Welcome to the inaugural issue of the new STAN Magazine. We are excited to reintroduce our magazine and to be able to connect with you in this way once again.

You will find within these pages a number of stories that speak to the unwavering commitment of everyone at CSU Stanislaus to the success of our students, and also our pride in the impact those students have on the Central Valley. This issue features, for example, the truly state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab now housed in our renovated Science 1 Building. The facility is a technological marvel that is already helping us to better prepare the region’s next generation of nurses.

You also will meet Brett Tate, a proud CSU Stanislaus alumnus who has helped revitalize Downtown Turlock as founder of Dust Bowl Brewing Company. You can reacquaint yourself with the University’s Stockton Center, which is making major strides toward increasing the accessibility of higher education in an area full of bright students who simply need an opportunity. We want you to know, too, about our stellar Warrior athletics program. Our student-athletes completed a year filled with remarkable success stories.

With considerable pride, we introduce in this issue a significant element of the University’s commitment to student success. We are launching One Purpose, a new fundraising campaign with an ambitious goal of raising $1 million for student scholarships during a six-week period this fall.

The three students on the cover of this magazine know just how important scholarships can be, and you will hear it from them directly in these pages. You will also hear from a number of area business and community leaders who have already embraced One Purpose. They have pledged their support because they know that our region’s development rests in large part upon our ability to produce more well-prepared college graduates, our next generation of great leaders.

I hope the stories in the Fall 2014 issue of STAN Magazine bring you much inspiration and enjoyment. We are very proud of the University, our students and our alumni, and it is critically important that we tell our story. In this, I ask for your help. Spread the word about California State University, Stanislaus. We are one University and one community, joined in our successes and our challenges.

Joseph F. Sheley
President
If you receive more than one copy of STAN Magazine, please pass it along to a friend of California State University, Stanislaus. If you would like to support CSU Stanislaus, visit http://www.csustan.edu/giving to make your contribution.
The baby struggled to breathe, in urgent need of medication a nurse had left to retrieve. Daniel Duron stayed behind, comforting a distraught family member while monitoring the child’s condition. But when the infant’s lips began to turn blue and its vital signs suddenly worsened, Duron’s mind raced as he struggled to recall his training.

Fortunately for the CSU Stanislaus nursing major, the scenario in question was playing out in the university’s new, state-of-the-art simulation lab. The child was actually a high-tech “manikin” — an interactive mannequin used for medical instruction — and the family member was a student actor. The lesson, though, was effective.

“It taught me that even if I know something, I may forget it, especially in a high-stress situation,” said Duron, a Modesto native who is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in nursing. “In times like this, I learned that I need to take a step back and calm down in order to be able to remember everything that I am supposed to do.”

“The students learn critical thinking skills in a safe environment — where it’s okay to make mistakes — before they work with patients in a healthcare setting.”

— Debbie Tavernier
Director, School of Nursing

Practice Makes Perfect
Nursing students find lifelike but safe instruction in simulation mannequins

By James Leonard
work within the six-county region the university serves.

**Mind, Body and Soul**

Lani Dickinson was one of those graduates. She earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing in 2002 and went on to become chief of nursing at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto. Dickinson said that even more so than technological upgrades, the key to success for CSU Stanislaus nursing students remains the faculty.

“If you only provide the patient with medication and food, but there is no care, then you’ve missed their soul,” Dickinson said. “The instructors at CSU Stanislaus have true grit and street credibility, and they understand the importance of seeing the big picture. Those teachers are passionate about what they do, and they infuse that into their students.”

Community engagement is another hallmark of the CSU Stanislaus nursing program and its students. Duron has found a number of volunteer opportunities through groups like the Student Nurses Association and Breakthrough to Nursing, from helping Boy Scouts learn first aid to visiting elementary schools to expose young students to nursing.

Cassandra Landrum, a junior nursing major who transferred from Merced College, said some of her most rewarding experiences as a student have been the community-based efforts of the many clubs, honor societies and nursing fraternities in which she has served.

“Making a difference in my community is my passion,” Landrum said. “I am proud to be a student at CSU Stanislaus, and if I can spark the same excitement in just one aspiring student, then I have made a world of difference.”

