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SCUSD/CSUS Teacher Interns engage in a story-sequencing activity for language arts preparation.

## First Sacramento City/CSUS Teachers Complete Internship

After two years of teaching full-time, while taking credential course work two nights a week, the first cohort of Sacramento City Unified School District/CSUS Teacher Interns will graduate and receive their credentials. Currently, a second cohort of fifty-five teacher interns has just completed the first year, and a third cohort of thirty-two is ready to begin this summer.

In response to the reduced class size legislation in 1997, CSUS and the Sacramento City Unified School District worked in partnership to create a new program of teacher preparation. The SCUSD/CSUS Multiple Subjects Teacher Intern Center enables cohorts of qualified persons to take a two-year program of credential courses at CSUS while, concurrently, teaching full time with the SCUSD district.

This district/university partnership aims to ensure meaningful learning experiences and ongoing support for the teacher interns through a range of supportive services, including supervision by CSUS faculty, mentoring by a SCUSD mentor, assessment observation by trained district observers, and peer support through a group process called Paravision. Frank Meder coordinates the SCUSD aspects of the program, and Dr. Karen Benson coordinates the CSUS components. The BankAmerica Foundation has provided significant support for this innovative new path in teacher preparation.



Rita Brandeis poses in front of Alethea B. Smythe School with Kirk Fujikawa, Principal.

## New Endowment Established for Future Educators

A young student at Smythe Elementary School recently wrote to the volunteer reading tutor, Rita Brandeis, that she "picked good stories to read and that she must have had a lot of practice reading them." This note increased the natural smile in Rita's 83-year old eyes and represented the satisfaction she feels in her latest volunteer endeavor. A long-time community

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### Save the Date!

Mumbo Gumbo Concert

July 24 • 6PM

CSUS Main Quad

Tailgate Party

Sponsored by Future Ford and Future Nissan

September 18 • 3:30-5:30PM

Eureka Hall

Alumni Teacher Reception

November 1

4:00-6:00PM

For more information or to ensure your name is on the mailing list, call 278-4695.

## Spotlight On Faculty and Alumni:

Pat Lahmon, '96, received a *Continuous Learner Recognition* for obtaining her Certified Rehabilitation Counselor designation. The awards ceremony was at UC Davis with special guest Dr. Guy Deaner of CSUS Special Education, Rehabilitation and School Psychology Department in attendance.

Dr. Kay Moore, Professor, Teacher Education, was honored with *The John Martin Distinguished Service Award* by the California Reading Association which is presented for outstanding service.

Martha Brashear, '64, after completing 35 years of teaching, recently retired from Davis Joint Unified School District. She was recognized in the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Dr. Daniel Orey, Professor, Teacher Education, recently returned to CSUS after six months in Brazil as the first-ever Fulbright Scholar teaching ethnomathematics. He was an adjunct professor at Pontificia Universida de Catolica de Campinas.

Nancy Pierce Owens, CSUS student vice-president in 1958, recently retired as the Public Health Social Worker in Alameda County where she had worked since 1970. She is focusing her time now in community affairs, including volunteering at her local elementary school.

Dr. Renee Golanty-Koel, Professor, Teacher Education, recently presented a paper to the *American Educational Research Association* in Montreal titled, "Violence and Gangs: Adolescent Developmental Issues." In August she will present a paper titled "Social Realities and Self Discovery: Social Competence and Developmental Approaches to Literature" at the European conference on Reading at Stavanger Norway.

Drs. Susan Wycoff and Satsuki Ina, Professors, Counselor Education, recently presented their counseling and race publications at a *Forum on Racism and Mental Health* sponsored by The Department of Counselor Education and the Family Study Center. Dr. Wycoff also presented a paper titled "Who Will Fare Well With Welfare Reform: Challenges for Family, School & Community" at the *American Counseling Association World Conference* with Dr. Rita Marinoble, Associate Professor, Counselor Education, and graduate students Maristella Bacod and

Erica Kugler.

