



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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LITTLEWINGS FARM

How about a fulfilling job working in the great outdoors? Many Collaborative Health and Human Services students dream of combining teaching and working out-



Becca volunteered her time at Littlewings to care for the animals.

side. At least one alum actually did so, helping abused children and earning her degree in the process.

In 1997, Becca Sansom, Class of '98, started working for the Redwings Horse Sanctuary in Carmel. Redwings educates the public on the plight and

care of equines, improving their environment and protecting them from suffering through community programs and by providing sanctuary.

Redwings asked Becca to help create a new program for abused animals and children. Becca and Jean Lucia (CHHS Class of '98) organized the program.

Dubbed "Littlewings Farm," the program helped abused children to relearn trust and gentleness. Abandoned and abused goats, pigs, a cow and several smaller animals helped them understand the meaning of love and compassion. Becca became Littlewings paid director.

"I wouldn't have been able to start this program without my experience from CSUMB and the service learning program," said Becca. "I really believe in it."

At Littlewings, the children worked cultivating an organic farm and interacting with the animals. Adult volunteers provided a safe and understanding environment for both. Littlewings grew to over 60 children by 2001. This success proved to Becca the real-world value of her Capstone project.

Unfortunately, funding ran out for Littlewings and it ceased operations. Worse, Redwings itself was asked by California officials to move from the state-leased land. By

spring of 2002, Redwings will relocate to Lockwood. On a positive note, Becca is now self-employed and celebrating her first wedding anniversary. She is hoping a new local site can be found for Redwings and that renewed funding will allow Littlewings to become a reality again. ❖

Thanks to Nicole Mendoza, Class of 2000, for reporting this story.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY FOR KELP KRAZE AND OCAD!

The rain held off long enough on November 10 to help provide a great setting for CSUMB's Kelp Kraze and On Campus Admissions Day (OCAD)

A total of 600 people, including current students, community members, and over 250 prospective students and their parents, attended OCAD and Kelp Kraze; 187 students were accepted to CSUMB on the spot. Alumni

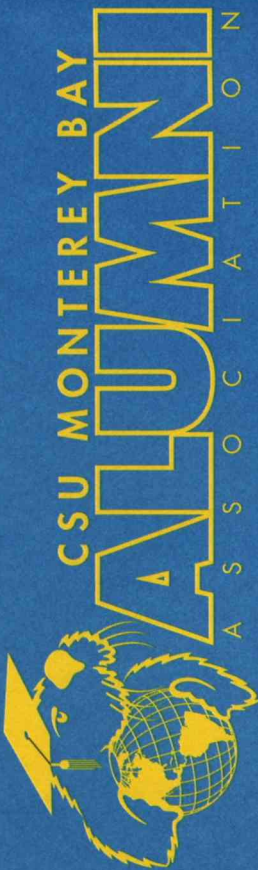
Association members were on hand to congratulate newly admitted students. Each new student had his or her picture taken with the CSUMB Otter and received a picture frame labeled "Future Alum." The association also sponsored a food and game booth, with proceeds going to the Alumni Vision Scholarship Fund. ❖



Working at the alumni booth are, from left, Flor Vargas and Melissa Lopez.



Kelp Kraze participants included, from left, student ambassadors Melissa Lopez and Flor Vargas, and board members Nicole Mendoza and Christine Svendsen.



NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEADERS

In the fall, ten new members were added to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. At the November board meeting, officers for 2002 were elected. The new officers and board members are:

Tessie Brodrick, *President*, Class of '97, was a Global Studies major. In spring 2002, she will pursue a masters at CSUMB and attend Chapman College. Tessie is currently a scholarship coordinator at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She has been married for 25 years and has two children, ages 22 and 19. Tessie volunteers with Fil-Am of Marina and St. Francis Church "Feed the Needy" project. In her free time, Tessie is a member of the Piecemakers Club at CSUMB, an active consultant for Longaberger Basket and loves to "shop til' I drop!"



