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## The campus comes together to watch inauguration



Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members packed the University Center to view the inauguration on Jan. 20.

Members of the public, staff and faculty joined CSU Monterey Bay students on their first day of classes following winter break on Jan. 20 to watch the inauguration of President Barack Obama. An estimated 300 people jammed the University Center Ballroom to see the event unfold on the big screen. It was standing-room-only for the enthusiastic crowd, who enjoyed a free continental breakfast before the proceedings began.

“We’d want to celebrate the inauguration of any new president,” said Associate Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development **Rebecca Nestor**, who organized the event. “This inauguration is an historic moment in American history. It’s really important for the campus community to come together and celebrate it.”

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# Festive public dedication for new library



Members of the Tanimura and Antle families join President Dianne Harrison Dec. 5 for a library ribbon-cutting ceremony.

CSU Monterey Bay celebrated the public dedication of the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library on Dec. 5 with speakers and a ribbon-cutting ceremony that concluded seven years of work on the facility.

"We are here to celebrate a major milestone in the unfolding story of our university and its vital importance for the people and the future of the Monterey Bay region," said President **Dianne Harrison**.

Dr. Harrison thanked the Tanimura and Antle families and the other generous donors who partnered with the state of California to make the library a reality.

"This library is a stellar example of what is possible through a public-private partnership. Together, we have forever changed this university. . .," she said.

Other speakers included Provost **Kathy Cruz-Uribe**; Library Director **Bill Robnett**; Academic Senate Chair **Mark O'Shea**; **Bob Antle**, representing the Tanimura and Antle families; and student government president **Lewis Hall**.

More than 300 people attended the event, sitting and standing in the atrium on the main floor and along the balconies of the upper floors. Mayors of the surrounding cities, two members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and state Assemblywoman **Anna Caballero** were among those in attendance.

The \$69 million building is named for the major donors, the Tanimura and Antle families, who gave \$4 million in 2003. The families are pioneers in Salinas Valley agriculture; their company is the largest independent lettuce grower/distributor in the world.



Following the ribbon-cutting, guests toured the library's three floors.



# It's budget belt-tightening time

CSU Monterey Bay has instituted cost-saving measures aimed at maintaining student access to quality programs and preserving jobs in the midst of state budget reductions.

Cost-saving steps include a hiring freeze on all but essential positions, cancellation of non-critical equipment and supplies purchases and tightened restrictions on travel for employees.

Also, a salary freeze has been implemented at the president and vice president levels.

All the expense-control measures are expected to continue through the 2009-10 fiscal year, which end July 1, 2010.

The objective, President **Dianne Harrison** said, is to avoid laying off existing staff and faculty while ensuring educational access for as many students as possible and maintaining high standards of quality and service.

"We have been looking carefully at our expenses and revenue for over a year," she said, "so we are prepared to execute the cost-savings measures without disrupting the educational programs and student access, to the extent we can."

As the budget crisis continues, Dr. Harrison said, the university will be prepared to take whatever steps are required to limit costs while remaining focused on academic excellence and student success.

"We will be re-examining everything," she said. "Everything is on the table."



## President Harrison to speak during Super Sunday

CSU Monterey Bay will bring the college message to prospective students and their families during the fourth annual CSU Super Sunday. The event will take place at African American churches throughout Northern California on Sunday, Feb. 15.

President **Dianne Harrison** will be among a group of CSU presidents, trustees, the chancellor and other officials who will address the congregations, encouraging students to go to college.

Dr. Harrison will speak at the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Seaside on Sunday afternoon.

Following the services, CSUMB outreach staff will provide information about college applications and financial aid. One of the informational pieces that will be distributed during Super Sunday is a "How to Get to College" poster. The poster provides middle and high school students and their parents step-by-step information regarding staying on the path to college, such as the classes they need to take, the importance of good grades and how to apply for financial aid.



Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Seaside.



President Harrison speaks in Seaside Feb. 15.



# President's Speaker Series: Sandra Steingraber



Sandra Steingraber

The President's Speaker Series concludes for the year on March 11 when **Sandra Steingraber** visits.

An internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health, Steingraber received her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Michigan and her master's degree in English from Illinois State University.

In her book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment*, Steingraber presents cancer as a human-rights issue. She was the first to bring together data on toxic releases with newly released data from U.S. cancer registries.

In 1999, the Sierra Club heralded Steingraber as "the new Rachel Carson," and in 2001, Carson's alma mater, Chatham College, selected her to receive its biennial Rachel Carson Leadership Award.

