

Commencement: U.S. Treasurer honored

A student stood and waved an American flag, another waved his cap; many quietly dabbed their eyes as U.S. Treasurer **Rosario Marin '83**—framed by two enormous American flags—spoke emotionally to a rapt audience of nearly 20,000. Marin told of her reluctance to accompany her parents to the United States as a teen, of her difficulty in speaking English as a new immigrant, her resolve to learn the language “to the best of my ability,” her achievement as a high school graduate in the top 20 of her class, and her life as a college student—working full time and taking courses at night. About to be named assistant vice-president of City National Bank and embarking on her master’s degree at Cal State L.A., Marin explained, “my life changed in the most dramatic way...”



“My first son Eric was born—not just with Down Syndrome—but with many other complications. That’s when I heeded the call to public service. I gave up my career, quit my master’s program and sold my house to take care of Eric, now a handsome 16-year old young man.... In my community, we often say that God sends us blessings in disguise and I kept telling God to ‘Please go bless someone else.’ But little did I know that my life had been transformed.... [I]t was through my education and skills I acquired at CSULA that I was able to confront the challenges of raising my son.... And it’s through education that Americans like you, will be able to face the great challenges brought home to us in the aftermath of September 11.”

Calling graduates “the first professionals of a very different America, and a very different world,” Marin concluded: “America is a place where ordinary people can do extraordinary things.... It’s a country where an immigrant can become its treasurer.... I urge you to follow your dreams. But always remember that those who will lead will be those who will serve. Commit yourself to service—to our country and to our world. Go out, serve the most needy, the most vulnerable and the most fragile. And know in your heart that performing your duty with the highest integrity and love of mankind is indeed the greatest gift of all.”

Phi Kappa Phi national graduate fellow



Cal State L.A. biology major Tina Anh Thu Thi Nguyen, 19, winner of a prestigious Phi Kappa Phi national honor society graduate fellowship, will begin her studies at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, in fall 2002.

Tina Nguyen was only 15 years old in 1997 when she began helping **Wayne Tikkanen** (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*) in his research lab, but she had already been going to college for more than two years.

From ages 12 to 14, Tina had been taking night classes at Rio Hondo College while attending junior high during the day. Her teachers at St. Gregory the Great in Whittier, looking for a way to keep her interested and focused, suggested the idea. “I acted up a lot in junior high,” says Tina, who admits that she was impatient with traditional classes.

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Whose office is this?

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Distinguished women

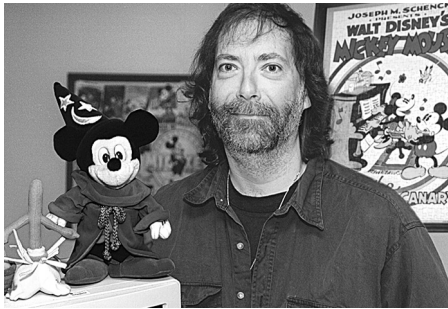
The Cross Cultural Centers honored Cal State L.A. female faculty, staff and administrators for their accomplishments and special achievements on May 22.

During the reception, a special Remarkable Woman Award was presented to **Fleur B. Yano**, emerita professor of physics.

The Distinguished Woman Award recipients included: **Joanne Altschuler** (*Social Work*); **Naomi J. Caiden** (*Political Science*); **Domnita Dumitrescu** (*Modern Languages and Literatures*); **Ann Garry** (*Philosophy*); **Ruth S. Johnson** (*Administration and Counseling*); **Pamela Kisor** (*Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center*); **Carmen E. Reyes** (*Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology*); **Linda Tunstad** (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*); and **Gay Yuen Wong** (*Curriculum and Instruction*).

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An animated 'rap' with Chris Rapp



When computer-users at Cal State L.A. refer to Peter Pan, Aladdin or Tarzan, chances are they are not referring to Disney movies but to the Window servers used on the campus network. So, why are all of Cal State L.A.'s Window servers named after Disney movies? We asked the campus' systems integration specialist, **Chris Rapp**.

In the first place, the security group of the Internet Engineering Task Force recommends that large organizations assign their servers names or words not connected to their function, to prevent hacking. And then, there's Chris Rapp's collection.

