Building Community

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of CSU Dominguez Hills has created opportunities for the University to expand community building both internally and externally. Here are highlights of some of this year’s activities:

- During the Spring 2010 semester more than 50 events were held in conjunction with our anniversary celebration, including the 50th Anniversary Speaker Series that began in Club 1910 with “An Evening with Karen Gebhart.” Gebhart is president of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and spoke on “Women in Aviation and the 1910 Air Meet.”
- The City of Carson generously sponsored over 50 banners congratulating the University on its 50th Anniversary. The banners are displayed along Avalon Boulevard and will be up through June 2011, coinciding with the end of the 18-month 50th Anniversary celebration.
- The rededication of the Shinwa-En Japanese Garden opened Asian American Heritage Month in May by honoring volunteer gardeners and landscapers who built the garden and teahouse in 1978, along with a new generation of professionals and community members who have recently restored the site.
- CSU honorary degrees were awarded to two former Japanese-American (Nisei) students whose education was interrupted by incarceration during World War II; a reception was held in their honor and degrees conferred at CSUDH Commencement in May.
- A new Alumni Association was formed using a model where all students can become members of the Association upon graduation at no cost. This has resulted in greater alumni participation.

Enrollment Management

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

- The University exceeded its enrollment target for 2009-2010 and reached a record enrollment of 10,488 FTEs (full-time equivalent students), with over 15,000 students on campus. More than 23,000 applications for fall 2010 were received.
- The Financial Aid Office disbursed over $92 million to assist students with their educational costs.
- The University’s first-time freshman retention rates have increased by 4% in the past two years, and another increase is anticipated this year. There are several critical retention programs underway on campus, such as Summer Bridge, that will diminish barriers that get in the way of student’s success.
- As part of the CSU systemwide initiative to “Close the Achievement Gap,” the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management divisions are also reviewing critical areas pertaining to student success, degree pathways, academic advising and student support services.

Financial Stability

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

Following are highlights of this year’s contributions:

- CSU Dominguez Hills received over $14 million in faculty & staff grants for 2009-2010.
- The University was awarded a $1 million endowment and $25,000 gift from the Bernard Osher Foundation for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and an additional $100,000 in grants.
- By redesigning the May Commencement ceremonies, the University saved nearly $100,000 in event costs, while increasing commencement participation by 8%.
- The new Google email service for students will save the University $75,000 in the first year.
- The President’s Scholarship Reception honored the 2009-2010 Presidential Scholars along with The Carson Companies and Watson Land Company, who received the Corporate Partner of Education Award, and Maureen McCarthey, who was honored as the Katherine B. Loker Friend of Education. The reception brought in over $140,000 in support of the Presidential Scholarship Fund.

Fundraising Milestones

Due to the generosity of university stakeholders, the 2009-2010 fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2010, will go down as one of the highest fundraising years in the history of CSU Dominguez Hills.

Almost $3.9 million in gifts were received to support programs and scholarships for students and faculty. The University also experienced a 14% increase, year-over-year, in the number of alumni donors, a 10% increase in the number of alumni gifts, and a 27% increase in alumni dollars.

These gifts enable the University to equip labs, improve facilities, provide scholarships for students, and develop programs to increase student success.

Point of Pride: New Library South a Work of Art

The new Library South wing includes a dedicated multicultural art gallery and expansive common areas that allow art to be displayed prominently on all floors.
Student Achievements
At CSU Dominguez Hills, we prepare students to succeed inside the classroom, and beyond. Students who graduate from CSUDH get hired by the best employers in the South Bay, including a number of Fortune 500s, and are accepted to the country’s finest graduate programs. Here are highlights of outstanding student achievements this year:

- Presidential Scholarship awards went to 11 new scholars, for a total of 23 Presidential Scholars, who enter CSU Dominguez Hills with an average GPA of 3.96.
- Humanities (HUX) graduate student, Charles S. White, was awarded CSUDH 2010 Project of the Year for Musical Composition “Right Brain Killed Left.”
- ASI President Talia Gomez was awarded the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Fellowship by the CSU Office of the Chancellor.
- At the 2nd Annual CBAPP Business Plan Competition, first place went to the Student Life 360 Website Plan.

Athletics
- National Recognition included Men’s Soccer National Player of the Year, 16 All-Americans, and 2 National Gold Gloves.
- Men’s soccer team captured its ninth ever CCAA championship title and women’s soccer team came in second in the CCAA championship.
- Softball’s Emiley McEwen was selected as the California Collegiate Athletic Association’s Most Valuable Player.
- Kevin Pillar made NCAA Division II history with a 50-game hitting streak.
- Five players were signed with Major League Baseball organizations.

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

- On April 29, 2010, CSU Dominguez Hills Founders Day, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony opened the new Library South wing. Approximately 400 people attended the ceremony and toured the building. The five-story building adds 1,600 reader stations, nearly 250 computer workstations, two computer labs, state-of-the-art archival storage and research area, as well as conference rooms and event space.
- The CSUDH Guitar Festival and Competition featured concerts by Grammy Award winners William Kanengiser and Scott Tennant.

The University unveiled the “Dave Yanai Court” in the Torodome gymnasium to honor former men’s basketball coach Dave Yanai. Coach Yanai dedicated 19 years to CSU Dominguez Hills and inspired many student-athletes to greatness. The Dave Yanai Scholarship Endowment Fund for students in basketball and named court will ensure that his legacy continues.