Steingraber's most recent work, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*, explores the intimate ecology of motherhood. Both a memoir of her own pregnancy and an investigation of fetal toxicology, the book reveals the alarming extent to which environmental hazards now threaten each crucial stage of infant development.

Tickets are not required, but reservations for the lecture are recommended and can be made at [csumb.edu/speakers](http://csumb.edu/speakers).

The series, now in its third year, is offered to enhance the intellectual life of the campus and the communities the university serves.

To request disability accommodations, call 582-4580 at least 10 working days prior to the event.

**To attend**

**What:** Sandra Steingraber

**When:** 7 p.m., March 11

**Where:** World Theater

**Cost:** Free

**Info:** 582-4580

# Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains: a Champion of the Arts



Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains

The Arts Council for Monterey County has selected Dr. Amalia Mesa-Bains as one of its Champions of the Arts for 2009.

Each year, the council honors some of the most influential artists and arts supporters in the local area. Mesa-Bains was honored for her work as an arts educator. She and the other six individuals and one nonprofit organization were honored during a Jan. 24 gala at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside. The proceeds benefited the council's Professional Artists in the Schools program, which provides arts education to about 12,000 students each year throughout Monterey County.

In honoring her, the council said, "As director of the Department of Visual and Public Art at California State University, Monterey Bay, she guides and inspires the next generation of teaching artists and scholars. She is an internationally recognized scholar and leader in arts education. She is also an extraordinary installation artist and cultural critic. As an author and lecturer on Latino art, Dr. Mesa-Bains, a MacArthur Fellow, has ensured that thousands of students, teachers and artists throughout the United States more fully appreciate the complex dynamics of cultural and demographic change."

# Meet Michele Crompton

**Michele Crompton** is the new program manager for CSU Monterey Bay's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute — OLLI for short.

The university established OLLI in 2007 through a generous grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation. The program encourages lifelong learning by providing university-level education to adults in Monterey County age 50 or better. OLLI members are interested in the sheer joy of learning, and the program is invigorating but not pressuring. There are no final exams, grades or course credits.

Relocating to this area was not something planned. "My husband and I moved to the Monterey Bay area on a whim," Crompton said. "We went to a Sunday open house in Pacific Grove and by Monday we were homeowners."

Crompton has worked for a number of successful high-tech companies.

"Having spent all of my adult life working in the Silicon Valley, I spent a number of years searching for a position that would allow me to utilize the skills I honed at companies like Apple Computer, Autodesk and Activision," she said. "When the opportunity at CSUMB arose, I jumped at the chance to put my skill set back into play in a vibrant, fresh and innovative environment."

"Every day on the job here is unique," Crompton said. "Because there's such a variety of course offerings, from Science of Aging to Russian Culture to Canine Wellness, the instructors, students and curriculum I deal with on a daily basis are continually changing," she said.

Crompton said she particularly enjoys working with a wide cross-section of people, including "the vibrant 50 and better community to experts in their respective fields both at CSUMB and elsewhere."

In her time off, she enjoys spending time with friends and family while enjoying food, wine and music. "When not chasing after my young kids, I welcome any opportunity to hit the beach and enjoy a good book," she said.

Crompton's "extreme passion and delight" is to eventually co-own and teach at a local Ashtanga Yoga studio.



## Extended Hours Café open for business



The Extended Hours Café serves Peets coffee and tea, as well as a variety of light snacks.

The Extended Hours Café, in the northeast corner of the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library, had its official opening on Jan. 20. To prepare for the first day of business, the café staff had a "soft" opening on Jan. 15 and 16 to train staff and streamline procedures.

The café serves coffee, tea, a variety of espresso drinks and other beverages, as well as yogurts, fruit cups, muffins and scones. Prepackaged salads and sandwiches complete the menu, and a vending machine is also available in the café.

### Café Hours

**Monday-Thursday:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Friday:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday:** closed

**Sunday:** 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.



# Fans pack the 'Kelp Bed' for Otters basketball

CSU Monterey Bay's basketball teams are enjoying unprecedented success so far this season.

Under the direction of new head coaches **Rob Bishop** and **Renee Jimenez**, the men (11-6 overall, 5-5 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play through Jan. 24 ) and women (9-7 overall, 4-6 in CCAA play through Jan. 24) have

created an energy and enthusiasm in the "Kelp Bed" that has made Otters Basketball a hot ticket on campus.