Learn more at www.csustan.edu/nursing
CSU Stanislaus graduates are an adaptable bunch. The education a student receives has a healthy emphasis on his or her major, but it is rooted in fundamental skills that transcend academic categories and professional industries. As such, alumni from CSU Stanislaus can weather economic storms and navigate shifting landscapes, and they are better suited than most at finding success when personal and professional interests inevitably change.

Brett Tate is one such alumnus. A Turlock native and a 1986 graduate in physical education, Tate spent more than two decades teaching and coaching in area high schools before changing his focus in 2008. He founded Dust Bowl Brewing Company, joining up with brewmaster Don Oliver and eventually connecting with co-owner Brett Honoré in what has become one of Turlock’s fastest growing businesses.

Tate recently answered a few questions for STAN Magazine, touching on his success as a local business owner, his experience at CSU Stanislaus and his ongoing connection with his alma mater.

STAN Magazine: Turlock might strike some as an unusual place for a brewery. How has Dust Bowl managed to carve its niche in this community and region?

Brett Tate: When I was growing up in Turlock and attending Stan State, I never imagined a business like Dust Bowl Brewing Company would be successful in this area. But as I grew older and wanted to start a business of my own, a craft brewery seemed like a perfect fit. The region was devoid of the craft beer culture. The beer scene was happening all around us, but not in the Valley. Our brewery sparked local interest in craft beer, which just continues to grow. Our reputation is expanding throughout the state. We have visitors come from all over, which is great for our brand and great for Turlock.

STAN: In what ways do you hope Dust Bowl stands out in the increasingly crowded craft beer industry?

BT: Quality beer is a must for success, which is the case really in any industry. Our industry is full of quality breweries, but what really sets you apart is your story. We’re not just selling beer; we’re selling an experience. Our branding, our history, our relation to the Dust Bowl era — these are all critical elements to building our brand. You have to be memorable to distinguish yourself in such a competitive market.
ABOUT BRETT TATE

OCCUPATION: Founder, Dust Bowl Brewing Company (www.dustbowlbrewing.com)

HOMETOWN: Turlock

DEGREE: B.A., Physical Education, 1986

EXTRACURRICULAR: Played two seasons for the Cal State Stanislaus baseball team

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Nearly two decades as a teacher and more than 22 years as a coach at local high schools; founded Dust Bowl Brewing Company in 2009 and opened a tap room in Downtown Turlock in 2011.

HENCE THE NAME: Tate’s ancestors left Oklahoma in the 1930s, migrating to the Central Valley during the time of the Dust Bowl. Tate chose to honor the family’s history when naming his new brewing company.

STAN: How has being a business owner changed your relationship with the university and the community?

BT: We certainly feel more connected. We enjoy working with Director of Athletics Mike Matoso and supporting Warrior Athletics. Our relationship with the university is a win-win for all of us. As people choose where they want to live or attend school, they look to the local community. I feel good about our positive role. We’re providing careers, growing the economy and providing a social scene at our tap room that you normally experience in more metropolitan cities. And we wouldn’t be where we are today if it weren’t for such a positive reception from the community. We appreciate the business!

STAN: What did you take from your experience at CSU Stanislaus that has helped you through your life and career?

BT: I think I learned early on that it’s important to do what you love and to always do it with passion. I loved the game of baseball, and that’s what motivated me to do well in school. I certainly enjoyed my career as a teacher and coach. I came into contact with many students and would like to think I helped shape their lives and motivated them to set goals and work hard. Today, I use that passion to build a successful business. I’m using the same principles I learned as a player, student and coach, just in a new setting. My time at CSU Stanislaus helped foster relationships that continue to shape my life today.

STAN: You are a CSU Stanislaus alumnus who has hired fellow alumni. What are some of the characteristics you’ve found in CSU Stanislaus graduates?

BT: I would say genuine and prepared. Brandon Ramirez is one student who came to us as an intern, and when we had enough work, we hired him back full time. He has applied his degree in biology and has made a huge impact on our business by running our Quality Assurance program — and pitching in when needed in other areas, which happens a lot in small breweries!

STAN: What can fans of Dust Bowl expect to see in the coming years?

