# Graduate Studies Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2020



Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

# Message from the Dean



rst and foremost, my whole-hearted congratulations to all of you who completed your degree requirements this spring and are now proud holders of a graduate diploma from California State University, San Bernardino. This pivotal achievement speaks to your commitment to academic excellence, your hard work and your character. Your experience in graduate school deepened your professional knowledge, opened the door to research and creative activities, and was an important milestone in your life. This milestone might have created an important pathway to your next endeavor, as it did for Ariana Cano, who will start a Ph.D. program this fall, and who is featured in this newsletter. And, since the end of the spring quarter marks the end of the academic year, under normal circumstances, you and your family would celebrate your success in June at the University Commencement Ceremony.

However, the global COVID-19 pandemic thrust itself into our lives and created a new normal – the world of virtual modality and social distancing. Since March 20, the University has moved its courses to an alternative delivery of instruction eliminating all in-person classes and meetings. As we face the uncertainties of this new reality on a daily basis, I hope that you are taking care of

yourself, and I would like to bring to your attention the newsletter's "The Wellness Connection" piece. Check out April Lane's tips for maintaining both physical and mental health. As this current crisis continues, our ability to study and work well might be impaired if we don't take care of ourselves first.

And yet, despite these challenging, pandemic circumstances, during this Spring, several graduate students garnered awards and accolades for their remarkable achievements in academic pursuits and research. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

In response to COVID-19, the Office of Graduate Studies transitioned to virtual operations not only maintaining all its existing programs and services but also creating new activities such as a Virtual Coffee Chat and a Weekly Roundup. I commend our Graduate Studies team for their unwavering commitment to providing the best services to our students and for helping our students to weather this unprecedented crisis and succeed in their educational goals.

Stay safe and healthy.

--Dorota Huizinga

# Message from the Faculty Director

ongratulations to all of you for persevering through a very challenging but also rewarding spring 2020 quarter! Not only did you successfully transition to virtual instruction, but you completed your last spring quarter ever at CSUSB.

2020 has indeed been a year of change and adaptation. Like many others, the Office of Graduate Studies, graduate programs, and graduate students transformed their activities into virtual spaces in response to the need for social distancing. At the end of the day, we learned a great deal about the challenges of virtual graduate education but also about the unexpected opportunities that virtual spaces afford us. For instance, in response to our new virtual context, the Office of Graduate Studies began sending all graduate students the Graduate Studies Weekly Roundup, a forum that will endure. We also moved our PREP program and Apply to Graduate School Week to virtual formats and found that when we return to the face-to-face mode, we will continue to offer these types of programs both virtually and face-to-face as they allow an alternate means of participation for busy graduate students.



Highlighted in the summer 2020 newsletter are the many graduate students who won accolades and awards in the 2019-2020 academic year. Graduate students thrived at the virtual Meeting of the Minds and at the virtual Student Research Competition, several moving on to the statewide competition. In addition, programs, such as Communication Studies, provided their own virtual platforms for their graduate student researchers to present their work. Several CSUSB graduate students are also successfully making the transition to prestigious Ph.D. programs. Finally, The MBA Service Team won a Gold CSUSB President Volunteer Service Award in 2019-2020. We are proud of these accomplishments!

As we transition to fall semester 2020, CSUSB is offering new graduate programs and the Office of Graduate Studies is working toward an interesting and engaging Graduate Student Orientation program for fall 2020. We look forward to a groundbreaking first ever fall 2020 semester.

All best, Caroline Vickers

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# Meeting of the Minds Symposium 2020 Goes Virtual

he Office of Student Research hosted it's 9th annual Meeting of the Minds Research Symposium, as part of the Office of Academic Research's yearly Research Week festivities, designed to celebrate the academic achievements of students and faculty at the CSUSB campus.

Though Meeting of the Minds found itself, like seemingly all things, virtual, it did not deter the nearly 215 student presenters from nearly every academic discipline from displaying their work, nor the 95 faculty mentors and the 54 faculty judges.

Meeting of the Minds exhibits student work via oral and poster presentations, culminating in a one-day event wherein both graduate and undergraduate students can engage with their peers and mentors about their ongoing research.

