University's 50th anniversary celebration starts with commemorative website

California State University, Stanislaus will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a series of activities and special events through 2010. As an initial tribute to its half-century of higher education service, the University launched a commemorative website at www.csustan.edu/50th in December 2007 titled "Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence 1960-2010."

Members of a university-wide committee charged with planning activities for the anniversary celebration will be announced in the next few weeks. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni will be represented on the committee. To share ideas with the committee for 50th festivities, please send an e-mail to 50th@csustan.edu.

Founded as Stanislaus State College in 1957 as the 15th campus in the California State University system, the new college conducted its first classes at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in 1960 and then moved to the current CSU Stanislaus site in Fall 1965. Since opening in 1960 with 756 students and gaining university status in 1986, CSU Stanislaus has awarded more than 37,000 degrees and seen its enrollment grow to nearly 9,000 students.

"California State University, Stanislaus takes great pride in its rich history and in providing thousands of students with degrees that have helped them realize the American dream," CSU Stanislaus President Dr. Hamid Shirvani said. "Our 50th Anniversary gives us the opportunity to celebrate that history along with our present-day achievements.

Featured on the University's 50th Anniversary website are photos and highlights from each decade of CSU Stanislaus history, a gallery featuring each of the presidents, and an interactive site for alumni and others affiliated with the University to share memories and photos about experiences and favorite moments from the past.

Special events and programs, capped by a gala celebration in 2010, will be held over the next two years to mark the University's 50-year milestone. Alumni and current and former University employees are encouraged to loan CSU Stanislaus memorabilia (photos and film, old uniforms, programs, awards, etc.) that can be displayed during the 50th festivities. They can make arrangements to do that by sending an e-mail to 50th@csustan.edu.
University tests emergency preparedness during November 16 exercise

CSU Stanislaus joined with other regional agencies to host a large-scale emergency exercise on Friday, November 16. The simulated bomb incident at The Village on-campus student housing complex included student volunteers who portrayed injured explosion victims and a number of regional emergency personnel and their vehicles.

The University's ability to respond to an emergency and to quickly and directly communicate with students and employees during an emergency was put to the test during the exercise. It was deemed a revealing and successful training experience for all involved during follow-up feedback sessions.

The University also has a website devoted to emergency readiness and response information for the campus community at: www.csustan.edu/emergency. The link appears at the bottom of the CSU Stanislaus homepage under the heading "Emergency Information." Urgent alerts will be posted to the site to provide current information on emergencies in progress.

When an emergency or campus crisis occurs, the campus community can also call a special emergency alert number: 877-STAN-411 (877-782-6411). Recorded messages will update callers on campus conditions and emergency procedures.

Agencies participating in the exercise that simulated an explosion in The Village Café included the University Police, Turlock Fire Department, Turlock Police Department, the Mediflight helicopter air ambulance from Modesto, Stanislaus County Sheriff’s Office, Merced Police Department, Merced County Bomb Squad, UC Merced Police, American Medical Response ambulance service, the Stanislaus County Red Cross, and personnel from a number of University departments. The scenario played out during the drill featured a bombing incident, with a suspect being chased down and arrested. Final fictitious casualty figures included two fatalities and 68 injuries.
University launches Direct Emergency Notification system

Making its debut during the November 16 emergency exercise at CSU Stanislaus was the University's new Direct Emergency Notification system.

Through this system, University employees and students will receive direct and immediate notification about emergencies affecting the campus. Timely warnings and emergency details will be sent to employees and students instantaneously on their personal hand-held devices, typically in the form of a text message and/or call on a cell phone or BlackBerry.

As the system is implemented, students and employees are being directed to a University website where they can specify the phone numbers where they want notices sent. To provide or update emergency contact numbers in the system, employees can log in and input the information at www.csustan.edu/emergency/DEN. Or, contact the Office of Information Technology Help Desk at 667-3687.

Psychology faculty members contribute to groundbreaking school readiness study

An ongoing four-year study released in October by the CSU Stanislaus Department of Psychology and Child Development, the first long-term study of its kind conducted in the state, is providing Stanislaus County schools with an invaluable guideline on improving youngsters' learning.

The study revealed that programs, which involve parents and their children learning together, are the most effective in preparing children for kindergarten and teaching them important social skills.

Conducted for the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission (SCCFC), the report was compiled by a research team led by retired CSU Stanislaus Psychology Professor Jamie McCreary. Other researchers included Harold Stanislaw and Jennifer Esterly of the University's Psychology and Child Development Department, CSU Stanislaus graduate students Belle Jarrett, Jessica Harlan, and Ian Summers, and Luis Molina of the SCCFC.

