The beginning of a new year is a natural time for us to pause and reflect on what we have accomplished during the past year and to look ahead to the future of California State University, Dominguez Hills. In January 2010, we began an 18-month-long commemoration of the university’s 50th anniversary, and one of the objectives was to engage the entire campus community, both on- and off-campus constituents. We have certainly been doing that! In this issue of Dominguez Today, you can read about some of the wonderful events that have taken place and partnerships that have formed.

During the fall semester, the College of Business Administration and Public Policy 2010 Awards Luncheon was a record-breaking success in both attendance and funds raised. We cut the ribbon on a state-of-the-art clinical skills lab, the first such facility on campus in the nursing program’s 30-year history. The Multicultural Center unveiled “Manifest Diversity,” a large-scale mural created by students under the guidance of nationally recognized Los Angeles muralist Eliseo Art Silva. We also welcomed actress/comedienne Niecy Nash to campus for the 50th Anniversary Speaker Series: An Evening with Niecy Nash. She shared stories from her time on campus and early escapades in show business, and had the audience laughing out loud!

In this issue’s Annual Donor Honor Roll, we pay tribute to friends of CSU Dominguez Hills who have given very generously to support the university and its educational mission. Now more than ever, our students and their families are concerned about paying for college. There is much good that comes with giving back to those who are facing rising costs and more financial challenges than students had to face in prior decades. We invite you to read stories in this issue about the impact of giving and contact us to learn more about ways that you can contribute. Be a part of our success!

We not only celebrate our donors, but are also amazed by the many gifts of art received this year that are helping to transform our university into a premier cultural center for the South Bay. We are very proud of our campus art, architecture, and state-of-the-art learning facilities. If you have not visited CSU Dominguez Hills recently, please stop by in the near future!

Warm regards,

Mildred García, Ed.D.
President
An Evening with Niecy Nash

Actress and comedian Niecy Nash came home to CSU Dominguez Hills in early November 2010 as a guest speaker for the 50th Anniversary Speakers Series. Nash, who starred in the television series “Reno 911!,” hosted the Style Network’s show “Clean House,” and was a contestant on “Dancing with the Stars,” attended CSU Dominguez Hills in the early 1990s and performed in several Theatre Arts and Dance Department productions. She spoke candidly to an audience of 200 students, alumni, staff, faculty and guests about her personal struggles, her successes and failures in the entertainment industry, and her time at the university.

“I remember doing ‘The Colored Museum,’ ‘Fences,’” Nash reminisced. “There was one play where I was this pregnant. I appreciate this department because they asked, ‘You’re not going to have that baby before opening night, are you?’ I said, ‘No!’ They said, ‘Come on.’… I got to flex my dramatic muscle here so I was always grateful for having this foundation.”

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Attending CSU Dominguez Hills

Actress/comedienne Niecy Nash

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California State University, Dominguez Hills continues to mark its 50th anniversary, celebrating five decades of academic scholarship and opportunity, achievements in preparing well-educated and productive citizens and leaders, and engaging with community partners for the benefit of the South Bay region. The 18-month-long celebration began in January 2010 with the launch of a special speaker series and will conclude with the 2011 Commencement in May.

Additional information, campus history, and an events schedule, as well as memories and stories that have been submitted by members of the campus community can be found on the CSU Dominguez Hills 50th Anniversary website located at www.csudh.edu/50thAnniversary.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of CSU Dominguez Hills

Accreditation is Music to Department’s Ears

The Department of Music has received the maximum accreditation renewal of 10 years from the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Accreditation by NASM, which is designated by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for the field of music at the collegiate level, signifies that a music program meets a set of nationally recognized curricular standards for schools of music. The music department is now one of only nine music programs in California to have dual accreditations with NASM and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Chicana/o Studies Celebrates the Big 4-0

In 1970, an interdisciplinary program called Mexican American studies was offered at California State University, Dominguez Hills. It was the beginnings of today’s Chicana and Chicano Studies Department. The department celebrated its 40th year of educating students on the historical and cultural contributions of Mexican American and other Latino populations in the United States with a party in the Palm Courtyard during the 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month, and a series of talks throughout the fall semester. Additionally, faculty and students were recognized at a meeting of the Carson City Council.

Grants Support Student Success, Teacher Education Programs

California State University, Dominguez Hills and its faculty were awarded a number of prestigious government

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grants at the beginning of the fall 2010 semester that will serve to further strengthen the university’s role in meeting the educational needs of its students and that of the Los Angeles region. They include:

- A U.S. Department of Education TRIO grant to continue the university’s Student Support Services (SSS) program that helps improve college retention and graduation rates among the campus’s low-income, first generation or disabled students by providing advising, counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and career planning. The first year of the award is for $259,059, with the full award totaling $1.3 million.

- A six-year $3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create the CSUDH Master Science Teacher Fellowship. Through the fellowship, 30 science teachers from south Los Angeles public schools will complete a three-semester graduate-level program aimed at increasing their pedagogical and leadership skills, and ultimately impacting science teaching and student achievement in participating schools.

- A five-year $9.2 million U.S. Department of Education School Leadership grant, which the Division of Graduate Education will use to create the Charter and Autonomous Public School Leadership Academy (CASLA), a new degree program specifically for current and aspiring charter and independently operated public schools principals and assistant principals. A major goal of CASLA is to train knowledgeable and transformative school leaders who will improve the teaching and learning in the more than 160 LAUSD-sponsored charter schools and 70-plus autonomous schools within the LAUSD service area. CASLA will be led by the grant’s principal investigator, Ann Chlebicki, professor in the Division of Graduate Education, along with co-directors Joe Scollo and Antonia Issa-Lahera, instructors in the Division of Graduate Education. CSU Dominguez Hills was one of only five universities nationwide to receive the grant.