A major Disney fan, Chris is responsible for naming the Window servers as well as managing the desktop and network services for the University. With the Division of Information Resources Management for 23 years, Chris finds his job "fun, challeng-

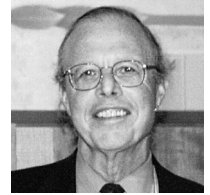
ing and interesting." He started out as a graduate assistant in the computer labs and was then hired full time as a systems programmer. Chris' campus connection goes back even further—he earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Cal State L.A., with high honors, and took graduate courses in information systems.

Chris is part of a team that oversees and maintains the University's PeopleSoft system, and also one of the lead persons to conduct the upcoming TII (Telecommunications Infrastructure Initiative). He'll be providing a leadership role for Stage Two of the project to replace the data electronic systems for all buildings on campus.

Chris' interest in Disney began when he was very young: he remembers looking forward to watching the Mickey Mouse Club at his grandparents' house. As he got older, he started collecting Disney memorabilia "here and there." Now, his impressive collection—a veritable Disney museum—covers his office and ranges from stuffed animals representing various characters to a prized Mickey Mouse jigsaw puzzle that he found in London. Besides Disney movies, Chris enjoys woodworking, playing the piano, guitar and banjo, traveling, cooking and taking care of his two dogs, Sherlock Holmes and Professor Moriarty. LA

First community partnership award

Neil Cohen (*Social Work*) received the University's first Community Partnership Award on April 4, 2002. The award was presented at a



community reception of the newly-renamed School of Social Work. The School's inaugural community reception honored collaborative efforts between Cal State L.A.'s social work program, community social agencies, and local politicians.

More than 100 social work graduates and undergraduates, alumni, faculty, staff, and community agency representatives attended the event at the Los Angeles Public Library. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Herman Lujan**, and other administrators and colleagues represented the University. Cohen received commendations from Assemblywoman Judy Chu, and State Senator Richard Polanco.

The Award honored Cohen for his "26 years of outstanding contributions and support in promoting and enhancing partnership among the social work community, School of Social Work, and California State University, Los Angeles."

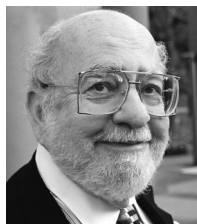
Cohen received his B.A. from UCLA, his M.S.W. from UC Berkeley, and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. He is an expert on child welfare, social welfare policy, homelessness, and social work administration. He has published *Child Welfare: A Multicultural Focus*, 2nd ed. (Alynn Bacon, 2000). LA

In memory of Morris Polan

Morris Polan, University Librarian emeritus and Pat Brown Institute coordinator of Public Affairs, died March 23, 2002, of heart failure.

Morrie—as he was known to his many friends and colleagues—began his connection with Cal State L.A. in 1955, only eight years after the founding of "L.A. State." With the library for 33 years, Morrie supervised the building of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library, directed its growth and expansion, and oversaw its rapid return to full operation within months after the devastating effects of the 1987 earthquake.

Starting as periodicals librarian, Morrie served as head of reference, head of reader services and assistant college librarian. He became College (now University) Librarian in 1965, a position he held until his



retirement on Dec. 30, 1988.

Strongly drawn to political issues and long supportive of the Democratic Party, he began an association with the Edmund G. "Pat" Brown Institute of Public Affairs, a non-partisan center for applied public policy that he helped bring to campus in 1987.

In 1992, he became the Pat Brown Institute's coordinator of public affairs, a position he held until his death.

He leaves two daughters, Ruth and Miriam, and a vast network of friends and colleagues who will remember his wit, his knowledge and understanding of politics, and his commitment to preserving and cherishing the creative accomplishments of the human spirit. LA

(See p. 8 for photo from Morris Polan's memorial service on campus.)



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CSULA is ranked at the top in *Hispanic Outlook*

Cal State L.A. was ranked #4 on the *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's* 12th annual "Top 100," making it the highest ranked institution in California conferring the most bachelor's degrees on Hispanics. This national listing of colleges and universities is based on the latest report by the National Center for Education Statistics.

Additionally, Cal State L.A. was ranked #11 among the top 100 colleges and universities that awarded the most master's degrees to Hispanics. Cal State L.A. is a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution, with 53.2 percent of the University's students identifying themselves as Hispanic.

