. ('90 BS Electrical Engineering) is a manager at Park Water Co. in Downey, CA.

Wynn Kwok (Quyen Quach) ('90 BS Business Administration-Accounting) works as a CPA and attorney at law in the city of Alhambra, practicing accounting, tax law and business litigation. He is married to Talisa Le ('94 BS Business Administration).



George D. Lockhart ('90 BS Business Administration-Administrative Management) works with First Interstate Bank. After it merged with Wells Fargo, he was relocated to Dallas, TX as the Southwest regional manager in corporate properties. He oversees 7 million square feet of buildings and branches in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.



Jean S. Rioux ('92 BA Political Science) is assistant professor of Political Science at Vesalius College (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) in Belgium. As a student at Cal State L.A., he was a member of the Political Science Club, Omega-3 and Associated Students, Inc.

Luis J. Franco ('93 BA Theatre Arts) was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the American G.I. Forum and for the Presidential Medal of Freedom by three U.S. Presidents (Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton) for his work helping POWs.

Shelia Gail ('93 MA Psychology) is a psychology professor at Southern University in New Orleans.

Katherine Harris ('94 BA English Literature) has been awarded the Rocky Mountain Cecilia Konchar Farr Best Feminist Essay Prize for her work on "Imoinda's Heroism as 'Inappropriate Other' in Aphra Behn's Oroonoko and Thomas Southerne's *Oroonoko, a Tragedy*," presented at the RMMLA in Oct. 1999. Harris is a Ph.D. candidate at the Graduate Center, City University of New York and teaches at Lehman College, Bronx, NY.

Aida G. Neumann ('94 BA Spanish) is working in the Pasadena Unified School District as support staff for the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) program.



Todd Wilander ('97 BA Music), competing against 24 singers from throughout the U.S., Canada and Australia, was one of four to win this year's annual Metropolitan Opera National Grand Finals in New York. His performance on the main stage of the Met, with orchestra, to a crowd of more than 4,000 was broadcast on KUSC on April 29. Wilander is studying voice and opera for his doctorate at the University of Missouri, Kansas City Conservatory of Music. In June, he begins an apprenticeship at the Santa Fe Opera. On May 21, he will be among 10 finalists performing in the prestigious Zachary Opera competition at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in L.A. Wilander was ASI president at Cal State L.A. from 1994-96.



Brenda Brubaker ('97 BS Business Administration) is senior administrative assistant for the City of Arcadia, as well as a part-time instructor in the Business department at Mt. San Antonio College.

RECENT EDUCATION HONORS

Ron Prescott ('61 BA '69 MA Education), deputy superintendent in the Los Angeles Unified School District, was honored in Nov. 1999 by the Friends of the Cal State L.A. Charter School of Education with its Distinguished Educator Award. He is responsible for the offices of Government Relations and Legislation, Grants Assistance, Policy Research and Development, L.A.'s BEST, Partnerships and Adopt-A-School, and Parent Community Services, among others. Prescott is a board member of Policy Analysis for California Education, a consultant for the Council of the Great City Schools, and a member of the Association of California School Administrators.

Alan Paul Haskvitz ('70 MA American Studies), a teacher at Suzanne Middle School in Walnut, CA, was among 16 individuals and four teaching teams selected for the *USA TODAY* All-USA Teacher First Team in Nov. 1999. He was one of only two middle school teachers chosen for the award. Haskvitz' creative teaching methods and curriculum have brought his school's students' test scores into the 94th percentile. His students have drafted and passed state laws, rewritten and accepted voting poll rules for the County of Los Angeles and devised a plan to save 23 million gallons of water a year for their community.

Grace L. Walker ('94 MA Education) was named 1999 National Distinguished Principal by the National Catholic Educational Association as one of the top three Catholic principals in the country. She also received the National Distinguished Principal award from the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the U.S. Department of Education for being one of the top four private school administrators in the country. Walker has served at St. Therese in Alhambra as principal from 1993 to 1999. She has formed a technology committee for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and has convinced N2H2, an Internet filtering company, to provide free filtering to all schools.