BT: More great beer! Brett Honoré and I have always called the Valley home, and we are committed to growing our business here. We’re looking to expand the brewery in Turlock, which will bring growth to the economy and new jobs. With increased capacity, we’ll be able to offer several beers year-round — as opposed to seasonal releases — and expand our distribution. Dust Bowl fans will continue to enjoy a vast range of brews from Don Oliver, who is extremely good at his trade. As we like to say, “We haven’t brewed our best beer yet.” We certainly have lots in store for the future!
INVESTING IN
Student Success

New annual giving club aims to raise $1 million for student scholarships

By Kristina Stamper

Many of the future leaders of our region are finding their passion and inspiration in classrooms right here at CSU Stanislaus. They are poised to apply the knowledge and skills they gain here not only for their own success, but also for the success and enrichment of the region. More than two-thirds of CSU Stanislaus graduates find employment and make their homes in the region, contributing to a robust college-educated workforce.

This fall, CSU Stanislaus is strengthening its commitment to student success with the launch of One Purpose, a new annual fundraising campaign that will provide scholarships to students who demonstrate academic excellence.

“Our university is fully invested in student success, and with that investment comes dedication to the power of good writing, the power of mentorships and the power of critical thinking,” said Vice President for University Advancement Shirley Pok. “This dedication layers our excellent programs and infrastructure with recognizable value. Enhancing these foundational skills elevates the knowledge and ability of our graduates, who can then step into the workforce and make an immediate contribution.”

Utilizing the team concept, the campaign will mobilize over 300 volunteers with a goal of raising $1 million in just six weeks. Campus and community leaders will lead 24 teams of volunteers to seek out individuals who are passionate about student success and the future of the region. Donors will have the opportunity to contribute to scholarships at one of eight pledge levels.

Attracting bright students and investing in their success by providing scholarships is an important goal of the campaign, Pok said. Fundraising volunteers are encouraged and motivated by the opportunity to contribute to the success of those future leaders.

“The team concept will truly demonstrate the power behind the partnership of our campus and the community. There is power in numbers — individually, we could not be as impactful,” Pok said. “By unifying our efforts, we are able to make a difference that will resonate throughout our region.”

The campaign will also be fostered by the leadership of the university’s Director of Annual Giving, Jacqueline Holt. A Turlock native and Stanford University graduate, Holt is passionate about education and motivated by the opportunity to impact students.

“As a result of the campaign, additional scholarships will be made available to students in all four colleges and student-athletes who have demonstrated academic excellence,” Holt said. “It is very exciting to be a part of this inaugural year for One Purpose — we are going to be affecting students’ lives.”

Pok also testified to the excitement growing among volunteers as they prepare to rally support for student success.

“While our annual campaign will be condensed into a short six weeks, it won’t end there,” Pok said. “The ripple effect is vast when you consider the rich return on investment in students who will achieve their education and step into our region’s workforce.”

For more information about One Purpose and to learn how you can become a member to support student success, visit www.csustan.edu/one-purpose or call (209) 667-3131.

Jacqueline Holt (left) and Shirley Pok lead One Purpose.
Tiffany Isel  B.A., Liberal Studies

Aspiring to be a teacher, Tiffany Isel always knew that she had the drive to pursue a college education and felt that the opportunity to achieve her degree would be a privilege.

“Having someone recognize the potential in you is incredibly motivating — it validates that what you are doing is worth it. Without my scholarship, I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to attend college or achieve my dream of teaching.”

Michelle Akanji  B.S., Pre-Nursing

Michelle Akanji credits her parents, originally from Nigeria, as her role models to achieve her college education. They came to the United States in order to attend college and to seek a better life.

“They inspired me to set my goals high, and to go to college so that I can look forward to a successful career,” she said.

At CSU Stanislaus, Akanji is on the path to her nursing degree and has also begun to build relationships that will stay with her beyond her college years. “The faculty are amazing mentors,” she said.

Opportunities for networking and internships at local hospitals have also contributed to her preparedness to enter the workforce.

“Knowing that someone was kind enough to make a sacrifice so that I could have the opportunity for an education is very impactful. I know that with my nursing degree, I will have the opportunity to help others and make the community a better place in return.”

Sam Marcus  B.S., Business Administration (Marketing)

Sam Marcus is no stranger to hard work and applying himself to his academics. As a student-athlete, he has worked to qualify for opportunities both on and off the basketball court.

“I knew that I would need a scholarship in order to go to college,” he said, “and that getting an education would improve my options for achieving success.”

Marcus knows that having his degree will open doors and provide a solid foundation on which to build a career.

“As I step into the workforce, I really want to go out and grab an exciting opportunity,” he said. “My experience at CSU Stanislaus has really prepared me to go after my dreams.”