Record crowds came out in support of the Otters during Homecoming Week as students packed the gym for games against conference rivals Chico State and Cal State Stanislaus. The women accomplished the program's first win over defending CCAA champion Chico State, while the men swept both games to ignite a school record 8-0 start at home.

After two weeks on the road, the Otters return home against Humboldt State on Friday, Feb. 6, and Sonoma State on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Upcoming game promotions include "Faculty Appreciation Night" on Friday, Feb. 13 vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills and "Staff Appreciation Night" on Thursday, Feb. 26 vs. Cal State San Bernardino. CSUMB faculty and staff members will enjoy free admission on their respective night.

Tip-off for the women's games is at 5:30 p.m., with the men following at 7:30 p.m.

For the latest updates, schedules and statistics for all 13 CSUMB sports, visit the website: [otterathletics.com](http://otterathletics.com)



Sophomore forward Warren Freeman on the attack Dec. 6 during the Otters' Homecoming game against Cal State Stanislaus with a record student crowd watching from the new bleachers of the Kelp Bed.



Renee Jimenez



Rob Bishop

## New employees

**Kathey Burcar**, System Support Technician — Records & Registration

**Yvonne Chambers**, Recruitment & Compensation Coordinator —  
Human Resources

**Michele Crompton**,\* OLLI Program Manager —  
Extended Education and International Programs

**Jennifer Curran**, Student Administration Systems Analyst —  
Student Information Systems

**Micha Dalton**,\* Training Coordinator —  
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center

**Kevin Garcia**, Graphic Designer & Production Artist —  
University Advancement

**Christine Mata**, Undergraduate Research Administrative Support  
Coordinator — Division of Science & Environmental Policy

**Minh Pham**, Admissions Evaluator — Admissions & Recruitment

**Janis Spencer**, Network Operations Analyst — Network Services

## Status changes

### Promotions

**Francisco Camacho**, Plumber — Plant Operations

**Sandra Chapa**, Cash Accountant — Accounting

**Martine Armstrong**, Admissions & Retention Advisor —  
Educational Opportunity Program

## Probation passed

**Robin Chase**, Accounting Technician II — Accounting

**Jason Longoria**, Equipment Systems Specialist —  
Technology Support Services

**Kevin Miller**, Analyst/Programmer — Technology Support Services

**Ivette Morris**, Administrative Analyst/Specialist —  
Center for Academic Technologies

**Gerry Rapacon**, Warehouse Worker — Shipping & Receiving

**UshaRani Talabhaktula**, Analyst/Programmer —  
Information Systems & Enterprise Planning

\* University Corporation employee

Thanks to Human Resources for this information.



Sergeant David Snell manages TAPS.

## New TAPS leadership

Sergeant **David Snell** is the new head of Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS), replacing Jay McTaggart who recently retired. Snell has been a police officer at CSU Monterey Bay since 1995. From 1989 to 1995 he worked for the CSU East Bay Police Department.

The TAPS operation of the university's Police Department manages campus parking facilities, enforces parking regulations, provides the campus shuttle service and runs the Community Service Officer program.

## Volunteers for Have a Heart still needed

Staff and faculty volunteers for the 11th annual Have a Heart for Students Dinner and Auction are still needed for the Friday, Feb. 20, event. Volunteers will be treated to a delicious meal and join colleagues to help raise much needed funds for CSUMB students.

There are openings for servers, silent or live auction marshals, greeters, ticket takers and more. Your support makes the difference. A great tradition of the Have A Heart event is that it's staffed by university employees. This year, **Kerri Rivera** and **Christina Bailey** head the volunteer team.

If you are willing to offer your time for one night on Feb. 20 (and one hour of training a few days before), email Bailey via FirstClass. More information about the Have A Heart event is available at [csumb.edu/auction](http://csumb.edu/auction).



Before the guests arrived: Last year's ornate table settings for the Have a Heart event.

# March 6 at the World Theater: *Brasil, Brazil*



*Brasil, Brazil* features internationally-renowned singers Ana Gazzola and Sonia Santos. Backed by a five-piece band, they deliver the enthusiasm and excitement of popular Brazilian music – tinged with jazz and spiced with strong Latin and African rhythms. For further information, call the World Theater box office at 582-4580 or purchase tickets online at the **CSUMB.EDU/worldtheater** website. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the box office. Event dates, programs and artists are subject to change.

## To attend

**What:** Brasil, Brazil

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 6

**Where:** World Theater

**Cost:** \$20 for CSUMB faculty and staff; if two or more tickets for a performance are purchased at the same time, they are \$15 each

**Info:** 582-4580

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