- A $171,788 grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Landmarks of American History and Culture program to offer two week long professional development workshops in summer 2011 to high school teachers across the country, at which they will explore American history through the eyes of the Dominguez family. The grant was co-written by CSU Dominguez Hills assistant professor of history Laura Talamante, Cheryl McKnight, director of Service Learning, Internships and Civic Engagement, and Alison Bruesshoff, director of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum.
CBAPP Luncheon Celebrates Scholarships, Community Partners

The College of Business Administration and Public Policy (CBAPP) hosted its Fourth Annual Awards Luncheon on Nov. 4, bringing together nearly 400 students, faculty, and members of the local business community. The college’s main fundraiser, the event raised approximately $54,000, the largest amount since the luncheon’s inception in 2007. In addition, three Paragon Sponsors joined the roll call of donors. Club Deportivo Chivas USA, Providence Little Company of Mary, and Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. each gave a gift of $10,000 to support CBAPP.

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In recognition of the local CSU Dominguez Hills community were presented during the luncheon. The Organization of the Year Award was presented to Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., Antonio Cué Sánchez-Navarro, owner of Club Deportivo Chivas USA, was honored as Executive of the Year, and Nancy Carlson (Class of ‘94, BS, nursing; ‘96, MPA), chief executive officer of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center was awarded Alumni of the Year.

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Platinum sponsors for the CBAPP Awards Luncheon included Federal Credit Union, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Gold Sponsors were The Home Depot Center, SA Recycling, and Watson Land Company.

Sponsors were California United Bank, the CSUDH Alumni Association, Paula Moore, Patricia Williams of NKP Management, Staples Center, and Teledyne Controls.

Nancy Carlson: CBAPP Alumni of the Year

“more understanding of her care and what was needed.”

Carlson completed an associate’s degree in nursing at Santa Monica College. On the day she received her California nursing exam results, her daughter died at age 7. With a second daughter to care for, who also had cystic fibrosis, Carlson remained focused on her professional goals and what was best for her family.

After 10 years of clinical nursing experience, Carlson found she could have a larger impact on the care of patients in a leadership position.

“I realized… that you can make more differences in a management role for a broader number of patients and staff,” recalls Carlson, now chief executive officer at Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro.

Knowing she would benefit with additional education, Carlson enrolled at CSU Dominguez Hills, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing and a master’s degree in public administration.

“My daughter [now 35] and I were students on this campus at the same time, much to her chagrin, I’m quite sure,” Carlson quipped. “The education I received here… has allowed me to be a better leader.”
Univision’s Feria Es El Momento, Educate Brings Thousands to Campus

CSU Dominguez Hills partnered with Univision Los Angeles to bring its education fair, “Feria Es El Momento, Educate,” to campus for a second year on Oct. 9. The event featured exhibitors representing elementary, secondary, and higher education, as well as representatives of Chivas USA, health care organizations, and other supplementary educational programs.

An estimated 27,000 visitors walked through the CSU Dominguez Hills Torodome during the five-hour event, which was aimed at helping increase the graduation rate and decrease the high school dropout rate among the Latino population and was largely targeted at the parents of soon-to-be college students.

On-air personalities from Univision’s four Los Angeles radio and television stations were on hand to sign autographs, and 47,000 free books in Spanish were distributed.


Campus Reception Honors Filipino-American Leaders

A reception honoring then-Chief Justice nominee Tami Cantil-Sakauye and former acting Lt. Gov. Mona Pasquil, the first Filipinas to serve in two of the highest offices in California government, took place on Oct. 23 on campus. The event, sponsored by the office of Assemblyman Warren Furutani (D-55th Dist.), was held in honor of October’s designation as Filipino American History Month.

Mitch Maki, acting associate vice president of academic programs, welcomed guests and underscored the significance of Cantil-Sakauye and Pasquil’s success stories for first-generation college students.

The evening’s program included greetings from Assemblyman Furutani, a performance by cultural dance troupe Kayamanan Ng Labi, a look at the contributions of Filipinos to American culture by author and librarian Florante Ibanez, and speeches by Cantil-Sakauye, Pasquil, and alumnus Mario Carrasco (Class of ’01, M.A., negotiation, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding).

The evening ended with a community-participation performance of “Profits Enslave the World,” a poem by Filipino labor activist Philip Vera Cruz. Cantil-Sakauye spoke on growing up in the delta region of Sacramento and participating in Filipino community events as a youth. “I was learning leadership,” she remembered. “I was learning courage. And I slowly began to appreciate my Filipino heritage. The sacrifices [my parents and grandparents] made for me to be here humble me and keep me grounded.”

Inaugural Tri-Carson Brings Triathletes to CSU Dominguez Hills

California State University, Dominguez Hills played host this fall to the first triathlon event in the city of Carson. Co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and presented by the City of Carson, the Carson Chamber of Commerce, and CSU Dominguez Hills, the Tri-Carson triathlon was held on Oct. 23 on the campus and the surrounding city streets. A total of 195 participants took part in the 5K run, 12-mile bike ride, and 200-meter swim, and each person received a ticket to that evening’s Chivas USA vs. Chicago Fire soccer match held at the Home Depot Center as well as a commemorative medal and T-shirt.

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A Skillful Addition
The CSUDH School of Nursing Opens State-of-the-Art Clinical Skills Lab

Amy Bentley-Smith

Walk into room A110 of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building and it no longer feels like you’re in a classroom, or on a college campus for that matter. Rather, it feels like you’ve entered a floor of a hospital. And in a way, you have.

