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PA Digest

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SPOTLIGHTS

IMPORTANT DATES

Keep in Touch!

If you are reading this, you are probably not the ones I am trying to reach. :(But..... I still want to encourage you to contact me or Toni or Marisol whenever there are any issues about your program that you are uncertain about-- or if there are any problems you are encountering. We want to help you!! But we can only do that if we know what is happening. Please also let Marisol know if you have a change in phone number or non-CSUSB email.

Zoom with the Chair - FRIDAY NOON July 26

Part of keeping in touch is to join me in our monthly informal Zoom sessions. I want to hear your thoughts about your program and anything else public administration related. This time we will meet during the lunch hour Friday July 26 and see how many of you find that time more convenient. My theme for this session is How to Search for stuff! I will share my tips and practices and ask you to share your strategies. The world today is all about Information Literacy. The zoom link will be <https://csusb.zoom.us/j/284487960>

Fall Registration

If you have not yet registered, please do it NOW!!!!

We will welcome over 100 new students this Fall. Our program has a growing reputation that is drawing interest across California. If you want a class that is full, make sure to put your name on the wait list. That is how I determine whether I need to add a new section of the course. In

order to avoid problems with your schedule, PLEASE keep a personal planner, similar to the Q2S Planning Sheet and note when classes are on campus or online. Your planning NOW avoids problems later. See the schedules on the [MPA](#) and [PA](#) Advising pages.

PA 590/Special Topics

PA 590 is a course designation that covers a variety of things. It is our special topics number- for classes that have not yet been listed in the catalog. It is also a designation for undergraduate sections of graduate online classes. Unfortunately the schedule does not put the title of those courses at the top-- they just say "Special Topics." Please note that we have four PA 590s in the Fall.

[Nonprofit students take note!](#)

- a) PA 590 section 01 is Fundraising, Grantwriting and Leadership for Nonprofits.
- b) PA 590 section 71 is Executive Nonprofit Leadership (MPA section)
- c) PA 590 section 72 is Executive Nonprofit Leadership (Undergrad section).
- d) PA 590 Section 70 is the Undergraduate section of PA 564 Local Government Administration.

Confusing, I know. Please call with any questions.

2019-2020 Comprehensive Exam Questions

Next year's Comprehensive Exam questions have been posted to the [website](#). All MPA students should review these questions and consider how their classes are preparing them. Talk to your instructors! Also posted are next year's exam dates and Exam Review dates.

Welcome to Sharon Pierce and Pamela Medina

This Fall we will welcome Dr. Pamela Medina who will join us from the University of Colorado, Denver. She will teach Research Methods and Nonprofit Fundraising and Grantwriting. She will teach PA 680 in future quarters. We are delighted that Dr. Sharon Pierce will begin her time as a full time Assistant Professor. Dr. Pierce has taught for us as an Instructor for several years, teaching PA 315, PA 305, PA 603 PA 619. She will add PA 662 to her portfolio.

NEW CSUSB HR Director Alex Najera MPA 2007

Congratulations to Alex Najera. One of our top graduates is returning to take on the important role of Director of Human Resources for the University. Alex completed his MPA in 2007 with a perfect 4.0 gpa. We

are delighted to have him return.

Summer Hours

Throughout July and August the University will be on a 4/10 schedule- 7 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday- and closed Fridays

July 25 last day Summer 1

July 26 (Friday) Zoom with the Chair

July 31 First day Summer 2

August 8 Summer II Census

August 29 Last Day Summer Classes

September 3-6 Summer Final Exams

September 19 First Day Fall Classes

September 21 New MPA Student Orientation

OPPORTUNITIES

CSUSB Employee Scholarship

If you are a CSUSB Employee in the MPA program, your predecessors want to assist. MPA Alumni have created a scholarship to support CSUSB Employees. Please apply [HERE](#). Deadline is August 30.

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.

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