CSUSB President Tomás Morales was quoted in his opening video for the event, saying "Studies have shown doing research with a faculty mentor is among the most memorable and inspiring activities for undergraduate and graduate students," and that "Research is a vital part of the student experience. It heightens academic involvement by encouraging and promoting student inquiry, discovery and creativity." Director for the Office of Student Research and lauded

faculty member Dr. Christina Hassija echoes President Morales in her remarks, "Today your work here is one piece of the larger puzzle and can go on to have significant impacts. Your work today is literally defining the future".

Participants with the best oral and poster presentations received an award and were recognized during a virtual reception and award ceremony on May 15th. We are happy to congratulate the winners of the 9th annual Meeting of the Minds Symposium. You make our CSUSB community proud!

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# The Wellness Connection

by April Lane, MPH, CHES

#### A Season of Transformation

When I originally wrote this article, I wrote about how this time of year brings about a nostalgic and contemplative state of mind for me. How the days getting longer and warmer, and the promise of summertime just around the corner, brings about a feeling of lightness.

Then, COVID-19 hit and life as we know it changed in what seemed like an instant. As most of you can probably relate, I ride a tidal wave of emotions every day. Just to name a few, I fluctuate between feeling confident and anxious, happy and depressed, and contented and frustrated. It's truly exhausting. However, one thing that doesn't fluctuate is my feeling of hope. Yes, hope! No matter what happens, I have a deep-seated belief that everything will be ok.

A good friend reminded me that I – all of us actually – have more control over this pandemic than we may think. So, while I am working from my living room, I thought I'd share what I am doing to maintain my emotional, mental and physical health during this time and hopefully bolster your hope as well.

#### **Physical Health**

- I am staying home to help flatten the curve.
- I am following the recommendations of frequent
   20-second handwashing, not touching my face, and wearing a face-covering when I leave the house
- I am eating regular meals and increasing my fruit and vegetable intake. A healthy immune system is more important than ever.
- I am physically active every day. Yes, you can go outside for exercise, but please maintain the recommended six-foot distance from others. An inside dance party is fun too!
- I do my best to get sunlight every day.



• I make sure I take frequent rest breaks and get enough sleep.

#### **Emotional and Mental Health**

- I am keeping a gratitude journal. It reminds me that I really do have much to be grateful for.
- I maintain a schedule as close to "normal" as I can.
- I reach out via phone, text, email and social media every day. We may be physically isolated but we must stay in contact with those who are important to us.
- I am making plans for the future (vacations, day trips, and other things on my bucket list).
- I limit the amount of information about COVID-19 that
   I take in every day and I only visit trusted sites like the
   Centers for Disease Control and Prevention .
- I will seek professional help if needed. Help coping with stress is available and 211.org is a comprehensive source of local social services and information.

We are living in trying times and I hope you are all managing well. Let this serve as a wake-up call for us to examine the lives we may have taken for granted.

Countless individuals will face major financial challenges, mourn the loss of family and friends, and try to find a way to pick up the pieces to rebuild their life. Be kind to each other. Be kind to yourself. And, if you can, reach out to someone you know who could use your help.

Until next time, I wish you all the best. Stay safe and stay healthy. Reach out to your family and friends and tell them how much they mean to you. Do it now. And, when we can all be back on campus together again, stop by to say hi. I am so excited for that day!

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very spring, the Office of Graduate Studies holds an Apply to Graduate School Campaign to introduce CSUSB undergraduate students to graduate education opportunites at CSUSB. The week-long program traditionally features an open house at Graduate Studies, information sessions on our graduate programs, and application workshops.

Though campus closures meant this year's campaign was not able to take place on campus, this did not deter us from wanting to provide our students with this opportunity to explore graduate school, so we moved the party online! The virtual edition of the campaign was highly successful, boasting more than 200 students tuning in for various sessions!

We started the week with a virtual open house, which displayed our newly remodeled office space, and a meet n' greet with our Office of Graduate Studies staff.

Tuesday was our Program Information Session, so we gathered our program coordinators onto Zoom and created a host of breakout rooms, one for each program. Students had the opportunity to meet program coordinators and get more information on what each program had to offer. Those who were undecided met with Erma Cross, our graduate student recruiter, for guidance and suggestions.

With Wednesday came our Application Information Session, where we went over the application process step-by-step and held a tutorial on how to write a stellar statement of purpose.