CSU campuses in the top 100 in awarding bachelor's degrees include Cal State L.A. (4), San Diego State University (5), CSU Fullerton (9), CSU Long Beach (10), CSU Northridge (11), CSU Fresno (14), San Jose State University (23), CSU San Bernardino (25), Cal Poly Pomona (28),

CSU Dominguez Hills (29), CSU Sacramento (35), San Francisco State University (38), Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (39), CSU Stanislaus (61), CSU Hayward (64), CSU Bakersfield (72), and CSU Chico (85).

The top three rankings went to the following institutions: Florida International University (1), The University of Texas-Pan American (2), and The University of Texas at El Paso (3).

"The CSU is the most diverse university system in the nation, with minority enrollment topping 53 percent, more than twice the national average for four-year public universities," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "We are proud that we are the university of choice for so many talented and bright Hispanic students. They truly enrich CSU's academic environment."

The CSU graduating class of 2001 included 10,346 Hispanic bachelor's degree recipients among 23,658 minority student graduates. LA

New NSS, HHS leadership

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Herman D. Lujan announced the following appointments, effective July 1, 2002: Desdemona Cardoza, dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences, and **Mitchell Maki**, acting dean, College of Health and Human Services.

Desdemona Cardoza, a professor of psychology, has been acting dean of the College since August 2001, and was vice president for Information Resources Management from 1993 to 2001.

Cardoza will direct the largest of Cal State L.A.'s six Colleges, comprising the departments of Anthropology; Biological Sciences; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Chicano Studies; Geography and Urban Analysis; Geological Sciences; History; Mathematics; Pan African Studies; Physics and Astronomy; Political Science; Psychology; and Sociology. The College also offers interdisciplinary programs in Latin American studies; natural science; and social science.

During her tenure as vice president, Cardoza was responsible for executive guidance, direction and policy for the information resources program including the units which comprise the Division of Information Resources Management.

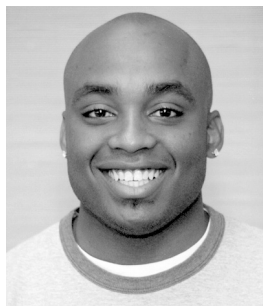
Cardoza received her Ph.D. and M.A. degrees from UC Riverside in social/personality psychology. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from UC Berkeley, where she was Phi Beta Kappa.

Mitchell Maki has served as HHS associate dean since August 2001. He will oversee the departments of Child and Family Studies, Communication Disorders, Criminal Justice and Criminalistics, and Kinesiology and Nutritional Science, along with the Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology and the Schools of Nursing and Social Work. The College also offers certificate programs in Applied Gerontology, Child Maltreatment and Family Violence, Intercultural Proficiency, Youth Agency Administration, and houses the Robert F. Kennedy Fellows programs.

Prior to coming to Cal State L.A., Maki was a field education faculty member in UCLA's School of Social Welfare. He holds a B.S. degree from the USC School of Public Affairs, and a Master of Social Work and Ph.D. from USC's School of Social Work. LA

Student crowned national forensic champion

Javon Johnson, a junior majoring in Communication Studies, was recently awarded first place in dramatic interpretation at the American Forensic Association's National Individual Events Tournament in Peoria, IL.



Johnson swept past competitors from colleges

and universities across the nation in seizing top honors. This marks Cal State L.A.'s fourth national championship in individual events in the last ten years. Johnson also placed sixth in Poetry Interpretation, seventh in Prose Interpretation and 13th in Program Oral Interpretation. These strong efforts resulted in Johnson placing 12th in Individual Sweeps.

Also qualifying and competing at the tournament was **Richie Hao** (junior-Communication Studies) who competed in Persuasive Speaking. Together the students earned enough points to garner 25th place for Cal State L.A. in the team

competition. This was the seventh time in the last ten years that Cal State L.A. has finished among the top 25 teams in the nation. This year's tournament is also the 16th consecutive year in which Cal State L.A. has earned the right to attend the AFA's NIET.

The NIET is analogous to a track meet. There are 11 events and students must qualify to compete, explained **Kevin Baaske**, director of Forensics. "We are very pleased that Cal State L.A. had two students qualify for five different events. That one of our students was determined to be the very best in the nation in one of those events is quite an honor. There were 134 of the nation's best student speakers competing in Dramatic Interpretation, and Javon Johnson was the best. We are very proud and very happy for him."

