

Dear Coyotes and Colleagues,

I write today with sad news. Cal State San Bernardino's second president (1982-1997), Dr. Anthony "Tony" Evans, has passed away. Dr. Evans was a significant shaper of the CSUSB we know and love today.

He earned a Ph.D. in U.S. history and international relations from UC Berkeley, an M.A. in history from the University of Hawaii and a B.A. in history and English literature from East Texas Baptist College. His professional roles included various leadership positions at Eastern Michigan University, top administrative positions in the Peace Corps, director of the Office of Special Projects at the University of Iowa, assistant program officer for the U.S. Department of State Agency for International Development in Thailand, state administrator for Title I at the University of Maryland and an Instructor at UC Berkeley.

It was under his watch that CSUSB achieved university status in 1984. During his tenure, 15 major buildings were added to the campus representing 700,000 square feet of assigned space and valued at \$150 million, a 113-percent increase in the university's physical plant. Throughout the 1990s, the campus expanded with new, modern facilities. Jack H. Brown Hall opened in 1993, followed by the Yasuda Center for Extended Learning in 1994. The Coussoulis Arena, which was then the largest indoor venue in San Bernardino and Riverside counties, opened in 1995, and the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum (originally the Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum) opened in 1996.

In 1986, the university opened a second campus, the Coachella Valley Center, on land leased from the College of the Desert in Palm Desert. The center consisted of an administrative office and classroom housed in a construction trailer.

Coyote Radio, the award-winning internet radio station for CSUSB, was introduced in 1993.

He also established CSUSB's initial University Diversity Committee in the mid-1990s.

Athletics were important to him as well. In the fall of 1984, CSUSB was accepted as a member of NCAA Division 3 and authorized to compete in eight sports—four each for men and women. As he stated, "I had no answer for why Cal State San Bernardino should continue to be the only one of the CSU campuses at that time without an intercollegiate program and the only one without a physical education major for its students."

In an interview for Athletics' 20th anniversary in 2003-04, Dr. Evans noted that, "I believe athletics has helped to strengthen student life, has facilitated improved community relations and has made the university more appealing. It is important that it has not detracted from academic programs, which will always be the heart and soul of the university."

We also extend our deepest sympathy for the passing of his wife, Lois. We are richer for having known them. Our gratitude for President Emeritus Evans' service to the students, faculty and staff of Cal State San Bernardino is deep and heartfelt.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales

President