Alicia Zermeno ('96 MA Special Education-Orientation and Mobility Specialist Training Program) received the Sacramento County Office of Education's Year 2000 Teacher of the Year award. She teaches skills in independent movement and travel to persons who are blind or visually impaired. In addition to teaching students, Zermeno is actively involved with the youth of her community. She volunteers for the Make-a-Wish Foundation in Sacramento, and is a board member of the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, where she helps to organize activities for students to learn about their heritage.



Dear Alumni,

Advocating for CSU

Once again—this year on April 3—a delegation of Cal State L.A. alumni volunteers (pictured below) joined similar delegations of CSU alumni from 22 other campuses for the annual visit to the California Legislature in Sacramento.

The event, sponsored by the CSU Alumni Council and the CSU Chancellor's Office, attracts some 300 delegates yearly. Alumni, staff and faculty delegates were briefed by CSU Chancellor **Charles Reed** and other officials, and then took the CSU message to our respective legislators or members of their staffs. This very special day at the Legislature has proven effective over the years as a means of educating legislators about the needs and value of higher education.

As you have undoubtedly heard on many occasions, legislative advocacy is one of the ways in which loyal alumni can be most helpful to the University. If you would like to help tell the story of your university to our state lawmakers, there are several ways to do so. Participating in the Legislative Conference is only one of those ways. If you would like to learn more about getting involved with Legislative Advocacy please contact us. I know you won't regret it.

Randi Moore
Executive Director
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Cal State L.A.'s delegation to the 2000 CSU Legislative Day in Sacramento included (l.-r.) alumni board member Barry Gordon '86; Alumni Association Executive Director Randi Moore; Vice President for University Advancement Kyle Button; President James M. Rosser; alumni board member Terry Towner '61, '68; Vice President for Administration and Finance Steven Garcia; alumni board member Sharon Morris '76; Special Assistant to the President Jack Smart; and Executive Director of Publications/Public Affairs David McNutt '67, '76.

The New Student Welcome Calling Project NEEDS YOU!

Last year's calling was successful. We contacted over 1,800 freshman and transfer students and welcomed them to the University.

The students and their family members were delighted and commented on how they "truly felt welcomed to Cal State L.A."

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Ubago, outreach coordinator, Alumni Relations Office at (323) 343-ALUM (2586) or via e-mail at mubago@cslanet.calstatela.edu



Callers ham it up during a break in the "New Student Welcome Calling" campaign this past fall. Join other alumni, staff and faculty to welcome new Cal State L.A. students this year by volunteering at (323) 343-ALUM.

Music professor William Belan greets choral students visiting campus from Costa Rica this past February. The CSULA Alumni Association co-hosted the reception to honor the musical group's director, David Ramirez, a Cal State L.A. alumnus.



Association Announces Two New Member Benefits!

"MEMBERS ONLY" E-MAIL BULLETIN

The Cal State L.A. campus is a focal point for special events, lectures, theatrical productions, conferences and other dynamic activities taking place in the heart of the L.A. basin. Wouldn't you like an easy way to know about campus happenings? Wouldn't it be great to hear an interesting speaker or attend a University ceremony when it fits into your schedule?

Well now you can! The Alumni Association is proud to introduce its newest "members-only" benefit, *E-lumniMail*. You can now receive monthly e-mail bulletins detailing all the exciting events taking place on campus in the weeks to come. Just go to Association's Web site at <http://alumni.calstatela.edu> and click on the New Benefits Link to sign-up for *E-lumniMail*. Then, in early May, you'll start receiving e-mail bulletins specially tailored to Cal State L.A. alumni like you!

A NOISE WITHIN SPRING SEASON TICKET DISCOUNTS

Now you can enjoy three spring productions of **A Noise Within**—the resident theater company at the Luckman—through a special offer for members of the CSULA Alumni Association. The company's new season runs from April 21 through June 25, 2000. The line-up begins with Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, a rarely staged romance from the master playwright. Next is Molière's *The Misanthrope*, a sublime comedy set in 17th century France. Rounding out the season is Tennessee Williams' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. As an alumni member, you can purchase a three-play subscription package or the "As You Like It Flex Pass" and receive a second subscription or pass free. Join A Noise Within at the Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex for timeless and affordable drama. For more information and to purchase tickets, telephone (323) 224-6420.