“When you donate to scholarships, it’s not just going to a good cause — it’s going to a great cause. Being awarded a scholarship motivated me to keep my grades up and to focus on my academics so that I can enter the business force well prepared to succeed.”
We are thrilled to introduce the dedicated individuals from the campus and the community who have stepped forward as One Purpose volunteers.

As they embark upon the inaugural year of this effort, these 24 teams will enthusiastically share their passion for student success. The six-week annual giving campaign will raise funds for scholarships to be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence.
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Steve and Nancy Jaureguy
Division Leaders

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Reza Kamali - Owner
Bill & Carolyn Ahlen
Horacio Ferriz
Yohannes Gebregeziabher
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William Potter

TEAM KAULO
Jim Tuedio - Owner
Linda Bunney-Sarhad
Mark & Linda Davenport
Scott Davis
Laura Dickinson-Turner
Brett Foray
Sandra García-Sanborn
Umar Ghuman
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Deborah Kvasch

TEAM MOZART
Ashour Badal - Owner
Team building in progress

TEAM SINATRA
Frank Borrelli - Owner
Robert & Lynnae Badal
Jessica Bectencourt
Wanda Jean Bonnell
Darren Borrelli
CJ Chaney
Renée Giannini
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Tawn Gillihan
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Trish Hendrix

TEAM DA VINCI
Nelson & Debbie Gomez - Owner
Robert Anderson
Axel & Linda Gomez
Chris Gomez
Glenn & Ursula Narvaro
Felix & Janet Sanchez

TEAM HEMINGWAY
Debi Agresti - Owner
Tanya Abrams
Alexandra Agresti-Assali
Dominic Agresti-Assali
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Grant McMullen
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Lucy Virgen

TEAM NEWTON
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Kenneth Leonesio
Christina Lore
Chelsea Overholt
Larry Reynolds
Juliana Santos
Janet Schefkowitz
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Wayman Strickland
Dana Taylor
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Mike & Alison Allen - Owner
Elizabeth Allen
Tracey Clark
Penny Forgione
Amanda Fortado
Stan Gustafson
Chuck & Elise Kleiber
Lucy Louis
Mitzi Lucas
Holly Strickland-Barragan
Stephanie Talking

TEAM KAHLO
RayDelle Kister
Walter Lamp
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Maryn Pitt
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Ann Strahm

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Oddmund Myhre - Owner
Donna Andrews
Elmario Costa
Kathryn McKenzie
Katie Oливant
Tara Ribeiro
Anne Weisenberg
Shawna Young

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Paul & Carrie Melgard - Owner
Mark & Lindsay Ahlem
Tim Chipponeri
Bob Diliberto
Vincent Flanders
Brian Grenzoli
Rosemary Moen
Mike Seward
Lynette Silva
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David Lindsay - Owner
Sylvester Aguilar
Steven Filing
Julie Fox
Ed Hernandez
Lynn Johnson
Daniel Leonard
Linda Nowak
Michael Pimentel
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TEAM PICASSO
Sharon Silva - Owner
James Brenda
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2014 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Please join us! Becoming a member of One Purpose means more than giving a donation — it means that you want to invest in students to provide our region with a robust, college-educated workforce.

www.csustan.edu/one-purpose

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Matt and Maria Swanson have been supporters of CSU Stanislaus for years, so it was only natural that they would be involved with the launch of One Purpose. The nature of their involvement, however, turned out to be extraordinary.

By James Leonard

A fter several recent gifts to CSU Stanislaus, including donations to fund athletic facility renovations and sponsorships for events that improve the relationship between the campus and community, Matt and Maria Swanson have made a major investment in the inaugural year of One Purpose.

In July, the university announced that the local entrepreneurs have made an "inspirational gift" of $250,000 to establish the One Purpose endowment.

The endowment will be separate from the One Purpose annual fund, which will utilize hundreds of volunteers over a six-week period each year to raise $1 million for scholarships for high-achieving students. Future earnings from the endowment, however, will supplement the money raised by volunteers, and the motivation the gift will provide — especially during the critical first year of the campaign — is immeasurable.

“We hope that our commitment will motivate others to give to One Purpose, which will provide scholarships to keep our most outstanding students here and to protect and grow our local intellectual resources,” Matt Swanson said.

“CSU Stanislaus is truly a treasure in our community. The city of Turlock and the surrounding region are in the enviable position of being able to partake in some of the most amazing cultural and academic offerings available anywhere.”

