



CSUMB Alumni Association News

Summer 1999

A Message from the President . . .

Welcome to the first issue of your alumni association newsletter. This first issue is a brief one, designed to give you some important contact information and bring you up to speed on alumni association activities over the past few months. We have accomplished much in our brief history. We worked with the Office of Financial Aid on the "Have a Heart for Students" auction, which raised \$5,000 for scholarships. We sold flowers and donated over 160 hours of volunteer time at commencement and had a representative on the Commencement Planning Committee. We presented the first Alumni Vision Award to a graduating senior and sponsored a campus-wide awards reception. In June, we hosted representatives from each of the CSU campuses and Alumni Associations for a meeting of the CSU Alumni Council. We have launched the Educators Chapter of the Alumni Association, as well as our first membership drive.

Future newsletters will include more campus news and updates on your fellow alumni. To be included in the "alumni notes" section of future newsletters, please share with us what is new in your life (job, travels, marriage, children). Send us a note with your membership form or log on to the alumni association web page, alumni.monterey.edu, and submit your news electronically. The first few issues of the newsletter will be sent free to all alumni, but thereafter only alumni members will receive this link to CSUMB. Please check out the enclosed membership brochure and help us build a strong alumni association by joining today.

Sky Rappoport
Class of 1997

First Alumni Vision Award

On May 21, 1999, the CSUMB Alumni Association presented the first annual Alumni Association Vision Award to graduating senior Adrian Andrade. The award was presented at a campus-wide Commencement Awards Ceremony, held in the newly renovated University Center.

The Vision Award recognizes a first-generation college student who has embodied the values and goals expressed in the vision statement of CSUMB. Specifically, this award recognizes an individual who has:

- * Captured the vision in his or her own words and shared the vision with others;
- * Brought the vision full circle by encouraging

Graduation Videos

Would you like a videotape of your commencement ceremony?

May 1997 Commencement Video: \$19.97
May 1998 Commencement Video: \$19.98
May 1999 Commencement Video: \$19.99

If so, please specify the commencement year on your check, payable to CSUMB Alumni Association, and mail to:

CSUMB Alumni Association
100 Campus Center #86A
Seaside, CA 93955.

If you have any questions, please call or email Kristine at (831) 582-3346 or kristine_edmunds@monterey.edu.

others from underrepresented populations to attend college;

* Put the vision into action by helping his or her own home community or culture; and

* Been a Peace Maker through a demonstrated commitment to diversity and multiculturalism.

Throughout his pursuit of a college education, Adrian Andrade has served as a role model. He was a tutor and mentor in bi-lingual classrooms at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School in Seaside. Adrian worked with CSUMB students who partnered with women on welfare to co-author a book about the plight of single mothers trying to attain an education and get off public support.

Adrian has been accepted into the Masters of Arts in Education program at CSUMB and plans to become a college instructor and work with adult re-entry students and ESL students. In addition to the Alumni Association Vision Award, Adrian won first place in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division of the CSU Research Competition for his capstone project, "The Emancipating Power of Education: My Family's Struggle from the Fields to the Classroom."

Congratulations, Adrian, on all your achievements!

Alumni/Annual Fund Director position open

As Alumni Director, it has been a pleasure working with your alumni officers in laying the groundwork for this alumni association. Together, we have made important strides. Now that we are launching a membership drive, I know we will build a strong, supportive alumni association.

I have recently accepted the position of Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. Because I will remain in the same Office of Development as the Alumni Association, I can assure you that there will be a smooth transition. **CSUMB is now accepting applications for the position of Alumni / Annual Fund Director. Anyone interested should call (831) 582-3337 or apply on-line at jobs.monterey.edu.**

It has been an honor to be involved with this organization and I will continue to offer my support and encouragement. Thank you for welcoming me to the CSUMB community.

Kristine Edmunds
Alumni Director

Alumni Educators Chapter Formed

The Alumni Educators Chapter, the first for the CSUMB Alumni Association, was formed in April 1999 to allow graduates of the Institute for Field-Based Teacher Education to share experiences about the teaching profession and become involved with the university on a professional level as teachers. Many wonderful ideas have been proposed for the chapter, such as an educators newsletter and web site, opportunities to share ideas for the classroom, and a scholarship fund for students in the Teacher Education program. The Educators Chapter will also serve our alumni teachers by disseminating information about conferences, workshops, and job opportunities. As the Alumni Association moves forward, additional chapters will be formed.

At a meeting on April 24, Angela Der volunteered to lead the Educators Chapter as its first President, and Dr. Conni Blackwell agreed to serve as the chapter's Faculty Advisor. The Alumni Association welcomes our alumni teachers to this first chapter and we look forward to working with you!

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The CSUMB Education Chapter Alumni Newsletter

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THE BEGINNING

- The Educational Chapter of CSUMB Alumni Association got off the ground on April 24th. In attendance to get the ball rolling were alumni Angela Der, Maria Dawson, Angela Forbes, and Veronique Marks. The Alumni Association provided a wonderful lunch and dessert to get our "thinking" underway. Thanks a bunch, Kristine Edmunds, Alumni Director, Troy Challenger, Alumni Secretary, and Tessie Broderick, Alumni Treasurer. Beautiful flowers and lots of food gave us the inspiration to establish an Education Chapter. Faculty sponsor for the Educational Chapter is none other than myself, Dr. B. (Conni) mostly because I want to keep connected and facilitate the Teacher Education network which began at CSUMB. Dr. Peggy Laughlin stopped by and volunteered to assist the organization whenever she could. Dr. Mark O'Shea, Director of Teacher Education and Dr. Dorothy Lloyd, Dean of Collaborative Education and Professional Studies also dropped by to wish us all well.
- A special **Thank You** to our first members to "pay their dues" and join the Educational Chapter of the Alumni Association.