Commencement Booth Volunteers Needed!



Chris Gillett '61, Cal State L.A. articulation liaison, helps out at Alumni Association booth, Commencement 1999.

More than 25,000 new graduates, parents, relatives and friends will attend this year's Commencement ceremonies at Cal State L.A. on Saturday, June 10, 2000. Alumni volunteers will be there too, helping to sell hot coffee, alumni logo baseball caps and much more. It's all part of the Association's annual Commencement booth, located just outside the stadium entrance where ceremonies are held. Can you volunteer to help on Commencement day? We promise you a fun and exhilarating morning! Contact Maria Ubago '98 at (323) 343-ALUM.

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Join Us!

Draper: A Class-Act Student-Athlete

Thank goodness for student-athletes like **Jeff Draper**. In the last few weeks, two NFL football players have been arrested on attempted murder charges; a NHL hockey player blatantly assaulted an opposing player on the ice and now faces criminal charges; and a baseball player was suspended for racial slurs he made in an interview with a national magazine. But today's student-athletes like Cal State L.A.'s Jeff Draper are showing the world the true meaning of sportsmanship and academic excellence.

Draper, a 5-10 junior right-handed pitcher, is a three-year letterwinner with the Golden Eagle baseball team. Of course his athletic abilities are admirable, but it's his academic successes that are the most impressive.

A business administration major with a cumulative 3.64 GPA, Draper is also the recipient of numerous scholarships. He has accepted the Ira Manson Memorial Scholarship, the Angels/Dodgers' Wives Scholarship, the B.L. Hoyt Scholarship, the Raul Henderson Memorial Award, and a Cal State L.A. Alumni Scholarship.

Additionally, the seven-time Dean's List honoree and two-time National Dean's List award winner, is also a lifetime member of the Golden Key National Honor Society (an automatic distinction for the Top 15% in his/her graduating class). In the near future, Draper will also represent Cal State L.A. regionally as a candidate for *Who's Who Among College Students* (recommended and submitted by collegiate professors/administrators).

Draper also gives back to his community as a volunteer to the El Monte Dukes Baseball Team, where he has assisted in clinics for local children. With El Monte Police Lieutenant Ken Weldon, he traveled to Mexico to provide clothing and food for the poor.

Draper wants to earn his MBA after graduation and has future plans to run a Boys and Girls Club, because he "wants to work with children to make sure they get the right start."



Junior Jeff Draper

43% of Student Athletes Achieve 3.0 GPA and Higher

During the 1999 Fall quarter, Cal State L.A.'s student-athletes achieved a cumulative 2.75 overall GPA, with 43 percent earning a 3.0 GPA or higher.

The Division has continued to work hard to improve its Athletics Academic Advising area, recently adding an assistant advisor, a tutorial program and monitored study halls. For instance, all freshman and new transfer student-athletes are required to attend the Division's study hall weekly.

As a result of these enhancements, the Division is able to provide additional one-on-one academic advising to more effectively guide and monitor individual academic progress, maintain longer open-door office hours, and to better assist student-athletes in appropriate course selections that fulfill both graduation requirements and athletics eligibility.



Two-time GTE Academic All-District Honoree Kasey Jungwirth, holds a cumulative 3.91 GPA in accounting.

WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

Men's Basketball—The Cal State L.A. men's basketball team was selected as the No. 6 seed in the West Region for the 2000 NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament. It marked the second time Cal State L.A. had been to the NCAA Tournament under fourth-year head coach **Dave Yanai**. The Golden Eagles, however, lost to CS San Bernardino in the first round 61-54, despite the stellar scoring effort of 6-0 junior guard **Quincy Stinson**, who totaled a game-high 27 points.

Stinson, a two-time 1999-2000 CCAA Player of the Week honoree, collected his second straight All-West District award and received 3rd team NABC/Oldsmobile Division II All-American honors. Stinson is the first men's basketball player to achieve the highest accolade in collegiate sports since Sam Veal in 1985.

