



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO

May 2011

Colleges, Departments, Programs

The MS in Ag Education proposal has been approved by the Academic Senate and will be forwarded to the Chancellor's office for approval.

Our campus hosted a Civic Seminar that convened 25 campus and community leaders to discuss the future of civic engagement and university-community partnerships as part of a national initiative on renewing the civic mission of the university supported by the Association of American Colleges & Universities.

The Orion has garnered multiple top honors, for the fifth consecutive year, at the National College Newspaper Convention. **The Orion won first place for general excellence** in the Best of Show competition for four-year weekly college and university newspapers.

Faculty and Staff

Brad Dodson (Agricultural Education) **was named the "2011 Rotary University Educator of the Year"** by the Chico Noon Rotary Club.

Fredrika "Fraka" Harmsen is the new Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and will start her new position on July 1, 2011.

Carol Huston (Nursing) **is the regional recipient of the Academic Excellence Award** from the American Society for Public Administration.

Meredith Kelley (Enrollment Management) **was elected to a 3-year term** on the College Board's Guidance and Admission Committee of the Western Regional Council.

James Luyirika-Sewagudde was honored at the National Student Exchange Placement Conference for his 35 years of service as coordinator of the NSE program at Chico.

Mazi Noble (Academic Publications and Scheduling Services) **received the Promising Newcomer award** from the Conversations on Diversity Committee for his hard work and commitment to diversity for our campus community.

Jane Rysberg (Anthropology) **received the Outstanding Academic Advisor award** for 2011-12.

Neil Schwartz (Psychology) **received the Outstanding Research Mentor award** for 2011-12.

Masami Toku (Art) **received the Outstanding Teacher award** for 2011-12.

Shelley Von Berg (Communication Sciences & Disorders) **has been selected to teach in the USAC program** in Spain for summer 2012.

Tony Waters (Sociology) **received the Outstanding Professor award** for 2011-12.

Charles Zartman (Professional Studies in Education) **received the Outstanding Faculty Service award** for 2011-12.

Students

Elliott Eicheldinger, Ian Davidson, Fernando Macias-Jimenez, Mitchell Bohanan and Todd Simonson (Music Industry) **received 2nd place** for their work in the national 2011 Shure Fantastic Scholastic Recording Competition.

Monica Garcia (Photo BFA) **was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship** and accepted into the MFA program at Arizona State University (in Photography) for fall.

Tony Gorelick, Ben Hicks, Joey Kellison, Joey Lanza, Loren Schiller, and Tyler Schroeder (Business Administration: Marketing) **took first place** at the 2011 Western States Collegiate Sales Competition. Hicks and Kellison won second and third place prizes, respectively, and Lanza and Schiller earned runner-up prizes.

Liz Hurd (Ag Business) **was awarded The Outstanding Student Service Award**. Liz is also a 2011 Summer Orientation Leaders-in-Training.

Sam Mish (Mathematics, Physics, and Mechatronic Engineering) **has been awarded a summer internship** in the Computer Science Research institute at Sandia National Labs.

Sheri Simons (Art) **was awarded public art commission** for Los Gatos Library. Her two-story interior sculpture in glass is laser printed in layers to form a multi-dimensional drawing using text.

Max Stolkin (Art) **was selected for a juried museum show** at the Haus der Kunst München in Munich, Germany.

David Strock (Art) **received the \$15,000 Windgate Fellowship last year and is now in Denmark** executing his project. **This year, Meghan Gates' won the fellowship.**

Agricultural Business students won 2nd place in the International Division of the Western Collegiate Food Marketing Competition.

The livestock judging team (Animal Science) **placed in the top 10** out of 26 teams in a national competition at the Houston Rodeo and Livestock show and was the only western 4-year school represented at the show.

The Blitz Build Project (Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction Management) **received LEED Gold Certification** for environmental leadership for the first two transitional homes built for Catalyst in January 2010. These are the first LEED Gold certified structures in Butte County.

Students in Model United Nations courses received the Outstanding Delegation award by the staff of the National MUN. **The team also won the award for Outstanding Position Papers.** This double "outstanding" ranking places the team in the top 4 percent of all schools attending the competition.

The Sustainable Manufacturing Program won the Grand Prize for the 11th time at the prestigious SME Challenge held at the AeroDef Manufacturing Convention. The students designed and manufactured the tooling and full production system for a mountain bike chain guide and bash guard that has garnered interest from local business in commercializing this project.