"That Stanislaus County is taking an interest in looking at these outcomes as a guide for future programs is an encouraging result of this report," Stanislaw said, noting that the scope of the county-sponsored study has been expanded to children through the sixth grade.

The research team monitored 2,500 children enrolled in seven of the county's School Readiness programs at schools with traditionally low academic performance scores. McCreary said results of the study that utilized surveys, literacy tests, and teacher observations to gauge student progress established a wealth of information on children served by the California Readiness Initiative. The bottom line of the report showed that kindergarten student competency increased at least 20 percent in readiness skills as a result of the programs conducted at the target schools.

Children that entered school after attending School Readiness programs and participating in the 23 different county services such as pre-school, health care, and adult education that were provided for them and their families showed greater literacy skill gains between kindergarten and first grade. The study found positive results relating to the impact of free book programs and the enthusiasm for reading that they generate. It also revealed that programs which involve children and parents learning together are among the most effective in developing learning and social skills, such as sharing and working with others.
Genetic Counseling graduate program to start in Fall Semester

California State University, Stanislaus will soon help meet the statewide need for genetic counselors when it launches a new master's degree program in Fall 2008.

The University will launch its Master of Science in Genetic Counseling Program this fall in collaboration with UC San Francisco, San Francisco State University, and Kaiser Permanente. CSU Stanislaus Professor of Biological Sciences and human genetics expert, Dr. Janey Youngblom, will serve as Associate Director for the program, which will be conducted in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Students will have the opportunity to do clinical training in the Bay Area as well as at Central Valley medical facilities. The two-year program will be offered through the CSU Stanislaus Department of Biological Sciences and fiscally managed through University Extended Education, with startup funds provided through the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Grants Program, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology, and the CSU Commission of Extended University.

"Genetic counselors are currently in very high demand so our graduates should have no problem getting hired upon program completion," Youngblom said. "There are currently no genetic counselors in the Modesto/Turlock area, although there are offices in Modesto that do provide genetic counselors who come from Sacramento or the Bay Area for day clinics. We hope to help establish permanent positions in our region."

The new CSU Stanislaus program recently received accreditation from the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) as only the third university program on the West Coast. As an indication that the upcoming program is already making its presence known, Youngblom was featured in an October article in the premier international science journal *Nature* ([http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/2007/071018/full/nj7164-940a.html](http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/2007/071018/full/nj7164-940a.html)) that focused on the need for genetic counselors. Youngblom and some CSU Stanislaus graduate students who plan to enroll in the program are currently conducting a related genetics research project, working with families in the area who stand to benefit from the help of genetic counselors.

Genetic counselors are medical professionals who combine expertise in human genetics and knowledge of important medical discoveries with the ability to communicate their knowledge to patients and families dealing with genetic disorders and inherited health conditions ranging from cancer and heart disease to birth defects and mental retardation. Using analysis of genetic histories and conditions, genetic diagnoses, and other relevant information, genetic counselors help patients identify diseases, refer them to early medical treatment, and make recommendations on the best forms of care.

For more information, go to: [http://www.extendeded.com/msgenetics/index.asp](http://www.extendeded.com/msgenetics/index.asp).
Tutoring Center's training program receives official approval

In October, the CSU Stanislaus Tutoring Center received official approval of certification in the College Reading and Learning Association, a tutor training program.

The CRLA is an internationally recognized organization, and tutor certificates transfer to other certifying colleges and universities. This program establishes a standard of training and skills for tutors in the CSU Stanislaus Tutoring Center. Twenty-seven tutors completed the required training and tutoring hours this semester. During a luncheon on December 3, they received their Level One Tutor Certificates.

Another 25 student tutors are scheduled to go through training this spring. Stefanie Shea-Akers, a graduate assistant in the Writing Center, was instrumental in gathering, writing, and organizing materials necessary for application to the program.

Senator Denham speaks on California agriculture at University program

State Senator Jeff Denham was the featured speaker at the University's November 27 Agricultural Studies Speaker Series program sponsored by Yosemite Farm Credit.

