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2010–2011 Annual Donor Honor Roll
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In this issue of Dominguez Today, we highlight some of our win-win partnerships with regional businesses that, through the sponsorship of internships, scholarships, and academic programs, help our students achieve their educational and personal goals. You will read about Melissa Velasco and Robert Aragon, shown on the cover, who recently participated in a unique learning experience as student interns with the LA Galaxy soccer team and The Home Depot Center. Melissa and Robert had the exciting opportunity to promote a Major League Soccer game—how many students can make that claim?

We are moving forward and building on the campus community’s hard work that resulted in the development of our University Strategic Plan. At our Administrative Council retreat this summer, five initiatives from the Strategic Plan were identified and will be our focus in the coming academic year. The initiatives include establishing a culture of customer service in all areas of the university; providing increased access through diverse instructional modalities such as online and hybrid courses; fostering a rich environment of student success through collaborative, co-curricular programs; supporting campus-wide fundraising and branding activities; and hiring and retaining diverse faculty in disciplines that support our priorities. Specific, measurable goals for each initiative were determined and I believe through the proven team spirit we have on our campus, we can make significant strides in the coming year towards becoming a model, urban university.

Also in this issue, we present the Annual Donor Honor Roll for 2010–2011 to recognize and thank the friends of CSU Dominguez Hills who have generously supported the university. What better investment can any of us make than helping a young person achieve his or her dreams? Please contact us to learn more about ways that you can support CSU Dominguez Hills.

It is truly a privilege for all of us who support this university’s mission and work with our students. Thank you for your commitment to CSU Dominguez Hills!

Warm regards,

Mildred García, Ed.D.
President

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The campus wrapped up its 18-month long 50th Anniversary Celebration with an assortment of special events that included the 2011 Commencement, a “flash mob” dance performance, and the unveiling of a painting by renowned artist Alexey Steele, the fourth in a series by local artists to commemorate the 50th Anniversary. The celebration touched thousands of on- and off-campus community members and helped to reinforce pride and support for the university by showcasing its history, achievements and mission.

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Annenberg Foundation Funds First Endowed Professorship with $1 Million Gift

At the 2011 Fall Convocation on August 22, CSU Dominguez Hills President Mildred García announced a $1 million gift from the Annenberg Foundation to establish the first endowed professorship in the history of the university. The Wallis Annenberg Endowed Professorship for Innovation in STEM Education position will lead the university’s many programs focused on growing the number of teachers in the fields, and oversee the creation of the Center for Innovation in STEM Education (CISE), which will serve as an incubator for new STEM initiatives in the region.

“One of the goals in our Strategic Plan 2010–2015 is to help more under-represented students acquire the skills and knowledge in the highly in-demand areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM),” García said. “This gift from the Annenberg Foundation greatly enhances CSU Dominguez Hills’ ability to meet that goal.”

STEM learning is viewed by many in government and business as essential if the U.S. is to lead in the 21st century global economy. The new Wallis Annenberg Endowed Professorship position will work to integrate existing STEM-focused teacher preparatory grant programs into the teacher education curriculum.

Additionally, the professorship will lead the Center for Innovation in STEM Education and develop continuing education programs, workshops, and conferences, establishing the university as a regional leader and resource for innovation in STEM education.

University President Visits Middle East as Part of Fulbright Program

CSU Dominguez Hills President Mildred García traveled to the countries of Jordan and Oman during the 2011 spring break as one of seven university and community college presidents and vice presidents from the United States selected to participate in a first-time project of the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program. She and her American colleagues exchanged experiences and discussed best practices with higher education leaders in the Middle East.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the Higher Education in Transition project of the Fulbright-Hays Program allowed leaders of U.S. universities to examine the higher education systems in Oman and Jordan, both countries that over the past decade have undertaken significant educational reforms.

The two-week program included visits to colleges and universities, meetings with campus leaders, and daily seminars that explored topics such as strategic planning, higher education and employment linkage, internationalization of higher education, and accreditation and quality assurance.

Library South Wing and Loker Student Union Garner National Design Awards

The year-old Library South wing of the Leo F. Cain University Library was honored with a 2011 Project Achievement Award by the Southern California chapter of the Construction Management Association of America. The facility received the award for the “$51–$100 Million Building/New Construction” category and was among 16 projects recognized.

The Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Student Union, which was remodeled in 2007, was one of five buildings nationwide to receive the 2011 Design Award of Excellence from the Association of College Unions International. The award is based on the design and finished appearance of new or renovated student-centered buildings, and how they have improved overall campus atmosphere since their opening.

CSU Dominguez Hills Among Nation’s Top 100 Degree Producers for Students of Color

CSU Dominguez Hills has again been ranked among the top 100 universities nationwide to confer undergraduate and graduate degrees to students of color by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education using graduation data reported to the U.S. Department of Education.

Based on data from the 2009–2010 academic year, the 2011 rankings place CSU Dominguez Hills 88th nationwide in conferring bachelor’s degrees and 63rd in conferring master’s degrees to students of color. CSU Dominguez Hills is the only public institution in California to be ranked for the total number of both bachelor’s and master’s degrees conferred to African American students. The campus has the highest percentage of African American students (23.1 percent) of any CSU campus.
**Community News**

**Toyota Donation Gives Wheels for Student-Athletic Scholarships**

Toyota alumnus and Foundation Board member Michael Koevo and student-athletes show off the FJ Cruiser gift from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., where Koevo is a vice president.

At the 21st Annual Toros Scholarship Golf Classic at Rio Honda Golf Club in Downey, no one got the elusive hole in one, but one lucky person did drive home a winner—a brand new car. And in the process CSU Dominguez Hills student-athletes won big too.

A Toyota FJ Cruiser was donated to the university by Toyota Motor Sports U.S.A. Inc., at the beginning of the spring semester for the purpose of raising money for student-athlete scholarships. More than 1,589 raffle tickets at $20 each were sold to students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

In June, Toyota representative Jerry Koyanagi drew the winning ticket during the Golf Classic and announced the winner: Terri Vopnfod, mother of current Toro volleyball player and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee president Shelli Vopnfod.