Research and External Support

Cindy Daley (Agriculture) **received a \$245,588** USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant to fund a research project to train and support organic dairy farmers through eOrganic online training.

Phyllis Fernlund (Communication and Education) **was awarded a grant** from the Chancellor's Office that will allow The Rural Teacher Residency to be expanded into a pilot program in Chico Unified Middle schools in STEM and Special Education.

David and Shari Hopper gifted \$5000 to support the MFA program at CSU, Chico.

Al Schademan (Education) **and Maria Moreno** (Upward Bound) **have secured a CalGRIP grant of \$500,000** to develop a teacher preparation pathway through Butte College and Chico State for students at risk of gang involvement.

Masami Toku (Art) organized **the fundraising cultural event of *Far East Fusion*, which raised over \$3000** from ticket sales for the tea ceremony, art auctions, and Japanese food sales for Japanese aid following the Tsunami and nuclear disaster last month.

Marilyn Warrens generously donated \$100,000 to support our vibrant musical theatre program.

The College of Agriculture has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Commission on the Extended University to support the development of the MS in Agricultural Education program.

Agricultural Education received an anonymous award of \$5000 to support this year's credentialed students' travel to their professional meeting in San Luis Obispo.

The Chico Student Success Center was awarded \$25,000 from LAM Research in support of their student retention efforts.

The Chico Student Success Center was awarded \$1,000 from Target Corporation, and is using the award to finance leadership training for the first student coordinator of the newly established Hispanic Scholarship Fund, Chico Scholar's Chapter.

Outreach and Regional/Community Service

Ellen Akimoto, Chelsea Gilmore, Amie Rogers (Art) **installed their donated works** in two new homes that Catalyst has built for families in the Chico area. Their project was a self-directed response to a problem posed in the Graduate Seminar regarding stretching the notion of studio practices as they apply to professional practices.

Sarah Pape (Early Assessment Program), **Audrey Denny** (Agriculture), and the Ag Ambassadors, in a joint effort with the Admissions Office, hosted 250 eighth graders from Mills Middle School in Sacramento. Seventy-six percent of Mills students are on free and reduced lunch, half are English Language Learners, and the school is a Title I school in year 5 Program Improvement under NCLB.

The Office of Admissions has provided guided campus tours to 5,559 people so far this year (3,843 in March and April alone, including 1,367 people at Admitted Student Preview Day).

Cal-SOAP/MESA, Educational Talent Search, and Financial Aid staff, in conjunction with the California Student Aid Commission, **provided support** to 14 Cash for College workshops held throughout the North State region.

The Chico Student Success Center provided special tours for 15 AVID and other partner groups from throughout California, for almost 900 students and supporters (middle school and high school). Another 5 groups are scheduled between now and June, for another 100-200 students.

The College of Agriculture farm continued its ag literacy campaign and hosted over 700 grammar school children in April, over 1000 visitors at the CUSD Science Fair in March, and over 1600 FFA high school students in March at the regional Field Day.

The second annual Chico Admitted Student Preview Day hosted 2,747 registered attendees (1,139 students).

Chico Performances recently sold out or near sold out performances that included Crosby & Nash, Dr. Maya Angelou, Book In Common author William Kamkwamba, and comedian Paula Poundstone.

The Chico Student Success Center hosted the Coachella Valley “Partnering in Success” with support from Admissions and MESA staff.

The Educational Talent Search hosted over 200 high school juniors for the annual “Junior Success Seminar,” which featured updates and workshops on EAP (CSU’s Early Assessment Program), ACT test strategies, writing for success, Gates Millennium Scholarship opportunities, and college motivation.

The Educational Talent Search provided workshops to parents at Hamilton Elementary and Gray Avenue Middle School in support of Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE).

Regional and Continuing Education hosted 117 CSU continuing education colleagues representing 19 different campuses for a conference featuring a test run of the "beta" version of Colusa Hall. Sustainable practices included coordinating bus transportation from Sacramento Airport, eliminating any parking needs in Chico.

Technology

The 2011-12 online catalog is now live as a web-only, annual catalog. A campus survey is currently underway to get input on future improvements. Catalog demonstrations are being conducted for the campus, and information has been sent out through Campus Announcements.