Denham's lecture, titled “Protecting California Agriculture,” featured a discussion of his early years in state government and push for fiscal accountability. Senator Denham talked about all that California offers, the current legislative process, and expected legislation for the next year. He emphasized that water supply is the major concern for California agriculture and touched on some of the measures currently planned to deal with its shortage. The Senator also talked about current and future immigration law and the role of immigrant labor in this state’s agricultural production.
University mourns Founding Administrator Gerry Crowley

Gerard (Gerry) J. Crowley, a founding administrator and a past acting president of CSU Stanislaus, passed away on December 17 in Turlock.

Crowley stepped in as Acting President for a little more than a year after the death of Founding President J. Burton Vasche in 1962. He joined what was then called Stanislaus State College in 1960 as one of its charter administrative staff members, serving as Executive Dean until his retirement in 1983. He had resided in Turlock and was a regular at CSU Stanislaus programs until illness recently limited his activities.

Crowley guided the College through its temporary quarters phase at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds while taking the lead for planning of the new Monte Vista Avenue campus, which opened in 1965. During his time as President and then as Executive Dean, Crowley was involved in the planning of the new campus, coordinated construction of the first buildings, and oversaw development of additional facilities and buildings as enrollment grew. Other buildings constructed during his years at the University included the Fine Arts Complex, Science Building, University Union, and Warrior Arena.

A native of Boston and a World War II and Korean War veteran, Crowley previously served as a facility planner with the Department of Education and taught Naval Science at Stanford University where he did post-graduate work. He earned his Bachelor's Degree at Loyola University, Baltimore and Master's Degree in Education at Boston University.
Professor Kavasch to perform composer's first-ever computerized opera

The first-ever computerized opera, *The Mask of Eleanor*, will be performed by soprano Deborah Kavasch of the Music Department on Friday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Snider Recital Hall. The composer, Beverly Grigsby, will be in attendance on the occasion of her 80th birthday and will begin the evening’s presentation with a short lecture on the opera.

Beverly Grigsby, Professor Emeritus of CSU Northridge, is an internationally known composer, theorist, lecturer, and pioneer in electronic and computer music. Grigsby wrote both the music and libretto for *The Mask of Eleanor*, which premiered in 1984 in Paris at Le Ranelagh Theatre, with the assistance of the French Ministry of Culture as part of the Fourth International Congress on Women in Music. Since then, it has been performed all over the world.

The 50-minute opera is based on the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine (1122-1204), who by marriage to Louis VII of France and later to Henry II of England, reigned as queen of both France and England in the 12th century. The opera opens with the spirit of Eleanor rising from her effigy to tell the audience about her struggle to bring creativity, beauty, and peace to the people of the Dark Ages. (Eleanor is the only live performer of the opera). It then becomes a musical debate, the outcome of which is decided by the audience.

*The Mask of Eleanor* has been recorded by Deborah Kavasch on the Cambria Masters Recordings label as part of the dual CD set, "The Music of Beverly Grigsby."

The performance is made possible in part by funding through Meet The Composer's MetLife Creative Connections program. Tickets will be available at the door, $8 for general admission and $6 for students, seniors, and CSU faculty and staff. More information is available at the College of the Arts at 667-3959.
Groundbreaking, Al Brenda track naming kicks off Student Recreation Complex

A November 7 groundbreaking ceremony marked the kickoff of construction on the California State University, Stanislaus Student Recreation and Sports Complex.

The $16.2 million project on the northeast side of the campus near Geer Road and Christoffersen Way will include an 18,644 square-foot Student Fitness Center featuring the latest in workout equipment and exercise areas, a 2,300-seat lighted soccer/track and field stadium that features team locker rooms, restrooms, a press box, and storage areas. The project also includes an adjacent lighted intramural field, a practice field, and 44-space parking lot. The stadium track, which will be named the Al Brenda Track in honor of the former coach, teacher, athlete, and businessman, will be a state-of-the-art Rekortan M99 polyurethane micro-foam surface. McFadden Construction of Stockton is the contractor selected for the project.

Gathering near the existing track and soccer field facilities before turning the ceremonial first shovels in the ground, University administration and student leaders expressed enthusiasm and high anticipation about the facility that is scheduled for completion in late Fall 2008. The complex proposal was approved overwhelmingly by students in a May 2006 initiative vote.

In announcing the naming of the track in honor of Al Brenda, the local coaching and athletic legend who died in September 2001, University President Ham Shirvani said the tribute is highly deserved.

"Al Brenda was a very special man and highly respected father, coach, teacher, athlete, and businessman," President Shirvani said. "He was an enthusiastic, loving friend to many people all over the world. Since his life had such a positive impact on so many people in Stanislaus County, particularly in track and field competition circles, it is fitting that the Cal State Stanislaus track be named in his honor."

