

## Emily Allen appointed engineering dean



**Emily L. Allen** was recently named dean of the College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Technology (ECST).

"It is with great excitement that I join you here at Cal State L.A. to lead the college," said Allen. "This is a time of great opportunity for technical professionals; the world urgently awaits our solutions and our collaborative efforts to make this a better place."

As dean, Allen is the chief academic, fiscal and administrative officer of ECST. Her numerous roles will include providing leadership to the college in alignment with the University Strategic Plan, and supporting quality and innovation within the various academic programs consistent with national accreditation standards. Allen

will also seek broad-based support for the college from external agencies, including building relationships with local business and industry partners.

Prior to Cal State L.A., Allen served as associate dean in the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering at San José State University (SJSU). She joined SJSU in 1992 as assistant professor, earned tenure in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, was elected department chair in 2001, and promoted to full professor in 2003.

## Promising student nabs trustees' honor

In recognition of his perseverance and fortitude, Cal State L.A.'s Honors College student and political science major **Luis Antezana** was recently honored by the CSU Board of Trustees with its 2013 CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement. Antezana overcame obstacles as an undocumented student in order to pursue his dream of being the first in his family to go to college. He was one of 23 students from throughout the CSU system to be recognized. As a CSU trustees' scholar, Antezana received a \$6,000 TELACU Scholarship, which is presented to a first-generation student who achieves academic success and shows professional promise. For more about Antezana: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/csutrustees-award2013.htm](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/csutrustees-award2013.htm).



## Briefs

This fall, the CSU launched a systemwide **concurrent enrollment program** providing full-time students enrolled at any campus with access to fully online courses offered at other CSU campuses. Interested current students can view the online offerings at [www.calstate.edu/concurrent](http://www.calstate.edu/concurrent). Credit earned at the CSU campus offering the online course is automatically reported to the home campus and included on student transcripts.

Students are urged to consult with an academic adviser before signing up for concurrent courses.

The Student Health Center's Counseling and Psychological Services department is encouraging faculty and staff to complete online training courses, offered by **Kognito**, to help support student mental health and maintain a healthy environment on campus. Funded by the California Mental Health Services Authority, the half-hour courses may be found online at:

- <http://kognitocampus.com/vet>
- <http://kognitocampus.com/faculty>
- <http://kognitocampus.com/student>

On the webpage, click "access training" and then fill out the short form using enrollment key: csula43.

## Must-see exhibits!

"**American Sabor: Latinos in U.S. Popular Music**," an exhibition that is displayed in major cities across the nation, is currently open at Cal State L.A. The free exhibit has received rave reviews from the campus community as well as visitors and mainstream media. The exhibit showcases the profound influence Latino musicians have had on traditional genres of music in the U.S. and those who played significant roles in the Los Angeles music scene. Stop by the Fine Arts Gallery anytime between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Monday through Saturday until Feb. 8. For a listing of programs related to the exhibit, go to: [americansabor.org/exhibition/current](http://americansabor.org/exhibition/current).

Cal State L.A.'s Aviation Administration Program is celebrating its 30th year with an exhibition, entitled "**Come Fly With Us: Aviation in the San Gabriel Valley**." Many Cal State L.A. alumni returned to campus to view the exhibit at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library during its September opening. Visit the first floor of the library to view a collection of photographs, books, reports, and artifacts, as well as maps that showcase the chronological history of the El Monte Airport, and the economic impact the airport has on San Gabriel Valley communities. For more info: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/spotlight/archive/2013/aviation-libexhibit.php](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/spotlight/archive/2013/aviation-libexhibit.php).

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## President Covino brings civic spirit to Cal State L.A.



Cal State L.A. President William A. Covino (l) receives the Plater Award from George Mehafty, vice president for Academic Leadership and Change for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

A champion of civic engagement. A courageous leader. These are just a couple of the attributes that Cal State L.A. President **William A. Covino** was recognized for as the recipient of the 2013 William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement. The honor was presented by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities to Covino in the Golden Eagle Ballroom on Oct. 23.

President Covino was announced as the award recipient in May 2013 for his service as provost of Fresno State University.

"This is a great recognition of the commitment of so many at Fresno State to creating a true and lasting university-community partnership, and to the ethic of engagement, service and citizenship that is so deeply held by the university's faculty, staff and students," said Covino.

The Plater Award honors chief academic officers who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in advancing civic learning of undergraduates through programs and activities that encourage greater knowledge, skills, experiences and reflection about the role of citizens in a democracy.

"Bill championed applied interdisciplinary scholarship, especially where it addressed the specific needs of our region," said Chris Fiorentino, director of Fresno State's Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning. "He worked to recruit and hire a diverse faculty to serve Fresno State's mission of engagement, helped raise and steward external support for engagement efforts, and stewarded high impact practices, especially those that involved students in experiential learning."

Bringing with him a spirit of civic engagement, Covino is committed to making Cal State L.A. a great university in a great city. In the past few months, he has reached out to those in business, industry, education, and government. He has also been working hard to engage faculty and staff to create partnerships that better prepare Cal State L.A. students to earn their college degrees and become contributing global citizens.

