



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS

DIGEST - JUNE 2010

Student researchers win high marks at CSU competition

Three CSU Stanislaus students won top honors at the 24th annual California State University Statewide Student Research Competition held April 30 through May 2 at San Jose State University.

Psychology graduate student Heather M. Adams won first place in the psychology section and \$500 for her presentation about casual sex and long-term relationships entitled "What's so casual about it?" Her faculty mentor is Victor Luevano of the Psychology faculty.

Education graduate students Steve Charbonneau and Kay Vang, mentored by Dawn Poole of Advanced Studies in Education, received second place in the education section and \$250 for their project "Student achievement in California two-way immersion programs."

Seven CSU Stanislaus students participated in the competition. Their faculty mentors included Scott Russell of Chemistry, Dawn Strongin of Psychology, and Flora Watson of Biological Sciences.

This system-wide competition promotes excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University. It showcases excellent research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full range of academic programs offered by the CSU. Student participants make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies, colleges and universities in California.

CSU Stanislaus included in national student success report

California State University, Stanislaus is one of 15 campuses featured as a working example in a report by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) titled "Promoting a Culture of Student Success."

The University is cited as an example of how some higher education institutions across the country are successfully supporting student retention and progress to graduation, particularly for those students who are traditionally viewed as at-risk for not completing their degrees.

CSU Stanislaus was visited by SREB representative Paul Bradley who met with a number of University leaders, faculty, and staff. He reflected the CSU Stanislaus approach to engagement, culture, and educational effectiveness in the report that focuses on how a number of colleges are helping more students complete degrees while also providing high quality education. It is noted in the report that universities like CSU Stanislaus serve a comparatively high percentage of

students from low-income families and students with average-or-below scores on standardized achievement tests who still have six-year graduation rates that are near the national average.

A two-page section in the report notes that CSU Stanislaus is one of 12 campuses nationwide singled out in a 2005 report by the American Association of State College and Universities (AASCU) for creating a culture resulting in outstanding student retention and a high six-year degree-completion rate. Bonding around student success to create a culture that is passed on to all students and a group of initiatives aimed at generating student success are credited with helping to achieve the retention and graduation goals.

University Police purchases new wheels with non-state funds

University Police has purchased its first patrol car in five years, using self-generated funding, rather than state funds. A fuel efficient \$27,249 Chevrolet Camaro was added to the department fleet earlier this year.

The new vehicle joins a fleet that includes bicycles, a pair of two-wheeled Segways that are utilized by foot patrol officers on campus in boosting environmental friendly efforts, and two E-Z-GO electric cars.

After the 1994 economic downturn that led to steep state budget cuts, the department developed a plan to offset cuts by generating its own revenue. The department does that by processing parking tickets for three community colleges and six other state universities. This program recently won the Department the California Public Parking Association's Parking Program of the Year Award.

The use of funds generated by the department is restricted, and can only be used by the department.

"It became clear a few years ago that continual challenges with state funding meant we had to adapt and assess our entire operation," said Chief Steve Jaureguy.

The winning program helped the department purchase a 2010 Chevrolet Camaro from a local car dealer. The Camaro is part of the department's effort to green and downsize its fleet by phasing out less fuel-efficient full-size sedans with V8 engines.

"We're meeting the community's needs in both an environmentally and fiscally responsible way using no state funds," Jaureguy said.

Warrior basketball players, Service Learning team up for fitness program

Families enrolled in the Turlock Head Start education program visited the CSU Stanislaus campus on April 30 to receive fitness tips and learn about the value of higher education.

Youngsters, ages 4 and 5, and their families shared a morning of games and fun activities that encouraged fitness and active family time. Working with the Office of Service Learning, Head Basketball Coach Larry Reynolds developed fun age appropriate activities that paired children and families with CSU Stanislaus coaches and athletes.

It was the 5th Annual Head Start Fitness Clinic that has been hosted by the Office of Service Learning and the Men's Basketball Team.

The coaches and CSU students transformed the intramural soccer field into eight different sport "stations" for activities such as soccer, golf, stretching exercises, an obstacle course, bean bag toss, and kickball. The Office of Service Learning provided information on healthy eating habits.

Coach Reynolds also encouraged the children and their parents to adopt and maintain a healthy, active lifestyle and to begin thinking about the University as an eventual higher education destination for their children.

Great Valley Writing Project sponsoring digital writers' workshop for teens

The Great Valley Writing Project at CSU Stanislaus is sponsoring a one-week teen writing program June 14-18 for students entering eighth through 12th grades.