- The third annual “Iron Chef” student cooking competition took place in October. Four teams competed for the title with an hour and 15 minutes to prepare two dishes that included the “secret ingredient,” ostrich. The team that won was made up of students who had never met each other before the competition.

Academic Excellence and Innovation
Known for academic excellence and innovation, CSU Dominguez Hills prepares students for the challenges of an ever-changing world. The highest standards of quality in teaching, research, scholarship and service broaden students’ minds and encourage engaged participation in a global society.

- CSU Dominguez Hills is the leading CSU in the number of students earning Math and Science teacher credentials for the second year in a row.
- The School of Education initiated the Federal Teacher Quality Grant Program, preparing teachers for urban teaching—the first cohort was recruited and started in the fall; the Urban School Leaders Project graduated seven cohorts of new school principals.

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

- The 2010 Faculty Awards Reception honored 44 faculty members this year for their significant accomplishments as well as celebrated milestone anniversaries; faculty members chosen for significant accomplishments include:
  - Dr. Karen Mason, associate professor of psychology: Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award
  - Dr. Kate Fawver, associate professor of history: Excellence in Service Award
  - Dr. Sally Etcheto, professor of music: Lyle E. Gibson Distinguished Teacher Award

Point of Pride: Nisei Honorary Diploma Project
CSU honorary degrees were awarded in May, at the CSUDH Commencement, to two former Japanese-American students whose education was interrupted by forced incarceration during World War II.
Below are highlights of President Mildred Garcia’s activities and accomplishments for the academic year 2009-2010:

**Administrative Accomplishments**

- Unveiled the University’s Strategic Plan, the result of a year-long process to collect and synthesize feedback from the campus community and stakeholders and develop data into collective statements of mission, vision, core values and major themes. The plan provides a roadmap for the University to meet its objectives over next five years.

- The first meeting of the President’s Legislative Advisory Council was held, at which members of the California Assembly and Senate from the local service area had the opportunity to visit with President Garcia and discuss the University’s role in preparing graduates for professional careers in our region.

- The Campus Master Plan, which includes a new Science Building and academic and student service facilities to accommodate future growth, was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees.

**Awards and Honors**

- President Garcia named as a Distinguished Alumna by The City University of New York.

- The City of Carson and South Bay business community recognized CSU Dominguez Hills at the South Bay Business Award Event for Conservation Efforts in University Housing expected to save $100,000 in energy costs and 3.4 Million gallons of water annually.

- CSU Dominguez Hills named to the 2009 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

**Presentations and Publications**


- “Economic Impact of Universities on Communities;” University of North Texas at Dallas System Board of Regents, guest presentation, Feb. 2010.


- “Your Path to the Future;” keynote address, Young Women’s Empowerment Conference, Long Beach, Nov. 2009.


**Community and Government Relations**

- Appointed to the 54th Assembly District Education Advisory Group by the Assembly California Legislature.


**Media Interactions**

- Interview with Rob Kuznia, Hispanic Business, for “For Hilda Solis, a Chance Encounter with Former Teacher Changed Everything,” May 2010.


- Interview with Daily Breeze for “Library Expansion at CSUDH is a Golden Touch,” April 2010.

- Interview with Daily Breeze for “CSUDH Makes President’s Honor Roll,” Mar. 2010.

- Interview with Gazette Newspapers for “Garcia’s Story to Inspire Young Women,” Nov. 2009.

- Interview with La Opinion, for “Piden Apurar La Matricula en CSU,” Oct. 2009.

- Interview with Douglas Morino, Daily Breeze, for “Cuts Take a Toll on Students at CSUDH,” Oct. 2009.


**Appointments**

- Appointed to the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) Board of Councilors, dedicated to the improvement of health services in South Los Angeles.

- Appointed to the American Council on Education Commission on International Initiatives.

- Appointed to the National Council for Research on Women President’s Circle.

- Appointed to the American Council on Education Commission on International Initiatives.

- Appointed to the 54th Assembly District Education Advisory Group by the Assembly California Legislature.

- Appointed to the Committee on Measures of Student Success by the U.S. Department of Education.

- Appointed to the 2060 Blue Ribbon Committee by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

- Appointed to the Higher Education Abstracts Advisory Board by Claremont Graduate University.

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### PROFILE OF CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS

- **Founded:** 1960
- **Classification:** Public, co-educational
- **Degrees Granted:** Bachelor’s, Master’s
- **Enrollment:** 15,308
- **Academic Programs:** 45 undergraduate majors, 21 graduate majors, 5 colleges
- **Setting:** Park-like campus on 346 acres in South Bay of Los Angeles County
- **Alumni:** 75,000 worldwide
- **Athletics Nickname:** Toros

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**Administration**

- **Dr. Mildred Garcia,** President
- **President’s Cabinet**
  - Dr. Ronald E. Vogel, Provost/Vice President, Academic Affairs
  - Ms. Mary Ann Rodriguez, Vice President, Administration & Finance
  - Dr. Susan Borrego, Vice President, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

- **Mr. Gregory Saks,** Vice President, University Advancement
- **Ms. Ann Camp,** Executive Assistant to the President

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