On Thursday we discussed funding opportunities available to graduate students, including tuition assistance, research, and programs designed to support those looking to go on for a doctoral degree. We wrapped up the week with the ever-popular Office of Student Research. Representatives talked about the many resources they offer graduate students, including funding to attend conferences, support research, opportunities for faculty mentorship, and more. The feedback we received thus far from participating students has been wholly positive, citing the event as "extremely insightful" and "convenient to have all aspects of graduate school info housed in one event." Current and prospective graduate students who would like to learn more about graduate education funding can contact our Graduate Resource Specialist, April Lane, for assistance at alane@csusb.edu.

To find out more information about the resources available through the Office of Student Research, please contact Danielle White at osr@csusb.edu.

# **Awards & Accolades**

The Office of Graduate Studies recognizes the following students and alumni for their remarkable achievements:

**Luis Esparza**, (MA Communication Studies, 2020) has been accepted into two Ph.D. programs with full funding. The generous offers were made by the University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico.

**Ariana Cano** (MA Communication Studies, 2018) was accepted into four prestigious doctoral programs: The University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the University of Illinois, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Minnesota. All offers include full funding.

**Elizabeth Rahmani**, (MS Clinical/Counseling Psychology) received the 2019-2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Research and Creative Activities Award from the Office of Student Research. The award recognizes exemplary scholastic work in both academics and research.

A hearty congratulations to our outstanding students and alumni! We know you will go far and look forward to hearing about your future successes!

#### **CSU Student Research Competition**

Eleven CSUSB students participated in the 34th annual CSU Student Research Competition hosted virtually by CSU East Bay, April 24th-25th. The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate scholarly research and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments. Students are nominated to participate by their home campus and present written and oral overviews of their research projects at the two-day competition.

Two CSUSB undergraduate presentations were recognized at this year's event:

Edward Zakher, an undergraduate student in the Department of Economics, was named the second place winner in the "Undergraduate Business, Economics, and

Public Administration" category for his presentation titled, "A Reason to Move, a State-Wide Story."

Nikolay Maslov and Aaron Keniston, undergraduate students in the Department of Biochemistry, were named second place winners in the "Undergraduate Physical and Mathematical Sciences" category for their presentation, "Understanding the Binding Mode of Falcilysin, an Essential Metalloprotease."

Graduate Studies would also like to recognize all our CSU Research Competition students; their hard work and dedication makes us all proud!

#### College of Arts and Letters

Presenter: Shane Burrell
Faculty Mentor: Mihaela Popescu
Department: Communication
Studies

#### College of Education

Presenter: Matthew Atherton
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Eun-Ok Baek
Department: Instructional
Technology

#### **College of Natural Sciences** Presenter: Melissa Taha

Faculty Mentor: Drs. Ira Leifer & Don
Blake
annual Department: Biochemistry

s held Presenters: Nikolay Maslov & Aaron
Keniston
Gudate Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jeremy Mallari
Department: Biochemistry

Presenter: Sona Perez-Gamboa Faculty Mentor: Dr. Qingquan Sun Department: Computer Science

### College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Presenter: Natassja Martin Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ryan Keating Department: History

Presenter: Fernando Sanchez
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Isabel Huacuja
Alonso
Department: History

Presenter: Edward Zakher
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rishabh Kumar
Department: Economics

Presenters: Elizabeth Rahmani & Holly Timblin Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jacob Jones Major: Clinical Counseling

# CSUSB Offering New Graduate Programs for 2020-2021

As our university transitions to a semester system, many of our graduate programs are also evolving. Here's a look at what the new semester system has to offer:

The new M.A. in English and Writing Studies offers five distinct concentrations: Composition and Rhetoric, Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language, Literature, Pedagogy, and Public and Professional Writing. Graduates are prepared to pursue teaching, advanced graduate study, and careers emphasizing writing.

The all new **M.S. in Entrepreneurship and Innovation** is an immersive experience focused on the entrepreneurship specialization. The comprehensive program prepares students to launch entrepreneurial ventures.

The **M.S. in Finance** is ideal for those pursuing a career in investments. The program trains students to be experts in investment analysis and portfolio management.



The **Master's in Public Administration** has added a concentration in Nonprofit Leadership. The focus on leadership provides those serving in the nonprofit industry with the business knowledge and skills vital to management.

The College of Education has redesigned many of its Master's in Education options into stand-alone programs. These include:

- MA in Career and Technical Education
- MA in Instructional Design and Technology
- MA in Reading and Literacy Education
- MA in TESOL

Each program focuses on developing expertise in a specific field of education, and is designed for educators ready to advance their knowledge and careers.