"Cal State L.A. has now had four national champions in the last ten years," noted Stephanie Hood, graduate assistant coach. "No other program in California has had more than two national champions during this time. It's the strength of the Cal State L.A. program that made me want to come here for my master's degree. It's a great program. One of the best." LA

Professor appointed to state board of education

Suzanne Regan (*Communication Studies*) was appointed by the California State



Board of Education to a commission that provides expertise in developing the framework for evaluating Visual and Performing Arts instructional material for K-12 public school children. The committee is composed of administrators and teachers from public schools as well as representatives of the California Arts Council, the UC Office of the President, and UCLA faculty.

Regan, a faculty member since 1979,

received her Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts. Her realm of expertise includes mass media, film history and theory, with emphasis on new media technology and violence in media. History of television, international media, children and media, and women and media are also among her specialties.

Regan began her tenure as editor of the *Journal of Film and Video* in summer 1997, and will serve through this year. The *Journal* is one of two peer-reviewed refereed journals of film and television pedagogy in the United States.

The California State Board of Education (SBE) is the governing and policy-determining body of the California Department of Education, and sets K-12 education policy in the areas of standards, curriculum, instructional materials and assessment. LA

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Recently, Tina's interests focused completely on simultaneously walking in Cal State L.A.'s 55th Commencement and publishing the catalytic research she has done with Professor Tikkanen over the past four years.

In 1996, Tina's brother, Tony, a political science major, was already an Early Entrance Program (EEP) student. Tina's parents—immigrants from Vietnam—relied on their children as interpreters and spokespersons—a challenge that Tina says strengthened and matured them at a young age. However traditional their approach to child-rearing, her parents fully supported Tina's decision to attend the University through its unique program for extremely gifted students. When Tina applied for entrance, she impressed **Richard Maddox**, EEP director, with her self-direction, confidence and determination. "I want to become a doctor, and I need to start studying what really counts" was Tina's mantra," Maddox recalls.

Tina was accepted into three major medical schools and wait-listed at two. She will attend Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

She is leaning toward surgical oncology and academic medicine as a way to combine research and teaching with practice.

On the National Deans list since 1997, she received the CSULA Alumni Scholarship in 2001, and that same year, was listed in *Who's Who Among American College Students*, and named an All-American Scholar.

This spring, she was one of only 52 students nationwide selected to receive the \$8,000 National Graduate Fellowship from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, funded by a James R. Slater Fellowship. Tina received the honor society's national fellowship and the Cal State L.A. chapter's scholarship at an awards banquet at which more than 100 top Cal State L.A. students were inducted.

Tina graduated with a B.S. in biology, magna cum laude; department and General Education honors; and a 3.937 cumulative grade point average. LA

Faculty member is 2002 emerging scholar

Ramani Durvasula (*Psychology*) was recently selected as the 2002 Emerging Scholar for excellence in teach-



ing, her research record, and evidence of potentially significant contribution to her field of study. Presented by the American Association of University Women, this coveted annual award recognizes the early professional achievement of an untenured woman scholar who has a record of exceptional early accomplishments and who shows promise of future distinction.

Durvasula's research has centered on health psychology and neuropsychology, particularly within ethnic minority communities. Her focus for the

past four years has been on the neuropsychiatric effects of HIV. She recently started a research program that examines the effects of these neuropsychological problems on health behaviors. In addition, she is conducting research on other HIV-related topics, such as the effects of alcohol use on HIV-positive men and women.

Durvasula has presented numerous papers and lectures at meetings and conferences, and has also published articles in various professional journals. She received her B.S. in psychology from the University of Connecticut-Storrs, and both her M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from University of California, Los Angeles.

The American Association of University Women is a national organization that promotes education and equity for women and girls through public policy efforts, programs, and diversity initiatives. LA

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Student scholars shine

Three Cal State L.A. students took home top awards from the 16th Annual CSU Student Research Competition held at CSU Long Beach in May. The awards for research and creative scholarly activity were presented to 49 out of 161 participating outstanding CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the sciences and the humanities.



Geography and Religious Studies major **Shankari Patel** (l) won the graduate student first-place award in the Behavioral and Social Sciences/Other category, for her presentation, "Caves and Pilgrimage on Cozumel." Her faculty mentor was Anthropology professor **James Brady**.