On November 8, the School of Nursing (SON) at California State University, Dominguez Hills cut the ribbon on a new nursing clinical skills lab. Made to resemble a hospital recovery room—multiple beds and exam tables are separated by privacy curtains—the lab is a welcome addition to the program, which has not had a dedicated on-campus facility where students can hone their nursing skills in its 30-year history.

“CSU Dominguez Hills understands the importance of a highly skilled nursing force, and for 30 years has been a leader in educating this state’s nurses,” said university president Mildred García. “The addition of this lab on our campus reaffirms our commitment to ensuring our diverse student body is trained in state-of-the-art facilities and standards of practice, and that we are producing well-prepared nursing professionals and healthcare leaders for our communities.”

From Virtual to Bricks and Mortar
While most college degree programs are taught at one physical campus, the CSU Dominguez Hills School of Nursing has been an off-campus, mostly virtual program for most of its existence, with classes offered throughout the state. Established in 1981 as the CSU Statewide Nursing Program offering practicing registered nurses (RN) in California the opportunity to earn a bachelor’s or master’s degree at their pace and without leaving their home or place of employment, the CSU Dominguez Hills School of Nursing rarely conducted classes on the Carson campus until 2006 when it began its first pre-licensure program.

The Master’s Entry Level Professional Nurse (MEPN) program was created in response to the state’s nursing shortage and designed for individuals who have bachelor’s degrees in other fields but are interested in entering the nursing profession. For the first time, the school had a more traditional degree program—students take a full course load over 20 months and take the majority of their coursework at CSU Dominguez Hills. Scheduling classroom space was not a problem, but finding an appropriate facility where students could practice their nursing skills proved a challenge. A rudimentary lab was set up in the SON administrative office space, and an agreement made with CSU Fullerton to have students and faculty use the lab there. Both arrangements highlighted the need for a dedicated facility on campus.

Lab Work
Made possible with $1.6 million allocated through the CSU Chancellor’s Office systemwide nursing facilities improvement fund, construction began in late 2008 to convert four
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classroom spaces on the lower level of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building into the 4,000-square-foot nursing skills lab. Features of the space include a reception area, a 32-seat “smart” classroom with laptop computers at every seat and computerized whiteboards, a small simulation lab with high-tech human patient simulators known as METI men that were purchased through then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s California Nurse Education Initiative, as well as the hospital skills lab itself.

The warm yellow walls and pastel polka dotted privacy curtains separating the beds in the skills lab belie the typical white-washed, sterile hospital room. But filled with student nurses practicing everything from changing beds to giving shots, running IVs and checking blood pressure, the space begins to take on the sights and sounds of a working medical center.

The simulation lab is adjacent and includes two beds where the two METI men lay. These computerized mannequins can be programmed for any medical scenario and will present lifelike symptoms and responses accordingly to nursing students’ care. They are an added clinical skills educational tool for the students and one School of Nursing acting director Rose Welch believes will prove very useful to the nursing students.

“It’s very dynamic and interactive, and a lot of literature supports that it really makes a difference in promoting safety and quality of patient care,” Welch said. “The whole point of it is to give students the opportunity to learn the art and skill of nursing in a safe environment before going into the real world, which also is the reason this entire skills lab for the School of Nursing is so critical.”

Enhancing the student experience even further is the addition of cameras mounted above each bed in the labs, as well as television monitors throughout. As the students are practicing their skills, their instructors can choose to record them and view the footage, either at their stations or back in the computer lab, in order to analyze the students’ actions more thoroughly.

“Students look at how they perform and what they did right, what they did wrong, what they could have done differently,” Welch said. “Sometimes the most valuable part of the experience is the debriefing of it.”

SOS Campaign

Walking into the lab’s main entrance, individuals enter a reception area and are immediately drawn to a dark purple wall. Though currently blank, it will soon display the names of all the people who donated money or equipment to make the skills lab possible. Money from the CSU Chancellor’s Office fund only covered construction. The school had some equipment in their rudimentary lab space, but not enough to stock this much larger space.

Lacking funds to purchase the necessary equipment and supplies, from gauze to hospital beds, the school launched a Stock Our Skills Lab (SOS) campaign. More than $130,000 has been raised to-date, including major donations from Catalina businesswoman Ken Putnam, who chairs the CSU Dominguez Hills Foundation Board of Directors; Associated Students Inc.; and Providence Little Company of Mary Healthcare Foundation, which provided the beds. The SOS campaign will continue, according to Welch, who said the ongoing costs to keep the lab stocked are not covered in the school’s overall budget. In addition, the lab will be available for naming rights.

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Hewitt’s estate and charged the scholarship recipients with living with the same pursuit of “authentic interests” that Hewitt demonstrated through pursuing his love of painting.

“[Hewitt] was a renaissance man in that he was a language faculty member who later became an artist and left this for us to appreciate and show that you really can have multiple careers and ways of viewing the world,” she said.

Brenda Estrada spoke on behalf of her fellow students and thanked the trustees for their support:

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“With our commitment and dedication to our passion as artists, we hope that our artwork in the future will be deemed praiseworthy and reflect positively on the honor bestowed on us by the Winston Hewitt Scholarships.”

Charles Winborne, a trustee of the Hewitt Estate, recalled his first visit to Hewitt’s studio and how he was impressed by the range of the painter’s work and commitment to his craft.

“I realized not only from looking at the art but by the words he was using, that he was involved in a life task that was extraordinary… and a good model for any of us who are doing anything we love and have passion for,” said Winborne.

The Winston Hewitt Estate donated the brilliantly colored landscapes in the exhibit to the University Library, where they will be put on permanent display.

“Hewitt left the university a remarkably generous gift,” says Greg Saka, vice president for university advancement, “Not only has he provided a scholarship that will greatly benefit many of our students, his wonderful paintings, along with other gifts of art that have recently come to the university, serve to increase the university’s stature as an arts and cultural center for the South Bay.”