*Tessie Brodrick,
President*

James Frazier, *Chief Financial Officer*, Class of '97, was a TAT major and holds an M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies. James is an instructor at Gavilan College where he teaches video production. A single parent, James will become a grandfather in February. In his spare time, James enjoys hiking in Big Sur, bicycling, photography and video.



*James Frazier,
Chief Financial Officer*

Shawn Burson, *Board Member*, was a Liberal Studies Major, Class of '00. He's the director of web services at Monterey Network Center and plans to attend grad school in spring '03. Shawn is single, but says he is "spoken for." In 2001, he received the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award in Technology. Shawn volunteers as a coach for the CSUMB women's and men's rugby teams. Spare time finds him playing rugby and softball on local teams. In between freelance design projects, Shawn likes to power nap on weekends!

Sya Buryn, *Board Member*, Class of '00, was an Integrated Studies and Liberal Studies major. She works at CSUMB as the academic advising coordinator. Sya is engaged to be married August 3 of this year. She enjoys writing in her spare time.

Troy Challenger, *Board Member*, Integrated Studies, Class of '97, works in faculty development at CSUMB. He's married and has two bunnies. Troy was awarded the 2001 President's Medal as outstanding CSUMB staff member. In his spare time, he enjoys sleeping.

Christine Svendsen, *Board Member*, Class of '01, graduated with a degree in Integrated Studies. She is now an instructor in computer science at Hartnell Community College in Salinas.

Nicole Mendoza, *President-Elect*, Class of '00, was a TMAC and TAT major. She works at the new CSUMB Campus Service Center. Nicole recently won two awards for producing a live streaming video show. She volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Spare time finds Nicole baking, shoe shopping and taking care of her pets - three fish and a snail.



*Nicole Mendoza,
President-Elect*

Theodore Hightower, *Board Member*, Class of '00, was an SBSC major. He's currently working on his second bachelor's degree. Theodore also works at the help desk of the CSUMB library. He's a single father to an 18 year-old son. A great volunteer, he works with the NAACP, Narcotics Anonymous and Black Student Union. Theodore is known as an all-around good guy. In his spare time, he enjoys bikes, cars, cards and sports.

Judie Swartz, *Board Member*, Class of '97, was a VPA major. She's currently enrolled in the Master of Arts Program in counselor education at San Jose State and works at CSUMB as a graduation evaluator. Judie is married with three children and three grandchildren. Her Capstone project, a book entitled *Il Figli Del Pescatore: The Fisherman's Children*, has sold 200 copies in the Monterey area. She was the winner of the first Mer Soleil wine label competition, resulting in a \$10,000 donation to the ESSP program. She volunteers at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Spare time finds Judie enjoying whale cruises, movies, babysitting, hiking and writing books.

Priscilla Angulo, *Secretary*, Class of '00, was a Liberal Studies major. She's currently enrolled in CSUMB's Multiple Subject Credential Program. Priscilla works as an administrative support coordinator for CSUMB's Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. As a volunteer, Priscilla teaches Christian education to preschoolers. She also enjoys baking, quilting, Jazzercise and reading.



*Priscilla Angulo,
Secretary*

Leon Smith, *Board Member*, Class of '00, was an HCOM major. He received a Ford Foundation Stewart Fellowship for studies in a Japanese masters program at the Chinese Ricci Institute and the Department of Pacific Rim at the University of San Francisco. Leon was invited to present his Capstone master's paper at Harvard University's Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies on the Japanese-American Internment of World War II. He volunteers for a number of organizations which help cancer victims, facilitate recovery from substance abuse and assist in feeding the hungry. Leon enjoys travel, photography, writing, music and the outdoors.

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with embroidered logo
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Green Sweatshirt
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teal and yellow logo
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yellow logo
grey cotton lining
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and yellow logo
teal with white and yellow logo
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2002 Promotional Lifetime Membership — \$175.00 — Receive a chrome or brass CSUMB Alumni License Frame.