Second-place winner in the Biological and Agricultural Sciences graduate student session was Biological Sciences major **Antonio Garza** (r) whose presentation was entitled "Exercise, Antidepressant Treatment and BDNF Expression in the Aging Brain." His faculty mentor was Biological Sciences professor **Amelia Russo-Neustadt**.

Winner of the second-place Physical and Mathematical Sciences undergraduate category was Chemistry major **Catherine Fonte-Silverio** (c). Her presentation was "Binding Constants for Glycopeptide Antibiotics and Their Derivatives to D-Ala-D-Ala Terminus Peptides Determined by Affinity Capillary Electrophoresis." Her faculty mentor was Chemistry professor **Frank Gomez**.

This annual CSU-sponsored event follows the Symposium on Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity, held on campus every winter quarter, and co-sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research and the campus chapter of Phi Kappa Phi. The symposium encourages all students—undergraduate and graduate in every discipline—to showcase their research endeavors and to network with administrators, faculty and peers. LA

Results in office romance survey released



Professor Lever presented a colloquium, "Office Sex and Romance: What the New ELLE/MSNBC.com Survey Revealed," on May 14 at the University-Student Union.

"According to a new ELLE/MSNBC survey of over 30,000 people, nine in 10 would consider dating someone from work, and nearly half admit to engaging in some type of sexual tryst on the job. Flirting appears to have overtaken long lunches as the No. 1 workplace diversion," noted Charlene Laino of MSNBC.

Posted on the ELLE.com and MSNBC.com sites were some of the findings from the ELLE/MSNBC Office Sex and Romance Survey, authored by **Janet Lever** (*Sociology*). An expanded coverage of the survey results was featured in the June issue of *ELLE* magazine. Lever intends to use this database—which also includes over 7,000 "stories" from respondents sharing their experiences—for more rigorous analysis and

academic publications in the fields of management, human resources, and sexual studies.

The survey, based on Lever's sabbatical research on the consequences of workplace romances, debuted on both sites on January 15, 2002. The click-and-tell survey is the first comprehensive look at sex and romance in the workplace, says Lever. ELLE.com and MSNBC.com users age 18 and older were invited, from mid-January through the end of February, to answer a detailed questionnaire about "who's flirting and sleeping with whom; where they're doing it; and what they got out of it, good or bad." Lever adds that the 44-item survey included many more serious questions about the sexual climate at work that will allow her to draw conclusions about whether sexuality is more of a burden or asset on the job, especially for women.

This is the fourth mass media survey written and analyzed by Lever, who coauthored *Glamour* magazine's "Sex and Health" column from 1991 through 1998.

Lever, who received her Ph.D. from Yale University, specializes in gender studies, leisure studies, applied sociology, and the social consequences of human sexuality. She joined the faculty in 1990. She is an adjunct staff member at RAND in Santa Monica, where she researches and writes on sex and health policy issues. LA

Outstanding professor in industrial technology

The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) presented its 2001 Outstanding Professor of Industrial Technology Award to **Benjamin Lee** (*Technology*), coordinator of the graphic communications/printing management program. Lee received the award in recognition of his excellence in teaching, service to the profession, and scholarship.

Among his many achievements, Lee developed the new Bachelor of Science degree in the graphic communications program with 18 new courses. He also designed the Graphic Communications/Digital Document Management/Media Lab, that includes digital imaging, printing, electronic

publishing, PDF workflow, and cross-media production.

In addition, Lee arranged for 25 senior students from the Inner-City Graphic Communications Academy to take one graphic communications course each quarter through ACE/PACE.

Lee has been certified as a senior industrial technologist by NAIT. To date, he has published 87 papers and seven books in the collection of such major libraries as the Library of Congress, Yale University Library, and National Central Library of the Republic of China. He is president-elect of the Graphic Communications division of NAIT. LA

Leon Pape lecture



Ahmed H. Zewail, recipient of the 1999 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Caltech's Linus Pauling Professor of Chemistry, professor of physics, and director of the NSF Laboratory for Molecular Sciences, delivered the 19th annual Leon Pape Memorial Lecture in April. Zewail spoke on Freezing Time, his research on ultrafast processes in biology, chemistry, and physics.

Mental health grant

Cal State L.A. recently received a \$1.3 million grant from National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to fund a new five-year program called Career Opportunities in Research Education and Training (COR) Honors Undergraduate Program.