Stinson also earned his second consecutive All-CCAA First Team accolade, the only junior in the league to claim the honor. He finished the season with a team-high 15.1 points per game, 59 steals, 36 three-pointers made and a .739 (82-111) free throw percentage. He also led the team in scoring nine times. Stinson is already the University's all-time career steals leader with 182, and is ranked 8th all-time in assists (217) and 9th all-time in scoring (1,136 points). Last year, he was one of only three sophomores nationally to earn all-region honors and was placed on the All-American ballot. During the preseason, he was named to the *Division II Bulletin* and *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook* All-American teams.

Also earning All-CCAA honors was 6-5 freshman guard/forward **Ronald Johnson**, who had a phenomenal rookie campaign. He finished the regular-season with a team-high 390 points. He also led the team with 62 assists and 90 free throws made. Additionally, he was the only member on the squad to start in all 27 games, averaging 33 minutes per contest.

The team ended its season with a 19-9 record (the most wins since the 1958-59 season) and tied for second place with a 16-6 conference mark (the most conference wins in University history).

A Look Back—During the 1998 NCAA Tournament, the Golden Eagles defeated Grand Canyon 58-53, then lost to the eventual national champions UC Davis 53-51 on the Aggies' home court.

Prior to that, the Golden Eagles earned an invitation to the 1995 NCAA Tournament, where they defeated CSU Bakersfield in the first game, 70-66 in overtime. Cal State L.A. then lost to Pacific West Conference representative Seattle Pacific 76-68. Back then, a third place game was played in which the Golden Eagles defeated UC Davis, 78-74.

Only twice in the University's history of men's basketball has a Cal State L.A. team advanced beyond regional play. During the 1956-57 and 1958-59 seasons, under head coach **Sax Elliott**, Cal State L.A. advanced to the Final Four and finished with a 20-12 and 20-9 overall record, respectively. In fact, Cal State L.A. won its first and only conference title in 1959 with an 8-2 clip and received the league's automatic bid into postseason competition.

Women's Basketball—Cal State L.A.'s **Kelli Kobayashi** and **Christa Ellis** were named to the All-CCAA Honorable Mention team, as voted upon by the league's head coaches.

Kobayashi, a 5-3 sophomore guard, ended the 1999-2000 campaign averaging 11.7 points and 2.5 rebounds per game. She added 50 assists and 40 steals. She also became the University's all-time three-point shooter with 97 career treys made of 319 attempted. This is Kobayashi's second consecutive All-CCAA award.

Ellis, a 5-11 junior forward, led the team in scoring with 297 points (12.4 per game) and finished with a 6.0 rebound average. She also led the team in free throws made (82) attempted (105) and percentage (82-105, .781, ranked 5th-best in the league). Ellis led the team in scoring in 10 games and rebounding in seven games this past season. This is her first all-conference honor.

The Golden Eagles ended their campaign with a 7-17 overall record and 6-14 league standard.



Junior Quincy Stinson

Athletics' Corporate Partners Honored at Homecoming

The Division of Intercollegiate Athletics honored three very special corporate partners at its Homecoming men's basketball half-time festivities during last February's game against Chico State.

The Associated Students, Inc., the Cal State L.A. Federal Credit Union and USC University Hospital Center for Athletic Medicine were instrumental in the Division's purchase of a new double-line message scoreboard in the Eagles' Nest.

Through their support, participants and spectators can enjoy visual special effects and up-to-date statistics with this new system.



Director of Athletics Carol M. Dunn (l.), Head Volleyball Coach Bill Lawler (2nd from l.), Head Basketball Coach Marcia Murota (r.) with corporate partner representatives.

Secretary of State Bill Jones Gives Ceremonial Tip-Off

Secretary of State Bill Jones was on the campus of Cal State L.A. during the annual Homecoming men's basketball game and provided a ceremonial tip-off between Golden Eagle senior **Kenneth Daniel** and Chico State's Greg Miller.