Dr. Anne Gant, '64, '71 & '75, recently retired after 35 years with the County Office of Education, most recently as Principal of Education Programs. She will be a part-time faculty member in Education Administration and Policy Studies at CSUS, teaching curriculum and proposal development.

## College of Education Announces Outstanding Alumni Teacher

Dean Diane Cordero de Noriega announced the selection of Patty Waggoner-Yamat, '61 as the CSUS Outstanding Alumni Teacher at the recent "Happy Teachers Day" assembly at Bryte Elementary School where Waggoner-Yamat teaches first grade. The honor is in recognition of her 38 years of outstanding teaching and is in conjunction with the CSU system-wide year of "Celebrating Teachers." Waggoner-Yamat will join fellow alumni winners representing the other CSU campuses for a reception hosted by Chancellor Charles Reed in Long Beach, September 13-15.

Patty Waggoner-Yamat graduated from what was then known as Sacramento State College in 1961 and immediately went to work for the Washington Unified School District, teaching first grade. She has been there ever since. She has always insisted upon teaching the first grade because she feels it has been her calling to help guide young minds to the joys of reading, unlocking the secrets of math, and scientific discovery.

"There's something so special about first-graders," says Waggoner-Yamat. "The innocence is still there, and I get to see them learn so much. I just love to see the lights going on, to hear them say 'I can read this' and 'I can write this.'"

A special reception co-hosted by President Donald Gerth and Dean Cordero de Noriega will be held on the CSUS campus this fall to honor Patty Waggoner-Yamat and the many other alumni teachers who call CSUS home. Please call Lynda McNamara at (916) 278-5547 for more information.

## Recent Major Gifts Received

The College of Education is pleased to announce the following generous contributions received:

Anonymous scholarship gift of \$100,000. Microsoft, \$26,000 software contribution. The Good Works Foundation provided matching funds from College of Education alumni to create a new *Counselor Education Endowment* at \$13,565. Robert and Jean Davis contributed a \$12,000 gift of stock to benefit their existing scholarship. Rita Singer Brandeis contributed \$10,000 to create the *Harold F. Smith Endowment*. Union Pacific Foundation renewed support of the *Academic Talent Search* at \$5,000. F.B. Fuller contributed \$5,000 to the *Tutoring Children Collaborative* and USAA Foundation, Charitable Trust, renewed support at \$3,000 for the same program. Scott and Genie Churchill renewed scholarship support at \$2,500 for the *Perine-Churchill-Vind Education Scholarships*. 7-Eleven Stores awarded \$2,500 for their *People Who Read Achieve* award, in support of the *Tutoring Children Collaborative*. Schools Federal Credit Union renewed scholarship support at \$2,000. One thousand dollars came from: Pacific Gas & Electric, Robert & Mary Ellen Whitehead, The Setzer Foundation, Jennie Porter, Henry & Mary Hansen.

## K-12 Educators Club

The Hornet Bookstore has recently introduced the *K-12 Educators Club*, a special discount program offered to students and teachers in the education field.

K-12 Educators Club benefits include: 10% discount on purchases up to \$100 (no minimum), 20% discount on purchases greater than \$100, and 20% discount on purchases of 10 or more of one title.

To register for membership (area schools are welcome to participate and purchase orders will be accepted) in the K-12 Educators Club, see Judy Boliver or Monica Johnson at the General Book Information Counter located on the first floor under the stairs in the Hornet Bookstore. Restrictions do apply. Call 278-5687 for more information.

## College of Education—People in Action



(From left) Bruce Armes, Diane Cordero de Noriega, General Davie, Enid Milhous, and Joe Benvenuti join in partnership to open the Alliance Center.

