Building Community

CSU Dominguez Hills continues to expand community building both internally and externally. Here are highlights of some of this year’s activities:

- “Feria Es El Momento, Edúcate” brought approximately 27,000 visitors to campus for Univision’s second annual Spanish language education fair; 60,000 books were donated by the Molina Foundation and the Mexican Consulate of L.A.
- During the 18-month-long 50th Anniversary Celebration more than 200 events were held, with over 120,000 attending. The celebration garnered a Silver Award in the Year-long Special Events category from the CASE District VII Awards of Excellence.
- At the 2011 Commencement, honorary doctorates were presented to Janet Murguía, president and chief executive officer of the National Council of La Raza, and Dr. John Tracy, an alumnus of CSU Dominguez Hills and chief technology officer and senior vice president of engineering, operations and technology at The Boeing Company. Murguía and Tracy, as well as Judge Scott Gordon of L.A. County Superior Court and alumnus, and Dr. Wanda Austin, president and CEO of Aerospace Corporation, delivered keynote addresses at the ceremonies.
- Dr. Henry Cisneros, former United States Housing and Urban Development secretary and executive chairman of CityView, delivered “The Essentials of Leadership for the 21st Century,” the inaugural lecture of the Presidential Lecture Series.
- Two issues of a new university magazine, Dominguez Today, were published with a circulation of 26,000 to reach a wide audience of alumni and friends; the Spring 2011 issue included an inaugural Donor Honor Roll.

Enrollment Management

This year’s highlights in the area of enrollment management include:

- The university exceeded its enrollment targets for the third year in a row, with 13,694 students on campus.
- Community college partnerships that were established last year exceeded our first-year goal of participants by 42%.
- The Financial Aid Office processed over 11,000 applications and disbursed over $106 million to students to assist with their educational costs.
- First-time freshmen completing developmental math requirements after their first year have increased from 59% in fall 2007 to 83% in fall 2010.
- Graduation rates have increased with more than 600 students graduating with their bachelor’s degrees over the previous year and 92 more students with their master’s.

Point of Pride: “Manifest Diversity” Mural

The unveiling of “Manifest Diversity” took place in fall 2010. Pictured: Student artists and volunteers with President Mildred Garcia; Karen Bass, California Assembly Speaker Emeritus and CSU Dominguez Hills alumnus; Eliseo Art Silva, nationally renowned muralist; and Lui Amador, coordinator, Multicultural Center.

Financial Stability

As an important educational institution and resource for the South Bay region, CSU Dominguez Hills is proving that it is worthy of investment by community members and there are significant opportunities for partnerships that will help the region. Following are highlights of recent contributions:

- Six Art and Design students became first recipients of the $200,000 Winston Hewitt Art Endowed Scholarship, one of the largest established at CSU Dominguez Hills: Jose Romero, Brian Banuelos, Alyssa Congdon, Jessica Portillo, Brenda Estrada, and Diana Homayonfar-Shahedi.
- The Financial Therapy Department received a gift of $20,000 from the Hand Therapy Society of Greater Los Angeles to offer student scholarships.
- The Fourth Annual College of Business Administration and Public Policy Awards Luncheon raised $54,000 for student scholarships.
- Approximately $300,000 has been raised over the last three years for the Summer Bridge program. Support came from from Verizon, Gilbert Foundation and Citibank.
- The President’s Scholarship Reception honored the 2010-2011 Presidential Scholars along with the Corporate Partner of Education awardee, American Honda Motor Company, and Dr. Eleanor Chang, who was honored as the Katherine B. Loker Friend of Education. The reception brought in over $190,000 in support of the Presidential Scholarship Fund.

FUNDRAISING MILESTONES

Through the generosity of university stakeholders, the 2010-2011 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2011, was extremely successful. More than $3.2 million in cash/in-kind commitments were made to support programs and scholarships for students and faculty, a 19% increase over last year.

Over 1,000 alumni made donations, more than at any point in the university’s history, and a 13% increase over last year. These gifts enable the university to equip labs, improve facilities, provide scholarships for students, and develop programs to increase student success.
University Life

CSU Dominguez Hills provides our community with an array of enriching cultural resources, events and opportunities.

- The campus hosted several college fairs and events designed for specific ethnic groups: Univision’s “Feria Es El Momento, Edúcate” for Hispanic students and families; CSU’s first “Journey to Success” for Pacific Islanders; and an inaugural Pow Wow, “Honoring the Indigenous People of the Americas.”

- The university was recognized nationally for its volunteerism, service learning and civic engagement; selected for President Obama’s Community Engagement Honor Roll with Distinction for second year in a row and awarded Carnegie Institute of Higher Learning Community Engagement Classification.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

The faculty and staff together have made CSU Dominguez Hills a leader in high-quality, student-focused higher education for the South Bay community.