Shirley Pok, Vice President for University Advancement, spent much of her first year at CSU Stanislaus working to organize the One Purpose campaign. She said the Swanson gift is a key building block that will help ensure the success of One Purpose for years to come.

“Matt and Maria Swanson have made a remarkable statement by choosing to invest in the future of One Purpose,” Pok said. “They share our passion for education and our pride in seeing CSU Stanislaus graduates making a positive impact on the region. Through this endowment, they have ensured that the future of this campaign will be built on a stable foundation.”

Swanson, who served as president of the CSU Stanislaus Foundation from 2008 to 2012, said he has hired many of the university’s graduates and employs several in senior leadership positions. He and Maria know firsthand the importance of CSU Stanislaus in educating the region’s workforce.

The couple was also inspired by the university’s recent efforts to reach out to the community and work with local business and education leaders to find new ways of solving the region’s biggest problems and meeting its greatest needs.

“There is a renewed sense of unity and teamwork at the university,” Maria Swanson said. “With One Purpose launching this year, there is really an opportunity for everyone in the community to pull together for the benefit of the university and ultimately the benefit of the students.”
Business and community leaders step forward to lend their voices in support of One Purpose

By Kristina Stamper

CSU Stanislaus takes a community-centered approach to education and is truly a university that belongs to everyone in the region. People are drawn to the beautiful campus to enjoy the walking and biking paths, take in an arts or athletic event, hear a guest speaker, or take classes toward their continuing education.

More than 80 percent of students come from the local region, and those who find their way here from across the state, the nation or the globe find a place to call “home” in Turlock.

In just the past two years, business and community leaders have cited strengthening partnerships with the university — and the resulting educational experience has strengthened the quality of CSU Stanislaus graduates.

This year, One Purpose has garnered support from a broad community of volunteers who are excited to share their enthusiasm for student success. Business and community leaders have stepped forward to lend their voices in support of this inaugural campaign to generate $1 million for scholarships.

“CSU Stanislaus and young students are a great investment. It’s a real win-win for the students and for the success of our region,” said John Jeter, CEO and President of Hilmar Cheese Company. “We are so fortunate to have CSU Stanislaus in our community.”

The scholarships created by the One Purpose campaign will be awarded in recognition of the most outstanding students at CSU Stanislaus. Those students are among the next generation that will lead our region. As college graduates, they will be the future innovators and problem solvers who will uplift the region in areas including education, health care and economic development.

“The preparation, training and enthusiasm students receive from CSU Stanislaus produces teachers who change the momentum and atmosphere of our K-12 education in a positive way,” said Sonny H. Da Marto, Superintendent of Turlock Unified School District. “The university is a cornerstone in our region.”

“Having a local educational opportunity allows the brightest students to stay here, raise their families here and contribute to their community. This is an undeniable benefit to our region.”

- Warren J. Kirk, CEO, Doctors Medical Center

Warren J. Kirk, Chief Executive Officer of Doctors Medical Center in Modesto, said the center’s collaboration with the CSU Stanislaus nursing program has progressively impacted local healthcare.

“The nursing program at CSU Stanislaus does a great job of building cultural competence into its graduates’ training and background,” Kirk said. “Having a local educational opportunity allows the brightest students to stay here, raise their families here and contribute to their community. This is an undeniable benefit to our region.”
Courtney Anderson and Marina Vorderbruegge had been running side-by-side for more than three years. On a warm and humid May afternoon in Allendale, Mich., the two best friends reached their ultimate goal. The Cal State Stanislaus duo finished No. 1 and 2 in the 1,500-meter run at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships, with Anderson becoming the Warriors’ first national champion on the track in 20 years and in any sport since 2009.

Anderson’s win capped off a historic 2013-14 season for Stanislaus athletics. In all, the Warriors claimed three California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) championships en route to a program-best fourth place in the Commissioner’s Cup standings, which rank CCAA schools based on team finishes throughout the year.

“The culture within our department is changing, and you can sense the excitement in the local community,” said Michael Matoso, who recently completed his second full year as Director of Athletics. “We are looking forward to taking this to another level next season, as our teams continue to make an impact in the CCAA and on the national scene.”

The women’s track and field team — thanks in large part to Anderson, who also picked up an All-American finish in the 5,000 meters — had its best showing in school history, finishing eighth overall at the NCAA championships. The Warriors received All-American performances by Sian Morgan in the pole vault and Channing Wilson in the javelin.

