



CSU MONTEREY BAY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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SPRING 2001

Otters Making Waves

As the CSUMB Alumni Association moves into its third year of assisting graduates in staying connected to the university, the organization has also started to play a more visible role on and off campus.



Alumni Association members help at Commencement 2000 by selling merchandise.

This past fall, the Alumni Association volunteered at CSUMB's Graduate Fair, Kelp Kraze, and the Monterey/Salinas Chamber Showcase. "We play an active role in as many events as we can in order to help answer people's questions about the university," explains Lin Blaskovich, Director of Alumni Relations and Special Projects.

This spring the alumni sponsored a concession stand at several basketball games. Currently Board members are involved in the planning of ConGRADulations Week and the alumni will be providing guest services at commencement. Volunteers are still needed for Commencement 2001. Please see page 2 for details.

Alums on the Move

This past winter CSUMB student Tamara John, along with members of the CSUMB Alumni Association, delivered a truckload of donated furniture to a migrant farm camp in Soledad.

As part of her Service Learning Project, John, along with Roberto Chavez, Alumni Association President Sky Rappoport, Marco Alicea, and James Sanderson helped deliver 28 beds, 9 desks, 29 chairs, and a closet that were leftover by the military when the army moved from Fort Ord.

"For me participating in this project was extremely rewarding," said John. "It was exciting for me to see all of this come together and to see the excitement and interest of all the volunteers as they tried to keep things organized and fun."

Student Ambassador Marco Alicea added "Having a chance to reach out and help out such a wonderful



CSUMB Student and University Service Advocate Tamara John, along with members of the Alumni Association deliver donated furniture to a migrant farm camp in Soledad.

community was great. No matter how long it took and how much physical work our bodies went through to accomplish this project, it was a priceless experience."

Volunteers are needed for the next drop off of furniture. For more information please contact Sky Rappoport via email at SkyRapp@aol.com

CAMPUS WAVES

KAZU • CSUMB's President, Dr. Peter Smith announced at a news conference this past winter that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved the KAZU license transfer from the Monterey Bay Public Broadcasting Foundation to the Foundation of CSUMB, making the university the new owner of KAZU Radio, located in Pacific Grove.

"This is great for both CSUMB and KAZU. Together we will continue to provide high quality community-based programming to the Central Coast region. I expect a stronger and more stable outreach program that will provide enhanced opportunities for student, staff, and faculty at the university, as well as the members of the extended Monterey/Salinas community," said Dr. Smith.

CSUMB Athletics • The CSUMB Athletic Program is a recipient of a grant provided by the AT&T Pebble Beach Charities. The grant will provide for both operational and scholarship needs for the Otter Athletic Program and serve to support the educational efforts of nearly 125 student-athletes.

In addition, CSUMB Athletics is featuring a new dynamic program of community outreach called "CSUMB Athletics: Getting in Gear to Help Community Youth." This program, which is also supported by the AT&T Pebble Beach Charities, provides free sports clinics to area youth. The clinics feature CSUMB coaches and athletes providing instruction on fundamentals, techniques, and strategy for boys and girls ages 8-14. Soccer, basketball, volleyball, golf, and running will be the featured sports.

Hispanic Outlook • CSUMB is among *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's* fifth annual "Publisher's Picks," which is a compilation of colleges and universities from throughout the nation that the publication views as offering solid opportunities for Hispanic students.

Student Ambassadors

Along with being more visible to the surrounding community, the Alumni Association is also trying to be accessible to CSUMB students.

Recently the Association started the Student Ambassador program, which trains current CSUMB students in public relations to help with Alumni Association events and to be a liaison between the association and the student body.

The current student Ambassadors are Kristin Rissanen, Heather Bishop, Marco Alicea, Wyatt Chambers, Sandra Haven, and Jason Sanchez.



Student Ambassadors Kristen Rissanen, Heather Bishop, and Marco Alicea assist Board Members Tessie Brodrick and Theodore Hightower at Kelp Kraze.

Otters Jump on Board

- Alumni needed to participate in Industry Student Day on April 4. Need to present your final Capstone Project (and you didn't think you'd ever do anything with it again!) to industry leaders and CSUMB students and faculty. For more information contact Shoshanna_Rene@monterey.edu
- Need a few good Alums to participate in a panel presentation "Our Graduates-Where are They Now?" So if you know where you are...we need you! For more information contact Shoshanna_Rene@monterey.edu
- The commencement ceremony on May 26 will probably be our largest event on campus. Last year over 4000 people attended. We need many hands to help provide the guest services. So get up bright and early on May 26 and help us sell those items (which make a lot of money for scholarships) and provide some support to this year's graduates. If you want to volunteer please contact Lin Blaskovich at lin_blaskovich@monterey.edu

Meet the new otter logo of the Alumni Association, which was designed by graphic artist Steve Zmak.

The new logo will soon be seen on hats, sweatshirts and other memorabilia!



You Otter Know...

- There are now over 2500 students enrolled at CSUMB.
- Over 440 seniors will be graduating in the spring.
- The Alumni Association has over 200 paid members.
Are you one of them?

Otter Fodder

We had a great response from the Alumni Information Survey we sent out in January. The survey asked about current employment or school status, life changes, volunteer activities, and awards or recognitions received. Alumni were also asked if they had any other information to share with their CSUMB friends. Those responses are in quotes. Thanks to everyone who replied. There wasn't enough room to include all responses in this newsletter...so stay tuned until you receive the next Otter Fodder column! To send information about what you've been up to since graduation, please contact me at lin_blaskovich@monterey.edu

1996

Rafael Varias Zamora Jr. is working as a Systems Consultant for Dell Computer's Global segment. This keeps Rafael travelling 60% of the year, giving technical presentations to senior level executives. He recently gave a presentation to a group of CSUMB undergraduates in the Institute for Management & International Entrepreneurship. Despite his busy work schedule, Rafael also takes time to enjoy his passion, aviation. "I'm in the process of completing my fixed wing private pilot license and working towards my helicopter pilot rating."