Brenda distinguished himself as a coach at the high school and college level and also founded what is now Brenda Athletic Clubs. He served as head track and field coach for two years (1976-77) at CSU Stanislaus during a career that...
included 36 years as a teacher and coach at Ceres High School and as an assistant track and field coach at Modesto Junior College. Brenda won a number of individual events as well as many decathlon and pentathlon titles, including the World Senior title in 1982.

Brenda joined his family in purchasing the Turlock Racquet Club in 1985, expanding the business to include the Modesto Racquet Club in 1991 and the Los Banos Racquet Club in 1995 as part of the Brenda Athletic Clubs.

Brenda and his wife, Esther, who still lives in Turlock, had five sons -- Allen, Tim, Dale, James, and Tom. Tim, James, and Tom all attended CSU Stanislaus and competed in track and field. Tom Brenda, an all-conference pole vaulter for two years with the Warriors, is in his eighth year as an assistant track and field coach. Working with the pole vaulters, he has coached them to a pair of national titles and nine All-American honors.

"This is a great honor and I know my dad would be extremely proud and grateful," Tom Brenda said on behalf of the Brenda family. "I think it's great that the University is reaching out to the local community in this way."

**Warrior soccer team earns national academic award**

The Cal State Stanislaus women's soccer team earned the prestigious National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) 2007 Team Academic Award, which was announced in November. The award goes to men's and women's college teams that earn a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher during the academic year.

The Warrior women's team posted an overall team grade point average of 3.23 during the 2006/07 academic year. According to the NSCAA, Cal State Stanislaus finished 19th in that category among NCAA Division II women's soccer programs.

"This award is a tribute to all of the hard work the women on our team put into their academics," Head Coach Gabriel Bolton said. "For the entire team to gain such an award at an institution with such rigorous academic standards is a source of great pride."

The Warriors are the only soccer team in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) to receive this honor. All NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA, and Junior College programs are eligible for the award. A number of Warriors have also earned CCAA All-Academic honors.

"We are extremely proud of this accomplishment by our women's soccer team," said Dr. Milt Richards, Director of Athletics. "We have tremendous student-athletes, faculty, and academic support here at Cal State Stanislaus so it comes as no surprise to see that they are being recognized for their outstanding achievement in the classroom. However, to receive such a team award it takes a special effort by a large number of individuals."

The award comes to the CSU Stanislaus program less than a year after the hiring of Academic Advisor for Athletics Amye Leon. She provides academic, personal, learning, and career-related advising on an individual basis to Cal State Stanislaus student-athletes.
Men's Soccer team participates in Red Ribbon Week at Turlock school

The CSU Stanislaus men's soccer team participated in Red Ribbon Week at Julien Elementary School in Turlock on October 29 and 30.

Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to drug avoidance and focuses on all the positive alternatives to drugs. It emphasizes the importance of sports activities as an alternative to drug use at an early age.

"We really appreciate the opportunity to participate in Red Ribbon Week at Julien Elementary," Warriors Head Coach Eric Mild said. "Our players enjoyed themselves, and there is no doubt the kids were thrilled by the experience."

The Warriors conducted soccer exercises and played against the elementary school students. The student-athletes also signed autographs for the kids.

"Our players were treated like rock stars, and they embraced the opportunity to be role models for our local youths," Mild said. "Teaching the kids about positive alternatives to drugs is important to our community, and we look forward to being a part of this event in the future."

Check out the Warrior Athletics website
For more on Warrior Athletics, including recent results and schedules, please go to http://www.warriorathletics.com/. 
Roger McNeil, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, is one of a team of international scientists who announced in November that they have tracked down the mysterious origin of the "Oh-My-God" particle. The discovery, described as fundamental by researchers, is a cosmic ray bearing energies millions of times larger than the most powerful particle produced on Earth.

McNeil, who came to CSU Stanislaus from Louisiana State last summer, has been involved with the Auger Observatory since 2000, working with other faculty, research scientists, and students at LSU to build and operate the observatory and to analyze its first recorded data. Researchers said the most likely source for these ultra-high energy particles is a type of black hole found at the center of some galaxies. The violent phenomena are called Active Galactic Nuclei because they gobble up energy from the surrounding space and spit some out with tremendous force.

"The result from the Auger Observatory that links the origin of the ultra high energy cosmic rays to the locations of nearby galaxies that have active nuclei is a historic step in the understanding of the universe we live in," McNeil said.