Jones was in Los Angeles to promote Voter Registration Week as a non-partisan outreach program designed to flood California with voter registration materials during the final days leading up to statewide elections. During Voter Registration Week, events and outreach opportunities were developed to coincide with daily, routine activities such as shopping, eating, studying and working.



Secretary of State Bill Jones between Daniel and Miller.



Sophomore Kelli Kobayashi

SAVE THE DATE

XXI Annual Michelob/Pepsi Golden Eagle Golf Tournament
Monday, May 8, 2000
Via Verde Country Club

Billie Jean King and Friends, Honoring Joe Shapiro
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIVISION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS AT 323-343-3080.

Pine Named Fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science

Chemistry Professor Emeritus **Stanley H. Pine** has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), for his “exemplary service to the profession through teaching and administration with special attention to environmental and safety issues.” He was honored in February at a recognition ceremony in Washington D.C., presided over by AAAS president Stephen Jay Gould. As an AAAS Fellow, Pine joins a prominent and distinguished group of scientists. Among the chemists chosen nationally for this award, Pine is the only academic who is not from a Ph.D.-granting institution.



Pine has taught in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry since 1964, in the areas of organic chemistry, reaction mechanisms and industrial chemistry. His research is in synthetic organic chemistry.

Through his textbook, *Organic Chemistry*—now translated into seven languages—he has influenced the instruction of students throughout the world. He is graduate adviser in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the University’s chemical safety officer. Pine’s studies have had a significant impact in the area of laboratory safety practices and the handling of hazardous materials, and he is widely consulted in California on how best to prepare chemical laboratories for an earthquake.

In 1990, Pine received both national and local awards from the American Chemical Society—the largest scientific society in the world—for his efforts in California and throughout the country to improve chemical health and safety. The state of California recognized his importance to the field of health and safety in 1983 when he received the Governor’s Employee Safety Award. Professor Pine is a recipient of Cal State L.A.’s Outstanding Professor Award.

Pine is an active member of the American Chemical Society, where he serves on many national and local committees. He is a member of the Laboratory Waste Management Task Force and the California Department of Toxic Controls Task Force on Laboratory Regulations.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science is a nonprofit professional society dedicated to the advancement of scientific and technological excellence across all disciplines, and to the public’s understanding of science and technology. AAAS is among the oldest societies in America, having been founded in Philadelphia in 1848. Many of today’s most prestigious and influential scientific societies have their historical origins in AAAS.

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Luckman Receives 35 Sculptures From the Norton Collection

The **Luckman Gallery** of the campus’ Harriet and Charles Luckman Fine Arts Complex was selected as one of 29 arts institutions in the United States and abroad to receive gifts of contemporary artwork from the well-known collection of Peter and Eileen Norton.

The Nortons are donating nearly 1,000 artworks, with a total estimated value of more than \$2 million, to institutions including The Museum of Modern Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Tate Gallery in London.

Cal State L.A.’s Luckman Gallery in Los Angeles and California Institute for the Arts (CalArts) in Santa Clarita are the only Los Angeles County universities included in this donation.

California regional museums receiving Norton Collection art include the Laguna Art Museum, Oakland Museum of California, Orange County Museum of Art, and San Jose Museum of Art.

Luckman Gallery director **Julie Joyce** noted that the gift is the first of its kind and magnitude for the Luckman Complex, which is currently in its sixth season. “The works help to establish a Luckman collection of depth and prominence,” said Joyce, adding that the Nortons’ donation is also “a wonderful vote of confidence for the Luckman Gallery, the University, and the community.”

The Nortons began to assemble their art collection in the 1980s, concentrating on new works that embodied socially meaningful ideas in visually exciting forms. The couple stepped up their collecting in 1990, the year Norton merged his company, Peter Norton Computing Inc., with Symantec Corp. Since then, the Nortons have consistently been included on the *ArtNews* list of the world’s 200 top collectors. Through the present donation, the Nortons are giving away some 40 percent of their existing collection.