The college is also offering an **M.S. in Counseling** with three concentrations: School Counseling, Professional Counseling, and School and Professional Counseling. The new **M.S. in Geology** program focuses directly on geological study and research.

This program is intended for students who wish to pursue graduate level work as a prelude for doctoral studies, or as preparation for careers in geological fields.

Psychology Department is now offering an MS in Clinical/Counseling Psychology and an MS in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Clinical/Counseling provides students with practical skills in counseling through supervised training and experience, while Industrial and Organizational Psychology focuses on the principles and methods of psychology relating to public and private organizations.

Interested? You can learn more about our new programs by contacting Erma Cross, Graduate Studies Recruiter, at gradrecruitment@csusb.edu.



## **Quarter to Semester Transition**

s we conclude an action-packed 2019-2020 academic year, complete with a virtual course transition prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic, there is another hallmark ending with the completion of the academic year.

With tremendous effort from the CSUSB campus community, we have officially concluded the last quarter-based term, and now look forward to 2020-2021 academic year of semester-based terms.

After four years of curriculum design, advising updates, retrofitting our technology platforms, and countless meetings and open forums we are pleased to see the fruits of this labor come to realization with the conclusion of spring 2020.

For those of you only recently admitted and those who are preparing for your final terms of your graduate careers, you have doubtlessly heard of the impending transition, and we hope that you have had the opportunity to meet with your program coordinators and develop a course plan for the remainder of your academic programs.

However, even with the end of "Q2S" you will not lose the support of the Office of Graduate Studies. We are here and standing by to answer any questions we can, guide you to appropriate resources, and reassure you as needed.

Perhaps one of the more important bits of advising to bear in mind is your catalog rights. If you have been admitted under a quarter catalog (all terms leading to fall 2020) you have the rights to either the quarter-based catalog requirements, or the newly ushered semester catalog. We would advise meeting with your program coordinator to discuss your current program plan and decide which would be the most beneficial to you. If you wish to change from the quarter to the semester catalog, please keep in mind that the procedure for making this change is to work with your program coordinator to submit an updated program plan and a COPA to Melissa Cobb in the Office of the Registrar. The \$6.00 COPA fee will be waived for those grad students changing from the quarter to the semester catalog.

We hope that your summer proves a restful one, and though we will be continuing our virtual environments into fall, we are here to assist you with any questions you may have by phone, email, or Live Chat.

Congratulations Coyotes, and welcome to the new semester system.

# MBA Service Team Goes for the Gold, Achieves Top Honors from CSUSB

SUSB's MBA Service Team accumulated more than 1000 hours of community service this year and achieved a Gold CSUSB President Volunteer Service Award – the highest honor in the category. Coordinated through the Office of Community Engagement, Gold status recognizes groups who collectively volunteered 778 hours or more. (Each individual must contribute at least 20 hours.) The team is made up of MBA students and alumni.

Throughout 2019-2020, the MBA Service Team contributed their time and talent to a broad range of activities. Service work included:

- Sharing their skills at GenCyber Girl Scout Camp
- Volunteering at local elementary school Read Across America programs and Lego League judging
- Assisting at animal shelters
- Helping out at Community Gardens
- Packing food at the Obershaw DEN
- Installing smoke detectors for less fortunate families with the Red Cross

However, the highlight of the academic year for many was the trip to Costa Rica to provide consulting services to Fundacion Mujer, a non-government organization focused on assisting women in need. From June 23rd to July 2nd, the MBA Team put their marketing and business expertise to work to develop international outreach and fundraising strategies. The MBA students spent every day consulting, researching, and developing plans to help the organization flourish.

Service Team member Kasandra Adams recalled the program's impact: "My favorite part was watching the MBA

student's passion for the project. They would stay up until 11 pm working on their different solutions and even built prototypes for a few. They truly took the knowledge they received from the MBA program and applied it. Fundacion Mujer took all of our suggestions and implemented them right away, which was phenomenally satisfying for the team."

The MBA Service Team was created in 2018, when a motivated group of MBA students and staff members decided they wanted to make a difference. They have since volunteered their time and energy to feeding the homeless at the San Bernardino City Mission, and made a trip to New Orleans to assist with ongoing recovery projects to areas still affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"The MBA Service Team started with a few MBA students with a lot of motivation and selfless hearts and has grown to make a significant impact! We were a team of 25 this year and plan to double in the 2020/2021 academic year-even if our volunteer work is virtual!" Adams said.