Offered by the NIMH Office for Special Populations, the program will be under the directorship of **Sonsoles de Lacalle** (*Biology and Microbiology*), with faculty mentors from the departments of Biology and Psychology.



The mission of NIMH is to diminish mental illness through research, and harness powerful scientific tools to achieve better understanding, treatment, and eventually, prevention of mental illness, notes de Lacalle.

Students will be recruited into research training leading to doctoral level or M.D. research careers in mental health. Of particular interest to the mission of the NIMH, De Lacalle explains, is ensuring the access of underrepresented minorities into careers in mental health, and providing opportunities to close the gap in the health status of underserved populations. The grant will also help develop and strengthen biomedical, behavioral, neuroscience, epidemiology, prevention, and/or public health curricula and research training opportunities. LA

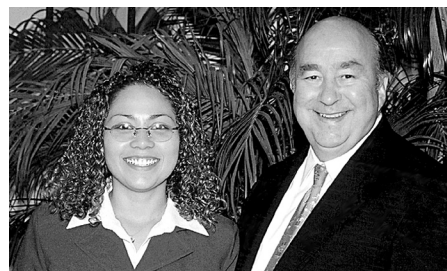
Unwavering commitment to community service

Undergraduate **Graciela Quintanilla** was one of 21 students throughout the state honored by the CSU with the STARS (Students That Are Recognized for Service) award. The award acknowledges Quintanilla's outstanding efforts in service learning projects and her ongoing commitment to the community.

Graciela, who graduated in June, is a mathematics major. She has been an EPIC Program volunteer for the last year, primarily serving at the APRENDAMOS educational enrichment center, a non-profit academic program serving in L.A.'s Pico Union community.

Raised in a predominantly low-income community in mid-city Los Angeles, Graciela experienced and resisted the many pressures of growing up surrounded by gang violence, high rates of teenage pregnancy, high drop out rates, lack of positive role models, and illegal substance abuse.

Despite the obstacles, Graciela developed an exceptional perspective on life. She learned that many people encountered in her community were in despair, and recognized that few things motivated them to strive for a better life. Graciela's concern about the negative perception of her community led her to encourage people to move forward. This experience



CSULA honoree Graciela Quintanilla posing with CSU Chancellor Charles Reed at the STARS award event.

was the foundation of her dedication to community service.

Graciela's perspective on community service expanded when she was a student at Los Angeles High School in College Pathways mentor program. She then became involved in TOPS (Teens Outreach Program), focusing on special events designed to motivate and encourage high school students. Simultaneously involved in LA Works, Graciela volunteered to read to children, leading her to work with APRENDAMOS.

She is also involved with VITA, a Cal State L.A. program that trains individuals to prepare tax forms. Graciela plans to provide free tax services to her community and teach families smart tax management. LA

Chemistry teacher-scholar award

Feimeng Zhou (*Chemistry and Biochemistry*) received a \$60,000 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award for his project, "DNA Sensing and Protein



Metal-Electron Transfer at the Metal-Solution Interface."

DNA microarray technology has a significant impact on genomics, drug discovery, and toxicological research. In the project, various chemical schemes for fabricating DNA films onto metal surfaces and glass slides are explored. The objective is to understand the relationship between surface parameters with the ultimate DNA sensor or microarray performances.

His award letter states: "The Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award

places you among a select group of scientists. Not only have you displayed continuing dedication to education of undergraduates, but you have also demonstrated outstanding scientific accomplishments. The award is presented to you in acknowledgement of both these aspects of advancing the chemical sciences and in the expectation that you will continue to be a leader in the research and non-research components of chemistry education."

Zhou, who holds a Ph.D. from University of Texas at Austin, specializes in instrumental analysis and quantitative analysis. He has been a faculty member since 1997.

The awards program was established to strengthen the teaching and research careers of talented young faculty in the chemical sciences. LA

First student employee award

Derrick Huynh has been selected to receive the inaugural Cal State L.A. Student Employee of the Year award, presented by the University's Center for Career Planning and Placement. Derrick is working in the Department of Art as the visual resources assistant, a position he has held since July 2000.



Bob Evans, curator for the department's visual resources library and Derrick's supervisor, commented, "In my 30 years here at CSULA I have never had a student who has made such a dramatic difference in the operations of the visual resources facility I manage. Derrick has gone far beyond just taking pictures for us...and with his high quality control standards, we now have the best copy photography results that we have had in 30 years.