Twinkie Piercing: Vanilla, Chocolate, and Strawberry — Eduardo Abaroa, 1995

Says Norton, “we thought the most interesting and beneficial thing we could do was to create mini-collections that would be organized in some meaningful way...and donate them to lean but admirable arts institutions across the country. To do our part for the values of experimental art, we also want to help strengthen these important smaller institutions all around the country.”

To encourage inventiveness in building museum collections, the Nortons have packaged the gifts by themes, rather than group the works in conventional categories-by style or period. The Luckman Gallery package, titled **Conceptual Sculpture**, contains works by artists known on international and national levels, including Terry Allen, Rebecca Horn, Louise Lawler, Donald Lipski, Wade Saunders, and Joel Otterson.

For the most part, the pieces in the collection donated by the Nortons were made in the 1990s. Among the 35 artworks donated to the Luckman Gallery are an untitled bronze by Antoni Gaudi, as well as significant works by Los Angeles artists including Fred Fehlau and Linda Hudson (Roush).

The donation expresses the Nortons’ ongoing concern with education. In addition to our own campus and CalArts, some of the teaching institutions receiving gifts include The Art Museum (Princeton University), Center for Curatorial Studies (Bard College), Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Museum of Art (Marquette University, Milwaukee), Henry Art Gallery (University of Washington, Seattle), University Art Museum (UC Santa Barbara), UC Berkeley Art Museum, and Weatherspoon Art Gallery (University of North Carolina, Greensboro).

The Luckman will celebrate the Nortons’ gift with an exhibition to take place within the 2000-2001 season.

A Top Student With the ‘Write’ Stuff

Cal State L.A. undergraduate student **Yang “Kelly” Yang** was named to the **USA TODAY All-USA Academic First Team** in February. She was one of only 20 college students from across the nation selected by a panel of educators from more than 800 nominees. The panel gave most consideration to a student’s individual scholarship or intellectual endeavor, as well as leadership roles in on-and-off campus activities.

A political science sophomore with a pre-law option and a 3.96 grade point average, Yang is one of 100 highly gifted youngsters in Cal State L.A.’s Early Entrance Program (EEP). She was accepted in the Program—the only one of its kind in the nation—in 1998, at age 13.

Born in Tianjin, China, Yang came to the United States with her parents when she was only six, and was reading and writing English by the time she was seven. She was a published author before she enrolled at Cal State L.A., with fiction and poetry to her credit. As a freshman, Yang took advantage of the fact that EEP students participate directly in all phases of University life. She became the first EEP freshman hired as a staff writer for the University’s award-winning *University Times*, and was honored

