



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO
Office of the President

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – MAY 12, 2021*

The end of the semester brings the opportunity for our campus community to come together to celebrate the excellence of all those who study and work here. I want to take this opportunity to again thank the faculty and staff along with administrators for their outstanding work during the pandemic. You kept instruction and research vibrant, all of our operations functioning effectively, and our campus homes in San Bernardino and Palm Desert well-tended and cared for while we all also navigated our first semester-structured academic year.

• **Quarterly Grants and Contracts Report:**

- The Office of Academic Research has released the mid-year report of governmental (federal state, and local) grant proposal submissions and awards. Between July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021, CSUSB submitted 102 new proposals (91 from Academic Affairs [AA] and 11 from Student Affairs [SA]), totaling \$54,097,511. There were 95 new and continuing grant awards in total (81 in AA and 14 in SA), totaling \$36,864,168.
- My congratulations to our faculty for continuing this outstanding work in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, along with the efforts of the Office of Academic Research (OAR), the Office of Research Development, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration. My additional thanks for their leadership to Dorota Huizinga, associate provost for research and dean of graduate studies, and Cynthia Crawford, OAR's faculty director.

• **Celebrating CSUSB Excellence:**

- Several of CSUSB's online programs have been awarded top ranking status by Intelligent.com, a college research and planning guide.
 - [Online Master's in Public Safety Administration Degree Programs](#) – Best Master of Arts Degree | Ranked No. 9
 - [Online Master's in Law Enforcement Administration Degree Programs](#) – Best in the West | Ranked No. 12
 - [Online Master's in Public Administration Degree Programs](#) – Good Value | Ranked No. 12
 - [Online Master's in Criminal Justice Degree Programs](#) – Nationally Recognized Faculty | Ranked No. 14
 - [Online Master's in Social Work \(MSW\)](#) – Best in the West | Ranked No. 14
 - [Online Accounting Certificate Programs](#) – Best in the West | Ranked No. 23
 - [Online MBA Degree Programs](#) (No GMAT Required) – Best in the West | Ranked No. 42

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- [Online Military Friendly Colleges](#) – Best State University System | Ranked No. 47
 - Cal State San Bernardino has been listed among the nation’s top universities for its exceptional graduate programs, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 edition of Best Graduate Schools. CSUSB was recognized for its graduate programs in Public Affairs (123 of 284 colleges and universities); Public Health (158 of 188 colleges and universities); and part-time MBA (182 of 273 colleges and universities).
 - Cal State San Bernardino has been listed as 2021’s number one Best Online Criminal Justice Degree Program in the state of California by Best Value Schools.
 - Cal State San Bernardino has been named the best California college for civic engagement according to Intelligent.com's list of “The Best Colleges in California.”
- **Celebrating Faculty Excellence:**
 - This year’s Outstanding Lecturer Award was given to Bomi Hwang (World Languages and Literatures) on April 7th. This award was based on her exceptional instruction, capacity to engage her students and the extremely positive feedback she receives from those she has taught.
 - On April 8th, our Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dr. Dorothy Chen-Maynard (Health Science and Human Ecology) for her extensive and sustained contributions to students, this campus and the greater community.
 - This year’s Outstanding Professor Award was given to Katherine Gray (Art and Design) on April 12th for her enduring excellence in teaching, research, scholarly activities and service to our students, the university and the community.
 - This year’s Golden Apple was awarded to Kelly Campbell (Psychology) on April 23rd, based on her exceptional and vast teaching record. Her dedication to teaching and mentorship of our students reflects this university’s mission to provide an outstanding education to its matriculants.
 - This year’s Outstanding Faculty Advisor was awarded to Carol Hood (Physics) on April 28th, recognizing her passion, commitment and dedication to student success and providing career and life guidance.
- **WASC Re-Accreditation:** We had a WASC Team meeting on February 25, 2021, where I provided updates on: the President’s DEI Board and DEI Strategic Plan, the CSUSB Strategic Plan, the GI 2025 Initiative and the Post-Pandemic Steering Committee.
- **Celebrating Research:**
 - CSUSB research was recently honored in this year’s Research Week, April 12th – 16th, and featured a variety of speakers and topics. This annual event highlights the research and scholarly achievements of faculty and students in all disciplines. I applaud the Office of Student Research for planning this important week.
 - The Principal Investigator Reception was held on April 13th. Over the last five years, CSUSB PI’s brought in more than \$150 million, funding a wide range of programs and research projects supporting hundreds of our students and providing jobs for members of our community. Several CSUSB centers and institutes have become multimillion-dollar operations, with continued external funding from federal and state agencies and with the impact reaching far beyond our region. They include the Center for Advanced Functional Materials, the Institute for Child Development and Family Relations, the Inland Empire