1997

Fairlight Lieber Schmidt has been married for three and a half years. They are expecting their first child in July. Fairlight currently teaches kindergarten through second grade and volunteers for a Junior High School Band.

Lisa Blair Piotrkowski is working for Armanasco Public Relations, Inc. in Monterey

1998

Kathie Bailey received a Preliminary Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with CLAD Emphasis in 1998. She works for Upper Sherwood Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher.

Tracee Matlock is currently a Management Analyst for the Defense Department on Fort Ord. She also volunteers with International Missions.

Tiffany Matto is teaching math and science to sixth through eighth graders at Glenwood Elementary in Linden, California. She has received a Professional Clear Teaching Credential in biology and geoscience with a supplemental degree in introductory math and a CLAD emphasis from San Jose State. She is engaged to Greg Jones who is an MIE graduate of CSUMB. "Greg and I built our own house. That's a major undertaking that I'm really proud of!"

Jasmine S. Tobias is a Senior Multimedia Developer for Internet and New Media.

Amy Marbach is an IT Consultant and an Accounts Technician for CSUMB.

David Robinson is working full-time while going to school part-time.

Josh Evans is in the US Peace Corps and is based in Mongolia.

CAMPUS EVENTS

March 31

Half Marathon
7:30 a.m.
Freeman Stadium

April 3-10

ConGRADulations Week
University Center

April 4

Career Day
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
University Center

April 5

President's Symposium-Ready2Net
E-Commerce, E-Learning, and E-Services
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
To participate and register for series:
<http://ready2net.monterey.edu>

April 10

GradFest
9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
University Center

April 19

Celebration of Community
6:00 p.m.
University Center

April 28

Annual Heritage Music Festival
World Theater

May 1

President's Symposium-Ready2Net
Wire or Wireless-Nomadic Computing Hits
the Campus
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
To participate and register for series:
<http://ready2net.monterey.edu>

May 6

Spring concert
3:00 p.m.
Music Hall

May 19

Special Olympics
Freeman Stadium

May 24-25

Capstone Festival
University-wide

May 25

Commencement Awards Ceremony
4:30 p.m.
University Center

May 26

Fifth Annual Commencement Ceremony
10:00 a.m.
Freeman Stadium

June 1-2

American Cancer Society Relay For Life
runs from 6:00 p.m. on June 1 until noon
on June 2 at Freeman Stadium

1999

Tera Marshall is working at Hyundai Electronics in inside sales. She also volunteers her time with the National Campaign for Tolerance. "I'm very proud to have graduated from CSUMB," says Tera.

Christin C. Strang works full time at CSUMB as an Administrative Analyst for SOAR. She will be married in March 2001.

Roxanne Bisby is now working as a Recruitment Representative and Coordinator with Cisco Systems INC. She also volunteers in Cisco Philanthropy.

Annabelle Rodriguez is attending graduate school at UC Santa Cruz and expects to graduate in June 2001. She also volunteers her time with MAESTROS: Institute Educators.

Keith Jason Duggins is a Database Programmer for Fisher Development, Inc. He was married to Heather Noelle Scott. Their daughter, Madison Leigh Duggins, was born on January 5, 2001.

Kathryn Wight is working as a Buyer for Euphonix, which is a company that makes professional post production audio equipment.

Carolina Morgan is working at an Environment Consulting firm in Auburn where she is learning to do environmental assessments and how to write Environmental Impact Reports. She also teaches Spanish to kindergarten through eight grades at a private Montessori School. Carolina is also applying to graduate schools. She wants to get her Master's degree to pursue Environmental Management for 2001.

Luke Archer is the Executive Producer for JustEnough.net. He also volunteers as a Reggae Music Producer for Access Monterey Peninsula.

2000

Jesse Lewis is ANG Newspaper's Copy Editor. On June 24, 2000 he married Katrina Lara Marvin-Travis, who is also a former student of CSUMB. "Life is good."

Mary Patyten is an editor with the California Department of Fish and Game. She also volunteers as an Associate Editor at the Journal of Young Investigators, which is an on-line science journal for undergraduates.

Austin Welch works for Computer Global Inc. He volunteers with Surfrider and has done some travelling. He has also completed the CBEST test.

David Wilhelm was laid off in December and is currently looking for a new job. He has 300 Mulukdons saved in his Oddworld game.

Kyle Rigmaiden is currently a second grade teacher at Alisal Union School District. He is also a graduate student at Chapman College.



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Leon M. Smith enrolled in a Masters Degree program in Asian Pacific Rim studies, at the University of San Francisco. He volunteers his time helping a cancer victim's family through crisis. He also volunteers at the Japan Society of California, Asian Countries Conference, and helps drug addicts and alcoholics into recovery "become more mellow and more aware."

Michael Greenhalgh is attending graduate school at Sacramento State. He is also working for the Sacramento Municiple Utility District in Web Design and Development. "I just received a new pair of shoes."

Zach Boon is a Senior Journalist and Marketing Director for the Fat Lip Network. Fat Lip is an extreme media company with e-commerce sites in the Surf, Skateboard, MotoX, and Bodyboard Industries.

Alumni Association Membership = Benefits!

- Use of the CSUMB Library and other CSU campus libraries
- Reduced rates at the CSUMB Bookstore
- Student rates at World Theater performances
- Outdoor Recreation Center rentals, trips, classes
- Membership discount at the Otter Sports Center
- An email address and access to FirstClass