Kathryn Angarano, 1999
Marty Beck, 1998
Frank and Beth Blasi, 1997
Joy L. Branson, 1997
Michelle Cohen, 1999
Tanya Eggers, 1999
Veronica Hernandez, 1998
Velvali Huston, 1999
Eileen Maxinoski, 1997
Jose Moreno, 1999
Harry William, 1996

ROSES FOR GRADUATION

The Alumni Association provided lovely yellow roses for all the December 1998 and May 1999 graduates during the first Teacher Education Graduation on May 29, 1999 at the new World Theater on campus. This was the first time that Teacher Credential candidates did not "march" with the regular CSUMB undergraduates. Although it was disappointing at first, that a "short tradition" had ended, the special Teacher Education Program and reception held on May 20 seemed to be for the better. The roses were much appreciated (thanks Tess for your help, you were wonderful!) and the informal but the inspirational testimonial dialogue that was able to be a part of the ceremony proved to be more of a meaningful experience than the big formal event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Some of you may remember Francis (Frank) Blasi who was in my ED 611 course, Teaching and Learning in the Spring of 1997. I taught two sections, both on Mondays, one from 12 noon to 3:50 PM and the other from 4:00-7:50 PM. Frank kept showing up in my evening course, even though he was supposed to be in the course that met at noon. I couldn't figure out why (professors are so naïve about some things) until another student laughed and told me the main reason could be summed up by a name: Beth Gardner. It was my honor to attend the wedding of Beth and Frank on July 10, 1999 in Monterey. The wedding was held outdoors in the Old Whaling Station and was absolutely a storybook wedding. (Look for pictures in the next newsletter!) My toast to them: To two of the most wonderful young people I know, who are going to make a difference with each other by this marriage and who will make a difference in the world, because of their decisions to become teachers. Congratulations and much happiness to you both!

GOOD NEWS!

In October 1998, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing lowered the credential fees by

\$10. A credential renewal will now cost \$60 instead of \$70, not much of a savings, but every little bit helps! Contact CSUMB's Credential Analyst, Lydia Martinez (582-3638) for any information needed on credentialing. She is wonderful at assisting new and alumni students.

CLEAR CREDENTIAL COURSES

As most of you teachers out there know, when you graduated from CSUMB, you received your preliminary credential. In order to obtain your "clear" credential, you must take Mainstreaming, Health Education & CPR, and Computers in the Schools within a five year period. Some of you were able to take a course or two via video, but now CSUMB's Distributed Learning and Extended Education (DLEE) is offering all three courses each semester LIVE! ED 550 Health Education was taught this summer by Dr. Denise Smith and ED 560 Mainstreaming was taught by Dr. Marcias Karwas. The Computers in the Schools was taught by Harry Powell at the Monterey County Office of Education. The three courses will be offered again through Extended Education in the Fall 1999 and also in the Spring of 2000.

READING INSTITUTE: "RESULTS"

On July 5-9, 1999 over one hundred teachers gathered at CSU Monterey Bay in the new University Center for professional development in reading as part of Governor Davis' Reading Initiative plan. CSUMB was able to offer Continuing Education Units (CEU) for all participants. There were several CSUMB Teacher Ed graduates in attendance: DAVID HAYS, EILEEN MAXINOSKI, JULIE PAGE, SUZANNE LAUREN, JOY BRANSON, and I am sure there were several more, and I apologize for not listing your names. Two teachers at the workshop who joined the Alumni Association - Educational Chapter at the end of the week's program were Joy L. Branson and Eileen Maxinoski. Thanks teachers!

Yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision; but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

From the Sanskrit

SPECIAL WORDS FROM ALUMNI

Marty Beck wrote, "Next year I will continue at Olson School, and I will be teaching 3rd grade (last year I had a combination 2/3). I survived well, and had a great first-year experience. Many times I had good thoughts for all of you who helped prepare us for the challenges. I would say that one of my goals for myself is to streamline so that I am not spending quite the incredible amount of time planning record-keeping, preparing etc." Excellent Goal, Marty!

This email was sent by one of our new alumni, Kathryn Angarano who gave permission to have her words shared with you: "We will separate through the passing of time, this is a given fact of life. Yet I want all of you to, please know, that each and every one of your personalities, gifts, and assistance to me through my journey at CSUMB & beyond, & beautiful souls will always be cherished and honored..."

Veronica Hernandez wrote: "On Monday (6/15/99), eleven of my eighth graders graduated onto the high school level, and the others are pleased with their accomplishments as they go on to the 7th and 8th grades. One of my students received the LULAC Award and another the Bilingual Award. It was a tough one (first year of teaching), yet so rich in rewards. Thank you CSUMB Credential Program for the excellent preparation and guidance."

INVITATION TO JOIN

The Educational Chapter of CSUMB's Alumni Association needs your involvement. Whether you just want to keep in touch with each other, receive some of the benefits, plan reunions and/or parties, or help support new teachers or those who may desire to become teachers, whatever your reason, I hope you will join and that you will choose to keep in touch. Until we have a "real" editor for the Education Newsletter, please feel free to write me at CSUMB, call at 582-3301, or email me: conni_blackwell@monterey.edu. and share your news. I really enjoy hearing from you and will be happy to share your news with your fellow alumni educators.