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**Barbara Ward Memorial LMT  
Scholarship Established**

CSULB's most eminent LMT program coordinator, Barbara Ann Ward, passed away on September 2, 2003. In her memory, a scholarship program has been established so that yearly \$500 scholarships can be awarded. Donations to the Barbara Ward Memorial Library Media Teacher Scholarship may be sent to the College of Education's Department of Development.

When Advisory Board member Richard Moore heard about Dr. Ward's death, he was moved to write:

The marvelous lady who got me started in this business has passed away. For me, she was the one who smiled and said "Of course!" when I first suggested to her that I might become a librarian. She was always there for advice and counsel, and made sure the kid who was finding his way got some help from CSLA's scholarship fund.

Barbara would smile when you challenged an assignment, and allow you to talk yourself into a larger assignment just so something new could be created. Her enthusiasm for her vocation was so contagious that you wouldn't notice the increase until you were nearly done. And then she'd get you to do it again.

It wasn't enough to become an excellent librarian. She would bring you back to share your stories with the new recruits, promote your activity in the professional associations (then CASL and CAEMAT), and send new candidates to do fieldwork so you'd have to get your act together and replicate her teachings.

And she was a joyous spirit. Serious about her and our work, her smile was easily triggered and her delight in your victories was genuine. When she retired, I presented her with an Angels jersey with WARD / 027.8 on the back. I declared that she was one of California's angels then I repeat it today.

Heaven is about to get a little bit better organized -- for the use of its patrons!

## Alumni Association Activates

Thanks to the efforts of a strong steering committee, the CSULB LMT Alumni Association is being re-activated. A new BeachBoard organization site is available for LMT students and alumni to share news, events, professional development, projects, and studies.

Under the lively leadership of **Helen Cox, Susan Lawson, Sandra Patton, and Gail Van Vranken**, a BeachBoard presence is being established as a way to communicate anytime, anywhere. They are also looking for ways to facilitate continuing education and social events. Another goal is to support incoming LMTs through scholarships and mentoring.

To get the newsletter, support the program and scholarship, and be actively involved, you can join the LMT Alumni Association by paying \$10 c/o CSULB LMT Program. The College of Education Department of Development will accept checks and credit cards. You may also send checks to **Susan Baranich-Grady** at Foshay Learning Center, 3751 S. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90018.

To join BeachBoard, get a free account by emailing [inspired@csulb.edu](mailto:inspired@csulb.edu). You can then self-“enroll” in the LMT Alumni BeachBoard site, which is found at <http://beachboard.csulb.edu>.

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([www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org))

## California Conference Calling

Along with Dr. Farmer, Many CSULB affiliated LMTs are presenting at this year’s CSLA conference:

- Program grads (several more than listed here): **Karen Harmon, Kitty Kroger, Mary Ann Mailloux, Anne Polkingham**
- Field experience supervising LMTs: **Rebecca Johnston, Caroline Gill, Carlton Martz, Rosemarie Bernier, Alice O’Grady, Steve Grant, Gail Richmond, Nina Jackson**
- Adjunct faculty: **Joyce Roth, Marsha Davies**
- Guest lecturers: **Susan McGlamery, Sandy Schuckett**
- Advisory Board members: **Richard Moore, Susan Lawson**

Present program candidate **Lorraine Wiener**, grad **Gail Van Vranken**, and Dr. Farmer will present at CLA’s conference. Dr. Farmer will also present at the Arizona Library Association conference in December.

## Important Dates

Nov. 12-16

CSLA conference in Ontario

Nov. 13, 6:30pm

CSULB LMT Alumni Assn.  
Meeting

Nov. 16-18

CLA conference

Jan. 31

Beginning of spring semester

Feb. 7

OC CUE Tech Fair

Mar. 1

Deadline for spring  
acceptance; spring credential  
and degree candidacy

## Passages

Ten students have been admitted to the LMT credential program for spring 2004: **Deanna Barber, Brian Burki, Mary Donberg, Rachel Hall-Kyle, Andrea King, Liz Maggio, Melissa Rhone-Parris, Sarah Sine, Doug Westenskow, and Rozanne Williams. Deanna Guzman, Gloria Lorton, Amy Martin, and Sandra Olrich Michaels** have been accepted into the Master's degree program, which builds on the credential courses. Deanna Guzman already has her credential, so is taking just those additional courses. Present CSULB-credentialed LMTs may be eligible if their coursework can be shown to reflect current knowledge and application. If interested, contact Dr. Farmer and the Program URL: <http://www.csulb.edu/lmt>.

Finishing their credentials in the last six months are **Michael Denman, Claudia Farmer, Karen Gonzalez, Stephanie Hall, Paula Hauske, Janet Heightland, Byron Heiser, and Jan Oonchitti.**

Finishing their field experience are **Leslie Beaton-Snyder, Caitlin Casement, Liz Maggio, Kathie Maier, Carol Robinson, and Patricia Simmons.**

Advisory Board member **John D'Amicantonio** is pursuing a Ph.D in library science at UCLA.

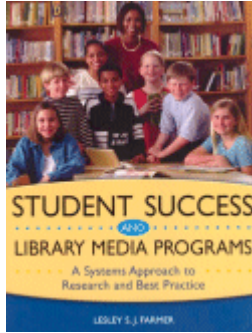
**Susan Lawson** was awarded Outstanding part-time Instructor for Chapman University.

**Kathy Foss** is presenting at the Nevada Library Association/Western Plains conference in November. She is working on a 2d edition of her and **Ann Lathrop's** book *Student cheating and plagiarism in the Internet era* (Libraries Unlimited).

## Program Status

The LMT Program is holding its own, mainly because it is offering more courses on a hybrid (i.e., combination of face-to-face and online) basis. It is attracting students in the San Jose and Sacramento areas as a result. Budgeting continues to be tight, and most classes are offered every 1.5 years. More students are choosing to take two classes per semester to offset fee increases. Dr. Farmer is exploring the possibility of offering continuing education workshops as a service to the field and another way to keep grads current.

**See you at CSLA: Thursday at 6:30pm  
at the DoubleTree gazebo!**



### **Author! Author!**

**Dr. Lesley Farmer** has two new books published this October: *Student Success and School Library Programs: A Systems Approach to Research and Best Practice* (Libraries Unlimited) and *Action Research* (American Library Association). This fall she will finish editing CSLA's *Journal*, and start editing Special Library Association's *Education Libraries*.

### **Presenting!**

**Dr. Farmer** presented a session on the Orange County/KOCE-TV information literacy video series and the CSULB web site

(<http://www.csulb.edu/~lfarmer/infolitwebstyle.htm>) at the Association for Education Communications and Technology conference in Ontario in October. She is also serving as California's representative to AECT.

At AASL's national conference in Kansas City, field experience coordinator **Shirley Weisman** and **Dr. Farmer** presented a session on collaboration (Lesley's presentation was done via CD-ROM since she was at AECT on that day). On Saturday, **Dr. Farmer** talked about TappedIn with Pam Berger, gave a talk on teenagers' perspectives of electronic reference service, and shared her research on library media program implementation and student success. **Dr. Farmer** received the AASL Judy Pitts Research Award for her work.

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