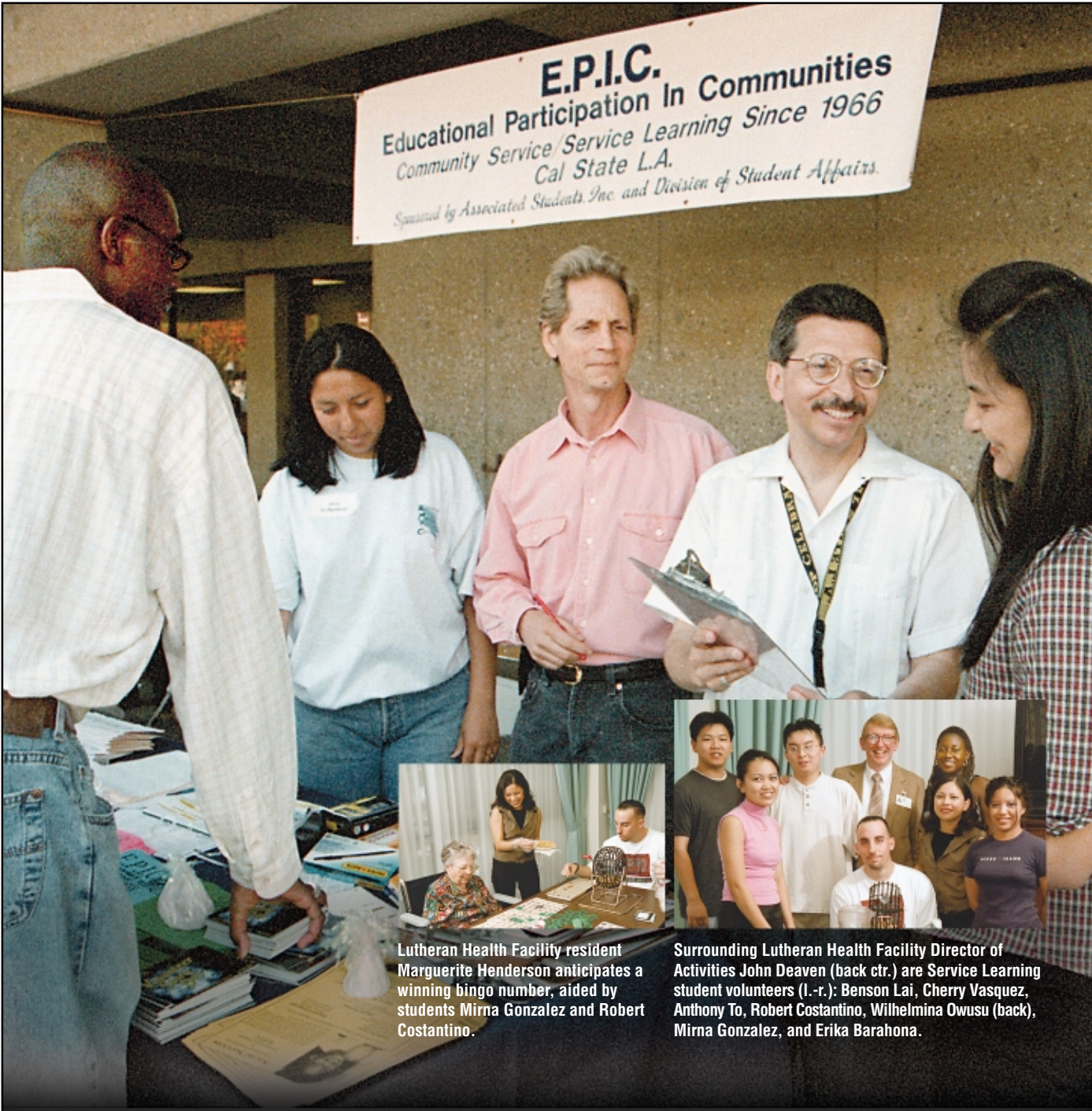


the following quarter as the paper’s “Rookie of the Year.”

Journalism obviously suits this mature teen, who “has a way with words,” according to a feature story in the *Los Angeles Times*. She is founder and executive editor of the *Los Angeles English Guide*—a newspaper, co-distributed with newspapers in China, which aims to help students “learn English in a creative, fun way,” and writes and edits the *Pen Times*, a Southern California publication that helps students enhance their writing skills. This academic year, she has been writing articles and taking photographs for *Eagle’s Eye*, the new Cal State L.A. student government newspaper. This summer, she plans to release her next book, *Yang Yang Experiences America*, a volume of short stories.

Yang’s scholarship, honors and achievements have led to further recognition. In March, Los Angeles County Supervisor and Cal State L.A. alumnus Mike Antonovich presented Yang with the Board’s highest honor, and, sponsored by California Assemblymember **Gloria Romero**, Yang represented Assembly District 49 as a “Woman of the Year” during Women’s History Month events at Romero’s local office and at the State Capitol.

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Lutheran Health Facility resident Marguerite Henderson anticipates a winning bingo number, aided by students Mirna Gonzalez and Robert Costantino.

Surrounding Lutheran Health Facility Director of Activities John Deaven (back ctr.) are Service Learning student volunteers (l.-r.): Benson Lai, Cherry Vasquez, Anthony To, Robert Costantino, Wilhelmina Owusu (back), Mirna Gonzalez, and Erika Barahona.

Cal State L.A. students Jermaine Junius, (far l.), and Wendy Sun, (far r.), inquire about community service at Volunteer Spirit Day in April. Providing information is (l.-r.) volunteer Alma Huerta; Ed Forde, coordinator of Service Learning; and Jorge Uranga, director of EPIC. See story, p. 3.