“Where Cultures Meet” Sculpture Installed

A beautiful 10,000-pound bronze sculpture, titled “Where Cultures Meet,” was installed on campus and unveiled in October. The PICTURE Art Foundation, based in Redondo Beach, commissioned and donated the sculpture, valued at over $660,000, to the university for the benefit of the community.

The centerpiece sculpture represents different ethnicities found around the world and features 10 life-size figures emerging from and surrounding a globe of the world.

Commissioned sculptor Benjamin Victor was selected by the foundation out of 53 applicants to create a sculpture that would best represent the university’s diversity. A California native, Victor is artist-in-residence at Northern State University in South Dakota, and best known for his sculpture of Sarah Winnemucca in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol.

After researching the varying demographics and cultures at Dominguez Hills, Victor held a casting call for models and used students and faculty members of different ethnicities as a basis for the 10 human figures. The 15-foot-tall sculpture took eight months to complete.

The “Where Cultures Meet” sculpture stands on a graded slope outside the new Library South wing, between the library and LaCorte Hall.

“Manifest Diversity” Mural Celebrates America’s Diversity

The campus community and guests gathered near the Loker Student Union at CSU Dominguez Hills in September, for the unveiling of “Manifest Diversity,” a mural created by students, faculty, staff and alumni under the guidance of muralist Eliseo Art Silva. The large-scale work depicting a multi-ethnic view of American history is now on view in the Multicultural Center (MCC). “Manifest Diversity” was inspired largely by the writings of historian/social activist Howard Zinn and features close to 100 images of individuals and iconic scenes in American history, from Pre-Columbian Native Americans to present-day struggles for social justice in issues such as health care and immigrant rights.

University President Mildred Garcia and MCC Coordinator Lui Amador welcomed guests to the mural’s unveiling, including Speaker Emeritus of the California State Assembly Karen Bass (Class of ’90, B.S., health sciences), whose image is depicted in the mural. Johnny Iliong, son of late United Farm Workers of America labor leader Larry Iliong, also attended the event to celebrate the commemoration of his father’s accomplishments in the mural.
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present the first-ever California State University, Dominguez Hills Annual Donor Honor Roll. In this Honor Roll, we recognize the support given between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010.

I am excited to report that 2009–10 saw another strong year in giving. Over $3.8 million in philanthropic gifts were given to CSU Dominguez Hills; this represents a doubling of support since 2006-07. Our alumni have also stepped up their support—the number of alumni donors quadrupled from 2006–07 and the close of FY 2009–10.

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Leaving a Faculty Legacy

Since 2007, emeriti and retired faculty members of the Emeritus Faculty Association have been donating to the Faculty Legacy Fund

Amy Bentley-Smith

sional support for the scholarship and professional development of junior faculty. The way emeritus professor of sociology Bill Blischke sees it, the Faculty Legacy Fund’s benefits extend well beyond faculty. “The Emeritus Faculty Association gives two students scholarships each year, but what attracted me to the Faculty Legacy Fund was how many more students we could help,” said Blischke, who along with Sue Gemmell and Lenora Cook, both emeriti professors of teacher education, helped develop the fund. “Faculty touches the lives of tens of thousands of students, and if we are able through the Faculty Legacy Fund to assist junior faculty in enhancing their teaching and research, I feel they can have an even greater impact.”

In the four award cycles since its inception, the fund has handed out awards to 10 faculty members to begin or return to research work. Ericka Verba, associate professor in the Department of History was one of the first recipients. She used the money to compile a literary catalog for preliminary work toward a book-length biography of Chilean folklorist and composer Violeta Parra. Verba has written widely about Parra, often using her story as anecdote in articles and presentations that examine the broader cultural and political context of Latin America during the 1950s and 1960s. This book, she said, would be a culmination of her lifelong interest in the artist. To be given some financial support in the early stages of the book project—and to know it came from former faculty members—was just what she needed to move the project forward.

“It’s been an ongoing project of mine, and the grant has given me the boost to put aside other things and refocus my attention,” said Verba. “It’s psychologically motivating to know there are people out there who appreciate your work and want to see you succeed. It says a lot about Dominguez Hills that we have faculty who remain committed to the university. The value of the program is much more than the monetary award. You get to feel like you’re part of a legacy.”

In many ways, Kenneth Rodriguez, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is the embodiment of the “pay it forward” legacy members of the Emeritus Faculty Association seek to leave through the fund and their continued involvement with the university.

Rodriguez first came to CSU Dominguez Hills as a student. After earning his bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 2001, he went on to Ohio State University, where he got his Ph.D. in 2007. As one of the newest faculty members in the chemistry department—he is in his second year as a professor—Rodriguez is literally just starting his career. However, he entered academia in an age of shrinking state university budgets and subsequent waning financial support of faculty research. Rodriguez, a 2010 recipient, said he is thankful that the Faculty Legacy Fund is giving him the start he needs. The award money be received will go toward purchasing a specialized piece of equipment for the chemistry department, known as a ZnSe (zinc selenide) wired polarizer. Rodriguez plans to use the polarizer to conduct research on the structure of the protein actin, which is found in muscles fibers, by using surface enhanced infrared absorption.

Rodriguez hopes the preliminary data he collects will lead to major grants from the National Institutes of Health or the National Science Foundation to conduct further research into the protein’s effect on muscle diseases. “This is where it all starts,” Rodriguez said of grants like the Faculty Legacy Fund. “I’m really grateful for the Emeritus Faculty Association. It means a lot that they believe in me and the work I want to do to start my research here as a young faculty member…. They are truly planting the seed for my research to grow.”

In addition to accepting annual contributions, the Faculty Legacy Fund is endowed by the estate gifts of several Emeritus Faculty Association members. The association accepts donations from its members as well as the general public, foundations and corporations.