The Toyota car raffle raised $34,020, for a total of $89,915 in gross revenues raised for student-athlete scholarships. More than 1,300 business-minded women—and a few men—came to campus in April for the 2011 Connecting Women to Power Business Conference, a series of seminars, workshops and discussions by leading women in the business industry on issues of importance to women entrepreneurs.

The daylong conference was presented by the California State Board of Equalization Office of Vice Chairman Jerome Horton (’79, B.S., Business Administration) and the National Association of Women Business Owners Los Angeles Chapter. Keynote speakers included Maria Marin, an international motivational speaker and negotiation expert, and former United States Treasurer Rosario Marin (no relation), the first Latina to the post appointed by President George Bush in 2001.

In welcoming the audience to campus, Sue Borrego, vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs noted the university’s role in shepherding “entrepreneurial ideas that drive the economy of the state and the region.”

**Diversity in Action**

California State University, Dominguez Hills is considered to have one of the most ethnically diverse student bodies in the western United States, but being the most diverse is more than just a statistic to university faculty, staff and students; it’s something put into action. In the 2010–11 academic year, the campus hosted two large college fairs designed for specific ethnic groups: University’s El Es Momento for the Hispanic community and the CSU’s first Journey to Success for Pacific Islanders.

The university also hosted its first Native American Pow Wow, which attracted several hundred people and approximately 40 tribes from several states to the campus in April; a number of symposium, such as the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and a university-wide book discussion on Carlos Bulosan’s “America is in the Heart” about the experiences of Filipino immigrants. The Department of Modern Languages hosted its second Latin American Film Festival.

The Multicultural Center also continued its commitment to diversity by organizing fun events and thought-provoking programs throughout the year, such as Unity Fest cultural festival, its monthly Diversity Chats, and themed celebrations during Black History Month, Cinco de Mayo, and Asian Pacific Islander Month.

**President’s Scholarship Reception Honors Achievement, Thanks University Supporters**

The 2011 President’s Scholarship Reception highlighted the achievements of some of the university’s top performing students and the support of community and corporate friends of the university, whose contributions raised more than $190,000 in scholarships through the event.

Dr. Eleanor Chang was named the Katherine B. Loker Friend of Education for an endowed scholarship that she and her family established in 2008 in memory of her late husband, Dr. Chios-Hsiung “Bear” Chang, who was a professor of accounting from 1983 to 2006.

Steve Morikawa accepted the Corporate Partner of Education Award on behalf of American Honda Motor Company. The corporation’s $100,000 gift in December 2010 created an endowment fund to support the university’s Science Opportunity Program, which provides college-level science courses to high school students at the California Academy of Math and Science located on the CSU Dominguez Hills campus.

At the reception, University President Mildred García recognized the 2011–12 Presidential Scholars. They are: Selene Aguilar (sociology), Vanessa Arantes (graphic design), Lauren E. Benjamin (pre-physical therapy), Victor Chen (clinical science), Candice Cochran (psychology), Corrine Cowan (art design), Niya Doneheva (public relations), Katherine Fogle-Collazo (nursing), Patrick Fuertes (clinical science), Katherine Geesing (religious studies), Nicole Lystine (English), Kristi Medearis (biology), Andres Medina (physics), Eddie Moretti (interdisciplinary studies), Alexandra Pfaus (business administration), Rebecca Raymond (criminal justice), Claudia Rios-Tino (health science), Desmond Smith (African studies), Amy Stedman (music), Darwin Thomas (business administration), Dana Watson-Sherrod (public administration), and Sarah White (occupational therapy).
When students Melissa Velasco and Rober Aragon were looking for an internship last spring, they didn’t expect to end up promoting a Major League Soccer game at The Home Depot Center. However, as the first interns of a newly established Home Depot Center internship program specifically for students at California State University, Dominguez Hills, the pair proved to be a winning team in filling seats for a special “Toro Night” on May 14 for the match between the Los Angeles Galaxy and Sporting Kansas City.

Aragon, who is a lifelong fan of the game, said that the experience was “amazing.”

“T’d do it again in a heartbeat,” he said. “To go from being a fan in the seats to behind-the-scenes was breathtaking.”

Velasco, a former Toros volleyball player, said the internship experience has brought her closer to her dream of a career in sports and entertainment.

“This is most relevant to what we are learning and what we are passionate about,” she said. “We hope the fact that the internship originated this year will open many more doors for us.”

The students’ objective was simple: to produce a special event in conjunction with the LA Galaxy game that highlighted the relationship between CSU Dominguez Hills and The Home Depot Center, which is located on the university campus. Although a previous collaboration allowed marketing students to develop video and branding concepts showcasing the private/public partnership, the 2011 spring semester’s program marked the first time that students had the opportunity to enter the day-to-day world of sports promotion.

Velasco said the chance to work with world class entities such as The Home Depot Center and the LA Galaxy was illuminating.

“I never thought I was ever going to meet the general manager of a stadium, until this internship,” she said. “Also, I didn’t know there were so many departments involved in the sports scene… so that was new and exciting.”

Velasco and Aragon began planning the promotional campaign for Toro Night in March and met with David Gamboa (Class of ’04, B.A., communications), director of Government and Community Relations at CSU Dominguez Hills and former Associated Students, Inc. president, in order to discuss the various channels for communicating with the student population. He directed the interns to university departments, such as the Office of University Communications and Public Affairs, the Loker Student Union, and the Office of Student Life, for assistance in reaching students and other members of the campus community.

Tickets were offered on The Home Depot Center website at a discount of $17 for any seat in the university’s designated “Toro” area.

“It [took] a lot of market research and meeting with people to find out what would make this night a success,” said Aragon.

In the weeks preceding the game, Velasco and Aragon used both traditional and digital advertising methods by posting flyers on campus, sending updates on Twitter, and sending emails out to campus. They manned a booth at the annual Unity Fest to promote Toro Night, raffling off...
tickets and team logo apparel, and held a Toro Night Pep Rally in the university’s DH Sports Lounge the week prior to the game. In addition, they arranged for a CSU Dominguez Hills presence on the field: University President Mildred García performed the ceremonial coin toss that determines which team kicks off the match and freshman music major Ruben García played his rendition of the National Anthem on his electric guitar prior to the game.