To register, call Great Valley Writing Project office at 667-3490 or check out the print brochure on the Web at www.csustan.edu/gvwp/youthprograms.html. The \$150 registration fee includes all class materials, program T-shirt, and digital anthology of student work.

The workshop is designed to teach writing modes high school students need to be successful in high school and college English classes. In the process of the course, students will create a radio program, write "television" commercials, write daily blogs, and use wikis to collaborate on projects.

The Great Valley Writing Project at CSU Stanislaus was established in 1983 and is a local site of the National Writing Project (NWP), the most significant coordinated effort to improve writing in America. NWP sites, *located on 200 university and college campuses, serve more than 135,000 participants annually. NWP continues to add new sites each year with the goal of placing the writing project within reach of every teacher in America. Through its professional development model, NWP develops the leadership, programs, and research needed for teachers to help students become successful writers and learners. For more information, visit www.nwp.org.*

Human Resource Management student group to host national event

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Club at CSU Stanislaus announced on May 17 that it has been chosen as the National Host Campus for the June 25-30 National SHRM Conference and Convention in San Diego.

The National Host Campus is chosen from 450 campuses nationwide and becomes the student "face" of SHRM, according to CSU Stanislaus Human Resource Management faculty member and club advisor Edward Hernandez. The club President of the host campus gives the opening presentation at the conference and other students attending will present session speakers and be the ambassadors to other guests attending the conference. The honor is worth approximately \$10,800 in waived conference fees for our students, he noted.

In 2005 CSU Stanislaus was also chosen as the National Host Campus for the National SHRM Conference, making the University the first ever double-winner.

“This clearly indicates that our SHRM club has gained national recognition for its programming and activities,” Hernandez said.

The criteria for selection are based on successes as a club throughout the academic year. The CSU Stanislaus club produced a play on Broadway, ran a leadership retreat in Lake Tahoe, organized an inter-union jeopardy tournament in San Francisco, produced its own wines, published an academic journal, and ran a successful business clothing charity drive. CSU Stanislaus students Demetrios Zarefakis and Sarah Lamas won \$3,000 Lynn Boone Memorial Scholarships and the University also was awarded three \$5,000 National SHRM Internship Scholarships; more than any other university in the nation.

Hernandez also directed the Human Resources student team to its fourth state HR Games championship in March. The University team has also won four Western Regional Games titles and won a national competition in 2006, beating notable teams from Utah State and Cornell University.

Some 12,000 people are expected to attend the National SHRM conference this year.

Gallo leader addresses University’s Mathematics Conference

Stephanie A. Gallo, Vice President of Marketing for E. & J. Gallo Winery, delivered the keynote address at the CSU Stanislaus Office of Math Grants annual Central California Mathematics Project (CCMP) and Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conferences on April 24 in the University Event Center.

Ms. Gallo is a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Human Services and is a regular speaker on women in business, and the importance of community giving.

Receiving awards from CSU Stanislaus Mathematics Grants Program Director Viji Sundar were the University’s Vice Provost Diana Demetrulias, Outstanding Leadership and Support to Math Grants; Nancy Scheer of Beyer High School, Outstanding Math Teacher Leadership; Mari “Toni” David of Agnes Baptist School in Modesto, Teacher Leadership; and Heather McDonald of Orestimba High School in Newman, Commitment to the HiMAP program for students.

The CCMP conference focused on issues in mathematics education and professional development for K-12 mathematics teachers. Presenters and conference facilitators included classroom teachers, math faculty, and education specialists.

The EYH conference focused on academic issues that confront and affect students in grades 8-12 and their parents. Presenters and conference facilitators included education specialists and regional educators.

Campus Relay for Life program raises money

Relay For Life held a 24-hour program on the CSU Stanislaus campus April 26 that attracted many people from the University as well as a large group from the community. Despite only two months of planning, the event in the University Quad raised nearly \$10,000, according to event Co-Chair Christy “CJ” Chaney. She teamed with fellow volunteer co-chair and CSU Stanislaus freshman Rachel Veley to coordinate the event. The program featuring scenes like the one above included 11 teams and more than 110 pre-registered participants. Many more people showed up during the 24 hours to show their support and plans call for a repeat event in April 2011, Chaney noted. The relay group included students, staff, and their friends and family members as part of a California colleges campaign that raised nearly \$1 million.

