Students and alumni from CSU Dominguez Hills shared their experiences with mentorships at a conference at the University of New Mexico (UNM). L-R: Irene Vasquez, director of Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies, UNM; Elizabeth González Cárdenas (Class of ’06); Ben Jesus Lucero Wolf, special major; Daniel Pérez (Class of ’07), Lissette Murillo-Pérez (Class of ’08); Richard Gutiérrez, Angelica Jiménez, Rafael Martínez, Thalia Gómez (Class of ’11); Oscar Ochoa (Class of ’05); and Jose Serrano Najera, graduate student.

Mentoring Ensures Success, Advanced Degrees For Chicana/o Studies Majors

Students and alumni of the Chicana/o Studies Department at California State University, Dominguez Hills shared their experiences at the annual conference of the Mentoring Institute at the University of New Mexico (UNM), held Oct. 26 through 28 in Albuquerque. Thirteen current students and alumni presented “Mentoring as a Labor of Mutual Love and Support: Boosting Student and Faculty Academic Success through Transformative Mentoring at California State University, Dominguez Hills,” with the support of Irene Vasquez, director of Chicano Hispano Mexicano Studies (CHMS) at UNM. Sue Borrego, vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs; Cheryl McKnight, director of Center for Service Learning, Internships and Civic Engagement; and Leena Furtado, director, Promoting Excellence in Graduate Studies (PEGS) Title V Grant, also researched and co-authored the accompanying paper. Travel and accommodations for graduate students were funded through the university’s Title V PEGS grant; undergraduate students were supported by Academic Affairs.

Student and alumni participants included doctoral candidates Elizabeth González Cárdenas (Class of ’06), Jose Luis Serrano Nájera (Class of ’08), Janette Díaz (Class of ’07), and Ruby Ramirez (Class of ’05); alumni pursuing a master’s degree at their alma mater included Oscar Ochoa (Class of ’05), Daniel Pérez (Class of ’07), and Lissette Murillo-Pérez (Class of ’08); and Thalia Gómez (Class of ’11).
‘11), who is currently in the master’s degree program in Raza Studies at the University of Arizona. In addition, current students Erica González Cisneros, Richard Gutiérrez, Angelica Jiménez, Rafael Martínez, and Ben Jesus Lucero Wolf shared their experiences as mentees.

In their paper, the faculty group documented interactions between Chicana/o students and faculty from 2005 to 2011 and administered a survey that revealed the efficacy of faculty mentoring for first-generation students and its influence in propelling them to pursue research and advanced degrees in Chicana/o studies.

Click here for the full article.

John Tracy presented “My Journey: From CSU Dominguez Hills to Chief Technology Officer at Boeing.”

**John Tracy: Alumnus Shares Path to Executive Career in Aerospace**

John Tracy (Class of ’76, B.S., physics), vice president and chief technology officer at Boeing, returned to California State University, Dominguez Hills to speak to students from his alma mater and the California Academy of Mathematics and Science on Nov. 21 in the Loker Student Union. The Gardena native presented “My Journey: From CSU Dominguez Hills to Chief Technology Officer at Boeing,” reflecting on his education at the university and his ascent to leading approximately 100,000 engineers, manufacturing personnel, and computer scientists at the world’s largest aerospace company.

Laura Robles, dean of the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, said that the campus community was happy to welcome back one of its successful alumni, who also served as a keynote speaker during this spring’s commencement exercises.

“It’s really wonderful when he comes back to talk to the students, faculty, and staff about his experiences,” said Robles. “It engages the students and helps them realize what they can be. It’s really wonderful that he’s achieved so much and can spur our students on to greater things.”

Tracy began his talk by thanking two of his former professors, Frank Miles, emeritus professor of mathematics,
and Sam Wiley, emeritus professor of physics. He greeted the assembled students and encouraged them to see that a successful career in the aerospace industry was within their reach.

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Scholarship awardees at CBAPP’s 5th Annual Awards Luncheon celebrated achievement and made new connections with business professionals.

**CBAPP’s Annual Awards Luncheon Recognizes Partnerships, Excellence**

The 5th annual College of Business Administration and Public Policy Awards Luncheon at California State University, Dominguez Hills took place on Nov. 4 in the Loker Student Union. The college’s signature event raised approximately $40,000 toward scholarships and faculty research for CBAPP, with 360 students, faculty, alumni, and community business leaders in attendance.

Among those honored with the Dean’s Medallion Awards were Dale Wallis, vice president and chief financial officer and treasurer of The Aerospace Corporation; the Japan Business Association of Southern California (JBA), and Tammy Tumbling, CSU Dominguez Hills alumna and director of philanthropy and community involvement, Southern California Edison. Major sponsors of the event included Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., Dean’s Medallion Sponsor; Southern California Edison, Diamond Sponsor; and Schools Federal Credit Union, Platinum Sponsor.

W. Guy Fox, president and CEO, Guy Fox and Associates, Inc., helped establish the luncheon in 2007, along with former CBAPP dean Jim Strong. Fox’s opening remarks encapsulated one of the primary goals of the event: to connect students and faculty with business professionals for mentoring and other opportunities.

“It’s important for us to make sure that the students and professors understand what goes on outside [of campus],” he said.

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**Alumni Notes**

Adrian Arceo (B.S. ‘08), Chris Avalos (B.S. ‘08), Corey Cohen (B.S. ‘08), Bryan Papp (B.S. ‘08), Jeff Saign

**Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm  
**Location:** Loker Student Union

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**Time:** 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Location:** San Pedro Cabrillo Marine Aquarium  
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(B.S. ’08) joined together as business partners and celebrated the new look, new menu and new ownership of Philly Steak & Sub in Long Beach, CA. The five business owners all graduated together and shared the same dream of working together in a restaurant venture. Together, the team was able to revamp the restaurant’s interior, and changed the menu to highlight their signature food items.

Sam Enriquez (B.A. ’85) was recently appointed as the new page one senior editor for the Wall Street Journal. Prior to joining the Journal in December 2007, Sam worked for the Los Angeles Times for more than 20 years, serving as a reporter, assistant city editor, city editor and foreign correspondent in Mexico City. He began his career in journalism as a reporter for the Easy Reader Newspaper in Hermosa Beach, CA.

Tom Hall (M.B.A ’83) has been hired as VR Laboratories, LLC’s new national sales and marketing director. The new nutritional brand marketing expert will apply his 30 years of executive marketing experience to position and promote the VR Laboratories brand and launch new company products in the international marketplace.

Zev Levy (B.A. ’93) was appointed to director of sales of Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc. of Los Angeles. In this new role, Zev will oversee all aspects of the KLAX 97.9FM “La Raza” and KXOL 96.3FM “Latino” consolidated sales effort including SBS Interactive and SBS Entertainment for the Los Angeles cluster. This will include being responsible for the sales department’s planning, organizational and marketing strategies while coordinating and overseeing local and national sales representatives.

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