“We’ve executed most of the plans we had initially,” said Velasco of their vision for Toro Night. “Some things fell through, but we were prepared to work within the perimeters that were given us and try not to take ‘No’ for an answer by going about it from a different angle.”

On May 12, two days before the game, they had fewer tickets sold for the Toro night section than expected, but were told that last-minute sales are always factored into the box office results. Aragon said he was surprised that more fans did not respond immediately to their first efforts.

“We thought as soon as we put up the link, people were going to buy tickets,” he said. “We had to be patient and remain optimistic.”

The internship helped them apply their academic learning to more practical day-to-day experiences in the sports marketing field, Velasco said. She explained they were “trying to target a niche market within the student body and identify their needs, basically trying to create value around the game and [garner] interest.”

In the Zone

On the afternoon before the LA Galaxy vs. Sporting Kansas City game, Velasco and Aragon arranged for students from the CSU Dominguez Hills intramural sports program to play a special pre-game match on the Toros soccer field adjacent to The Home Depot Center. Afterward, the interns escorted the students into The Home Depot Center locker rooms, where they were allowed to freshen up before the game. Counting down the hours to kick-off, Velasco and Aragon stayed busy answering phone and text messages, keeping tabs on last minute ticket buyers, and providing oversight to participants in the Dominguez Hills segment of the pre-game festivities.

“We’re really excited to finally see it all come together,” said Velasco while standing on the field as the soccer stadium began to fill with fans. “It’s almost surreal, finally seeing it all together, all the elements as one.”

Another loyal soccer fan was also very excited to be at the game and was invested in the event’s success. Robert Aragon, Sr., the intern’s father, stopped on the way to his seat to wish his son luck.

“When I was driving over here and I saw all these people in attendance, I thought, ‘My son is a part of this,”’ said Aragon Sr. “I’m very proud of him, seeing that all that effort to send him to school is paying off.”

President García also expressed her pride in the interns.

“Our two interns have done a great job in marketing Toro Night, I’m really proud of the work they’ve done,” she said. “I’m also really glad that this has strengthened our partnership with The Home Depot Center and Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG).”

Tim Leiweke, president of AEG, returned the compliment.

“We’re happy to be here [on campus],” he said. “It’s been a great relationship.”

Matt Russo, manager of group ticket sales for the LA Galaxy, worked directly with Velasco and Aragon. He lauded the students’ hard efforts and the benefits of the internship program.

“We think this will be an internship that will continue to grow and we look forward to working with [the university] for years and years to come,” said Russo.

Goal!

Along with the LA Galaxy’s exciting 4–1 victory over Sporting Kansas City, Velasco and Aragon filled the stands with Toros and their friends. In addition, they have added one of the most important experiences of their university education to their resumes.

The Home Depot Center general manager Katie Druetzler-Pandolfo said the experience of having CSU Dominguez Hills students learn about sports promotion from the ground up was “everything we wanted out of an internship.”

“We wanted to give students real life experience, on-the-job training,” she said. “It has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for the students and for The Home Depot Center.”

“The Home Depot Center internship program is off to a great start with the results Melissa and Robert were able to produce,” said Greg Saks, vice president for university advancement.

“We hope that it will become a longstanding program that illustrates how a partnership between public and private institutions can provide an innovative learning experience and help students achieve their ultimate goal of getting a great education with practical career preparation.”

Aragon, who graduated this past spring with his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in sports and entertainment, is now pursuing a position in sports promotion.

Velasco, who will graduate this fall with her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing, currently works for JP Morgan Chase and coaches volleyball for her former volleyball club, Mizuno Club in Long Beach. Allison Groendal Saldedo, director of communications at The Home Depot Center, said the internship was a great opportunity for AEG to see what students—and potential future employees—were capable of.

“We were impressed that students had done a lot of preparation for the interviews, which is a great reflection of not only the university but what the Career Center [at the university] does in helping students prepare,” she said. “We’re hoping that any intern is learning things [he or she] can take with them, whether to something within the AEG world or beyond.”
University Partners with Historic Dominguez Rancho to Strengthen Understanding of American History through NEH Teacher Workshops

Joanie Harmon

Eighty elementary and high school teachers from across the United States spent a week in June at California State University, Dominguez Hills and nearby Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum (DRAM) learning about the people and cultures that shaped this region in order to enhance their teaching of American history in the classroom. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the workshops were part of the agency’s “Landmarks in History” program.

Organized by the CSU Dominguez Hills history department and the Office of Service Learning, Internships and Civic Engagement (SLICE), in partnership with DRAM, “American History through the Eyes of a California Family, 1780s–1920s” workshops were funded by a “We the People” grant from the NEH. The program focused on teaching ways to interpret history using the story of the Dominguez family, whose members were instrumental in establishing the South Bay region of Los Angeles.

CSU Dominguez Hills is named after the land on which the campus is located, part of the first Spanish land grant in California. Seventy-five thousand acres—what is now most of the South Bay up through Compton—was granted in 1784 by King Carlos III of Spain to Juan Jose Dominguez for his participation in expeditions with Gaspar de Portolà and Father Junipero Serra. The land was known from the 18th to early 20th centuries as the Rancho San Pedro and a large portion of it remains in the families of Dominguez descendants today.

The NEH workshop included lectures by CSU Dominguez Hills faculty on the indigenous peoples of Southern California and the legacy of the Dominguez family; a visit to the university’s Archives and Special Collections; and field trips to key historical sites including Olvera Street, Chinatown, and the Mission San Gabriel. Presenters included Alison Bruesehoff, executive director, DRAM; Marisela Chávez, associate professor of Chicana/o studies; Judson Grenier, emeritus professor of history; Cheryl McKnight, director of SLICE; Jerry Moore, professor of anthropology; Thomas Philo, archivist, Archives and Special Collections; Laura Talamante, assistant professor of history; and Greg Williams, director, Archives and Special Collections. In addition, Julia Bogany, cultural affairs director of the Tongva Nation in California, and history professors Jane Dabel of CSU Long Beach and Jennifer Koslow of Florida State University participated as lecturers.

