

CSULA names 11 distinguished women



This spring, Cal State L.A. honored the outstanding achievements of the following female faculty, staff and administrators with the 15th annual Distinguished Women Awards. Pictured with President James M. Rosser: (standing, l-r) **Silvia Heubach** (*Mathematics*), **Carmen Gachupin** (*Public Safety*), **Holly Menzies** (*Special Education and Counseling*), **Cheryl Ney** (*Academic Affairs*), **Linda Wong** (*Business and Economics*), **Shirley Stretch-Stephenson** (*Marketing*), **Nancy Wada-McKee** (*Student Affairs*), (seated, l-r) **Eun-Young (Elaine) Kang** (*Computer Science*), **Frances Siu** (*Special Education and Counseling*), **Michelle Hooper** (*University-Student Union*), and **Susan Tsuji** (*Administration and Finance*).

... this is NOT a drill!

Recently, Cal State L.A. was put to the test when information from local law enforcement made it necessary for President James M. Rosser and the Department of Public Safety to evacuate the campus.

Students, faculty and staff evacuated their buildings in an orderly manner, the way they train each quarter. There was, however, one overarching lesson to be learned from the evacuation; to treat each drill as a real emergency situation.

With that in mind, University Police shared a handful of tips to prepare for an evacuation, or BEFORE the next drill.

- Evacuate the building! Practice each drill like there is a real emergency.
- Grab your personal belongings. You will not be allowed to return to the building to get your keys or purse, if it is a real evacuation.
- Have a backpack emergency kit in your car and office. If parking garages are blocked or damaged in an earthquake, your office kit may be your only support to help you get home.
- Know where your building's evacuation meeting location is, go there only and await instructions.
- Have a transportation backup plan. Someone may have to pick you up, if the Metro system is down, or parking structures are damaged.

Finally, sign up for the Emergency Notification System at www.calstatela.edu/univ/police/ens.php.

Be safe!

Building Evacuation Administrators

Administration Building-Lisa Chavez
 Annenberg Sciences Complex-James Henderson
 Biological Sciences-James Henderson
 Career Center-Chris Lenz
 Children's Center-Patricia Ulloa
 Corporation Yard-Carlos Portillo Jr.
 Engineering & Technology Building-Ethan Lipton
 Fine Arts Building-Beatrice Yorker
 Forensic Science Center-Beatrice Yorker
 Golden Eagle-Alma Sahagun
 Health Center- Monica Jazzabi
 King Hall Building-Diane Fazzi
 Library-Alice Kawakami
 Luckman Fine Arts Complex-Wendy Baker
 Music Building & Theatre-Peter McAllister
 Physical Education/Gym-Dan Bridges
 Physical Sciences Building-James Henderson
 Public Safety Building-Joseph Curreri
 Simpson Tower/Salazar Hall-James Goodrich
 Student Affairs Annex-Tony Ross
 Student Housing-Stephen Fleischer
 Television, Film & Media Studies-Peter McAllister
 University-Student Union-Rowena Tran

First Lipton/Modarres fellowship recipient

The Center for Effective Teaching and Learning (CETL) announces that the first Lipton/Modarres Fellowship has been awarded to **Martin Adamian** of Political Science. Adamian's project will create a legal aid and advocacy clinic for political science pre-law students.

In addition, **Emily Moss** of Music, and **Choi Chatterjee** and **Scott Wells** of History were each awarded planning grants from the Fellowship. Moss plans to develop a music education pre-service for teaching her students curriculum planning in the community. Chatterjee and Wells are developing a food justice curriculum sited in the study of history and the local area.

These three awards are notable for their student-centered innovation and awareness of community.

For info: http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/aa/cetl/cetl_2013liptonmodarresfellowship.php.

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A champion for student success: Covino named president of Cal State L.A.



Bringing to Cal State L.A. his long-standing commitment to diversity and student success in higher education, **William A. Covino**, provost and vice president for academic affairs of Fresno State University, has been named by the CSU Board of Trustees as the next president of Cal State L.A. He will be the seventh president in the University's 65-year history.

In making the announcement, CSU Trustee Lou Monville, chair of the presidential search committee, said, "Dr. Covino's leadership at the CSU and his knowledge and experience in public higher

education make him a tremendous asset to Cal State L.A. and the community."

Covino has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Fresno State since 2009. In addition to his leadership of the university's eight schools and colleges and oversight of academic goals and educational policy, Covino provided ongoing leadership for the Campaign for Fresno State, the university's fundraising effort that has raised in excess of \$214 million.

Prior to his position at Fresno State, Covino held the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at CSU Stanislaus from 2006-2009. He returned to the CSU following eight years at Florida Atlantic University, where he chaired the Department of English and was Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. He also has held faculty positions at the University of Illinois at Chicago and San Diego State University.