The Pierre Auger Collaboration includes more than 250 scientists from all over the world. Their observatory complex at the foot of the Andes Mountains in Argentina is the largest experiment on Earth, spanning an area the size of the state of Delaware. McNeil is a member of the experimental team and on the long list of authors for the report that made international headlines in November.

More information about the Auger project is at www.auger.org.
Ken Whitfield was named to the position of Interim Vice President for Business and Finance at CSU Stanislaus by President Hamid Shirvani in December following the announcement that current VP Mary Stephens has been named new Vice President for Administration and Finance at CSU Long Beach.

"I have asked Ken to assume this interim position in order to provide stability to the ongoing operation of the Division, and to allow adequate time to prepare for a nationwide search for a permanent replacement," President Shirvani said. "Ken has been working with Vice President Stephens as a consultant for the past several months and is very familiar with the University. He will continue to work closely with Mary until her departure in late January."

Whitfield is a Certified Public Accountant and he holds a Master of Business Administration from CSU Fullerton and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from San Diego State University. He has more than 20 years of experience in accounting and management, including 12 years as a Controller with both private and public organizations. Most recently, he served as Chief Financial Officer for the MedicAlert Foundation in Turlock and, prior to that, for Telmar Network Technology in Irvine.

Whitfield brings a strong background in structuring financial operations, budgeting and consolidation reporting, computer systems evaluation and implementation, and management of personnel and processes.

Stephens, who will be recognized at a farewell reception on the CSU Stanislaus campus in mid-January, will begin her new position at CSU Long Beach on January 28. She has been with CSU Stanislaus for 10 years.
Susana Gajic-Bruyea named Vice President for University Advancement

Susana Gajic-Bruyea, previously Executive Director of Advancement Services at UC Merced, started her new job as Vice President for University Advancement at California State University, Stanislaus on November 19.

A native of Canada and graduate of the University of Toronto, Gajic-Bruyea served for 10 years as Associate Director of Advancement Services at the University of Toronto where she played an integral role in an unprecedented billion-dollar fund-raising campaign before joining UC Merced. She was instrumental in building the Advancement Services Department in UC Merced's Division of University Relations as the two-year-old university worked to establish a fund-raising program.

"Susana has demonstrated that she can provide the dynamic leadership needed to help California State University, Stanislaus meet its university relations and fund-raising objectives," President Hamid Shirvani said. "She has valuable experience in higher education and lots of enthusiasm about promoting the great things happening at CSU Stanislaus. We are very pleased that she is joining our team."

At the University of Toronto, Gajic-Bruyea provided leadership for donations management and development, established and managed the Advancement Records Program, and directed the Development Information Systems, which included operational responsibility for policy and procedural development in support of the advancement mission and fund-raising priorities of the university. The University of Toronto, which recently marked its 175th anniversary, is one of the top-ranked international and research universities in the world with more than 70,000 students at three campuses and 10 teaching hospitals, and more than 450,000 living alumni worldwide.

Prior to her service at the University of Toronto, Gajic-Bruyea was with the Toronto-based publishing and printing firm MPL Communications, Inc. She developed the company's first customer service department and oversaw all aspects of customer service and product fulfillment, including staff hiring and training, and development of operational policies.
Professor Giventer's updated book focuses on public management

CSU Stanislaus Professor of Politics Lawrence L. Giventer is the author of the newly released revised second edition of "Statistical Analysis for Public Administration."

Published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers, the revised second edition, last published in 1996, presents actual public sector problem situations, realistic data, and a unique set of reference tables that facilitate analysis and problem solving.

“The public sector is where the action is,” said Giventer, an expert on California political topics. “Every issue that excites people's highest hopes and aspirations — or deepest fears and frustrations — is addressed first and foremost in the public sector. Problems in such areas as health care, unemployment, environmental quality, crime and safety, education, transportation, aging, housing, land use, equal opportunity, and emergency preparedness compete for our attention and resources. They demand answers — answers developed by men and women in public administration.”

A member of the CSU Stanislaus faculty since 1975 and sought after for his political expertise and analysis, Giventer teaches post-baccalaureate-level courses in public policy analysis and public sector quantitative methods, and undergraduate courses in American government. He is also the author of "Governing California” that will be published in a third edition in 2008, following up on the previous 2006 election follow-up volume. Giventer founded the University's nationally-accredited Master of Public Administration program and directed the program for 20 years.