“The Rancho San Pedro offers a perfect model for teachers to use in tracing their own community’s growth and change,” said Grenier. “From wherever they are in the country, each teacher will recognize that their region went through a similar kind of evolution from being home to Native Americans through agricultural production or mineral extraction to whatever types of businesses characterize those communities today.”

By leading the teachers in crafts (Continued on page 14)
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Julia Bogany, cultural affairs director of the Tongva Nation, gave a demonstration on the traditional arts of the indigenous California tribe, such as making dolls out of the raw mud.

Bogany revealed the story of the indigenous California tribe that lived and worked at the Dominguez Rancho and at other ranchos and missions of early California. She underscored the Tongva philosophy of using natural materials in order to live comfortably while preserving the earth.

An elder-in-residence at Pitzer College who teaches a sociology class on healing within the Tongva community, Bogany said that her mission is to educate the public that the Tongva are not a lost civilization; rather, she said, “They are here.”

She said the workshops allowed teachers to “immerse themselves and come away with a much deeper understanding that’s not just book-generated, [with] ideas for making connections with their local history.”

“We have this British idea of the American past in terms of influences from Europe, but the Spanish presence is also extremely important in California, Florida, New Mexico, and other areas as well.”

Carole Powers (Class of ’08, M.A., multicultural education) grew up in Compton and now teaches fourth grade in a bilingual program at Webster Elementary School in Long Beach. She says she attended the NEH workshops to see how the stories of the Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo cultures that established Southern California all came together. Powers said that hands-on activities, such as the ones that Bogany demonstrated, make history come alive for students.

“It’s more real,” she said. “When students actually [make these] themselves, it gives them a lot of empathy for what the Indians went through.”

Professor Moore, who has been supervising student archeological excavations at DRAM, spoke on using archeological methods to explain history through data analysis.

“So much of American history is not written down, so archeology becomes the principal way in which you can access it and gain insight into it,” he said. “Archaeology poses a high impact strategy for K–12 because you can bring together all sorts of activities, whether they be measuring, writing and documenting [artifacts] visually.”

Moore said the ongoing collaboration between CSU Dominguez Hills and DRAM has great benefits. “Our anthropology students have gained a great deal by being able to participate in the excavations that we’re doing here at the Rancho,” he said. “If you can give people something to do hands-on, it transforms the [educational] experience.”

Richard Solis teaches history at Vincent Memorial Catholic High School in Calexico. He says his students will benefit greatly from his attendance at the NEH workshops, especially as 95 percent of them are of Mexican or Hispanic origin.

Solis said that one of the biggest eye-openers for him during the workshops was the prominent role of the Dominguez family in the establishment of Los Angeles and California. He said the story of the Spanish settlers and their efforts to convert the indigenous people to Catholicism through the missions echoed the accounts of European settlers and Indians in other parts of the country.

“I have a much greater grasp on the ideals of colonialism, what drove nations to enslave the [American] natives, and how religion plays a major role,” he said. “My students will have a better understanding of the... development of California and the Los Angeles area, and it will add to their prior knowledge of political, economic, and cultural issues.”

Ellen Georgi, who teaches (Continued on page 16)
Landmarks in History (continued from page 15)

A dancer with Tradecraft performs a choreographed dance from the Spanish ranchos.

Bruesehoff said that it was exciting to host scholars from across the nation and to hear how they would present their knowledge to their students back home.

"Some are comparing the Dominguez sisters to important people in their towns," she said. "Two of the teachers are going to use the Dominguez family to talk about economics, and free trade.

"It's interesting to see teachers 'get' California history for the first time, and [learn] that it doesn't just start in 1848 with the end of the Mexican-American War." Barbara Ashbrook, assistant director of the Division of Education Programs for NEH, attended two days of the workshops. She said the CSU Dominguez Hills-DRAM partnership embodied the mission of the "Landmarks in History" project.

"Landmarks' projects have a strong emphasis on 'place' as a multi-layered historical, environmental, economic, and cultural phenomenon," said Ashbrook. "The Dominguez Hills project made good on the promise to bring two centuries of California's rich history—Indian, Spanish, Mexican, and American—to life through the lens of family history. The history of the Dominguez family, a source of fascination in its own right, opens up pathways into those larger narratives within the American story—patterns of colonial settlement in California; Westward expansion, with its implications for various groups of people; and early debates about issues such as slavery and immigration.

"The Dominguez Adobe and other sites that the teachers experienced speak to the power of particularity in the study of history to reinforce and enrich broader narratives and ideas."

Greiner underscored the importance of recognizing the ways that all parts of the nation are linked through a history that is not linear, but interdependent.

"To teach the history of colonial America or the Civil War totally apart from California history is to present a distorted picture of the past," he said. "Similarly, the development of California should not be presented in isolation."

Bruesehoff said that the collaboration over the workshops between DRAM and CSU Dominguez Hills represents the value of both institutions as educational partners.

"Doing the workshops jointly has a lot of connections."
Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that we present our second Annual Donor Honor Roll for California State University, Dominguez Hills. In this Honor Roll, we recognize the many individuals and organizations who have given us this past year. More than $3.2 million in cash and in-kind commitments were made to CSU Dominguez Hills. In this Honor Roll, we recognize the donors who have contributed to CSU Dominguez Hills during the year covered by this report. Our gratitude goes to all these donors.

NOTE: Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this Honor Roll. Please contact us if you have any questions or if you notice any errors.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for University Advancement
2011 Faculty Awards

Faculty Honored at Annual Awards Reception for Achievement and Service to CSU Dominguez Hills

CSU Dominguez Hills faculty members were honored at the 2011 Annual Faculty Awards Reception on March 17 in the Library South wing. Among those honored for their years of service were the five winners of the awards given each year for achievement and service. Cathy Jacobs, interdisciplinary studies and biology, earned the Excellence in Service Award. Two awards for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity were bestowed, to Janine Gasco, anthropology, and Terence McGlynn, biology. Emily Magruder, humanities, was named winner of the Lyle E. Gibson Dominguez Hills Distinguished Teacher Award, and L. Mark Carrier, psychology, received the Presidential Outstanding Professor Award.

