



Despite many years working in the CSU, I am still amazed and humbled by the kindness and generosity of those that give from their heart to benefit our students. But it's really a testament to the commitment of our faculty and staff in creating an exceptional educational experience. With Thanksgiving just a week away, I thought it appropriate to share with you some special announcements.

- Long-time donor and friend **Dr. W. Benson Harer** made history last week. His commitment of **\$900,000** will establish CSUSB's first fully-funded scholar-in-residence program. For one quarter each year, CSUSB will host a preeminent scholar with a teaching record of particular distinction in Egyptology and an emphasis on the scholarship of early Egypt art history. Funds are in place to have the **Harer Egyptology Scholar in Residence** on campus in Fall 2018.



- **Sondra Morison** (alumna) and **Dr. James Brian Watts** (Professor emeritus, public administration) have established a **\$500,000 estate gift** to support low income high achieving students.

- Dean **Dr. Jay Fiene** and his wife **Dr. Jan Muto** have created a **\$200,000 planned gift** to support opportunities for student engagement and community service for the College of Education.



- An alumnus recently made an anonymous **\$200,000 planned gift** to support scholarships for students interested in pursuing a career in medicine or dentistry.

- The **James Irvine Foundation** awarded a **\$300,000** grant to CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation to support the regional education collaborative known as the Growing Inland Achievement. This 24-month grant will specifically help to expand staffing by hiring a Director of Organizational Intelligence and Grant Writer.

- A number of regional foundations have stepped forward to support our **Infant Toddler Lab School** in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, totaling over **\$56,000**.



- Edison International awarded a **\$75,000** grant to CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation to support **STEM student scholarships** in the College of Natural Science

CSUSB is blessed to not only have great friends and alumni, but a passionate community of faculty, staff and students who give back in very personal ways. All gifts are meaningful and everyone makes a difference. If you too are so inspired, I encourage you to celebrate at the #GivingTuesdayCSUSB website [www.csusb.edu/giving-tuesday](http://www.csusb.edu/giving-tuesday), where we are creating a new fund for cross-campus scholarships.

But most importantly, thank you for the hard work and dedication you provide CSUSB and the students we serve. Our success as a university is a direct reflection of your passion and energy. Thank you for making a difference.

Tomás D. Morales  
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