Center for Entrepreneurship and the Cybersecurity Center. Congratulations to our PI's for their outstanding work, continued successful grant awards and top-flight research.

- Research Week's culminating "Meeting of the Minds" program on April 15th not only continued to showcase CSUSB student research, it also demonstrated the impact of faculty mentorship on our students' achievements. My congratulations and thanks to all who served as faculty mentors this year.
- **New Criminal Justice Spanish Certificate Offered Beginning Fall 2021:** As the Inland Empire's Hispanic population continues to grow, so has the urgent demand for linguistically and culturally prepared criminal justice professionals. CSUSB will offer a new Criminal Justice Spanish Certificate program for students majoring in criminal justice professions beginning with the 2021 fall semester, thanks to a U.S. Department of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language program grant of nearly \$340,000.
- **Spring 2021 Virtual Commencement:** The virtual May 22nd commencement will include both the San Bernardino and Palm Desert campuses on the following schedule:
 - 8:00 am - Social & Behavioral Sciences
 - 10:00 am - Natural Sciences
 - 12:00 pm - Arts & Letters + Education
 - 2:00 pm - Business & Public Administration

We will be announcing a future date to hold an in-person ceremony for the Spring 2020, the Winter 2020 and the Spring 2021 graduations at no additional cost to graduates.

- **Affinity Celebrations:** Each year, CSUSB affinity centers host graduation celebrations to encourage and promote the members of our diverse student body. These include our Veteran, Native American, Lavender (LGBTQ+), Asian and Pacific Islander, LatinX, Services to Students with Disabilities, Black, and Undocumented and UnDACAmented students. Thank you to all who participated in order to support and celebrate our students.
- **Annual Faculty-Staff Giving Campaign:** This year's six-week campaign concluded on April 23rd, surpassing its \$100,000 goal for a total of \$110,688. Our 2021 focus was on fundraising for Student Basic Needs which included the Obershaw DEN, the PDC DEN, emergency housing and the emergency loan program to aid students in times of greatest need. My thanks to all members of the campus community who have supported our students this year through this fundraising initiative.

Since the first Faculty-Staff Campaign in 2006, the university has raised more than \$1 million. The donations have touched every aspect of campus life – from students to departments, athletics and non-academic programs as well as keeping the CSUSB campus beautiful.
- **Open Forums:** The Provost and I held open forums this past semester with: the Jack Brown College of Business and Public Administration, the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Education, the College of Natural Sciences, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Pfau Library. The goal was both to share data and accomplishments and also to hear concerns from faculty and staff specific to their respective college. I continued the open forums with non-academic divisions including Student Affairs and the Palm Desert Campus. More divisional open forums are in the process of being scheduled.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination Campus Clinics:** CSUSB is continuing its partnership with Rite-Aid to offer COVID-19 vaccines. Clinics were held on the San Bernardino campus on April 17th, May 1st; and May

8th, with 1,351 vaccinations provided on April 17th alone. Future clinics will be held on May 22, June 5, July 10 and August 7.

This is a reminder that, as announced by the CSU system on April 22, the UC and the CSU will require COVID-19 vaccinations for all students, faculty and staff on campus properties this fall once the Food and Drug Administration gives formal approval to the vaccine. Exemptions from the vaccination requirement will be allowed for medical or religious grounds. Additional details will be forthcoming.