For more information on the Emeritus Faculty Association at CSU Dominguez Hills, visit www.csudh.edu/emeritus faculty.
Interdisciplinary Studies/PACE assistant professor Anne Choi and her American Consumerism class were featured on a segment of American Public Media’s “Marketplace Money” show in December. The topic of the day was buyer’s remorse, part of a larger discussion of why people buy the things they buy. Choi is currently researching the subject for a book.

Nancy Erbe, chair and associate professor of the Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding program, was appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Program, was appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Program, was appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Program, was appointed to the Fulbright Specialist Program. She will serve as faculty at the Institute on the Pedagogies of World Music Theory bi-annual meeting at the University of Colorado, Boulder last semester. In his role as institute faculty, he presented lectures on Brazilian rhythms, Indonesian gamelan, and problems of musical universalism to other university-level instructors of music. In August, he completed “The Informal Sector,” a new work for the Harvey Mudd College Gamelan scored for gamelan and two trombones, which premiered December 5 in Claremont.

Kimberly Kalaja, adjunct faculty in the Graduate Humanities External Education Program (HUX), has been named a Fulbright Scholar for 2010. She will be spending the spring 2011 semester at the University of Tirana in Tirana, Albania, where she will be lecturing and conducting research on memory, history and national identity in the emerging Albanian state.

Terri McGlynn, professor in the Department of Biology and a group of 12 undergraduate and graduate students and K-12 teachers conducted research in the tropical rainforests of Costa Rica over the summer that has resulted in six scientific papers from the participants. McGlynn also has been elected president of the North American section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects.

Hedy Moscovici, professor and director of the Division of Teacher Education, has been awarded the distinction of Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for her contributions to research in elementary, secondary, and college science teaching, national and international science teacher professional development and for service to professional organizations.

José Muñoz, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology, was awarded a visiting professor fellowship from the Advertising Educational Foundation. During summer 2010 he spent two weeks at the Grey Group advertising agency in New York, N.Y., observing the processes involved in deciding advertising content, focusing on how, and to what extent women or racial/ethnic minorities are portrayed, which he discusses in his lectures on the social construction of race and gender in his Theory and Methods courses.

Matt Mutchler, associate professor in the Department of Sociology, has been named interim director of the CSU Dominguez Hills Urban Community Research Center, a multidisciplinary applied research center focused on the needs, problems and solutions that arise in urban areas. Additionally, during summer and fall 2010, he presented his research on sexual health communication, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS at a number of conferences, including at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria.

For the 2010-11 academic year, Jung Sun Park, professor and coordinator of the Asian Pacific studies program, is serving a fellowship at the Academy of Korean Studies in South Korea, conducting research on issues of South Korean social and cultural citizenship. The work complements her previous research on the legal citizenship of foreign-born Koreans in Korea.

Clare Weber, chair of the Department of Sociology, has completed a community-based participatory action research project (CBPAR) funded by the California Endowment’s Building Healthy Community Long Beach Initiative. Working with an immigrant women’s community organization in central Long Beach from July to September 2010, the project supported the leadership of the Community Partners Council in addressing concerns of community violence and community support for youth, and will be integrated into a policy report that will be presented to city officials.

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Physics Research Looks at New Method of Detecting Osteoporosis

X-ray imaging is one of the most common ways to test for osteoporosis, but a major study led by Kenneth Ganezer, professor in the Department of Physics, considers a different method of X-ray diagnosis that could potentially improve the quality of such testing. An article detailing the study, “Bone Densitometry Using X-ray Spectra,” was recently published in Physics in Medicine and Biology, a leading journal in medical physics.

Funded through a National Institutes of Health grant, with experiments performed on campus, the study examined a new method of testing for osteoporosis that looks at X-ray energy distribution, or spectrum, something conventional X-ray images usually do not collect. Ganezer said that used in combination with conventional X-rays, the X-ray spectral method could significantly reduce statistical errors in testing of osteoporosis, and possibly imaging dosage.

Ganezer and his co-authors on the paper, Miodrag Krmar from the University of Novi Sad in Serbia and Shahenda Shukla of the University of Florida, hope to perform additional tests to provide direct comparisons, and ultimately test the method on human subjects.
New Books from Faculty


Jim Cooper, professor in the Division of Graduate Education, and Pamela Robinson, assistant chair of the Department of Liberal Studies, had a chapter on small group instruction, “The Interactive Lecture: A Research Methods and Statistics Class” published in *Cooperative Learning in Higher Education: Across the Disciplines*, 2nd ed. (New Forums Press, 2009), and a new volume on research based teaching, also published by New Forums, is scheduled to be published in early 2011.

Giacomo Jack Bono, adjunct faculty in the Departments of Psychology and Child Development, co-authored “Being Grateful is Beyond Good Manners: Gratitude and Motivation to Contribute to Society among Early Adolescents” in the June 2010 issue of *PRIMUS: Problems, Resources, and Issues in Mathematics Undergraduate Studies*.

Matthew Jones, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, co-authored an article titled “Using Lesson Design as a Vehicle for Faculty Professional Development” in the October issue of *PRIMUS: Problems, Resources, and Issues in Mathematics Undergraduate Studies*.


Keith Myatt, adjunct faculty in the Division of Graduate Education, co-authored *Culturally Proficient Education: An Asset-Based Response to Conditions of Poverty* (Corwin, 2010), which examines equity and social issues through the lens of cultural proficiency and serves as a resource for educators on how to maximize educational opportunities for all students independent of their socioeconomic status.


