

# NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## Message from the Dean

California State University, Long Beach will celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> year since its founding as Los Angeles-Orange County State College in September 1949. Teacher Education was established as one of the original three disciplines of study at this brand-new University. Seventy years later, the College of Education is widely recognized as being amongst the nation's premier educator preparation institutions. Indeed, we are a powerhouse in the preparation of future educators. The College granted 962 education credentials in 2018-2019, and is ranked third in the state in the number of teachers we prepare!

We in the College have collectively envisioned a future where equity and excellence serve as hallmarks of urban education systems. This vision for education is now more important than ever, and drives our values, priorities, and initiatives. In close collaboration with our community partners, the College has a remarkable impact on education in our region, and across the nation through our students, faculty, staff, and our rich network of over 45,000 alumni!

I hope you enjoy watching our new [College video](#) and catching up on the College's partnerships, programs, and accomplishments through this newsletter. It is through working together that we serve our region and transform lives.

Go Beach, Go Teach, Go Lead!!

Shireen Pavri, Ph.D.  
Dean

## NEWS & NOTES

### College of Education Celebrates its Master Teachers at Summer Institute

"You don't work for me, you work with me," master teacher, Tami Saiki, of Torrance's Seaside Elementary summed up the collaborative goal of the master teacher experience at the Master Teacher Institute held this summer in Seal Beach... [Read more](#)



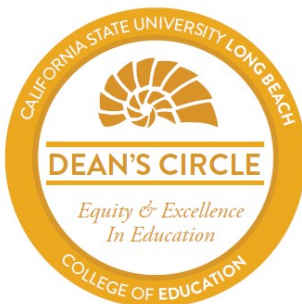


## Pre-service Teachers Expand Classroom Skills in CED Summer STEM Camp

Machine-building, robot-making, finger print dusting, 3D pens, skull investigation, and rocket launching. It's all in a week's work for Dr. Cathrine Maiorca and her team of pre-service teachers at the College of Education's yearly STEM @ the Beach summer camp... [Read more](#)

## Ninth Annual Educational Leadership Symposium: Investing in our Educational Future

In January, the Educational Leadership Department held its 9th Annual Educational Leadership Symposium. Centered around the theme, "Investing in Our Educational Future: Today, Tomorrow, Together", this year's symposium challenged attendees to think about the status of higher education as it stands today, where it should be in the future, and what educational leaders can do to accomplish these goals together... [Read more](#)



## Introducing Dean's Circle

Dean's Circle members provide annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Dean's Excellence Fund. These donors are absolutely vital to equity and excellence in education at CSULB, supporting College priorities that have significant impact on student success such as our study abroad stipend for students, faculty, and innovative curriculum development... [Read more](#)

## STUDENT PROFILE

**The College of Education's Outstanding Graduate 2019: Emely Lopez**

Emely Lopez earned a B.A. degree in Liberal Studies, and plans to spend her working life helping others achieve success in their own education. Lopez, whose parents came to the United States from Mexico as young adults, is the first member of her family to go to college...

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## **Student Jennifer Montepeque Diaz Wins 1st Place Again in Research Competition**

School Psychology graduate student, Jennifer Montepeque Diaz has been awarded 1st place in Education at the 33rd Annual CSU Research Competition. Montepeque Diaz's winning paper, "Cebolla que hace llorar, da sabor a la comida: Promoting college enrollment for Latinas with disabilities..." [Read more](#)

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## **FACULTY FOCUS**

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### **Dr. Lindsay Pérez Huber Receives the 2019 Derrick Bell Legacy Award**

Dr. Lindsay Pérez Huber has been awarded the 2019 Derrick Bell Legacy Award for her work as a senior critical race scholar and contributions to the field of Critical Race Studies in Education. The award from the Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA), the leading national organization for critical race scholars and practitioners, is awarded annually by a peer jury to scholars whose work is seen as advancing issues of social justice, equity, and activism in education research... [Read more](#)

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### **Dr. Jessica Pandya Receives University Achievement Award for Outstanding Faculty Impact Accomplishment in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity**

Dr. Jessica Pandya, Department Chair, Liberal Studies has received the University Achievement Award from Academic Affairs for Outstanding Faculty Impact Accomplishment in Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity. This university award honors research, scholarly or creative work conducted within the

previous 18 months... [Read more](#)

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### **Dr. Jolan Smith Receives the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award, Honored at AERA**

CED faculty, Dr. Jolan Smith, has been awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award for her work “Lessons Learned: Collaboration with School Psychologists within a Juvenile Detention Setting” conducted while a student. The award honors research in the field of special education that focuses on children, adolescents, and adults with disabilities. Dr. Smith was honored by the Special Education Research Special Interest Group (SER-SIG) at this year’s American Educational Research... [Read more](#)

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### **Dr. Cara Richards-Tutor Receives Samuel A. Kirk Award**

Dr. Cara Richards-Tutor has received the 2018 Samuel A. Kirk Award for her research article, “Review of Single Subject Research Examining the Effectiveness of Interventions for At-risk English Learners” included in *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice*. The winning article surveyed 10 case studies and reviewed the efficacy of interventions in English language learners at risk of or with learning disabilities... [Read more](#)

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### **NPR’s NextGenRadio Shines a Light on Dr. Huong Nguyen**

Teacher Education Professor, Dr. Huong Nguyen recently shared her U.S. immigration story with NPR’s NextGenRadio. The article shares stories of discrimination faced by Dr. Nguyen during her early career, but also the valued legacy of teaching excellence and empathy that Dr. Nguyen has fostered throughout her career as an educator... [Read more](#)



**CED ALUMNI**



### **Meet Mary Stanton, College of Education Distinguished Alumna**

Mary Stanton is a tireless educator whose extensive career has impacted countless students and improved the institutions of California’s third-largest school district, Long Beach Unified. She earned her degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Music Education in 1965 and has been

dedicated to the development of our school system ever since... [Read more](#)

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## **CED Alum Leigh Kokenes Named School Psychologist of the Year by NASP**

CED alumna, Leigh Kokenes (School Psychology '05) was named School Psychologist of the Year by National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). Kokenes is a School Psychologist in North Carolina where she has worked in the Wake County Public School System since 2006. When asked how the College of Education's School Psychology credential program prepared her for the field Kokenes replied... [Read more](#)



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