They also claimed seven individual CCAA championships. Josh Uikilifi, the conference’s co-Field Athlete of the Year, won the hammer throw and shot put. Anderson and Wilson won CCAA titles in their respective events, as did Abraham Alvarado in the 800, Deon Pinder in the triple jump and Rachel Naranjo in the steeplechase.
Women’s Soccer
The Stanislaus women’s soccer team, led by National Player of the Year Karenee Demery, won its second CCAA championship in three years. The Warriors finished the regular season undefeated and hosted the first two matches of the NCAA tournament for the first time.

A four-time All-American, Demery continued her personal success story by amassing nearly every award the sport has to offer. She was named the CCAA’s Female Athlete of the Year for all sports and was a finalist for both the NCAA Woman of the Year and Honda Athlete of the Year awards.

Demery was equally successful in the classroom, being named Scholar All-America Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She later received the NCAA’s prestigious Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship, a $24,000 award given to only one male and one female student-athlete each year.

“I am really honored to receive this scholarship,” Demery said. “It will be a tremendous help in achieving my goals of attending medical school and becoming a doctor.”

Men’s Golf
Out on the links, Cal State Stanislaus continued its strong tradition by winning another conference championship. Led by individual champion and medalist Trevor Clayton, the Warriors captured their third title during the CCAA era.

The Warriors dominated the conference tournament, placing four golfers in the top six and pulling away for a 17-stroke margin of victory in the team competition. The Warriors collectively shot 13-under on the back nine in round one, which included a hole-in-one by freshman Connor Day.

Coach John Cook's squad advanced to the NCAA Regional Championship tournament for the 15th consecutive season and fell just shy of a 21st national tournament appearance in 25 years.

Men’s Basketball
Perhaps no one captured the imagination of Warrior Nation and the surrounding community in 2013-14 more than the Cal State Stanislaus men’s basketball team.

The Warriors created their own bit of March Madness with a memorable streak, winning nine consecutive games and claiming the school’s first CCAA Tournament championship in the process. Tournament MVP Sam Marcus and All-Region stars Marcus Bell and Chris Read led the team to the NCAA Tournament for the first time as a Division II program.

The community was buzzing with excitement as the Warriors advanced to the West Region championship game. Despite a narrow defeat to rival Chico State that prevented Cal State Stanislaus from moving on to the Elite Eight, the Warriors enjoyed a school-record 23-win season.

“Everyone got a taste of what it’s like to get this far,” Matoso said. “And now we have to build around that — not just in basketball, but in the entire athletics program.”

Trophy Case
The Cal State Stanislaus athletics program had perhaps its most successful year in 2013-14. Below is a rundown of the Warriors’ collection of titles, awards and accolades.

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Center of Attention

The university renews its commitment to the Stockton Center, focusing on urgent needs

By James Leonard

The CSU Stanislaus Stockton Center is undergoing a facelift. Fresh paint, new landscaping, upgraded technology and diligent maintenance have the 40-year-old facility looking and operating better than it has in years — but that’s not the part that brings Ashour Badal the most pride.

As interim dean of the Stockton Center, Badal has overseen curricular expansion and community-building efforts to go along with the much-needed cosmetic and technological improvements. The changes have been made with one goal in mind: Provide an opportunity for qualified Stockton-area students to seek and obtain an affordable, high-quality, four-year college degree.

After years of budget cuts, the Stockton Center has begun the process of rebuilding its academic offerings. The center, located in the Magnolia Historic Preservation District, now offers a number of degree programs in partnership with San Joaquin Delta College. The connection ensures students a smooth transition, face-to-face teaching and support, and in some cases the opportunity to earn their degree without needing to take a single course at the Turlock campus.

That can be a critical factor for the many Stockton-area students who need to work multiple jobs to pay their way through school or who have already begun their careers but are looking to advance.

“Many of them are returning students with jobs and families,” Badal said. “Those are the students we need to engage to ensure they stay motivated and finish their degrees. They need support from the institution.”

The Stockton Center already has traditional degree programs in areas like liberal studies, psychology and business. It is also home to a number of programs offered through University Extended Education, many of which are accelerated degree completion programs designed to fit around the schedules of working professionals. These include degrees in nursing, health sciences, criminal justice and social sciences.