## 'Approachable' staff member helps students graduate

**Amy Miller**, administrative coordinator for the Graduate Program in the College of Natural and Social Sciences (NSS), was honored as this year's Outstanding Staff member for her commitment to helping Cal State L.A. students succeed in completing their academic degrees.

Nominators described her as "approachable" and skillful in applying her abilities to keep students enrolled and on a path to graduation.

A staff member at Cal State L.A. since 2007, Miller is credited for writing the first NSS Graduate Studies Strategic Plan while working with the various NSS committees.

"I was surprised and deeply honored to receive the Outstanding Staff Award," said Miller. "I have been blessed to have worked and continue to work with a lot of outstanding and caring staff, faculty, and administrators on this campus. One of the great things about my job is that I get to work with NSS graduate students and sometimes undergraduate students. The students on this campus are truly amazing people, and I really enjoy working with them."

For a list of staff members honored for their up to 40 years of employment at Cal State L.A., visit [www.calstatela.edu/UniversityReports](http://www.calstatela.edu/UniversityReports).



## Chancellor tours campus



CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White enjoys conversation with Cal State L.A. students during a pizza lunch hosted by the Associated Students, Inc. as part of his campus tour on Nov. 20.

CSU Chancellor **Timothy P. White** culminated his tour of all 23 CSU campuses with a visit to Cal State L.A. on Nov. 20.

"I've saved the best for last," he said, during an open forum in the Eagles Nest Gym that was attended by more than 200 guests.

White's day included breakfast with President William A. Covino and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

The chancellor also learned about current research projects conducted by MORE Programs students, performed diagnostics on the award-winning EcoCAR 2 vehicle, explored the new Television, Film, and Media Center, and investigated a mock crime scene during his tour of the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center.

For a CSU video of Chancellor White's remarkable first year: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X30JRomRNik&feature=youtu.be>

### CAMPUS FACT:

Cal State L.A. has recently exceeded the target set by the Chancellor's Office for incoming transfer four-year graduation rates as part of the CSU Graduation Initiative. According to a recent report compiled by the university's Institutional Research office, graduation rates for the fall 2009 cohort has increased to 64 percent (surpassing the 57 percent target). Underrepresented transfer students in that cohort have increased to 63 percent (surpassing the 56 percent target).



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## From the Provost



Over the next three years, California State University, Los Angeles will be engaged in converting from a quarter to semester

campus. Semester conversion offers an exceptional opportunity to redefine the educational experience at our university and to strengthen the institutional commitment to align the curriculum, pedagogy, and services with our educational values and goals.

Faculty have a rare chance to develop a curriculum that reflects the distinctive mission of the university, evolving disciplinary concerns, emerging best practices for teaching and learning, which simultaneously address important student success needs. This opportunity allows for a comprehensive re-examination of what has worked—and what hasn't—in order to better prepare Cal State L.A. graduates for entry into professional and civic life.

Central to the University Strategic Plan is a commitment to the Institutional Learning Goals, through which student learning is enhanced by expanding and deepening their interdisciplinary and general understanding of the world, enhancing their critical skills, and facilitating their embrace of a commitment to a lifetime of learning.

These goals are:

- Knowledge: Mastery of content and processes of inquiry
- Proficiency: Intellectual skills
- Place and Community: Urban and global mission
- Transformation: Integrative learning

We look forward to the engaging work of conversion and the promise of a transformed university!



L-r: (standing) Academic Senate Chair Kevin Baaske, Provost Ashish Vaidya, Selection Committee Chair Simona Montanari and President William Covino; (seated) Outstanding Lecturer Kathleen Hinoki; Outstanding Professors John Kennedy, Matthias Selke, Kaveri Subrahmanyam, Nancy Warter-Perez, and Enrique Ochoa.

## Faculty recognized at fall program

As part of the annual Fall Faculty Day tradition, Cal State L.A. recognized a group of faculty scholars for their superlative teaching and exceptional commitment to students as well as professional accomplishments and services.

This year's Cal State L.A. President's Distinguished Professor Award was presented to **Enrique Ochoa** (pictured), a respected historian, a community activist and a published author who writes about Latin America issues.

A professor of history and Latin American studies, Ochoa is highly regarded for his research focusing on the processes of state building, globalization, resistance, and migration.

His award-winning book, *Feeding Mexico: The Political Uses of Food Since 1910* (2000), examined the politics of state intervention in the economy and its connection to the rise and demise of the social welfare state during the 20th Century. Ochoa also published regarding critical and innovative approaches to teaching Latin American Studies and history in the classroom and in communities. He has served on the national steering committee of Historians Against the War, and is currently a member of the board of directors of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights-Los Angeles.