For more information on the MBA Service Team, visit https://www.csusb.edu/mba/student-life/mba-service-team





# 2019-2020 Gold CSUSB President Volunteer Service Award Winners:

- Angelica Agudo
- Arcky Vielma
- Audrey Robertson
- Ayesha Khalid
- Daisy Quiroz
- Eric Lopez
- Gabriela Huerta
- Jacqueline Padilla
- Jose Carreno
- Kasandra Adams
- Kirstyn Hansen
- Mel Bakeman
- Monika Lebrecht
- Nick Costello
- Pablo Cervantes
- Xenamarie Deering
- Yomara Donis

Other Team members include:
Christopher Greder,
Jaime Ayala, Sharon
Tewari, Cindy Tang,
Danny Chung, and
Emmanuel Carrasco.

# Communication Studies Offers Graduate Mini Research Symposium

The Communication Studies program developed its own mini symposium to showcase their graduate students' talents and give them the opportunity to formally present their research. The event was a valuable experience for students who planned to give presentations at upcoming conferences, including CSUSB's Meeting of the Minds symposium. Students received feedback and coaching and enjoyed the opportunity to discuss their work with others.

Held on January 17th in the College of Education Atrium, the conference featured seven student speakers:

Andy A. Acosta Jr.

Suicide, Read All About it: A Critical Genealogy of the Music as the

Media and Hip-Hop as the Culture

Shane L Burrell Jr.

Exploring En-Roling and De-Roling in Virtual Reality

Loydie Burmah

They're All Going to Cancel You: The Curious Case of Cancel Culture as

Manifest in Both Online and Offl ine Environments

Luis Esparza

Indegismo, Sexualidad, Genero, y el Pecado Nefando: Deconstructing

Sexuality and Gender in Mexico

Mark A. Reotutar

The Misunderstood Language of Krump

Francisco Rodriguez Ramos
Passing vs Non-Passing: Latinx Experiences and
Understandings of
Being Presumed White

Brenda Rombalski
Secluded in a Room: Applying Relational Dialectics
Theory to Extreme
Internet Use

Speaker Shane Burrell was in the midst of preparing presentations for two events – the Western States Communication Association (WSCA) conference in Denver and the Popular Culture Association (PCA) conference in Philadelphia – when the mini-conference was held. He said he found the opportunity extremely helpful:

"The event gave the space to learn how to effectively speak to a larger room of people. The mini conference also gave me the sense of speaking in front of communication professionals within the field that gave very interesting questions about my research."

Congratulations to all who participated in the Mini Research Symposium! Graduate Studies wishes them the best of luck in future conference presentations. "



# Celebrate with TGSS: 2020 Virtual Graduate Recognition Ceremony

In light of spring graduation ceremonies being postponed due to COVID-19, The Graduate Student Society (TGSS) hosted a virtual recognition ceremony for graduate students who completed their programs this year. The ceremony gave graduates an opportunity to celebrate their achievements, share memories, and recognize this important milestone together.

Speakers included Sean Maulding, TGSS President and Caroline Vickers, Faculty Director of Graduate Studies. Graduate student Shirleena Racine Baggett (M.A. Communication Studies) gave the valedictory address.

The event was held June 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 via Zoom, and graduation photos of many of the participants were shared on the screen throughout the ceremony. Congratulations to all our recent graduates! And a special 'thank you' to the Graduate Student Society for pulling this event together!

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# CSUSB Alumna Ariana Cano Accepted into Four Prestigious Doctoral Programs

▲ riana Cano, a Cal State San Bernardino alumna and Communication Studies adjunct professor, has experienced an amazing academic journey. She received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from CSUSB, was selected as both the outstanding undergraduate student and graduate student, and was chosen as the outstanding graduate teaching associate for the Department of Communication Studies in 2018. However, her biggest educational dream of earning a Ph.D. in the field of communication is still being molded. Cano was accepted into not one, not two, not three, but four prestigious doctoral programs, all fully funded. Cano received offers from the Department of Communication at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, the Institute of Communications Research (ICR) Ph.D. program in the College of Media at the University of Illinois, the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of New Mexico, and the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Minnesota.

