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Four Earn MA in Education: School Librarianship ... and Garner Awards

Four students are slated to receive their master's degree in education, option in school librarianship, this May. **Vida Bahremand, Muriel Bourke, Marc McPhee, and Gail Van Vranken** have taken their comprehensive exams and completed their coursework to enable them to receive their degree. The graduation ceremony will be held May 30 at 5 pm.

In addition, **Gail Van Vranken** was selected as Outstanding Graduate for the College of Education. Dr. Farmer was chosen as Most Valued Professor. They will be feted at the May Alumni banquet.

Both **Marc McPhee** and **Vida Bahremand** received scholarships from the CSLA Southern Section. **Muriel Bourke** has been awarded two scholarships during her LMT work at CSULB.

With such a glowing start for the master's program, it will be a challenge to keep up that level of awards. However, future degree awardees will be just as prepared to lead in the field.

Fall Acceptees

Ten students have been admitted to the LMT credential and master's program for next fall: **Kathie Buxton, Ruth Duthie, Jane Guttman, Mercedes Hernandez, Maria Mitchell, Daryl Moore, Angeles Ramirez, William Richardson, Pamela Rivers, and Yung Tran.**

The master's degree option builds on the credential courses, adding a Foundations of Information course, a research methods course, and a capstone seminar with directed research. Several of these students will be getting their credential and degree simultaneously. Present CSULB-credentialed LMTs may be eligible if their coursework is within the last five years. If interested, contact Dr. Farmer and the Program Web site: <http://www.csulb.edu/lmt>.

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LMT Program Infuses Diversity

The LMT credential and master's program has incorporated multiculturalism and diversity issues throughout the curriculum. In addition, many students come to the program with multicultural classes and CLAD certification. Therefore, the college has approved a change in the program whereby the separate multicultural course will no longer be required.

Additionally, a revised course in the Curriculum and Instruction program, EDCI 625 Analysis of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, more accurately meets candidates' needs for curriculum development and design.

The revised credential program requires 28 graduate units, and the master's degree program requires 37-40 graduate units.

Particularly with the need for LMTs and the current economic situation, facilitating the process for obtaining the credential becomes vital.

Budget Crunches and Scheduling

CSULB is suffering the same budget crunches as the rest of California. As a result, courses will be offered yearly or every 1.5 years. Dr. Farmer has saved the Granada Hills option in an effort to maintain effective service to the valley. Online courses have also been kept as a means to provide courses to outlying candidates. Fortunately, by offering these options for over a year, the program is able to remain stable instead of shrinking.

Outreach for Information Literacy

In an effort to expand collaboration between pre- and in-service teachers and LMTs, Dr. Farmer asked that teacher preparation programs place their candidates in high-technology schools to observe good infusion of technology *and* information literacy in the school library. Over 20 schools in the region have been designated as model sites, and most have CSULB graduates and supervising LMTs. Thanks for offering your services!

Important Dates

May 15-17:
CUE conference Anaheim

May 30:
Graduation Ceremony

June 8:
End-of-year Party

June 7:
Start of LI530A in Granada Hills

June 21:
Start of LI530B in Long Beach

Oct. 1
Deadline for spring acceptance; spring credential and degree candidacy

Movers and Shakers

Finishing their credentials in the last six months are **Leslie Alchanati, Cindy Aliff, Florence Butler, Maggie Chandler, Chris Cockcroft, Eileen Ekinada, Shaun Lloyd, Millicent Preston, and Linda Wong.**

Finishing their field experience are **Michael Breen, Anne Dallavalle, Juliet Dempsey, Karen Gonzalez, Adelgisa Grazziani, Stephanie Hall, John Hamrick, Janet Hasbrouck, Janet Heightland, Paula Hauske, Jane Lofton, Marc McPhee, Hal Morris, Donna Sharpe, Peggy Thill, and Jon Weinberg.**

Rosemary Bernier and Caroline Gill earned National Board certification in the field of library media. Rosemary wrote an article on the process for the spring 2003 *CSLA Journal*.

Guest lecturer **Sandy Schuckett** won a CSLA Honorary Membership Award for her years of librarianship and advocacy. Sandy still keeps her toes in both camps.

LBUSD Library Services Coordinator / CSULB LMT Advisory Board member / guest lecturer **Judy Hughes** will be retiring this spring. We will certainly miss her!

James Duke was selected as Outstanding Teacher of the Year at La Quinta High School.

Laurie Keough and Carol Robinson have been chosen to receive scholarships from the Friends of the Leisure World Library.

Stephanie Hall and Bob Graupensperger are running for CSLA Southern Section offices, Secretary and Region IV Representative respectively.

Cynthia Blair, Jefferson Middle School Library in Long Beach, taught an in-depth unit on Greek and Roman myths to several classes, culminating in a Myth-opardy game. This work was done to prepare for author Kate Hovey's dramatic presentation at the school, as part of LBUSD's author fest. The students appreciated the presentation much more, thanks to Cynthia's hard work.

Needed! A new newsletter title since we now have master's degree folks as well!
Send your ideas to Dr. Farmer.

June 8 Party! 1pm At Mimi's Café

12727 Towne Center Dr. in Cerritos

Join us to celebrate our grads!

Tour the new Cerritos Public Library afterwards!

RSVP to lfarmer@csulb.edu

Wanted: Nurturer! Alumni Ready to Blossom!

We need a couple of dedicated grads to expand the activities of CSULB LMTs alumni. Folks say they miss the camaraderie, and want to meet at least once a semester.

We need someone needs to maintain an alumni database, and someone to coordinate alumni activities. First activity is June 8 Party!

If interested, contact Dr. Farmer.

Farmer Speaks Out and Seeks Out

Dr. Lesley Farmer is surveying 7th, 9th and 11th graders about their attitudes and information literacy competency. She is researching a possible correlation between students' emotional maturity and their ability to do research projects. LMTs who want to participate in this study should contact her at lfarmer@csulb.edu.

This spring Dr. Farmer has presented at several conferences: Tech Ed conference, regional CSU system Teacher Education conference, and CUE. She will also be facilitating the CUE LME SIG business breakfast on May 17.

With keyboard letters wearing off by this point, Dr. Farmer is completing writing three books this year (a record!): *Student Success and School Library Programs: What the Research Says* (Libraries Unlimited), *Action Research* (American Library Association), and *Instructional Design and Technology* (Scarecrow Press). This fall she will finish editing CSLA's *Journal*, and start editing Special Library Association's *Education Libraries*.

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