### New Alliance Center Opens for Counseling

On Tuesday, May 11, San Juan Unified School District's *Alliance for Excellence* and the California State University, Sacramento Counseling Education Department celebrated the opening of the Alliance for Excellence Community Counseling Center at 3413 Arden Way, Sacramento, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Alliance for Excellence Community Counseling Center will offer individual, family and group counseling provided by CSUS counselors-in-training under the supervision of

CSUS faculty members. Between July 1 and December 31, 1998, 1,043 families of students and/or students attending schools in the *Alliance for Excellence* service area accessed counseling services provided through the CSUS Counselors-in-Training working at the six Alliance schools. The opening of the Community Counseling Center expands the Collaborative relationship between San Juan Unified School District and CSUS and will offer additional opportunities for individuals to access counseling.



Campus leaders relax after the preliminary reports were presented. From left, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jolene Koester; CTC Review Coordinators Dr. Vickie Jew and Dr. Terry Thomas; Dean Diane Cordero de Noriega, College of Education; Dean Michael Harter & Associate Dean Marilyn Hopkins of the College of Health & Human Services; College of Education Associate Dean Maurice Poe in back.

### It is Official!

In April, the CSUS credential programs were evaluated by a 21-person accreditation team from the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing and were officially approved for full accreditation with no stipulations or required corrective actions. Such a positive review is a testimony to the progressive, evolving, and school-connected certification programs at the University and it is rare that teacher preparation programs in California receive such a totally positive review. The accreditation committee stated that this was one of the strongest reports they had reviewed.



Melinda Melendez, '78, pictured with her parents, Lupe and Mel Melendez, and Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa (center), receives the special CSUS Distinguished Service Award in March.

### Melinda Melendez Receives Award

College of Education Advisory Committee chair and alumna Melinda Melendez, '78 was surrounded by family and friends as she received the 1999 CSUS Distinguished Service Award in March. This annual award is given jointly by CSUS and the Alumni Association in recognition of professional achievements and community service performed by alumni and faculty.

Melinda, much to her surprise, was further honored by being inducted to the *Order of the Hornet*. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon alumni who have maintained exceptionally close ties to the University since graduation. Past *Order of the Hornet* honorees include Mayor Joe Serna, Lloyd Connelly, and Phil Isenberg.

### Let Us Hear From You!

Do you have a new address? Do you have news of your latest achievements? Do you need information about any College of Education programs? Please let us know.

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## Blended Teacher Education Workshop Prepares Future Teachers

CSUS is now developing undergraduate certification programs that combine a liberal studies, child development, or subject major and the multiple or single subject certification.

As part of the development of these "blended" teacher education programs, CSUS will be instituting a series of early field experiences for students in their first two years of undergraduate work, to be completed prior to admission into the certification program.

The workshop introduced districts to our need for identifying good placement sites, as well as the identification of children with special needs.

A recent workshop was sponsored by the College of Education for local school districts to coordinate this new effort. Teams of district personnel attended from the following districts: Rio Linda, Dixon, Folsom Cordova, Del Paso Heights Elementary, Woodland, San Juan, Sacramento City, Elk Grove, Washington, Dry Creek, Natomas and Roseville.

Dean Diane Cordero de Noriega began the workshop by welcoming the participants and emphasized the need for CSUS and the schools to work together to prepare highly qualified teachers for our schools.

Dr. Betsy Kean, Special Assistant to the Dean for K-18 Initiatives, introduced the new blended programs which are under development. Dr. Charlotte Cook, Director of the

Office of Community Collaboration (OCC), described the outreach activities of that office which facilitates placement of CSUS students in community and school settings.

## New Endowment

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activist and supporter of many meaningful projects, Rita has recently focused her attention to our schools and education efforts. She established a scholarship endowment in memory of her dear friend, Harold Smith, who passed away on February 6. In April, his family attended the annual College of Education awards banquet and enjoyed seeing the first future teacher recipient presentation to Lisa Dickinson. Like future educators who must have many diversified talents and skills, Harold Smith was the embodiment of a myriad of interests that included wood sculpting, furniture design, musical instrument building as well as tool and die making and hand printing. Survived by his wife Alma, this remarkable man made the world a better place and his legacy will live on through the support created by the *Harold F. Smith Endowment*.

For more information about scholarship contributions, please contact the CSUS College of Education Fund Development Office at 916-278-5547.

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