

SPOTLIGHTS

IMPORTANT DATES

April 20 Zoom with the Chair -- Semesters

If you are reading this- you probably are aware of the change to semesters in Fall of next year (2020). It is important that you know how this impacts you and what your options are. If you are not graduating before Spring 2020 - please login to this Zoom with the Chair session Saturday April 20 at 9 am

https://csusb.zoom.us/j/811390278.

Registration Update

This is the second week of class and no students will be added if they have not been attending class - regardless of whether there is space. In only one month we will start Registration for Summer and at the end of May registration for Fall starts. Please contact me with any questions you may have on your schedule planning.

ASPA Sections

Our professional association, the American Society for Public Administration has a variety of "Sections" or interest groups on aspects of public administration. See the list of them HERE. Here is an opportunity to network with professionals and scholars on what interests you and see what is currently important in the area. One of the Sections is the Conference of Minority Public Administrators or COMPA. our own Dr. Marc Fudge has been a leader of this Section and can answer any questions about it. You can also view the program of the annual

conference they just held last month.

JHBC Strategic Plan

CSUSB has a University Strategic Plan developed in 2015. You can see it HERE. The Jack H Brown College of Business and Public Administration has a complementary strategic plan for the College that is revised each year. It contains specific activities we are doing to address the plan. See the revised College plan HERE. The College is looking for reactions from students, staff, and alumni. After reading the plan they invite feedback HERE.

Open Government

MPA student and current City of San Bernardino City Clerk, Gigi Hanna recently wrote an op ed calling for more transparency in government. Her opinion piece is worth a read. Read it HERE.

Alumni Notes

Will Luna (MPA 2017) took Bob Miller's PA 670 Emergency Management class are recently was hired as an Emergency Management Educator. He comments, "I am now learning all the trainings required by FEMA and will be assisting with the CERT trainings in Riverside County. Thank you again for all the assistance and for sparking my interest in the field. I still remember the practical knowledge you brought up from the Apollo 11 movie, "work the problem people, let's not make more mistakes by guessing" and I keep that in mind when things get complicated."

Kevin Teagarden (MPA 2015) was recently promoted to Management Analyst for the Public Works Department in the City of Moreno Valley. He notes: "I was prepared to begin this new role based upon my previous work experience and the curriculum that I learned while completing the MPA program at CSUSB. The MPA program provided in-depth information about a variety of program areas, and it also provided a well-rounded understanding of the best practices for efficient Government Administration. I continue to implement the practices I learned from the MPA program on a daily basis throughout my career."

April 13 Diversity Symposium

April 22 Spring Census

April 26 Spring Comprehensive Exam

April 27 Spring Advancement to Candidacy Advising

May 11 Pi Alpha Alpha Induction

May 8 Summer Registration Begins

May 27 Memorial Day Campus Closed

May 28 Fall Registration Begins

June 15 Commencement- Ontario Business Arena

OPPORTUNITIES

Inland Empire ASPA Scholarships

Our local section of ASPA offers scholarships to students pursuing MPA degrees. There are no other qualifications other than being a student. We often have very few applications. I encourage you to send in yours! Go to http://www.ieaspa.org/ and select student resources. There you should find a link to download the application form. It also requires a 2 page essay about yourself. Send your application and essay to either Anna Ni.gov/ or Shontel Zamora - our CSUSB ASPA Board members. Here is a link to their flyer.

Cybersecurity Scholarships

The CyberCorps: Scholarship for Service Program (SFS) at California State University, San Bernardino is once again open for applications to students who are interested in studying cybersecurity. The scholarship is open to all students who have two years of coursework still to complete and enrolled in a cybersecurity related degree program. A technical background is not needed—only an interest in cybersecurity. Complete information and application material can be found at cyber.csusb.edu. Deadline is May 1, 2019.

Undergraduate students accepted into the program will have tuition and books paid for and will receive a stipend of \$22,500 per year. Graduate students accepted will have their tuition and books paid for and receive stipends of \$34,000 per year.

Scholarship recipients must work after graduation for a Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Government organization in a position related to cybersecurity for a period equal to the length of the scholarship. For

more information about the Cybersecurity Center in the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration, and the SFS program, contact cyber@csusb.edu or call 909-537-5702.

Latino Legislative Caucus Scholarship

The CA Latino Legislative Caucus Foundation's Scholarship Program is taking applications now. At least thirty-five (35) \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. Students must be full time students (undergraduate or graduate) in good academic standing at an accredited college or university. Complete scholarship requirements and details are available at the Foundation's website: www.cllcf.org The deadline for submitting the online application and all supporting documentation is June 1, 2019.

FBI Recruitment

The FBI's Los Angeles Field Office is hosting an #UnexpectedAgent Recruiting Night on May 7, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.. This event is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Special Agent Career Path, networking with Special Agents having a wide array of investigative experiences and hearing directly from the Physical Fitness and Applicant Unit about the application process. Attendance is free and parking is complimentary. Attached is the flyer for this event and the Registration link.

State Assembly Member Seeks Chino Field Rep

Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez is looking for a Field Representative for his District Office in Chino, CA. https://a52.asmdc.org/ See the position announcement HERE.

CSUSB Diversity Symposium 4/13

The CSUSB Diversity Committee (members who include Dr. Kimberly Collins and myself) and the Westside Action Group are co-sponsoring a Symposium on Race Relations and Social Justice: Dismantling Systems of Racism and Exclusion for a Better IE - on Saturday April 13. Keynote Address by Dr. Gail Christopher who will discuss racial healing. Join us at the SMSU Union at 9 am. View the FLYER HERE.

Gender Equality

The 50/50 movement at CSUSB is a global initiative for people to engage in conversation about working towards a more gender-balanced world in all sectors of society: business, politics, culture, home, and more. All this with one theme: #GettingTo5050, a gender-balanced world that's better for everyone. All genders. All races. All ages. All issues. CSUSB is hosting our second annual 50/50 movement on May 9th, 2019

from 12-2:00 pm and would like to invite you to participate. Go to the <u>Evenbrite registration</u> to sign up.

ASPA Memberships

The PA Department will pay for one year of your student membership in the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). We encourage you to continually engage in your profession. Leaders are engaged!

Contact Toni Ditty with your request.

MPA/PA Social Media- Follow Us!

Did you know that we have a Facebook Page? Twitter? Instagram?

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The Public Administration Department at California State University, San Bernardino provides student centered learning that prepares students to become effective public service and nonprofit professionals and community members. We serve students and communities, primarily from the Inland Empire region of Southern California and surrounding areas through enhancing the knowledge of public affairs, administration, and policy of a highly diverse population. We are committed to teaching ethical behavior, democratic values and the practical complexities of governance. To sustain and constantly enrich our educational offerings, we support faculty efforts to remain current in their fields and to develop and disseminate knowledge of public administration and pedagogy through applied and basic research.

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