A Los Angeles native, Covino earned his B.A. in English from UCLA. He holds M.A. degrees in English from CSU Northridge and USC, and earned a Ph.D. in English from USC in 1981.

His scholarly background includes the history and theory of rhetoric, persuasion, imagination, and literacy. He has also authored five books and 37 refereed articles and chapters.

Covino's appointment is effective Sept. 1, 2013. He succeeds James M. Rosser, who has served as president of Cal State L.A. since 1979.

"I am honored to join a university as outstanding as Cal State L.A. and look forward to engaging with students, faculty, alumni and the community to build on its strengths and create opportunities for the future," said Covino.

"The university is uniquely positioned in a global center for the arts, technology and the economy and it boasts a student population as diverse as the city it serves. Cal State L.A. truly reflects the changing face of California in the 21st century."

For Covino's complete biography: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/csulapres-billcovino.pdf>.

LACHSA building opens with art festival

Featuring a festival of the arts, the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (LACHSA) showcased the talents of its students, alumni and faculty during the grand opening of its new building on May 18.

As part of the festivity, CSULA President James M. Rosser was acknowledged for his contribution to the arts and the high school. Rosser helped spearhead the establishment of LACHSA on campus, recognized as one of the premier public arts high schools in the U.S., and California's first specialized high school for the arts.

The three-level LACHSA facility features 21 classrooms and a black box theatre located on 1.24 acres of the CSULA campus.

For event photos: <http://tinyurl.com/LACHSAnew>.



L-r: Arts High Foundation President Laifun Chung; L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich; Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent Arturo Delgado; former LACOE Superintendent Stuart Gothold; CSULA President James M. Rosser; Arts High Foundation Executive Director John Jackson; LACHSA Principal George Simpson; L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina; Arts High Foundation Board member Vivian Rescalvo; and LACHSA Parent Council President Michele Russo.

WASC update

With comprehensive planning and implementation, Cal State L.A. has successfully addressed the five recommendations that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities asked to report progress on from the Educational Effectiveness Review in fall 2010. The campus will further address these recommendations in the report due fall 2018 as part of the next WASC accreditation cycle. These issues are: retention and graduation rates, strategic planning, assessment of student learning, student services and the role of research, scholarship, and creative activity in undergraduate education.

For the report: <http://www.calstatela.edu/wasc/>.



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From the Provost



As the 2012-13 academic year winds down, we are already planning for 2013-14. Resource

allocations for IRA, Lottery, Student Success Fee, and the divisional general fund budget are being finalized. Faculty recruitment for 2014-15 will commence shortly. Commencement will be a wonderful reminder of our purpose as we cheer on the successes of our students, together with their families. We also look forward to welcoming President-Designate William A. Covino in September.

I would like to thank the faculty for participating in the Campus Conversations this past academic year. These meetings were extremely helpful to me since it gave us an opportunity to meet and discuss issues of mutual interest and also share ideas that will strengthen our ability to help students succeed, engage the community, and find new ways to collaborate.

Due to the efforts of the entire campus, and with Associate Vice President Cheryl Ney's leadership, we received accolades from the review team on our WASC interim report. They were "extremely impressed by CSULA's considerable accomplishments and thoughtful analyses, insights and deep understanding of CSULA students and what they need to succeed." We are well on our way to meeting our six-year benchmark graduation rate for freshmen for the 2009 cohort, and exceeding the four-year benchmark graduation rate for transfers. The University remains committed to exceeding both goals.

This coming year we will continue to build the infrastructure for our community engagement effort, from identifying space and resources for the Center for Community Engagement, to strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing community-based learning.

Lastly, on behalf of the Division of Academic Affairs, I wish to thank President James M. Rosser for his unwavering commitment to diversity, access, and excellence at CSULA. He will be missed.

News Bites

The CSU and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding designed to increase environmental opportunities at CSULA and 22 other CSU campuses over the next five years. For details: <http://blogs.calstate.edu/pa/news/?p=1406>.

Drawing more than 220 criminalists and scholars from throughout the state, the School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics hosted the 121st California Association of Criminalists Spring Seminar last month at the Pasadena Hilton. Professors Kathy Roberts and Don Johnson co-chaired the annual event.

A new Dining Hall, to be located in the central quad of Student Housing Phase II, is currently under construction. For status: http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/housing/DiningHall_ConstructionUpdates.php.

In 2012-13, Cal State L.A. awarded more than \$53 million in Pell grants to 12,749 students. On average, each student received \$13,000 in financial aid.