CSU Stanislaus joins Road to College tour

CSU Stanislaus Admissions Counselor Gabriela Nuño of the University’s Outreach program greets students at Waterford Junior High School during an April 26 visit by the California State University system’s Road to College bus tour. Nuño and CSU Stanislaus Student Ambassadors participated in the program co-sponsored by AT&T that provided the young students with opportunities to check out higher education opportunities available to them after they graduate from high school. The bus was stocked with laptop computers that provided them with access to a wealth of information about what it takes to get to college and the career fields that are available to them with a college degree.

DIGEST - ARTS STORIES

Golden Gala Concert, Shakespeare performance please spring audiences

Music and performances of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" proved to be popular with audiences in April and May as California State University, Stanislaus continued to celebrate its 50th anniversary with special events.

Choral, wind, and jazz ensemble performances by University faculty and students were featured at an April 15 Golden Gala Concert hosted by the Turlock Concert Association at the Turlock Community Theatre. Nearly 700 people turned out for the program highlighted by world premiers of compositions by Music faculty members Deborah Kavasch and Daniel Afonso, Jr. The \$5,000 in proceeds from the concerts will go toward student scholarships.

More than 4,000 people were entertained by members of the Theatre Department at free May 5-9 performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the University Amphitheatre. More than 500 people turned out on opening night to see the play that featured impressive acting, elaborate costumes, and a dazzling set. Chartwell's provided food and beverage concessions and many in the audience enjoyed picnic dinners under the stars during the performances.

Art Gallery Current Exhibitions

<http://www.csustan.edu/ArtGallery/>

Music Calendar

<http://www.csustan.edu/music/Pages/Calendar.html>

Theatre Events Calendar

<http://www.csustan.edu/theatre/Pages/EventsCalendar.html>

DIGEST - ATHLETICS STORIES

Warriors vaulter repeats All-American showing in nationals

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/index.aspx?path=mtrack&tab=trackfield>

Burlingham pole vault couple receives national attention

INDIANAPOLIS — Kasey and Annie Burlingham are receiving more national attention as the couple is featured on the home page of the association website of the NCAA at NCAA.org. The couple competed at the national championship meet in Charlotte.

Read More:

http://www.ncaa.org/wps/portal/ncaahome?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/ncaa/ncaa/ncaa+news/ncaa+news+online/2010/division+ii/husband_wife_duo_raises_the_bar_at_dii_track_ncaa_news_05_28_10

Also: <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/c-otrack/spec-rel/052610aaa.html>

Burlingham repeats as champ to lead Warrior men's track team

http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2010/5/14/MTRACK_0515100944.aspx?path=mtrack

McLiechey highlights women's track meet with 400 run

http://warriorathletics.com/news/2010/5/8/WTRACK_0509100810.aspx?path=wtrack

Warrior golfers finish 13th in NCAA Nationals, claim All-Americans

http://warriorathletics.com/news/2010/5/27/MGOLF_0527105955.aspx

Reliever Giammanco named to All-CCAA baseball first team

http://warriorathletics.com/news/2010/5/5/BB_0505102930.aspx

McIntyre, Arnold named to all-conference softball honors

http://warriorathletics.com/news/2010/4/28/SBALL_0428105141.aspx?path=softball

Women's soccer team raises more than \$1,500 for Relay for Life

http://warriorathletics.com/news/2010/5/18/WSOC_0518102438.aspx?path=wsoc

Men's golf team leader John Cook named Coach of the Year

http://www.warriorathletics.com/news/2010/4/20/MGOLF_0420100339.aspx

Warrior Athletics Web site

<http://www.warriorathletics.com/>

DIGEST – FACULTY & STAFF NOTES

New Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs James Strong is on the job

Dr. James Strong, formerly Dean of the College of Business and Public Policy at CSU Dominguez Hills, began his new duties as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at CSU Stanislaus on May 3.

“Please join me in welcoming Dr. James Strong to our community,” President Hamid Shirvani said. “Dr. Strong has an extensive background in academic leadership and is committed to providing positive leadership for faculty, staff and students by building a motivating culture through constant communication and consultation.”

Prior to his service at Dominguez Hills from 2003 through this year, Strong served as Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Akron. In addition to his 12 years of higher education administrative experience, Strong has an outstanding teaching and publication record achieved through three years at Rowan University and 14 years at Akron. He also has eight years of management experience in the private sector.

“Long-term student success, transparency, data sharing and a commitment to shared governance have always been an integral part of my success as an academic leader,” Strong said.

Strong received his Ph.D. in Marketing and Organizational Behavior from Drexel University, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Toledo, and his B.A. degree in English from Lafayette College.