Master of Social Work assistant professor Susan D. Einbinder had her article, “A Qualitative Study of Exodus Graduates: Family-Focused Residential Substance Abuse Treatment as an Option for Mothers to Retain or Regain Custody and Sobriety in Los Angeles, California,” published in the November/December issue of *Child Welfare League of America’s Child Welfare Journal*. The article is based on her study at the Shieles for Families social service agency.


The fourth edition of *Japanese Americans and World War II: Mass Removal, Imprisonment, and Redress* (Harlan Davidson, 2011, 4th ed.), originally written in 1974 by Don Hata, emeritus professor in the Department of History, and his late wife Nadine Hata, emeritus professor of history at El Camino College, was published in January 2011. The new edition was expanded to 84 pages and contains a selected bibliography, key documents, and photographs.

Archeology Bridges Divide between Two Nations

Despite many parallels in village life in southern Ecuador and Peru circa 3,500–1,000 B.C., there has been little collaboration among archeologists of the two countries due to tensions between their nations for most of the 20th century. Jerry Moore, professor in the Department of Anthropology, is working to bridge that divide and help advance archeological study in the region, and this past summer co-organized a series of mobile workshops that took place at four locations in the South American countries. With funding from Wenner-Gren Foundation and support from the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement, the “Divergent Trajectories to Prehistoric Social Complexity in the Equatorial Andes” workshops attracted approximately 300 people over the course of the summer. With participation of 15 archeologists from Peru and Ecuador, as well as the United Kingdom and the United States, the workshops were a first step in facilitating scholarly exchanges between the region’s archeologists. Archeological study of the region is believed to be significant for what it can reveal about the transition of ancient indigenous societies and from hunting and gathering to an early agricultural subsistence, and the beginnings of village governance and social strata.
Katlin Choi, a graduate student in the Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding (NCRP) program, was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholarship to teach English as a foreign language in Macau, China. Throughout the 2010-11 academic year, she will be working in the English Language Center at the University of Macau, assisting with English improvement classes and organizing extracurricular programs in English.

Chaka Dodson, a psychology graduate student, and Erin Cooper (Class of ’10, M.A., psychology) have had their study, “Pharmacy participation in nonprescription syringe sales in Los Angeles and San Francisco Counties, 2007” published in the journal of Urban Health. The study is timely given ongoing legislative debates about providing clean syringes to injection drug users for purposes of preventing HIV.

Eleven students from the Minority Biomedical Research Support Program (MBRS) and the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program at California State University, Dominguez Hills attended the 2010 national conference of the Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), which took place at the beginning of the fall semester. MBRS students in attendance included senior psychology majors Vanessa Black, Esbeeye Garcia, John Gibson, and Monique Turner; Ashley Martin, senior, biochemistry; Brittany Tillman, senior, biology; Destinie Thompson, freshman, biochemistry; Kumar Tiger, junior, biology; and Ludivina Vasquez, junior, psychology. The MARC cohort was represented by Kristie Gordon, senior, sociology, and Erika Torres, senior, psychology. Three students—Garcia, Tiger and Turner—presented posters or papers on research they did with faculty members.

Phuong Nguyen is the university’s recipient of the 2010 William Randolph Hearst/CSU Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement. Nguyen immigrated to the United States from South Vietnam at the age of 9. Overcoming language and cultural barriers and personal tragedy, she graduated from CSU Dominguez Hills in 2009 with a degree in math education and completed her teaching credential in 2010. Currently teaching at John C. Fremont High School in Los Angeles, Nguyen is enrolled in the master’s in teaching mathematics program through the Department of Mathematics.

Joni Johnson (Class of ’10, B.A., English literature) has received a Graduate Equity Fellowship toward her master’s degree in English at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Graduate student Robert Keel (Class of ’09, B.S., applied studies/public administration cum laude) received an Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the California Sociological Association (CAS) at the organization’s annual conference in November. He was recommended by sociology lecturer Susan Fellows and professor of criminal justice Theodore Byrne. Byrne, who was Keel’s criminal justice professor and also serves as faculty advisor to Veterans Alliance at CSU Dominguez Hills, says that Keel has been a role model and mentor to his fellow veteran students. “As a distinguished military veteran, Robert supports other veterans working toward their educational goals,” says Byrne. “His prior military experience has provided him with unique insights into the world and its relationship to issues involving sociology as well as criminal justice. I’ve observed him working closely with other students who were challenged by the material. His assistance proved instrumental to their success in the course.”

Sophomore Samantha Hernandez didn’t necessarily see that making good grades in high school and getting accepted to college made her a role model. If anything, she was inspired by others to set those goals. However, the sociology major at California State University, Dominguez Hills has become just that as the featured student in a Spanish-language video produced by the U.S. Department of Education to promote college attendance among children of Latino families.

The video, “La universidad: un sueño alcanzable (College: An Attainable Dream),” is part of the Department of Education’s effort to achieve President Barack Obama’s goal of increasing college graduation rates in the United States by 20 percent by 2020, is also currently streaming on the website for the documentary “Waiting for Superman.”

The video can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DkxOPISzak.

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John Tracy: Alumnus Gives Boeing Technology its Wings

A mong the attendees of the historic 1910 Air Meet, which took place on Dominguez Rancho Adobe land not far from where California State University, Dominguez Hills now sits, was William Boeing, who went on to create what would become the world’s largest aviation and aerospace company.

A century later, the head of The Boeing Company’s technology efforts can claim he got his beginnings there too. As senior vice president of engineering, operations and technology and chief technology officer, John Tracy (Class of ’76, B.S., physics) is responsible for the strategic direction of more than 100,000 Boeing employees worldwide. Within the corporation, he is responsible for a multitude of organizations that include engineering, operations, supplier management, quality assurance and information technology.

Tracy, a Southern California native, says his parents inspired him to become an engineer. When he was in elementary school, his father gave him a model of the X-15, a rocket-powered airplane that was used mainly for research in the 1960s.