Giventer has served as a political analyst for many media outlets — radio, television, print, and Internet — and as a consultant and advisory committee chair for state and local government agencies.

Additional resources are provided at an accompanying website: http://www.jbpub.com/publicadmin/.
LaFever article focuses on classroom communication

Marcella LaFever of Communication Studies recently published a co-authored article titled “Importance of Gender Homophily in the Computer Science Classroom” in IEEE Technology and Society Magazine. She and her co-researcher, Roli Varma at the University of New Mexico, investigated classroom communication that supports or discourages women from continuing in the study of computer science.

Mathematics faculty member authors article


Social Studies Review publishes Teacher Education Prof's writing

An article by Brenda Betts of Teacher Education, "Create a Family Heritage Book," was published in the Fall/Winter 2007 issue of the Social Studies Review, the refereed journal of the California Council for the Social Studies. Betts wrote about how children enjoy learning about their family and personal histories as an important process in the development of their identity. She noted that when children learn about themselves and their families, they gain appreciation for their background and their family's contributions to their lives. Thus, when children understand and appreciate their own history, they may become interested in learning about other histories.

The article includes the History-Social Science Standards and 21 children's literature books about families, objectives, concepts, preparation, procedures, and assessment. A learning activity is provided for each literature book.

Staff member and Guardsman Brian St. Denis, students see duty at fires

Members of the Turlock National Guard unit, the 184th Infantry Battalion that includes Office of Information Technology Network Analyst Brian St. Denis and a number of CSU Stanislaus students reported for duty in the San Diego area during the devastating wildfires that ravaged Southern California in October and early November.

St. Denis, an Army Specialist, flew south with members of his unit while others made the long drive in military vehicles. Among the CSU Stanislaus students seeing duty were Cpl. Joseph Shifflet, Sgt. Gregory Hamel, and Specialist Eric Everhard. They were deployed on home protection and other security measures during their 11-day assignment to the San Diego area fires.

St. Denis, who was deployed to Mississippi in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, said conditions were intense and there were few breaks in the early-going. "My squad didn't get their first shower until day 6. You could probably smell us a mile away," he said. "The people of San Diego were very generous and thankful for us being there. The whole Southern California community seemed to respect each other and helped each other out quite a bit while we were there."
University employees help feed the hungry at “A Legacy of Hope” Fund-raiser

Some 75 CSU Stanislaus faculty, staff, and students worked together to help feed the hungry in Stanislaus County by volunteering at the November 17 United Samaritans Foundation's Annual “A Legacy of Hope” fund-raiser.

CSU Stanislaus volunteers helped set up tables for 500 guests in the early morning hours, and in the evening, they parked cars, waited tables, staffed silent auction displays, and assisted with many other aspects of the fund-raiser. The event was also attended by President Hamid Shirvani who congratulated the University's volunteers for their valuable commitment to serving the community. It was the third year that faculty, students, and staff have teamed up to feed the hungry in the community.

United Samaritans Foundation delivers over 35,000 lunches each month to those in need in Stanislaus County and provides services to assist people in a transition to a better quality of life.
DIGEST – NOTES FROM HR

Open Enrollment changes due

Employees are asked to check their January 1, 2008 pay warrants for open enrollment changes. New health premiums are located on the Human Resources website at www.csustan.edu/hr.

Medical - Identification cards for employees and enrolled dependents will be mailed to them. If you do not receive ID cards within two weeks from your date of coverage, please contact your medical plan directly.

Dental -
Delta Dental PPO does not provide ID cards. To access coverage for yourself and your eligible dependents, your dentist will use your Social Security number and may ask for the group number of your plan. Please refer to the HR website at: http://web.csustan.edu/HR/Apps-Forms-Policies-Procedures/Documents/BenefitOverview.doc for group numbers.
DeltaCare USA ID cards for you and enrolled dependents will be mailed to you. If you do not receive ID cards within 30 days from your date of coverage, please contact DeltaCare USA directly at (800) 422-4234.

Information for all Health plans is available at http://web.csustan.edu/HR/

Employee Action Request Form (EAR)

This form is not only used to change your withholding allowances, but also to change your address or name. If you have relocated in the last couple of months and haven’t notified the Human Resources Department, your payroll W-2 forms may be mailed to an incorrect address. The Employee Action Request Form is located on the HR website at: http://web.csustan.edu/HR/Apps-Forms-Policies-Procedures/Forms-Apps.html or the Human Resources Department, MSR 320.

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