The Outstanding Professor Awards went to:

- **John Kennedy**, a composer whose work has been premiered nationally and internationally;
- **Matthias Selke**, an internationally-known chemist and a devoted mentor who involves undergraduate and graduate students in his interdisciplinary scientific research programs;
- **Kaveri Subrahmanyam**, a nationally-recognized expert in development psychology who has been published widely and quoted frequently by local and national media; and
- **Nancy Warter-Perez**, a distinguished computer engineer who has been dedicated to improving science, technology, engineering and math education and outreach, particularly for underrepresented minorities.

And, the Outstanding Lecturer Award was presented to **Kathleen Hinoki** who has more than 35 years of professional experience in pediatric nursing.

These professors are also recognized on the CSU website: <http://blogs.calstate.edu/outstanding-faculty/index.php/tag/csu-los-angeles/>.



## Honors...

### Cal State L.A. among nation's top 20

*Washington Monthly's* 2013 College Guide has listed Cal State L.A. among the nation's top 20 master's universities, based on social mobility (recruiting and graduating low-income students), research (producing cutting-edge scholarship and Ph.D.s), and service (encouraging students to give something back to their country). Impressively, Cal State L.A. is ranked 6th nationally in the category of social mobility, which is tied in part to how a university exceeds a predicted graduation rate based on the socioeconomic status of the student population. The university is also among the top 20 percent in the research category and the top 25 percent in the service category.

### Formula team takes first place

Cal State L.A.'s Formula Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) team recently won first place in the first-ever California Challenge, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2013 and XPO. The competition challenged high school and university students to race on an autocross course in either the Formula, electric, or fuel-efficient class. The last car still operating was declared the winner. For info: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/formula-saewin2013.htm](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/formula-saewin2013.htm).

### TVFM gets Hollywood treatment

For a fourth year in a row, Cal State L.A.'s Department of Television, Film and Media Studies was awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association to fund scholarships. This year, HFPA also created a \$10,000 endowed scholarship at the university to support undergraduate and graduate students.

### Magazine fetes Cal State L.A.'s diversity

Cal State L.A. has received the 2013 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. The university was selected for its exemplary diversity and inclusion initiatives, and ability to embrace a broad definition of diversity on campus.

### Program supports vets' success

Committed to fostering a military-friendly campus, Cal State L.A. recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help ease veterans' transition to student life and assist them in achieving education and career goals. For info about the VA VetSuccess Program: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/Cal State L.A.-vetsuccess.htm](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ppa/newsrel/Cal%20State%20L.A.-vetsuccess.htm).

### Lab to train global entrepreneurs

With support from Nongshim America, Inc., a global food company, an innovation lab at Cal State L.A. is being created to educate, train, launch and mobilize young student entrepreneurs under the auspices of the campus' Global Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

### Fulbright scholars teaching abroad

With two faculty members named Fulbright Scholars for 2013, Cal State L.A. was highlighted in the Oct. 28 edition of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* as one of this year's top Fulbright Scholar-producing institutions in all Carnegie Classifications. As a Fulbright Scholar, Cal State L.A.'s Philosophy Professor Emerita Ann Garry is teaching a master's level seminar on feminist theory and a doctoral level seminar on intersectionality at the Eötvös Loránd University, in Budapest, Hungary. Also, Cal State L.A.'s Pan African Studies Professor Msia Clark is teaching the functions of new media in the production of socially conscious hip hop in Tanzania at the University of Dar es Salaam in East Africa.

## Around campus...



The campus community tours the new Veterans Resource Center on the Cal State L.A. campus during the grand opening on Nov. 4.

Saluting to the university's more than 600 veterans and active duty students, Cal State L.A. celebrated the grand opening of its **Veterans Resource Center** a week before Veterans Day. More than 100 guests converged on Greenlee Plaza for the event, which included a presentation of colors and remarks from Congresswoman Judy Chu and Assemblyman Ed Chau. The new facility, located at Physical Sciences 113, features a student lounge/study area, a conference room, an outdoor patio, and ample space for personnel to provide student veterans guidance and support.



Michael Willard, director of community-based learning, presents remarks during the grand opening of the Center for Engaged Learning on Nov. 14.

Working to connect students to the university and their futures, Cal State L.A. has established a new home for the **Center for Engaged Learning** this winter. Located in Library North, room 1034, the center houses the First-Year Experience Program and the Office of Service Learning and Community Engagement. FYE offers academic and social support for freshmen and transfer students to help them successfully transition to Cal State L.A. The OSLCE provides support to faculty, students and community partners to facilitate the development of course-based projects that link academic teaching, civic learning and community service.



L-r: L.A. Children's Court Judge Michael Nash, Cal State L.A. Child Maltreatment and Family Violence Institute Director Colleen Friend and Cal State L.A. President William Covino.

In memory of children who suffered from neglect and abuse, the University's Child Maltreatment and Family Violence Certificate Program dedicated the **"Children's Memorial Bench,"** located at the courtyard in front of the Department of Communication Disorders (King Hall B119). The bronze sculpture, featuring a boy and girl seated reading a book, was purchased through funds collected by Cal State L.A. students with guidance from Emerita Professor Patricia Savich. The bench dedication was preceded by the New Beginnings Partnership Conference for Children and Families in Los Angeles County.