Music Professor Stephen Thomas performs, secures agreement in China

CSU Stanislaus Music Professor Stephen Thomas visited China in April to perform a solo piano recital at the People's Cultural Theatre in Dalian. While there, Thomas also signed an agreement on behalf of CSU Stanislaus with Dalian University to promote future exchange opportunities and other mutual cooperation and activities between the two universities.

Thomas, who has performed piano concerts all over the world, met with Yingjue Li, Dean of the College of Music at Dalian University, to discuss the agreement.

Police Corporal Steve Olson receives Officer of the Year Award

CSU Stanislaus Police Corporal Steve Olson receive the Stanislaus Civitan Club Officer of the Year Award recently for his outstanding service.

Olson conducts department training as a Range Master, Taser Instructor, and Field Training Officer. He reviews all police reports for accuracy and quality.

Olson's ability to detect and apprehend violators makes him one of the most proactive and productive officers in the department, University Police Department Chief Steve Jaureguy noted. Olson is credited with dozens of arrests over the last year helping to keep the CSU Stanislaus campus community safe and secure.

Olson also has an excellent reputation for his methodical and thorough investigative abilities that included recent apprehension of an armed robbery suspect, according to Jaureguy.

After hearing the broadcast for a nearby armed robbery while on patrol, Olson located the vehicle and conducted a high-risk stop leading to the arrest of a suspect for which he received a letter of commendation from the Stanislaus County Sheriff, Adam Christianson.

“Where Steve has really excelled is in his dedication to excellence in his work, his relationships with the public, and his commitment to the CSU Stanislaus community,” Chief Jaureguy said. “Each day Corporal Olson illustrates the epitome of a public servant, putting others first and placing service above self.”

Harold Stanislaw contributes to national breast cancer report

Harold Stanislaw, CSU Stanislaus Professor of Psychology and Child Development and a former Outstanding Professor Award recipient, recently co-authored a report published in the national journal *Maturitas* that examines the causes of a significant drop in 2003 breast cancer cases in the United States that were previously attributed to a change in the use of postmenopausal hormones.

The bottom line in the report that questions the findings of a major study conducted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is that it is inappropriate to conclude that the use of any postmenopausal hormones increases a woman’s risk of breast cancer. Despite the claims in what he calls a multi-million dollar “gold standard” study, Stanislaw said the report he participated in contends that it is possible that some postmenopausal hormones may help protect women against breast cancer.

The topic of significant media coverage over the past five years, the attribution to the change in hormone use having an impact on breast cancer rates is challenged by an alternative analysis report conducted by Stanislaw and his co-authors. While one postmenopausal hormone was cited in a highly publicized study as slightly increasing the risk for breast cancer, they contend that a second hormone product that is taken by women who have had a hysterectomy and contains only estrogen slightly decreases the risk for breast cancer. Their report indicates that fact was overlooked by the national media and that use of estrogen may have contributed to the decline of breast cancer cases in 2003 rather than the fact that fewer women were taking hormones due to the increased risk posed by the other hormone treatment containing estrogen and progesterin.

Stanislaw collaborated on the report with James Simon of the George Washington University School of Medicine, Gerard Nahum of Global Clinic Development, U.S. Women’s Healthcare, and Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey, and Tatiana Gaines of Women’s Health & Research Consultants in Washington, D.C. It is the first report to combine what they have discovered about the effects of two different hormone products on breast cancer as determined in the NIH “Women’s Health Initiative” study.

Kou Yang chairs International Conference on Hmong Studies

Kou Yang, CSU Stanislaus Professor in the Department of Ethnic and Gender Studies, served as Chair of the Third International Conference on Hmong Studies, held April 9-11 at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Yang also presented a paper titled “Facing the 21st Century: The Challenges and Complexity in the Reconstructing Hmong Identity.” Scholars came from many countries, including Canada, Australia, China, Germany, France, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. The conference is sponsored by the Center for Hmong Studies. For more information on the conference, see the Web site at http://www.csp.edu/HmongCenter/Conference_Web_Page.html.

In addition, Yang’s article marking the 35th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and detailing the accomplishments of people from Southeast Asia who came to the United States was recently published in the Asian American Press and The Modesto Bee. It can be viewed in The Modesto Bee on the Web at <http://www.modbee.com/2010/05/03/1152287/kou-yang-america-gains-ultimate.html>.

University photographer Cary Edmondson garners silver awards

Following up on his grand gold medal showing of 2009, CSU Stanislaus photographer Cary Edmondson has been selected for two silver award medals in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Photographer of the Year competition.