“This rocket-powered airplane didn’t land on three wheels, [but] on a wheel and two skids,” says Tracy, “and I thought, ‘Wow, what an amazing sight! How can I get involved in designing and building something like that?’”

Tracy joined McDonnell Douglas, now part of Boeing, as a stress analyst in 1981. He’s held a wide variety of leadership roles at the company, including vice president of engineering and mission assurance for Boeing’s defense and space business unit and vice president of structural technologies, prototyping and quality for the company’s advanced research and development organization. He said his education from CSU Dominguez Hills contributed greatly to his successful career.

“The [campus] was small enough to give me the chance to have direct interactions with my professors,” Tracy said, who went on to earn a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of California, Irvine and an M.S. in physics from CSU Los Angeles. “I especially remember James Imai [emeritus professor of physics]. I started out at Dominguez Hills as a math major with a minor in physical education, but he convinced me I could be a physics student.”

Tracy believes that with a little inspiration and encouragement like the kind he received, more students would pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

“I can’t say enough about the importance of inspiration when it comes to getting young people interested in science and technology,” he said. “The sight of a rocket airplane helped inspire me to pursue a career in this field. I hope the products that [we at Boeing] are working on today will encourage students to become the designers of tomorrow’s awe-inspiring products.”

A fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the past chair of its 6,000-member aerospace division, Tracy has also been elected as a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Royal Aeronautical Society, and was inducted into the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Corporation (HE-NAAC) Hall of Fame in 2009.

Travis Kamiyama: Chef Oversees Restaurant on Cruise Ship

W hen Travis Kamiyama (Class of ’97, B.S. economics) opened Kamiyama Sushi in 2000 in Lomita, he served his unique interpretation of sushi in a tiny storefront that seated about five at the bar. Ever expanding his international restaurant empire—he has a sushi and tapas bar in Osaka and contracts with the Market Broiler in Orange—the Okinawan native is now executive sushi chef and consultant aboard the Oasis of the Seas. The Oasis is the largest cruise ship in the world with 16 decks and accommodations for up to 5,400 guests.

“I broke out of the South Bay into international waters,” says Kamiyama. “I hope in the future to become the authority in the cruise ship industry in terms of Asian food and sushi.”

Kamiyama enjoys the challenge of serving sushi to an international audience—some of whom may never have had it before their cruise. Used to running restaurants on land, where the accessibility of exotic ingredients are almost never an issue, Kamiyama had to learn to strategize on what his ocean-bound restaurant Izumi could offer while keeping its quality high.

More than 20 specialty restaurants and concessions on board gather their weekly food supply through an elaborate provision system that enables them to serve 25,000 meals a day during a week-long cruise to approximately 8,000 people on board.

As a student at CSU Dominguez Hills, he says he appreciated the “great staff, great teachers, great curriculum.” He also relied on his own self-motivation.

“When I attended Dominguez Hills in the early 1990s, it was a small campus compared to now,” he says. “But I applied myself enough and took full advantage of every opportunity I had, asking questions, reading a lot, and networking.”

As an entrepreneur, Kamiyama holds firm to the same drive, and says that, “valuing people and valuing relationships is a huge part of it.”

In December 2010, Kamiyama helped launch the Allure of the Seas, a sister ship to the Oasis with a second Izumi restaurant on board. Last fall, he participated with the Patina Restaurant Group in providing high-end dining for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Ky. Kamiyama has also done volunteer work with the Boarding House Mentors, a surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding program for underserved youth, and for Camp Muri- subi, a summer program that teaches Nikkei middle school students to preserve their Japanese heritage. The father of a young son and daughter, Kamiyama emphasizes the importance of “being able to balance all of it, not just the career aspect.”

“And always have integrity. Never discount your services or passion,” he says. “If you commit to something, make sure it happens and that you deliver every time. If you do that, your chances of getting referrals or more business increases by tenfold.”
1970s

Ron Dowell (B.A. ’75), a retired manager for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, has published 
*Comptia COPS: Community-Based Crime Fighting in Disadvantaged Racially and Ethnically Diverse Urban Communities*.

Damien Lui Tololo (B.A. ’87) has served as the president and chief executive officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif.

1980s

Steve Moreau (M.S. ’80) has been named the president and chief executive officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif.

Damien Lui Tololo (B.A. ’87) has served as the president and chief executive officer at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif.

1990s

Karen Bass (B.S. ’90) has been elected to represent California’s 33rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Since 2004 she has served as the state assemblywoman for the 47th District, and in 2008 she was sworn in as speaker of the California Assembly, becoming the first African-American woman in the nation to hold that post.

Mike Paulson (B.A. ’93) was recently promoted to manager of the heat management group for MovinCool, a manufacturer of Densco Corporation spot air conditioners.

Linda Berri (M.A. ’94) was recently appointed president of the Colorado Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC), an international community service organization that has clubs in every state.

Rory Natividad (B.A. ’93) is the new dean of health sciences and athletics at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif. In this role, he will oversee nursing, physical education, athletics, disabled students, radiological technology, respiratory care, and the student center.

1990s

Tammy Tumbling (B.S., ’90; M.P.A., ’94) was named Southern California Edison’s director of philanthropy and community involvement.

Rudy P. Melson (M.B.A. ’96) received the Director of the Year Award from Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce. He has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in project management.

Tatsumi Paredes (B.A. ’98) has been hired as brand administrator for Toyota Financial Services, which provides financing and vehicle protection products for Toyota customers.

2000s

Terri Norwood (M.A. ’00) was a top 5 finalist in the Great American Teacher of the Year award given by the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia. She founded Bright Star Reading Club, a nonprofit literacy program in Inglewood.

