University Celebrates Alumna and Olympic Champion on Carmelita Jeter Day

The fastest woman in the world, 2012 Olympic bronze, silver and gold medalist, and California State University, Dominguez Hills alumna Carmelita Jeter (Class of ’06, B.A., kinesiology) slowed down long enough to spend the afternoon and evening at her alma mater on Nov. 20.

During her first stop on the university’s celebration in her honor—Carmelita Jeter Day, she shared insights about some of the hurdles in her Olympic quest and of her ultimate triumph to a large crowd in the University Theatre including Toro and area high school athletes as well as fans from the campus and the community.

Full article.

Claudia Rodriguez: Becoming a Lawyer Takes Elbow Grease

Visiting from Mexico at 18, Claudia Rodriguez only meant to stay in California for one summer. Instead, without means to return, she remained in America, went to college, and became a lawyer.

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Upcoming Events

"The Revenger’s Tragedy"
The California State University, Dominguez Hills alumna (Class of '98, B.S., business administration; '00, M.A., behavioral science, negotiation and conflict management), said it was the heavy load of required units and rigorous coursework at the university that helped prepare her for law school.

"The bachelor's got me into the critical thinking phase and the master's degree helped me with the writing," she recalled.

Rodriguez, who transferred from Los Angeles Harbor College with an associate's degree in liberal arts, said CSU Dominguez Hills offered other benefits, too.

"I was looking into a smaller campus, because L.A. Harbor is small. I chose Dominguez because it's a small campus," she said. "I could talk to the professors, not just to [teacher's assistants]. I could have that access that I was seeking. I got a lot of help from the professors."

Claudia M. Orozco Receives 2012 Excellence in Customer Service Award

Claudia M. Orozco has been recognized with the 2012 staff Excellence in Customer Service Award for her outstanding service to students and her do-what-it-takes attitude as administrative assistant for the Master of Social Work.

Points of Pride

CSUDH is ranked 5th in the nation -- out of more than 680 universities across the country who grant bachelor's and master's degrees -- in the Washington Monthly's annual college ranking.

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She was nominated for the award by MSW faculty members who have worked with her as well as her supervisor, associate professor and MSW director and chair, Mekada Graham-Gallegan.

“Claudia goes above and beyond her regular work duties and exemplifies the kind of service that we like to be known for here at CSUDH. She interfaces with a variety of issues on a daily basis including admissions status, permission numbers, registration issues, petition information, and basic program information. She is professional and always courteous when called upon by students,” Graham-Gallegan explained.

Orozco gives students individualized attention by going over the program’s requirements with them as well as evaluating their application, and informing them whether they have been admitted, and if not, why and what their next step would be.

Full article.

Alumni Attitude Study: Let Us Know What You Think

Please help us better understand what you expect from your university and your alumni association by taking a few minutes to complete a survey to measure alumni attitudes and how they impact participation with the association and CSU Dominguez Hills. To access the survey, please click here: CSU-Dominguez Hills Alumni Survey. We value the input of all of our alumni. We are listening and are committed to taking action based on the feedback you give us. Thank you for your participation.

Dr. Gayle Ball-Parker ’78
Director, Alumni and Family Programs

Alumni Notes

Cynthia Johnson (M.S. ‘95) is lending her expertise in online learning for nurses as chair of the master’s program in nursing at Cal State Dominguez Hills to help the Hubert Kairuki Memorial University in Dar Es Salaam, the largest city in Tanzania, establish a distance learning curriculum for the BSN program.

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