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Please check the appropriate boxes if you are interested in participating in any of the following Alumni Association activities:

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QUESTIONS?

Please call 831-582-4723 or email lin_blaskovich@csumb.edu

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Ingrid C. Villeda, *Board Member*, Class of '00, was a Liberal Studies major who obtained a teaching credential with CLAD emphasis. Ingrid is a first-year bilingual teacher and is engaged to be married. She has two kids, with another child on the way (March 30 or sooner!). Ingrid has been awarded the Women of Distinction award and an Edison Scholarship. She volunteers for the CSUMB Alumni Board and is the treasurer for the California Association of Bilingual Educators. In her spare time, Ingrid enjoys reading and spending time with friends.

Felix Cortez-Littlefield, *Board Member*, Class of '97, received a bachelor's degree in 1997 and an M.A. in Education in 2000. While attending CSUMB, he taught part-time in the Institute of Computer Science and Technology and the Technology Tools program. Felix was a member of the Electronic Eels and MEChA, and faculty advisor for the Olin Folklorico Dance Company.

Shannon Kau'i Kahumoku, *Board Member*, Class of '00, received dual degrees in World Languages and Cultures, and Global Studies. She is a long-time resident of the Monterey Peninsula and has been involved with CSUMB Alumni Association activities for the past year.

Silka Saavedra, *Board Member*, Class of '99, works as an administrative assistant in the CSUMB ASAP office. Silka is single but sponsors a little girl in Peru named Cercie. She volunteers as a DJ at radio station KHDC. On Saturday mornings, Silka hosts a radio show called "Tropicalisimo." Spare time finds her enjoying dancing, singing, writing poetry and being with family.

Kathryn Ramirez, *Board Member*, Class of '98, was a Liberal Studies major. She's currently enrolled in CSUMB's Master of Arts in Education program. She works as a technology instructor and Web consultant for pkwebconsultant.com. Kathryn has a three year-old son, who takes up most of her spare time.

Rafael Zamora, *Board Member*, Class of '97, was an IMIE major. He works as a consultant for Dell Computer. Rafael was recently accepted to Fordham University for an M.B.A. program. He's single, with no children, and is licensed to fly both airplanes and helicopters. He also loves to watch Otter basketball games!

Sky Rappoport, *Past President*, Class of '97, was an IMIE major. He has a number of current occupations: nationwide ticketing consultant, marketing director for Center Stage software, managing trustee for MPC Monterey Peninsula Community Theater Arts, and box office manager at MPC. An activist in community activities since 1990, Sky volunteers his time to over half a dozen organizations.



Sky Rappoport
Past President

NEW BENEFITS OFFERED BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Professional development opportunities through CSUMB Human Resources are now available to Alumni Association members on a space-available basis. Check the list of courses, workshops and seminars at www.csumb.edu/faculty_staff/development.
- You can save money by renting a car from Avis. All association members will soon be mailed information and discount coupons to use when they rent from Avis.
- Liberty Mutual will soon be mailing all graduates of CSUMB information about discounts on car, home and other personal insurance products. Watch your mail for information about this new program offered through the Alumni Association.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Hearts in Hawaii Auction will take place on February 14 at 6:30 P.M. in the University Center. This is a great evening where wine is poured, food is eaten and wild bidding takes place. It's a real CSUMB event! Come back and see former faculty and staff as they come together to raise money for scholarships. Invitations will be sent to you in the mail but, in the meantime, save the date of February 14.
- Come and cheer on CSUMB women's and men's basketball as they challenge our neighbors from UC Santa Cruz on February 16. Women begin at 5:30 P.M. followed by the men at 7:30 P.M. Show your Alumni Association Membership Card and get in for free. Go, Otters!

WASC APPROVES M.S.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has approved CSUMB's proposal to offer an M.S. in Management and Information Technology (MSMIT). The curriculum emphasizes the role of technology in global business and integrates disciplines associated with business administration and information technology. The program administrators are Eric Tao, director of the Institute for Communications Science and Technology (ICST), and Colleen Mullery, director of the Institute for Management and International Entrepreneurship (IMIE).