President Mildred García recognized the evening’s five main honorees as well as 59 members of the faculty who were celebrating a collective 835 years of teaching and service at CSU Dominguez Hills.

García also thanked Shell Pipeline for its gift of $25,000 in support of university events such as the Faculty Focus column. In addition, the Shell gift funds the President’s Scholarship reception, the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences Speaker Series, and the School of Education Credential Recognition event.

L. Mark Carrier

Despite a research specialty that looks at the difficulties of multitasking, L. Mark Carrier’s success in juggling classroom teaching, research, publishing, and his duties as chair of the psychology department has paid off—he was named the recipient of the 2011 Presidential Outstanding Professor Award.

“I don’t consider myself amazing in any way, but I’ve made a conscious effort to do well in my areas of assignment,” he says. “I feel like I’m always changing and always challenging myself.”

A member of the psychology faculty since 1998, the associate professor is currently serving for the third time as department chair. Carrier is the author of numerous articles in the fields of human memory, applied cognitive psychology, and the psychology of technology, and is currently working on a co-authored book with colleagues Larry Rosen and Nancy Cheever, Disorder: How the Internet is Making You Crazy and How You Can Stop It, due out in 2012.

Janine Gasco

One of two recipients of the Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award for 2011, Janine Gasco has a hands-on philosophy when it comes to students learning about other cultures.

“You can read all you want, or watch films about how other people’s lives are, but until you experience it one-on-one… visit their homes, and see day-to-day activities, it’s a completely different level of understanding what another culture is like,” says the professor of anthropology.

Gasco’s research focuses on indigenous agricultural practices in rural Mexico and she regularly includes students on her research trips, including a 2010 summer trip to study cacao farming practices in Chiapas.

The author of numerous articles, book chapters and books on Mesoamerican history, culture and agriculture, her latest book, Prehistoric Settlement on the South Pacific Coast of Chiapas, Mexico, is due out this year. She began teaching at CSU Dominguez Hills in 1993.

Cathy Jacobs

The recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Service Award for the second time (the first was 2007), Cathy Jacobs says teaching interdisciplinary studies comes naturally to her because she has always been a big-picture person.

“Interdisciplinary studies shows the interconnections between the things that students are interested in,” says the biologist and ornithologist who came to CSU Dominguez Hills in 1998. “One of my favorite classes to teach is one on epidemics, where I talk about not only the biology of epidemics but their social impact, works of art and literature that have come out of [them], and their effect on history.”

Among her numerous contributions beyond teaching, Jacobs is currently leading a committee focused on learning outcomes assessments, both for the use of departments across the campus and in anticipation of an upcoming interim accreditation report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSC).
Matt Mutchler, associate professor of sociology and director of the Urban Community Research Center on campus, received a National Institutes of Health grant to conduct a five-year study on treatment advocacy and intervention for HIV-positive African Americans. In collaboration with Harvard colleagues, the RAND Corporation and AIDS Project Los Angeles, Mutchler will be working with African Americans living with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles County in the first focused study on the effects of culturally tailored HIV treatment education.

Ashish Sinha, assistant professor of geology, has received a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study Indian summer monsoon precipitation variables over time. Part of an international effort to model historical and future global climate change, his research contributes to the understanding of the earth’s climate history.

Desert Tortoise Species Named for Former CSUDH Biologist

A new species of desert tortoise has been named for the late David J. Morafka, who taught in the biology department from 1972 to 2002. Since its discovery in 1861, the Agassiz desert tortoise, found in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts of California, Arizona, and Mexico, has been treated as one species. DNA evidence from a recent study published in the journal ZooKeys concludes the presence of a second, separate species.

Morafka had participated in a 2002 study that speculated not all tortoises in the Southwest region were of the same species. For his research on the Agassiz desert and bolson tortoises, and contributions in desert biology, the study’s authors named the new species in his honor: Gopherus morafkai, or the common name Morafka’s desert tortoise.

“We are very pleased to honor his memory in this way,” said Kristin H. Berry, with the USGS Western Ecological Research Center.

Natasa Christodoulidou, assistant professor of management and marketing, has been named to the Research Advisory Board of Hospitality Technology, a leading magazine of technological advances in the hospitality industry. She was also given an Emerald Literati Network 2011 Award of Excellence for “Outstanding Reviewer” by business and management publisher Emerald.

Pamela C. Krochalk, professor and chair of health sciences, was awarded Master Certified Health Education Specialist status in recognition of advanced levels of practice in public health education. In addition, in March 2011, she presented her paper “Mental health status and unmet needs for services among older Chinese: a cross-cultural pilot study of immigrants and non-immigrants from mainland China” at the Asian Conference on Psychology and the Behavioral Sciences in Osaka, Japan.

Marek A. Sucheneck, professor of computer science, served as a visiting professor of the European Union Human Capital and Mobility Program at Warsaw School of Computer Science in May, during which time he delivered a series of lectures and conducted research in theoretic and applied computer science.

Tara L. Victor, assistant professor of psychology, recently obtained board certification in clinical neuropsychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology, representing national recognition as an expert in her field. She was also a 2010 nominee for the National Academy of Neuropsychology Early Career Award. During the summer she traveled on location with the reality TV show “Survivor” as a consulting psychologist.

Nancy Erbe, professor of negotiation, conflict resolution and peacebuilding, has written Global Skills: Inspiring and Transforming Diverging Worlds (Berkeley Public Policy Press), which was published in August 2011.

The third edition of Dare to Differentiate: Vocabulary Strategies for All Students (Guilford Press) by Danny Brassell, professor of teacher education, was published in November 2010. Additionally, Brassell’s newest book, Bringing Joy Back into the Classroom (Shell Education), was published in September 2011.

Scott Morris, lecturer and coordinator of guitar studies, authored Classical Guitar Complete: from Basics to Bach, a college-level guitar methods book now being used at Pomona College, USC, CSU Northridge, Berkelee College of Music and the Musician’s Institute as well as CSUDH. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Terrorism, Second Edition (SAGE Publications), edited by C. Augustus “Gus” Martin, associate vice president for faculty affairs, was published in June 2011 and features current and relevant essays examining terrorism’s impact on economics, public health, religion and popular culture.
Students Represent Campus Well at CSU Competition

Three CSU Dominguez Hills students took top honors at the 25th Annual California State University Student Research Competition, which featured the best student academic projects from across the CSU system for 2010–11.