CASE is recognized as the the leading international education promotion organization that includes more than 3,400 colleges, universities, independent elementary and secondary schools, and educational associates in 61 countries. Edmondson’s photography submissions that netted him silver awards in the Photographer of the Year and Individual Photo categories were selected from a field of 44 finalist entries in the organization’s Circle of Awards Program.

“We take great pride in the outstanding photography skills that Cary Edmondson has demonstrated in helping to build CSU Stanislaus’ growing reputation for excellence at a national level,” said Kristin Olsen, Assistant Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs.

A member of the Communications and Public Affairs staff in University Advancement since May 2007 and a graduate of Fresno State University, Edmondson previously worked at newspapers in Fresno County, Florida, and Nevada. He has also won a number of awards in the University Photographers’ Association of America (UPAA) competition.

Many of Edmondson’s photos are prominently displayed on the CSU Stanislaus Web site and in the photo galleries at <http://www.csustan.edu/Communications/photogalleries.html>.

University’s faculty recognized at May 5 reception

CSU Stanislaus faculty award winners and those who have reached landmark years of service at the University were in the spotlight at the May 5 Faculty Recognition Reception.

Stephen Routh of Politics/Public Administration received the Outstanding Professor Award; Viji Sundar of Mathematics was named recipient of the Outstanding Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Professor Award; Steven Filling of Accounting & Finance received the Outstanding Service in Faculty Governance Award; and Jung-Ha An was named winner of the Elizabeth Anne B. Papageorge Faculty Development Award.

Recognized for their years of service achievements were Edward Erickson of Economics (40 years), Lawrence Giventer of Politics/Public Administration (35 years), Kathleen Shipley of Liberal Studies (30 years), and Marvin Johnson of Physics (25 years).

Stepping into retirement are Rachel Graybill-Bundgard of Liberal Studies, Gary Novak of Psychology and Founding Dean of the College of Human and Health Sciences, Peter Ping Li of Management, Operations, and Marketing, Antonio Rios-Bustamante of Ethnic Studies, and Jonnie Shawkey of Teacher Education.

Joining the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) are Randall Brown of Management, Operations, and Marketing, John Carroll of English, J. Sue Fletcher of Kinesiology, Charles Floyd of Social Work, Zbigniew Gackowski of Computer Information Systems, Sara Garfield of Teacher Education, Lawrence Giventer of Politics/Public Administration, Alfred Tsacle of Computer Information Systems, and Margaret Tynan of Social Work.

Faculty member Steve Arounsack joins Leadership Forum graduates

Dr. Steve Arounsack of the CSU Stanislaus Anthropology/Geography faculty was a member of the Great Valley Chapter of the American Leadership Forum (ALF) inaugural class that completed a program at the Great Valley Center in Modesto on May 21.

The 18 Senior Fellows, who included a variety of leaders from the public and private sector, met monthly for seminars and dialogue led by highly-skilled faculty. Participants each designed and implemented a civic engagement initiative with an emphasis on challenging and improving communication skills in addressing an actual regional need. The project provides a real-time collaborative experience, using the skills learned in dialogue, consensus building, negotiation, and conflict resolution.

“Our region needs leaders who not only understand the issues but who can work with a mosaic of perspectives,” Arounsack said. “The Great Valley Chapter of the American Leadership Forum provides an opportunity for established leaders to connect in meaningful ways and re-examine the principles of servant leadership. I value the deep friendships I’ve made and how we’ve challenged each others’ assumptions. I am proud to be part of this experience and remain hopeful for our Central Valley.”

Former University Advancement staff member Barbara Corona-Sutton passes

Barbara Corona-Sutton, a former staff member in the Office of University Advancement, passed away at her home in Modesto on April 26.

A graduate of UC Santa Cruz, she received her MS in Mathematics from the University of Oregon and her MBA from UCLA. After starting her career as a teacher in Modesto, Barbara had a varied career in the higher education field that included jobs at CSU Stanislaus, UC Santa Cruz, UCLA, and Modesto Junior College.

An avid believer in education at all levels, Barbara is included in a research study of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) at the Mayo Clinic.

DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR

Adjusted summer work schedule hours start June 7

Beginning, Monday, June 7, normal office hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a half-hour for lunch. Lunch breaks are to be scheduled between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

On Monday, August 16, the University will resume the traditional work schedule of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a one-hour lunch.

RECRUITMENT WELCOMES

Name	Classification	Department
Gina Leguria	Campus Compliance Officer	President's Office
Miranda Lutzow	Presidential Aide	President's Office
Angie Raposo	Accounting Tech II	Facilities Services
James Strong	Provost/Vice President	Academic Affairs