- 2011 Faculty Awards Reception honored 59 faculty members celebrating service milestones and five outstanding professors:
  - Excellence in Service Award: Dr. Cathy Jacobs, Interdisciplinary Studies–PACE, Biology
  - Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award: Dr. Janine Gasco, Anthropology
  - Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award: Dr. Terrence McGlynn, Biology
  - Lyle E. Gibson Dominguez Hills Distinguished Teacher Award: Dr. Emily Magruder, Humanities
  - Presidential Outstanding Professor Award: Dr. L. Mark Carrier, Psychology

- Disabled Student Services provided 24,457 hours of direct services to over 500 students with visual, hearing, learning, mobility and medical disabilities.

Student Achievements

At CSU Dominguez Hills, we prepare students to succeed inside the classroom and in their professional lives. Here are highlights of student achievements:

- Presidential Scholarship awards went to 22 Presidential Scholars, who enter CSU Dominguez Hills with an average GPA of 3.96 and represent disciplines from throughout the university.

- Recipients of the first Annual President’s Student Leadership and Service Awards were honored in May. The Presidential Award for Personal Perseverance went to Chiana Ghant, Mary Claire Lanskii, and Todd Matsubara; the Outstanding Student Award went to Mauricio Amaral, Ashley Ann Clark, Jose Collazo, and Manuel Diaz.

- Students took top honors at the CSU Systemwide Research Competition: Chicana/o studies junior John Garcia and HUX grad student David Marks won first place awards in Humanities and Letters; business administration junior Bree Nguyen won second place in Business, Economics and Public Administration.

- Political Science students won Best Delegate honors at Model UN conference: Gregory Jacobs, Turkey, UN General Assembly; Gloria Lopez, U.S., UN General Assembly; Keith Banks, Saudi Arabia, UN Economic & Social Committee; Alvin Gutierrez and Amber Ali, Counsels, Serbia & Kosovo, International Court of Justice.

Athletics

- The women’s 4x400 relay team captured the first-ever NCAA Division II Track and Field National Championship for the university; team members include Nancy Blake, Breionna Jackson, Dora Baldwin, Chanel Parker and alternate Charlene Brown.

- The men’s basketball team defeated Humboldt State to win the CCAA conference championship.

- Four student athletes were drafted on Day Three of the Major League Baseball Draft: Carlos Leyva, Kevin Pillar, Josh Corrales and Jonathan Keener.

Academic Excellence and Innovation

The highest standards of quality in teaching, research, scholarship and service at CSU Dominguez Hills serve to broaden students’ minds and encourage engaged participation in a global society.

- A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for School of Nursing’s first-ever Clinical Skills Lab.

- The university awarded first “We the People” grant by National Endowment of the Humanities in partnership with Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum; eighty k-12 educators participated in program with focus on California historical and cultural sites.

- The university was ranked among top 100 universities nationwide to confer undergraduate and graduate degrees to students of color by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.
Below are highlights of President Mildred García’s activities and accomplishments for the academic year 2010-2011:

**Administrative Accomplishments**
- Held first-ever Mayors Roundtable for six mayors of South Bay cities; hosted by Mayor Frank Scotto of Torrance.
- Held planning retreats for President’s Cabinet and Administrative Council to identify and prioritize five initiatives from the University Strategic Plan to focus on in coming academic year.
- Appointed to National Council for Research on Women, President’s Circle Advisory Board, July 2010.
- Appointed Vice-Chair, Millennium Leadership Initiative Steering Committee, 2010-13.
- Appointed to National Council for Research on Women, President’s Circle Advisory Board, July 2010.

**Honors and Awards**
- Recipient of Mujeres Del Año 2010 Award, Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 2010.
- Selected as one of ten Hispanic education leaders and students on stage with President Barack Obama for signing of executive order renewing White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Oct. 2010.

**Publications**
- “Impatient to Achieve Student Success? You Bet!” Public Purpose, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Summer 2011.

**Presentations**
- McNair Scholars Annual Banquet, keynote address, University of Florida, April 2011.
- “Fostering Change and Innovation in Education,” presentation, American Dental Education Association Annual Conference, March 2011.
- “Women, Their Leadership and Achievements,” keynote address, Celebration for a Day of Appreciation and Recognition of Women Students, University of California, Riverside, March 2011.

**Media Interactions**
- Interview with Women in Higher Education for “To Succeed, President Advises Following Your Passion,” March 2011.

**Appointments**
- Appointed to New York State Education Department Blue Ribbon Commission, Jan. 2011.
- Appointed to L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 2011-12.
- Appointed Vice-Chair, Millennium Leadership Initiative Steering Committee, 2010-13.
- Appointed to National Council for Research on Women, President’s Circle Advisory Board, July 2010.

**Highlights of Executive Accomplishments**

**Profile of CSU Dominguez Hills**

- Founded: 1960
- Classification: Public, co-educational
- Degrees Granted: Bachelor’s, Master’s
- Enrollment: 13,694 (FY 2010-11)
- Academic Programs: 45 undergraduate majors, 24 graduate majors, 5 colleges
- Setting: Park-like campus on 346 acres in South Bay of Los Angeles County
- Alumni: 80,000 worldwide
- Athletics: 11 intercollegiate NCAA Division II teams
- Athletics Nickname: Toros

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