John Garcia, a junior majoring in Chicana/o studies, and David Marks, a graduate student in the Humanities Master of Arts External Degree (HUX) program, took first place awards in the Humanities and Letters category for their respective grade levels. Garcia presented “Chicana/Chicano Indigenous Identity,” a paper he wrote under the mentorship of assistant professor of Chicana/o studies Marisela Chavez that looks at current trends in the Chicano movement and argues for the formation of a Chicana/o identity that goes beyond the Aztec ancestry. Marks presented “From the Will to Wessels to Arkham: Lovecraft’s Geophysical Debt to Hardy,” which explores the connections between the fictional worlds of Thomas Hardy and H.P. Lovecraft using German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer’s concept of will.

High-achieving students and student organizations that have enhanced the lives of both the campus and local community were honored at the inaugural President’s Student Leadership and Service Awards banquet this past spring.

“By becoming involved in leadership and service at CSU Dominguez Hills you are taking advantage of the opportunity to have the most well-rounded educational experience possible,” President Mildred García said in her address at the banquet. Four students received the Outstanding Student Award:

- Mauricio Amaral, a senior majoring in English and communications, was honored for his service as fundraising chair and secretary of Circle K and president of Sigma Lambda Beta International fraternity. He has also helped organize numerous events on campus.
- Ashley Ann Clark, a December 2010 graduate of Liberal studies and currently enrolled in the credential program, was honored for her roles as president of the student-athletic advisory committee, as a presidential scholar with a 3.8 GPA and as a star volleyball player; she is also active in campus service to the community.
- Jose Collazo, who graduated in May with his master’s in sociology, was honored for his service as president of the sociology club and student chair of CSU Dominguez Hills Student Research Day, as well as his academic achievements that include a 4.0 GPA, presentations at noteworthy conferences, and an invitation to the Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society regional sociology conference.
- Manuel Diaz, a kinesiology major, was recognized for his active role in the Teach One Reach One (CORO) Network through the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) on campus. He is also president of the student organization Raza Unida and was crowned Mr. Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity after working at the VA office in Tomah, Wis., and Jessica was in Chicago. Despite juggling the daily financial pressures of raising two children while going to school, Ghant also took time to be involved in extracurricular campus activities.

Mary Claire Lanski graduated in May with a degree in nursing. While pursuing her bachelor’s degree, Lanski worked full-time as a nurse and cared for her ailing mother and father while dealing with the death of her sister.

Todd Matsubara received his bachelor’s degree in business administration in May. After several attempts, Matsubara had returned to complete his degree at CSU Dominguez Hills after a 15-year hiatus. In addition to awards for individuals, several student organizations were honored, including Espiritu de Nuestro Futuro and Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity with the Outstanding Student Organization Award; Pan African Organization of Africana Studies that connects students with the local business community; and the Anthropology Club with the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

I Know What You Did This Summer

Jorge Morales, Gloria Tolbert, Philippa Clarke, Todd Ireland, and Chinedum Ezewuwa, students in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy, were among a select nationwide pool invited to participate in the 2011 Emerging Minority Business Leaders Summer Institute, which took place in June. The Institute provides opportunities for future leaders to learn about entrepreneurship in the area of technology management. During the intensive two weeks at West Liberty University in West Virginia, the students worked in a team with other institute scholars to research and develop a business concept, and write a business launch plan.

Joshua Duncker and Jessica Gonzalez spent the summer working for the Veterans Health Administration as federal interns through the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program, a prestigious paid internship program that gives students across the nation the opportunity to work in government agencies and corporations. Only 300 students were accepted for summer 2011. Joshua worked at the VA office in Tomah, Wisc., and Jessica was in Chicago. CSUDH at Homecoming 2010. Students receiving a Presidential Award for Personal Perseverance included the following:

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Four Toros Drafted to Major League Baseball

For the first time in program history, the CSU Dominguez Hills men’s baseball team had four Toros drafted in the Major League Baseball (MLB) Draft. The first three selections came in the 32nd round within eight picks of each other, and one pick in the 44th round. Four-year seniors Carlos Leyva and Kevin Pillar were the first two of the board followed by juniors Jonathan Keener and Josh Corrales.

The New York Mets began CSUDH’s selections with their first-ever selection of a Toros, grabbing second baseman Leyva and signing him as a shortstop. The Toronto Blue Jays grabbed their first-ever CSUDH selection in center fielder Pillar. For the second time in the last three years, the St. Louis Cardinals took a CSU Dominguez Hills Toros, tabling catcher Keener with their pick. Junior Corrales was drafted by the Seattle Mariners. This also marks the second straight time a CSUDH selection with their first two of the board followed by juniors Jonathan Keener and Josh Corrales.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of hosting members of our Alumni Advisory Council at a special dinner to thank them for their service to the university. I am thrilled to take the opportunity to introduce you to this special group of alumni, listed at right.

The commitment and generosity of our alumni play a vital role in the growth and success of CSU Dominguez Hills and its many programs. Alumni participation and alumni giving to the university has reached an all-time high. This year, for the first time ever, we surpassed 1,000 alumni donors, we organized a night of bowling at Lucky Strike lanes for young alumni (and those who are young at heart!), and we had a record number of alumni return to campus to participate in the 2011 Commencement Alumni Processional.

There are many wonderful opportunities for alumni to remain connected to their alma mater. Did you know that you can join the CSU Dominguez Hills Alumni Association as a lifetime member—for free? As a member, you will be able to take advantage of a wide variety of discounts and affinity programs. Each month we send out an e-newsletter, Alumni Link, to keep you informed of everything that is going on. If you are not on our mailing list, please visit www.csudh.edu/alumni or call (310) 243-2237 to update your Alumni Link, to keep you informed of everything that is going on. If you are not on our mailing list, please visit www.csudh.edu/alumni or call (310) 243-2237 to update your alumni profile. We’ll keep you posted so you won’t miss a thing!

