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Outstanding Teacher Award

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On Monday evening, September 13th, CSUMB Alumna **Melissa Manning** was honored by the *CSU Office of the Chancellor* and the *CSU Alumni Council* at the kick off event for "**Celebrating Teachers**", a year long event to heighten awareness of the importance of quality teachers and the role that CSU plays in teacher education. Each of the 22 campuses comprising the CSU system selected one teacher to recognize. Throughout the coming year a series of events will occur on

campuses throughout our state focusing on teachers and the importance of training teachers in the CSU system. Did you know that CSU prepares 60% of the teachers in the state?

Present at the awards dinner were, Dr. Dorothy Lloyd, *Dean of Collaborative Education*; Sky A. Rappoport, *Alumni President*; Maria Concha Salinas, *Alumni Director*; and, Dr. Peter Smith, *President*.

Melissa, a teaching cred-

ential student at CSUMB from June 1997 through May 1999, was selected based on her innovative teaching methods, commitment to students, leadership in mentoring future teachers, and leadership in professional activities.

Throughout the coming year, there may be a series of activities focusing on alumni teachers will take place at all CSUs. For further information you may contact Maria Concha Salinas at 831/583-4723.

Did You Know?

There are now over 2000 students at CSUMB.

Changing Tides

Beth Gardner Blasi and Francis (Frank) Blasi share a Kodak moment with CSUMB Professor Conni Blackwell during their special wedding celebration. Beth and Frank met in Dr. Blackwell's ED 611 Teaching and Learning class at CSUMB during the Spring 1997 session.



*Do you have a story to share about yourself or former classmates?
If so, please send an email to maria_salinas@monterey.edu.*

Meet the New Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund

Professor **Suzanne Worcester** and students from ESSP have discovered a local habitat for an endangered species of fairy shrimp. The vernal pools, which are dependent upon rainwater, are located in the Fort Ord area, just a few miles from campus. Their discovery and identification may speed the process of winning federal protection for the pools.

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Dear CSUMB Alumni,

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund for CSUMB. I am happy to be working in a field where connections to the University are an essential part of my work. My professional background includes working at the *Service Learning Institute* as the Coordinator of Community Partnerships. It was an ideal place for me to be before working for

University Advancement. It offered me the opportunity to become acquainted and learn to love CSUMB and our surrounding communities. Prior to this experience I was working in Northern California and Salinas as a Healthy Start Coordinator. In this profession I learned the importance of true collaboration. I was reminded that sharing in the work process will make the individual and organization stronger. I am an alumna of the University of California, Davis. Maintaining ties with Davis

takes me back to a place where I gained some of my strongest relationships and fondest memories. I hope that you too have positive recollections of your alma mater in CSUMB. I also hope that we continue to share and stay connected. Please call or email the Alumni Relations office to become involved. I'm sure that our association will flourish if we continue to stay in touch.

Maria Concha Salinas
831/582-4723

Join the Alumni Association and receive benefits, such as:

- Employment Opportunities
- Library privileges at all CSU campuses.
- Savings of 10% on all purchases - except text books & software - at the CSUMB Bookstore.
- Wellness Activity Center Discounts - as low as \$12.50 per month.
- Discounted rates at the World Theatre.
- Student rates at MPC Theatre Company.
- Outdoor Recreation Center privileges.

Please call 831/582-4723 if you are interested in joining the CSUMB Alumni Association. The price for joining until the end of the year is \$19.99, \$20.00 for the year 2000!

Bridging our connection to the community.

Kelp Kraze by Theodore Hightower

Combine Kelp, an aquatic plant suitable for an otter playground, with Kraze and one gets a picture of otters having a good time in their natural environment. That's exactly what happened on Sixth Avenue on November 20, 1999. Free bottled water from the Alumni for everyone who finished a *Turkey Trot*. Music, Food, Arts

& Crafts inspired a community of learners and teachers. It was a day filled with plenty for all, from an alumni reception to a dunking tank and other Krazed ideas. And don't forget food! After having fun running and dunking, food was a must and we aimed to please. Our famous nacho and hot-dog stand was on hand to satisfy those otter appetites along with our

own labeled otter water and other soft drinks.