"These institutions each have their own merit," Cano said. "Some are highly competitive, prestigious, rigorous, or widely recognized, which is why I feel extremely privileged to be in the position I am in right now." While Cano notes the decision was difficult, she ultimately chose the University of Illinois.

"All four institutions are well-recognized in their respect and are heavy research institutions. Therefore, my decision was not easy," she said. Cano's research interest derived from the communication studies master's program at CSUSB with her thesis, "Performing Stereotypical Tropes on Social Networking Sites: How Popular Latina Performers Reinscribe Heteropatriarchy on Instagram."

"Her thesis was an innovative mix of performance theory, political economy, and critical theory, where she was able to show how the old tropes of racism, sexism, and capitalism reappear in new media forms and practices in the guise of liberation," said her advisor and mentor Rod Metts, Associate Professor of Communication Studies. "This sophisticated study will prove to be a significant contribution to new ways of thinking about Latinx representations in new and non-traditional media." "I feel that my hard work and that of those who have supported me is paid off," Cano said. "The process of applying to Ph.D. programs is one long journey that I believe will prepare me to navigate the doctoral experience forthcoming. This process is not achieved without great effort; I had my share of trial and errors. But as it has been proven, the outcome is worthwhile! Based on the skills I have acquired, I am prepared and excited to start my Ph.D. journey in the ICR program at the University of Illinois!"



# Office of Graduate Studies Goes Virtual

Spring 2020 necessitated a shift to remote services, communications, workshops, and events. COVID-19 became our new reality as we were asked to socially distance and rise to the challenge of a new way of living our lives. In response, The Office of Graduate Studies team quickly transformed into a virtual space toward the end of March 2020 and gained important insight into the value of virtual offerings.

We utilized the phone, e-mail, Live Chat, Adobe Sign and Zoom to ensure that graduate students maintained access to essential services, such as meetings with the Graduate Resource Specialist, April Lane, and timely Zoom meetings for thesis consultation and review with Shelby Reeder and her team of thesis reviewers.

Moreover, Professional Resource and Engagement Programs (PREP) continued to be offered across campus through Zoom. Our own Megan Kinnally led workshops on using social media during a pandemic and creative writing in the time of a pandemic. The campus

community came together to provide a wide variety of interesting virtual workshops in spring 2020. We have found that the opportunity to attend PREP workshops virtually is one valuable change as the virtual format allows access for graduate students who may not be able to attend PREP workshops in person.

The Office of Graduate Studies launched the Graduate Studies Weekly Roundup in April 2020 to provide predictable weekly communication to graduate students about upcoming deadlines, workshops, events, and available resources. Again, the Weekly Roundup has proven to be a worthwhile venture that will continue when we are physically back on campus.

Sometimes new opportunities are born out of difficult situations. Through our social distancing experience, we have learned a great deal about the value of virtual offerings, particularly how they can supplement and improve in person offerings moving forward.



## **Graduate Studies Virtual Office Hours and Contact Information**

Although our physical office is closed, we are ready and willing to serve you.

Summer Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00

pm

Phone: (909) 537-5058 Email: gradstud@csusb.edu

Live Chat: csusb.edu/graduate-studies

#### **Graduate Resource Specialist**

Need assistance with university forms and procedures? Looking for resources to support your academic and professional goals? April Lane, our Graduate Resource Specialist, is here to help! Contact her at (909) 537-5058 or or alane@csusb.edu

#### **Join The Graduate Student Society**

The Graduate Student Society (TGSS) was formed to foster deeper social and academic bonds between the graduate students of CSUSB. Through social and networking opportunities and advocacy work, TGSS seeks to lessen the feelings of isolation and stress for graduation student. Check us out. We can bond for years among peers.

For more information, email TGSS at the graduate students ociety.csusb@gmail.com



## SUMMER CALENDAR

## **JUNE**

- **8-22** Thesis/Project/Dissertation Consultations
  - **13** Application Information Session
  - 20 Virtual Coffee Chat with Erma
  - **29** Thesis/Project/Dissertation Submission

## **JULY**

- **3–5** Campus closed for Independence Day
  - **8** Fall 2020 Admission Deadline
  - 20 Virtual Coffee Chat with Erma
  - 25 Application Information Session

### **AUGUST**

- 10 Thesis/Project/Dissertation Publication
- 15 New Grad Student Orientation



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