CSU Stanislaus President Joseph F. Sheley has renewed the university’s commitment to the Stockton Center, allocating funds for capital improvements and new faculty hires. But he also knows success will depend on more than money — it requires strategic investment that takes into account the region’s unique needs.

To that end, Sheley and Badal have been working to build relationships with Stockton-area leaders in education, business and the community. Several of those leaders met with CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White during his visit to the Stockton Center in June.

“Higher education is the antidote for many of the ills that face society,” White said during the visit. “I see a lot of possibilities here.”

White and Sheley agreed that CSU Stanislaus and the community should identify two or three “growth sectors” in Stockton — fields in which the university could make the greatest impact on the region by helping to provide an educated workforce.

Beyond that, Sheley said, CSU Stanislaus will continue to focus on both working with K-12 schools to ensure students are ready for college and emphasizing the fundamental skills college graduates need in order to succeed in their careers and lives.

“We need to deliver the basics, so that our graduates can adapt to any challenge they might face,” Sheley said. “Nearly one in five of our graduates in May hailed from San Joaquin County. This is a very important part of our region and state, and we will continue working with the community to ensure we’re doing everything we can to meet the needs of these students.”

Learn more about the Stockton Center at www.csustan.edu/stockton-center
BUSINESS DEAN RETIRES

Linda Nowak retired in June as dean of the CSU Stanislaus College of Business Administration, concluding four years of academic success and community enrichment. Under Nowak’s leadership, the college in 2013 earned renewal of its prestigious accreditation through AACSB (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) International. Nowak led the development of the university’s Online MBA program and made significant inroads in the community. David Lindsay, chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance, is serving as interim dean until a permanent replacement is hired.

TIME MAGAZINE RANKINGS

Time Magazine recently ranked 2,500 colleges and universities throughout the United States based on six-year graduation rate, average tuition and the percentage of students receiving federal Pell Grants. With each area equally weighted, CSU Stanislaus placed No. 28 in the nation and fourth among CSU campuses, behind only Long Beach, Los Angeles and Fresno. The rankings were the magazine’s attempt to predict the Obama administration’s upcoming college rating system, which will focus on access, affordability and educational outcomes.

GROUNDWATER DIALOGUE

co-sponsored the public forum, entitled “Our Groundwater Challenges: What Do They Mean for the Turlock Area?” The event, moderated by CSU Stanislaus President Joseph F. Sheley, featured presentations by each panelist and questions from a crowd of more than 200 community members, public officials, and university faculty, staff and students. Video of the forum is available at http://bit.ly/1hJ9fQf.

ENDANGERED SPECIES

Thanks to its ongoing relationship with the Sacramento Zoo, the Endangered Species Recovery Program (ESRP) at CSU Stanislaus has received $16,000 in funding for its research on riparian brush rabbits and riparian woodrats at Caswell Memorial State Park near Ripon. The money came from the zoo’s Quarters for Conservation program, in which each zoo visitor is given a token that they use to vote for one of three projects. Patrick Kelly, CSU Stanislaus zoology professor and coordinator of ESRP, said the program will use the funding to help pay for student researchers, providing them with valuable hands-on experience.

CLASS OF 2014 HONORED

CSU Stanislaus welcomed more than 2,500 graduating students to an alumni base that now numbers more than 54,000 during three commencement ceremonies over a two-day span in May. President Joseph F. Sheley began his remarks by highlighting the many Central Valley communities represented in the Class of 2014 at CSU Stanislaus — from Turlock and Modesto to Crows Landing and Jamestown. “This is a campus that holds a whole region’s dreams,” he said. “The region comes together right here and speaks with a single voice about our shared interests and about the pride we have and the hope we place in our graduates.” For more on commencement, visit csustan.edu/commencement/stangrad-2014.

THE TEACHING OF WRITING

The Great Valley Writing Project (GVWP) at CSU Stanislaus received a $20,000 grant to help improve the teaching of writing in local schools. The funding, which will be spread over two years, comes by way of the National Writing Project’s SEED Teacher Leadership Development Grant program. The GVWP is a network of experienced classroom teachers — known as teacher consultants — who provide professional learning opportunities to local K-12 teachers. The grant will fund two programs at the Stockton Center: a four-week intensive study of writing, reading, research and leadership for local teachers and the Professional Learning and Leadership Academy for GVWP teacher consultants.
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