Jabari Steward (B.A. ’00) was recently appointed to worship director at Saddleback Church Anaheim.

Luis Campo (B.A. ’01) joined the faculty at Columbia University as assistant professor of chemistry.

Fatima Rivas (B.A. ’01) was recently named a faculty research associate in the department of chemical biology and therapeutics at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

Damon Carr (B.A. ’00; M.A. ’02), a pilot for SkyWest Airlines, recently published *Stop Being a Passenger: How to Become the Captain of Your Own Life*.

Kent Bullard (M.S. ’03) was recently appointed to Lee Enterprises Biodiesel Consulting Group of Little Rock, Ark., as their new Quality Assurance Specialist. He is the longest serving alumnus with the National

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Alum Daniel Cano Authors Third Novel—
*Death and the American Dream*

The third novel of CSU Dominguez Hills alumnus and Santa Monica College English professor Daniel Cano (B.A. ’78; M.A., ’85), *Death and the American Dream* (Bilingual Review Press, 2009), has won the best novel in the historical fiction category at the 12th International Latino Book Awards.

“As a student at CSUDH, I was awarded the Del Amo Fellowship to study in Spain during the academic year ’77–’78. I owe many thanks to such past CSUDH teachers and scholars as Porfirio Sanchez and Frances Lauerhass, Spanish dept.; Michael Mahon, Michael Shaeffer, Abe Ravitz, and Agnes Yamada, and the English department for both my successes in writing and teaching.”

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Biodiesel Accreditation Commission, and since 2005 has audited biodiesel production, marketing and laboratory facilities across the U.S. and in Canada.

Joanie Harmon (B.A. ’03) received “honorable mention” in the Los Angeles Press Club’s 52nd annual SoCal Journalism Awards for her weblog, Girl Meet Soup.

Shonn Ali Britton (B.A. ’04) was honored by the 2010 NAACP Theatre Awards, hosted by the Director’s Guild of America with the best support actress award for her role in the CSU Dominguez Hills production of “Jimmie.”

Jason Coleman (B.S. ’04) has been named one of the “Top 25 Agents of 2010” by Travel Agent Magazine.

Carol Davies (M.P.A. ’05) was honored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Valley Chapter with the Distinguished Achievement Special Award for Excellence in Fundraising.

Gary L. Singer (B.A. ’05) is the new emergency management and preparedness coordinator at his alma mater, California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Carmelita Jeter (B.A. ’06) placed third in the women’s 100 meters with a finish of 10.83 seconds at the elite 2010 IAAF Diamond League series of track and field.

Lisa Mabry (M.B.A. ’06) is the new associate athletic director at California State University, Long Beach.

Kathleen Percival (M.S. ’06) of Simi Valley Hospital was appointed to the Moorpark College Foundation Board of Directors.

A throng of nearly 300 Toros gathered at the CSU Dominguez Hills campus in January to recognize and honor 69 former student-athletes in a three-part Toros All-American Wall of Honor unveiling ceremony, a special event planned as part of the ongoing celebration of the university’s 50th anniversary.

Beginning in the spring of 1979, Toro student-athletes have received 94 total awards and honors, with an unbroken record of at least one university member receiving an award every year since the 1981-82 academic year. In fact, 10 programs have received at least two All-Americans, with men’s soccer leading the way with 28 total awards. The 2003 calendar year witnessed the largest number of awards handed out to CSU Dominguez Hills students, with eight total going to five athletes.

The event, which welcomed back a who’s who of former student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and their families, including six-time All-American women’s track and field sensation and current fastest woman in the world, Carmelita Jeter, and men’s soccer’s six-time All-American and two-time National Player of the Year, Kevin Gallaugher, began in Loker Student Union for a pre-ceremony meet-and-greet before segueing into the Torodome gymnasium.

Among the special guests in attendance were alumnus Rick Goacher, who made a special presentation to the university’s first-ever athletes director and current golf coach, Dr. John Johnson; former men’s basketball head coach, Dave Yanai; and ten current CSU Dominguez Hills All-Americans whose faces and accomplishments will grace the All-American Wall of Honor once their careers are complete, including baseball’s Abel Medina and track and field’s Chanel Parker.

—Mel Miranda

Nels Pearson Endowments Benefit Physics Students

Nels Dennis Pearson (Class of ‘08, B.S., physics) has generously given $40,000 to CSU Dominguez Hills to benefit the physics department, including an endowment fund for student scholarships, funds for new equipment and equipment maintenance, and an endowment for the N.D. Pearson Colloquium Series in Physics, which hosts talks by physicists, researchers, and academicians in the sciences.

Pearson was back on campus in October to attend one of the three colloquium talks given during the fall semester—a presentation by Dr. Mark Helmlinger, an electro-optic calibration specialist at Northrop Grumman.

He did his share of repairing equipment in the labs while attending the university, recalls Pearson, a software engineer at Raytheon, and wanted to give physics students access to the best learning experience possible.

“Inherently, I’m an engineer and like build things,” he says. “I designed some support modules to make the experiments go more easily and accurately. The equipment was in disrepair and kind of minimal. I figured with a little extra money, we could do something.”

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Thalia Gomez, ASI President

“Set your sights high, and get the skills and knowledge you need to achieve your goals.”

As president of Associated Students, Inc., Thalia Gomez is working to ensure that students have access to the guidance and support she has received during her education at CSU Dominguez Hills that has empowered her to become a scholar and leader.

With the help of counselors, faculty and staff at the university, Gomez says she received the mentoring she needed to propel her not only toward her bachelor’s degree, but to even consider attaining an advanced degree and becoming a professor.

Your gift to CSU Dominguez Hills is critical to ensuring that future generations of students continue to receive an outstanding educational experience.