Dear Toro Alumni,

Thank you for your continued Toro Spirit and Pride! I look forward to seeing you back on campus.

Best wishes.

Porsche Gordon
Director, Alumni Programs
Joe Herrera: Alumnus Helps Plan New Vision for L.A. Workforce

From his office on South Figueroa Street in Los Angeles, Joe Herrera can see L.A. LIVE, the Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) sports and entertainment complex that includes the STAPLES Center and Nokia Theatre. In addition to enjoying the incredible view, the director of human resources for L.A. LIVE also has a vision of the future for the economy of Los Angeles.

Herrera (Class of ’99, B.A., labor relations), who was recently appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board, took time from his day to speak to Dominguez Today about his involvement with Mayor Villaraigosa’s efforts to revitalize downtown Los Angeles. He discussed his hopes for the rejuvenation of the Southern California economy through the expansion of the Los Angeles Convention Center and the construction of the Farmers Field football stadium to attract an NFL team back to Los Angeles as early as 2015.

DT: How did you choose CSU Dominguez Hills?

JH: [My family is] from Gardena, and two of my five sisters attended there. They’re both teachers now. Cindy [Paieda (’90, B.A., scientific illustration; ’99, M.A., education)] is an elementary school teacher in San Pedro. Irene [Cevallos (’92, B.A., liberal studies)] is an elementary school teacher in Chula Vista.

When I first graduated from high school, I wasn’t mentally prepared to go to college and went straight into the workforce. But when I saw Irene and Cindy graduate and how proud my parents were, that and one of my managers at UPS encouraged me to go back.

DT: What was your experience as a returning student in the workforce?

JH: I worked full-time as a UPS driver and went to school at night. I ran all day to get to class on time. I got to class and studied after classes or got up early.

At the time, I really didn’t feel that I was college material. But after taking a class [I was] more comfortable. The university had a lot to do with it too. I went to school with a lot of folks who had full-time jobs and lives happening all around us. We got together for an hour or so every day and talked about work.

DT: Did you have any mentors at Dominguez Hills who influenced you?

JH: Dr. Frank Snicker. He was very interesting, and a tough professor; you weren’t going to get an easy grade from him. But I learned so much from being in his classes, and his approach to learning and explaining things. I always think back when I’m giving [an employee training] class to the things he would say about learning, and I’ve [used] those things.

DT: Do you think the diversity of the campus community enhanced your learning experience?

JH: I went to school with [students] from about 12 different countries. How often do you get to experience that? You learn about how things work in their cultures as opposed to American culture.

It was a very enriching experience. [At AEG], we really want our workforce to reflect the diversity of the community. That gave me an appreciation for the value and beauty of different cultures that helps me in what I do now.

DT: How did your education prepare you for your careers, both at UPS and AEG?

JH: The unique thing about my degree and going to school at Cal State Dominguez Hills was that it [was concurrent] with what was happening at work at the time. In 1997, I was at UPS as a driver and was involved in the strike and some union activities. That went along with what I was learning in the classroom as far as labor relations. Being on the union side, having the education, and having spent some time on the management side, I think I’ve got a better perspective when it comes to dealing with employer/labor issues now.

DT: What are some of the unique challenges facing the Los Angeles workforce?

JH: There is no manufacturing here. We’re transitioning to more of a service economy. We’re hoping that projects like L.A. LIVE and potentially Farmers Field will attract tourist dollars. We want L.A. to be a destination, for [visitors] to spend dollars that translate into jobs.

We’re hoping that refurbishing the Convention Center will bring more [visitors]. We project attracting four or more larger conventions to Los Angeles. Right now, we’re in the second largest market, and we’re 15th when it comes to convention traffic.

We want to move up to the top five, and this project will do that for us.

DT: What is your involvement on the Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board?

JH: It’s been a really great experience in terms of trying to make a difference with how L.A. puts people to work, what the city does in terms of training, and how it allocates tax dollars productively and in a positive way. There is less and less now for us to work with, and with a greater need.

A month and a half ago, we visited the White House and sat in on a meeting with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis to discuss job creation in Los Angeles. It was an amazing opportunity to see how government works. There was a contingent of about 50 people advocating for education and jobs. I was in a room with [Senator] Barbara Boxer and [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid, and a host of other senators.

DT: How has AEG been a major part of the revitalization of downtown Los Angeles?

JH: Ironically, I used to deliver to this area way before the STAPLES Center was built. From what I remember, it was not a place you would come downtown to work and just leave.

Since STAPLES Center opened, and later on L.A. LIVE, people are staying after work and housing is being built. It’s been reenergized and revitalized. If someone would have told me 10 or 15 years ago that people would want to come downtown to see a basketball game or eat at a restaurant, I would have thought they were crazy. But the concept works. Now we’re just expanding on that, to create more jobs and more opportunities.

—Joanie Harmon

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Jerome Horton: State Board of Equalization Chair Gives Back

When Jerome Horton, chair of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), was an undergraduate at California State University, Dominguez Hills, he and other enterprising students were involved in the “Associated Bachelors,” an entrepreneurial group that promoted concerts in small venues, and used the proceeds to partially fund their education. The performers who were booked were usually the lesser-known opening act of a big-name musician appearing in the Los Angeles area. Many of these up-and-coming artists went on to the Los Angeles area. Many of these up-and-coming artists went on to realize their dreams.

“Up-and-coming artists went on to realize their dreams. Some of these artists, including Smokey Robinson, didn’t have to pay for them to fly here. We got to a point where we could get them less expensively to perform at a smaller venue. "All of the business strategies we were learning in school applied to those ventures, which is what I encourage now”

Horton, a former California Assemblyman, actively supports the aspirations of the next generation of entrepreneurs and policy makers with the current incarnation of the BOE’s internship program, which gives student interns valuable business and financial experience. Having served as an intern himself with BOE while attending ECC, he says that the experience inspired and encouraged him in his studies and goals.