- **Palm Desert Campus Updates:**
 - Three PDC staff members recognized a need to connect students with Coachella Valley community members both to develop professional networks as well as mentorship programs. The result is the newly created University Alumni of the Coachella Valley to link PDC students with individuals who are high school graduates from Coachella Valley schools, have a degree from an accredited university, and who are working in the Valley and available and willing to share their experiences with students. While the program is now virtual, future plans include a leadership conference, networking dinners and other events to grow connections.
 - The PDC has created a new program to assist students to help keep them enrolled and thus improve our retention and graduation rates. The PDC Pack Prep supports the transition of first year and continuing students to a four-year university by providing opportunities to engage with current students and fellow peers. Staff open the communication to students prior to orientation to ensure they are prepared and connected and can therefore make the best use of orientation's resources. The PDC has been able to increase its first-time college students' 4-year graduation rate from 28% to 35% during this past year, and Pack Prep was a part of that. My thanks to the efforts of the faculty and staff for all they have been doing to improve our students' success.
 - The Bank of America regional office in Riverside recently donated more than 100 boxes of gloves, masks and hand sanitizer to the PDC's Street Medicine program, thereby supporting homeless and unsheltered populations in the Coachella Valley and San Bernardino.

- **Womxn's Leadership Conference:** The annual CSUSB Womxn's Leadership Conference was held virtually this year on April 9. The keynote speaker was Dr. Alisha Wilkins, Chair and Commissioner on California's Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. This has become a key campus event in providing us with an opportunity to identify, acknowledge and address inequities based on gender in order for us to move forward effectively as an institution of higher education into the future. My thanks to the coordinators of this year's conference.

- **Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month:** Nationally held in May, CSUSB celebrated instead early in April to accommodate our academic schedule. This year's theme was the timely "Not Your Model Minority, Creating Waves of Change." The wide-ranging and comprehensive series of virtual events began on April 7 and concluded on May 7. I am appreciative of those faculty and staff who worked hard to make this a successful event.

- **CSUSB in the Community – Service Projects:** The Office of Community Engagement is persisting with our community service efforts.

- This year's César Chávez Day of Service on March 31 allowed participants to listen to information about Chávez's life, reflect on his legacy and share the impact of his social justice work.
 - Coyote Cares Day was instead Coyote Cares Week, as our university participated in this year's National Volunteer Week of April 18-24. Activities also encompassed Earth Day 2021, and included ways of sustaining the environment through service.
 - OCE also held a virtual volunteer fair for April 20-22, which included projects connected with our community partners and a scavenger hunt.
- **CSUSB in the Community – GenCyber Camp:** Cal State San Bernardino's Cybersecurity Center is hosting a six-week virtual camp through May 15 for high school girls from San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The goal is to increase awareness and interest in cybersecurity education, while building diversity in the nation's growing cyber workforce. The camp is sponsored by the National Security Agency and National Science Foundation's GenCyber program.
 - **CSUSB in the Community – Annual Social Justice Summit:** The Office of Student Engagement held this year's summit on April 6 and 8, featuring social justice activists Tarana Burke and Ericka Hart. I hope you were able to participate in the event.
 - **Campus Engagement with Social and Racial Justice:** As a higher education community which practices the values of diversity, equity and inclusion and which looks for opportunities for teaching and supporting our students, CSUSB held several events as a follow up to the verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd. The President's DEI Board sponsored a community forum on Thursday, April 22nd; Multicultural Healing Spaces were held for students on April 21st and 27th; and a Black Community Healing space for students was held on April 21st. My thanks to everyone who organized and facilitated these discussion and healing spaces and for those who attended.
 - **CSUSB in the Community – RAFFMA@Home:** As California and the nation shifted to a more virtual world due to the pandemic, the Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art launched an innovatory, online version of its collection to ensure continued accessibility. RAFFMA@Home recently won a CSUSB President's Team Achievement Award for its outstanding efforts. This semester, it included a special exhibit, launched during Black History Month and which ran through April 10: "Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press." The artwork brought to the IE the work of Black artists who have been key to shaping contemporary art in the Bay Area and more widely. My thanks to the RAFFMA staff for their work on this initiative.