"MSMIT was designed in direct response to industry's demand for individuals skilled in both the technical and management functions of organizations," said Mullery. "This program," Tao added, "is a blend of business and technology with a global perspective."

The program is geared for people who have a college degree and have been in the work force for at least two years, or college seniors excelling in their studies.

NEW CSUMB EVENING PROGRAM

Do you know someone who wants to get a bachelors or masters degree? CSUMB Evening offers programs for people who work full-time during the day. Three degrees are offered: a B.S. in Management and International Entrepreneurship, a B.S. in Telecommunications, Multimedia, and Applied Computing with a Networking and Systems Administration Emphasis, and an M.S. in Management and Information Technology. For more information about the evening programs, contact SOAR at 831-582-3738.

OTTER TIDBITS

NEW STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING OPENS

The Student Services Building (Building 47) on Sixth Avenue, was dedicated in December.

A host of services have been consolidated for the convenience of students. They include the Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Disability Resources, Admissions and Records, Student Outreach and Recruitment, Financial Aid, Academic Enhancement Services and the Campus Service Center, known as the One Stop Shop.

"We thank the CSUMB staff, community members, architects and contractors who contributed to completing this building," said Peter Smith at the ribboncutting celebration.



Ribboncutting for Building 47. At left, Dr. Peter Smith with Dr. Karen Mendonca, Student Affairs Vice President

GREAT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY!

If you're interested in traveling to China and Tibet, here's an unusual opportunity to do so. Mark your calendar for July 10 through 24 of 2002. Beside seeing unique sights and having a great experience, you can earn graduate credit from DLEE through the Institute for Advanced Studies in Education, MAE 695 Special Topics: History and Culture of China and Tibet. Of course, you can also take the trip without signing up for graduate credit. The cost is \$2,800, including airfare, lodging, breakfast and ground transportation. For more information, please call Dr. Kani Blackwell at 831-582-3301 or email her at kani_blackwell@csumb.edu.

JOIN THE 'HI!5 CELEBRATION'

All graduates and current members of the CSUMB community are invited to celebrate five years since the university's first graduating class. The Alumni Association will be sending you more details through the mail, but be sure to set aside the evening of May 4 to spend time with old friends and faculty members at the Hi!5 Celebration. Enjoy good food and be entertained, too!

Although we're a young university, we now have enough alumni to recognize one individual who has continued to live the CSUMB Vision following graduation. Nomination forms have been mailed to all alumni. This award will be presented during the Hi!5 Celebration. Send in your nomination form today! For more information, call the Alumni Office at 831-582-4723.



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Thursday, February 7

ODC San Francisco — one of California's most distinguished modern dance companies

8:00 p.m.

World Theater

General public \$20;

Alumni members \$15

Thursday, February 14

Hearts in Hawaii Auction

6:30 p.m.

University Center

Admission \$30 per person/\$50 per couple includes wine and appetizers

All dates and artists subject to change.

Thursday, February 21

A Slice of Rice, Frijoles and Greens

8:00 p.m.

World Theater

General public \$20;

Alumni members \$15

Fun-filled stories providing vivid insight into Asian, Latina, African and Deaf American experiences.

Thursday, March 7

Mahalia

8:00 p.m.

World Theater

General public \$20;

Alumni members \$15

This gospel musical is a joyous celebration of the life and music of one of the world's greatest gospel singers.

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION! HERE'S WHY:

- Use the CSUMB Library, plus libraries at other CSUs.
- Get reduced prices at the CSUMB bookstore.
- Enjoy Outdoor Recreation Center rentals, trips and classes.
- Get discount tickets for selected World Theater events.
- Membership discounts at the Otter Sports Center.
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Membership form is available on CSUMB.EDU/alumni

First page photo — Alumni Board reception at University House