"My first kelp day was spent meeting new friends, finding activities on campus, and enjoying music with food. This event was positively invigorating!"

Theodore Hightower is the Vice President of the Alumni Association.

Educational News by Dr. Conni Blackwell

It was great to see one of our Alumni, Tanya Eggers, at the Teachers of Tomorrow Fall Mixer that was held at the Black Box on campus on September 24. Drs. Dorothy Lloyd, Mark O'Shea, Betty McEady, Margaret Laughlin, and myself were guest speakers for the event. It was also an honor to have Dr. Diane Cordero de Noriega, CSUMB's new interim provost, in attendance to also offer some words of welcome and encouragement to our future teachers. Diane was Dean of the School of Education at *Sacramento State University* and is right at home in our educational circle. By the way, Tanya

was at the event because she has a "friend" in the band that was the musical entertainment for the evening, the *Johnny Broadway Tucker Blues Band*. It is always super to see any alumni return to CSUMB, no matter what the reason may be!

Good News!! Lydia Martinez, CSUMB's Credential Analyst shares this with all: "The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has just announced that the fees for credential applications that are received by the Commission between July 1, 1999, and June 30, 2000, have been WAIVED!

For applications that have already been received, the Commission will issue a refund to the applicant. This means that applicants applying for the first time for a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential do not need to submit the application fee. It does NOT apply to the applicants for internships nor upgrading from preliminary to professional clear credential. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Lydia at 831/582-3638 or email her at lydia_martinez@monterey.edu.

On The Move... By Sky Rappoport

I would like to extend a huge thank you to **Kristine Edmunds**, who as most of you know, served as the director of Alumni Relations from July 1998 through June 1999, when she accepted a new position in University Advancement as Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations.

Kris was an instrumental force in helping the Alumni Association complete its goals this past year, and we wish her the best of luck in her new position.

FREE Membership!

We challenge you to come up with benefits for the Alumni Association. If you, your employer, or someone you know will offer a discount to all card carrying members of the CSUMB Alumni Association you will earn a **FREE** one year membership in the Alumni Association. Each alum may earn up to

three years free membership! Please call our Director of Alumni Relations, Maria Concha Salinas at 831/582-4723 (GRAD), with any information pertaining to benefits. When we receive a written commitment about a new CSUMB approved benefit, we will provide a one year membership.

Examples:
Restaurants, Travel, Hotels, Recreation, Mechanics, Tax Preparation, Dry Cleaning, Book Stores, ...

Welcome Aboard...

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new Director of Alumni Relations, **Maria Concha Salinas**, who comes to us from the Service Learning Institute (see related story). Maria has a strong background in community relations, and I know she will be a strong asset to help our organization grow in a positive manner. If you are on campus please take a moment to visit the Alumni office and say hello.

Homecoming

Go Otters! Thank you for showing your support for the Otters when the Women's Basketball team played their homecoming game. The Alumni Association sold concessions before the game and at half time as

a fund-raiser. Thank you to those who were able to spare a couple of hours and help us out. It was greatly appreciated.



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Upcoming Events

December 7, 1999, 6:30 PM,
Alumni Board Meeting.

May 20, 2000,
CSUMB's 4th Annual
Commencement Ceremony.
Please let us know if you are
interested in volunteering during
commencement activities.

For more information please call the Alumni
Relations office at
831/582-4723(GRAD)

We hope you made it to the Millennium Festivities
this year.
We'd like to celebrate the holidays with you
next year.

California State University, Monterey Bay's
Student Voice, in association with the
Multicultural Club, and the
Alumni Association
Present:

Millennium:
A Multicultural Winter Formal
Saturday, December 4, 1999
8:00 PM – 1:00 AM
CSUMB Campus, University Center
(Building 29)