“The BOE interfaces with every business in the state and so is the largest tax administration agency in the nation,” says Horton. “[Our internship program] introduces the student to major accounting and law firms and businesses throughout the state of California. An internship with the BOE certainly serves [students] well on their resume. At the same time, it is a huge benefit to the state of California to train and prepare college students at the internship level so that by the time they graduate, they can hit the ground running.”

Horton launched a new program this year that ran from April to June, with a pilot cohort of 24 interns from CSU Dominguez Hills, who were recruited with the assistance of the university’s Career Center. Interns reported to one of BOE’s four field offices within the Fourth District of the Los Angeles region, which includes Norwalk, Van Nuys, West Covina, and Culver City. The interns gained experience in registering businesses with BOE, monitoring compliance activity, and assisting in the collection of business taxes. As a result of the internship, 16 CSU Dominguez Hills students have been hired as full-time employees by BOE, four of whom have been hired on a permanent basis. Horton will expand the program this fall to include students from other California universities.

“Dominguez Hills is my alma mater and the curriculum there is perfect for individuals going into finance and accounting,” Horton says of why he chose CSU Dominguez Hills as the pilot campus for the internship. “The talent pool was exceptionally high and I wanted the best and brightest to ensure that the program was successful.”

Horton, who has 22 years of prior experience on the BOE, is the first African American to be at the forum… and we would promote self-sufficiency. Horton actively encourages the growth of partnerships between the state and its universities as part of the efforts to rebuild California’s economy.

“What I envision are partnerships between universities and major corporations—including state government—to develop the workforce for California based on the needs of the business community, so that the students have a greater opportunity for employment while in college and after college,” he says. “The BOE is responsible for generating $48 billion for the state of California, so anything we can do to improve our efficiency improves revenue for the state. Partnership with our local universities is an efficient way to identify future executives.”

As a former member of the California Workforce Investment Act, which provides education and job training for low-income youth. Horton says that empowering the underserved has been a major focus of his career, largely inspired by the example of his late mother, Percy L. Horton, who was a champion of civil rights. Her efforts included opposing the seizing of private homes through eminent domain for the development of the Centinela Hospital Medical Center. She was also active in the NAACP.

“Maybe mother had the greatest influence over me,” Horton says. “She was a civil rights activist and a mother who loved and cared for her children. She encouraged us to be good people and do the right thing. If it wasn’t for that, I wouldn’t be here today.”

“It’s important that you care about other people… to be driven by your concern and compassion for others. If you can figure out a way to help someone else, you will help yourself in the process.”
1970s
William R. Roberts (B.S. ’73) was elected as a delegate to the California Democratic Party State Central Committee for a two-year term representing the 51st Assembly District.
Dr. Rose Marie Joyce (M.A. ’75) was appointed interim president of West Los Angeles College by the Board of Trustees for the Los Angeles College District.
Dr. John Tracy (B.A. ’76) served as keynote speaker during the California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) Commencement 2011 for the College of Professional Studies and Administrative Services ceremony and received an honorary Doctor of Science from the CSU and CSUDH at the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences/College of Extended and International Education ceremony. He currently is chief technology officer and senior vice president of engineering, operations and technology at The Boeing Company.

1980s
The Honorable Scott M. Gordon (B.S. ’80) served as keynote speaker during the California State University, Dominguez Hills Commencement 2011 for the College of Arts and Humanities ceremony. He currently is a judge with the Los Angeles County Superior Court.
Stephen Mandoki (B.A. ’82; M.S. ’84) has been appointed city manager of Lawndale.
Michael Rouse (M.B.A. ’83), vice president of philanthropy and community affairs at Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., has been named to the board of directors of the California State University, Dominguez Hills Foundation.
1990s
Brent Calvin (M.B.A. ’90) has been appointed interim superintendent and president of College of the Sequoias, where he had been serving as the college’s dean of business and social science divisions.
Los Angeles Fire Department Captain Tyrone Davis (B.S. ’91) received a Letter of Special Commendation at the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation’s 2011 Awards Luncheon for his brave actions in the quick removal of a woman and her baby from a car accident he witnessed while off-duty.
Georgette Huckaby (B.S. ’95) was appointed executive director of EmpowHer Institute, a nonprofit that supports girls and women in low-income areas of Los Angeles. Huckaby is director of customer service, financial management and administrative services for Southern California Edison.
Rasheedah Shakoor (B.S. ’96) was appointed associate director of the Associated Students, Inc. at CSU Dominguez Hills.
Sharon Ward (B.A. ’98) was appointed director of public and media relations for Pelican Products, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacture of advanced lighting systems and watertight protective cases.
2000s
Bill Bowen (M.A. ’03) was named chief of police for Galt, Calif. He previously had been chief of police for the nearby town of Rio Vista for six years.
Arturo Aguyay0 (B.S. ’05) is assistant vice president of Sterne Agee’s Municipal Finance Group, following seven years in the Department of Financial Management with the City of Long Beach.
Christine Chang (M.A. ’05) was named Deputy of the Year by the Lake Forest City Council for her achievements, productivity and professionalism in fighting crime in Lake Forest as a member of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.
Carole Smith Davies (M.P.A. ’05) was honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award for Excellence in Fundraising by the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Valley Chapter.
Kevin P. Lembo (M.P.A. ’05) was elected in November 2010 and sworn into office in January 2011 as the state comptroller for the State of Connecticut.
Steven Golightly (M.P.A. ’07), director of the Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department, was re-appointed to the West Hollywood Public Facilities Commission in May 2011. Golightly also serves as a member of the CSU Dominguez Hills College of Business Administration and Public Policy Advisory Board.
Don Manning (B.A. ’07) was recently promoted to senior selling and service manager for Saks Fifth Avenue Off Fifth store in Camarillo.
Katrina Manning (B.S. ’10) was nominated by the City of Hawthorne for the 2011 25th Senate District Woman of Distinction in recognition of her personal achievements and hard work benefiting the Hawthorne community.

In Memoriam
Michael Ray Lott (B.A. ’84; M.A. ’94) died May 5, 2010, at the age of 49. He served 25 years with the Los Angeles Airport Police Department, retiring in 2007. He was also a published writer, having written six books, including Police on Screen (McFarland, 2006) and The American Martial Arts Film (McFarland, 2004).

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