"I wanted a student with computer skills. I got a student who is majoring in computer graphics and an art student with such skill and aesthetics...who can design and technically develop beautiful, outstanding Web pages. [Derrick] just finished two quite complicated Web sites for me.

"These sites will bring great credit and recognition to **Manuel Aguilar** (Art) and to Cal State L.A. I can only say that these sites would never have existed without Derrick. We have been able to accomplish great things because of

his skills, motivation, and work ethic."

The other highly prized student employees nominated for the Student Employee of the Year who were awarded Certificates of Merit included:

- * Monica Cerda, Center for Career Planning and Placement
- * Anindita Chowdhury, Institutional Advancement
- * Nancy Del Rio, Academic Technology Support
- * Amy Dong, Assoc. Dean's Office Charter College of Education
- * Liudmila Garcia, PALS Program
- * Audreonna Gilberte, EPIC
- * Carlos Medina, Child and Family Studies
- * Leticia Ramirez, Philosophy/Liberal Studies
- * Martin Ramos, Human Resource Management—Employee Relations
- * Jessica Ruiz, Public Affairs

Clemencia de Leon, career center director, and **Juanita Arreola**, student employment coordinator, presented Derrick his award in April in the presence of his supervisor, faculty, and staff from the Department of Art. He received a certificate, a color Compaq printer, and a \$100 gift certificate to the University Bookstore, compliments of United Parcel Service. Derrick's name will also be engraved on a permanent plaque to be displayed in the Center for Career Planning and Placement. This is the first year that Cal State L.A. has celebrated National Student Employment Week. LA

2002 honorary degree



"...Sixteen years ago I left this campus crying because I could not finish my MBA, and today I cry because you honor me so deeply..." -- **Rosario Marin '83**. Pictured (l-r): President James M. Rosser and CSU Trustee Ralph R. Pesqueira confer upon U.S. Treasurer Rosario Marin the CSU/Cal State L.A. honorary doctor of laws at the University's 55th Commencement ceremony, June 15, 2002.

Students secure 2nd place in contest

Cal State L.A. business students won second place in the Interactive Web Development segment of the annual Information Technology Competition (ITC) held at Cal Poly Pomona this past spring. The students developed a prototype Web solution to a "real-world" business case by a Web industry professional. It was the first time Cal State L.A.'s team participated in this competition.

Cal State L.A.'s Interactive Web Development team included members from the campus chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery: **Armando Padilla**, **Weiti Chen**, **Louis Santillan**, **Zhenghui Hu**, and **Jenny Chang**, team captain. The Interactive Web Development contest of the ITC 2002 provided a stage for students to demonstrate their analytical, technical and presentation skills. The winning teams' skills and efforts were seen by top companies, many of them potential employers. (See <www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/ITCwin2.htm>.) LA

Anthropology team makes the front page



Cave archaeologist **James Brady** (Anthropology) and art historian **Manuel Aguilar** (Art), along with undergraduate **Sergio Garza** and graduate student **Shankari Patel**, made the front page of *Science News*

(May 18, 2002)—an award-winning science weekly newsmagazine. Their research of Mayan caves was the source of a cover story by Bruce Bower, entitled "Openings to the Underworld: The ancient Maya may have dug caves with spiritual abandon."

The article makes reference to the following research presentations made by

Cal State L.A.'s anthropology team at the 67th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology: "Origin caves and cosmology: A man-made Chicomoztoc complex at Acatzingo Viejo," "The implications of artificial caves for our understanding of cave function," "Caves and pilgrimage on Cozumal Island," and "Balam Na Cave 4: Its implications for understanding preclassic cave mortuary practice."

Professor Brady heads the group of researchers who are probing the ancient Maya's sacred landscape. Through their fieldwork, Brady has come to realize that this group's belief system invested "immense supernatural power in caves and the mountains that surround them." LA

BalletFest 2002

Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3, 8 p.m.
Luckman Theatre
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New degree option in Afro-Latin music

The CSULA Afro-Latin Ensemble, directed by **Paul De Castro** (*Music*), recently completed an extraordinary one-week stay in Cuba. There students rehearsed, received private lessons and performed two concerts. The first concert took place in the town



of Pinar del Rio. The second was in Havana, where the students opened for NG La Banda at La Casa de la Musica de Egrem—the most important salsa-performing venue in the city. The award-winning student ensemble is the first musical group from the United States dedicated primarily to the performance of Cuban music invited to perform in Cuba.

