

#### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear CED Alumni and Friends,

Best wishes to you for a happy and productive 2017! As the College's Interim Dean, I am energized by the passion and dedication of our faculty and students and the enthusiasm and support of our alumni and donors. The College of Education is a thriving teaching and learning community driven by the mission of promoting equity and excellence in education. We are proud of our excellent academic programs, innovative faculty research, commitment to student success, and partnerships with PK-16 partners and community agencies.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter. It highlights our students' accomplishments and record-breaking number of student scholarships awarded. You will meet our new tenure-track faculty and learn about our newly established Center on Educational Evaluation and Effectiveness. I invite you to get involved in the life of the College and stay in touch. Let us know about your successes, join us at College events, recommend students to our programs, sign up to mentor our developing educators, and reconnect with the College of Education.

#### Go Beach and Go Teach!!

Shireen Pavri Interim Dean



From left to right: Dr. Jacob Olsen, Dr. Caroline Lopez, Dr. Cathrine Maiorca, and Dr. Erin Biolchino

## Introducing Our New Assistant Professors

The College of Education is pleased to welcome four new tenure-track faculty this academic year: **Dr. Erin Biolchino** joins the Department of Educational Leadership. Her specialty is in the area of Educational Administration. She is currently serving on a dissertation committee related to special education inclusion. **Dr. Cathrine Maiorca** is new faculty in Math Education in the Department of Teacher Education. She is currently teaching in our clinical practice programs: UTEACH (Urban Teaching Academy) and UDCP (Urban Dual Credential Program). **Drs. Caroline Lopez** and **Jacob Olsen** are new faculty in the Department of Advanced Studies in Education and Counseling. Both Drs. Lopez and Olsen teach and conduct research in the area of School Counseling.

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## College of Education Scholarships

Thank you to our Donors who make it possible for our students to become excellent educators!



Our donors sustain and ensure the continued success of College of Education students by establishing and supporting scholarships. The College of Education typically offers over 100 scholarships to support students pursuing a career in education. Scholarships range from \$500-\$7,000. We also offer teaching grants for specific programs in the amount of up to \$4,000 per academic year via the TEACH Grant Program.

This school year, we increased both the number of scholarships and the total dollar amount awarded – we distributed **116 scholarships** totaling over **\$243,973**!

If you are interested in contributing to, or creating a scholarship for the College of Education, please contact <u>Hayley Miller</u> or visit <u>https://www.ced.csulb.edu/development</u>.

### Empowering Graduate Students to Accomplish Their Goals

Lorena Camargo Gonzalez and Dolores Lopez, both students in the Social and Cultural Analysis of Education (SCAE) Master's Program were awarded the highly coveted Sally Casanova award. The Pre-Doctoral award provides opportunities for students in the CSU who have experienced economic and/ or educational obstacles to explore doctoral study, thereby increasing the pool of future CSU faculty.

Lorena and Dolores credit Professor Dr. Lindsay Pérez Huber as key to their success in the SCAE program and in their receiving this prestigious award. Like their professor, both students are passionate about the empowerment of those who are disenfranchised within the educational system. This theme is reflected in their research interests and future plans for doctoral study.

Dr. Pérez Huber is enthusiastic about paying it forward, and says that providing support to students is very important and personal. As a first generation College student herself, she had mentors along the way who helped her reach her academic goals. Lorena and Dolores plan to continue in Professor Pérez Huber's footsteps by providing mentorship to the students they, in turn, will serve.



From left to right: Dolores Lopez, Dr. Lindsay Pérez Huber, Lorena Camargo Gonzalez

## Liberal Studies Student Association (LSSA) is Committed to The Development of its Members



Top: Kate Farrel, Miles Valencia, Ashley Schmitt Middle: Solangel Valencia, Precious Zaragoza Bottom: Amy Tran LSSA is dedicated to enhancing the college experience of Liberal Studies students through professional development and social networking activities. The organization is a wonderful group of students who are committed to their Liberal Studies degrees and future teaching careers. Members organize social events to connect with one another throughout the semester, as well as coordinate mixers and fundraisers.

Please let us know if you'd like to join in any LSSA events as an alum by contacting us here: <a href="mailto:csulblssainfo@gmail.com">csulblssainfo@gmail.com</a>.

If you are an alum interested in mentoring current students please visit this link: web.csulb.edu/alumni/association/mentor.php.

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## Ed.D. Student Awarded Prestigious American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Fellowship

Elizabeth Primero, a student in the Educational Leadership doctoral program, was selected as a 2017 Graduate Fellow by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), a highly competitive national recognition. The fellowship is awarded to students in graduate or doctoral work who have demonstrated service to the Hispanic and or Latino community and aspire to establish a career in higher education. As a Fellow with the AAHHE, Elizabeth is invited to present her research at the annual national conference in March 2017 in Irvine, CA. Elizabeth's research focuses on cultural relevance of high impact practices within higher education.

#### **EVENTS**



#### Long Beach State Men's Basketball LBSU vs. Hawai'i Sat. March 4th 3:00pm

Come join the College of Education to celebrate your 'Go Beach' spirit and cheer on our Basketball team! First 150 attendees will receive a free Go Beach, Go Teach spirit item to help cheer on our team. For tickets, please visit <a href="https://www.longbeachstate.com/goteach.">www.longbeachstate.com/goteach.</a>

#### ED Week March 20th to March 24th

During the week of March 20th - 24th, the College of Education is sponsoring CSULB Education Week.
Activities and events are planned

throughout the week to help students learn more about the College of Education's undergraduate, credential and graduate programs.

## Better Together Teachers Summit Friday, July 28th

Teachers share and learn with each other about classroom innovation and shaping the future of education in California. The summit will be held on University Campuses across California. For more information

please visit cateacherssummit.com.

# Center for Evaluation and Educational Effectiveness Makes Significant Contributions to Student Success

In March 2015, the College inaugurated the new Center for Evaluation and Educational

Effectiveness (CEEE)—

pronounced "C". The center has a dual mission: to be a laboratory for students to learn about evaluation of educational programs and to serve the



Front Row (from left to right): Esperanza Aceves, Kamisha Sullivan, Jeremy Smotherman, Melissa Mahoney Back Row (from left to right): Jason Cong, Makisha Glover-Hill, Whitney Young, Dr. Don Haviland, Dr. Avery Olson

educational community by using evaluation to promote stronger programs and, ultimately, student success.

CEEE is heavily engaged in research on supporting the success of traditionally underrepresented groups in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). According to CEEE director <u>Don Haviland</u>, "STEM fields are where our nation has some of its greatest needs . . . We are very excited about working in this area because it allows us to help others [determine what areas of their programs are successful, and areas where we can invest resources for students]."

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