Clockwise (from top left): CSU Chancellor Timothy White congratulates President James M. Rosser for his 34-year legacy of leadership. Rosser with his office staff at the May 14 campus reception. Academic Senate Chair Kevin Baaske helps Rosser unveil his presidential portrait. U-SU Acting Director Rowena Tran presents a campus memory book to the President. Rosser receives standing ovation from attendees at the April 11 gala. CSULA alum/L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca presents a certificate of appreciation.

A salute to President Rosser

The Cal State L.A. community gathered together May 14 to congratulate President **James M. Rosser**, who will retire this month, and to thank him for his dedicated leadership and service to the University.

A benefit gala was also held on April 11 in honor of Rosser's 34-year legacy, themed "Hold Fast to Dreams." All proceeds from the event help support the CSULA Honors College.

Inspiring leaders address the Class of 2013

Two distinguished speakers will take the CSULA stage as speakers for the Commencement exercises June 14 and 15.

Addressing the Class of 2013 during the Friday ceremony will be CSULA alumnus **Terrence James Roberts**, one of the Little Rock Nine who in 1957 endured protest and ridicule as the first African American students ever to attend classes at Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1999, the Little Rock Nine was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton.



For the Saturday ceremony, Honorable **Judy Chu**, the first Chinese American woman elected to U.S. Congress, will address the graduates. She began serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for California's 32nd district in July 2009. As of January 2013, she is representing California's 27th congressional district.

For details regarding the two Commencement exercises, go to <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/commencement/index.php>.



U-SU Graffix takes home 11 awards

The U-SU Graffix made a big splash at the recent Association of College Unions International Steal This Idea national competition in St. Louis, Missouri, winning a total of 11 awards.

First-place projects include the Xtreme Fitness Window Decal (pictured right), designed by U-SU Graffix Director **Veronica Woo** (signs/banners category); Summer 2012 Calendar Postcard, designed by student **Aimee Guzman** (cards/invites category); Made in L.A. poster, designed by student **Gerry Bernardo** (one color posters); and Sodalicious poster, designed by student **Cicely Feng** (four color posters category).

To view other award-winning projects and the names of those who created them: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/images/ACUI-W13.pdf>.



Honors...

Edison endows \$1M

Edison International has awarded a \$1 million scholarship endowment to the Honors College at Cal State L.A. Honors College students Yulan Lin, a chemistry major, and Francisco Sepulveda, a biology major, were selected as the first scholarship recipients of the Edison Scholars program. For more: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/spotlight/archive/2013/edison-scholars-2013.php>.

UN team earns national honor

CSULA's 17-member team, who primarily served as ambassadors for the Republic of El Salvador, was recently presented the Outstanding Delegation award and five additional honors at the annual National Model United Nations conference in New York. This is the fifth consecutive year that CSULA has earned national accolades. Read article: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/spotlight/archive/2013/modelun-team2013.php>.

Grant for CA health education

Cal State L.A. was recently announced as a recipient of a \$1,250,000 Covered California™ grant, to be used to conduct outreach and education programs on how, starting in 2014, Californians can access affordable health care coverage under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. For info: <http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/Pages/OutchandEdProg.aspx>.

EcoCAR 2 among top teams

Cal State L.A.'s EcoCAR 2 team recently placed second overall in Year Two of the EcoCAR 2: Plugging In to the Future competition. The team was also honored in the non-profit category by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with the Fifth Annual Green Leadership Award. To learn more: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/ecocar2-y2secondplace.htm>.

CSULA wins Accelerator Award

CSULA's Team Defenestrate won a \$2,000 Accelerator Award at the 11th annual Imagine Cup U.S. Finals, the world's premier student technology competition. The CSULA students developed an Internet-themed real-time strategy game, entitled "/Admin." For info: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/imaginecup-2013.htm>.

All-American honors for Smith

Earning one of the highest distinctions within the forensic speech community, Cal State L.A.'s communication studies senior Holland Michelle Smith was recently named one of 10 members of the All-American Team at the American Forensic Association's 36th National Individual Events Tournament. For info: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/all-american2013.htm>.

Eagle Lift nabs 3rd place

Cal State L.A.'s Eagle Lift, a lifting apparatus for motorcycles designed by CSULA industrial technology team, won third place in the university division at the AeroDef Manufacturing Exhibition and Conference Manufacturing Challenge, a hands-on competition that engages future generations in technology and manufacturing. For info: <http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/aerodef-eaglelift.htm>.

Super Eagle swoops green award

CSULA's Hydrogen Super Eagle fuel-cell vehicle project was recently presented the ECO Innovators Green Transportation Award at the Metropolitan Water District's first ECO Innovators Showcase competition. The student-built vehicle is powered by hydrogen, which is produced with the sun's energy. For info: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20130522006458/en/Projects-Los-Angeles-Trade-Tech-College-UC>.