At the end of the spring quarter, the Department of Music announced a **new Master of Music degree option in Afro-Latin music** to be offered Fall Quarter 2002. The option comprises a core of 35 units, and will provide advanced student musicians the opportunity to learn traditional as well as contemporary Latin

styles, enabling them to hone their skills as performers, composers and arrangers, says De Castro, the program's coordinator.

In addition to taking special Afro-Latin music courses, students in the new M.M. option will benefit from participation in the CSULA Afro-Latin Ensemble and in the Latin Percussion Ensemble, performing music from the major musical cultures of Latin America including Cuba, Brazil, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico at various concerts and festivals.

Students in the CSULA Afro-Latin Ensemble (formerly, the CSULA Latin Jazz Ensemble) participate in a variety of master classes and lectures with prominent musicologists and musicians. Over the past years, they have performed with such guest artists as Edgardo Cambón, Danilo Lozano, José Antonio Rodríguez, Frank Emilio Flynn, Carlos Puerto, Bobby Rodríguez, Ismael Quintana "Changuito," and Pancho Terry. The CSULA Afro-Latin Ensemble has been recognized as one of the best student ensembles in California performing Latin jazz, salsa, and Afro-Cuban music. LA

Federal nursing grant

The **School of Nursing** has been awarded a \$759,669 Advanced Nursing Education three-year funded grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that supports a graduate Family Nurse Practitioner option. An in-kind donation from Cal State L.A. of nearly \$270,000 brings the project-funding total to almost \$973,000. The option will expand a graduate nursing program that has been ranked the top program in the CSU and among the top four programs in California by *U.S. News and World Report*.

As defined by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, a nurse practitioner is "a Registered Nurse (RN) who has advanced education and clinical training in a health care specialty area." Cal State L.A.'s Family Nurse Practitioner option will bring together a unique union of culturally diverse faculty, students, and clients, contributing to the expansion of the graduate minority workforce in nursing and enhancing the number of primary healthcare providers.

The Cal State L.A. program currently includes the following options: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute Pediatric Care Nurse Practitioner, Adult Nurse Practitioner, Acute Adult Care Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Education, Nursing Administration, and Psychiatric/Mental Health Clinical Nurse Specialist. All graduate work may be completed in full- or part-time study. LA

Around campus . . .



May 13: Cal State L.A. hosted a luncheon honoring Congressman Xavier Becerra and Merrill Lynch for their support of HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities). Pictured (l-r): Congressman Becerra and Antonio Flores, president and CEO of HACU. Cal State L.A. was the first institution of higher education in California to become a charter member of HACU.



Apr. 19: Virgil Roberts, a partner in the law firm of Bobbitt & Roberts, spoke to approximately 2,000 outstanding Cal State L.A. students at the 41st Honors Convocation.



From Apr. 16-May 20, commuters heading eastbound on the 10 freeway at City Terrace saw the "Bite into Health" billboard. The sign, by Cristina Calderon, was part of a collaboration between Cal State L.A.'s Nutritional Science and Bravo High School students to promote eating more fruits and vegetables. This public service announcement was made possible by a grant from the U.S.D.A.



May 16: As part of a campus memorial service in remembrance of Morris Polan, Lu Elrod (*Music*) sang the closing musical selection, "Ose Shalom" (Prayer for Peace).

Mark your calendar

Alumna and tennis hall of famer Billie Jean King returns to campus on Sat., Sept. 28, to host "**Billie Jean King and Friends, Honoring Joe Shapiro**." Registration for this annual event is now available, with proceeds directly benefitting athletic scholarships.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with a tennis clinic, pro-am and exhibition match at the Cal State L.A. Tennis Complex, featuring Billie Jean and other tennis professionals. After a few fun hours of excitement on the tennis court, the event continues later that evening with a dinner and auction at the Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, where approximately 100 silent and live auction items will be available.

For reservations or a registration brochure, go to www.calstatela.edu/univ/athletic or call ext. 3-3080. *Advance registration is required for all portions of the event.* LA