

Message from the Dean
February 2022

As we begin a new year, we in the College of Education at CSULB renew our commitment to addressing issues of equity and excellence in education. Faculty, staff, and administrators in the College have been deeply involved in equity initiatives. College efforts relate to student access and admissions, developing racial literacy, professional learning and growth opportunities, curricular innovations, adoption of culturally responsive and sustaining instructional approaches, and enhancing student supports.

In this newsletter, I am proud to share with you some of the recent accomplishments of our College community. The successes of our students, alumni, faculty and staff give us a boost as we dive into the work ahead of us.

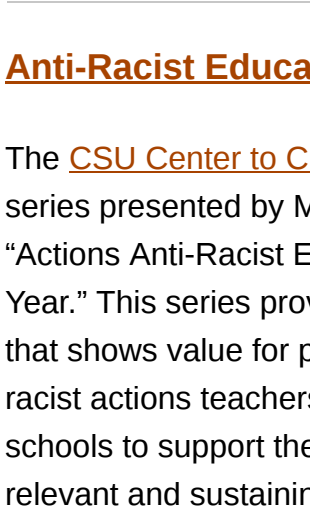
All the best for a happy and healthy 2022.

Go Beach, Go Teach, Go Lead!

Shireen Pavri, Ph.D.
Dean

NEWS & NOTES

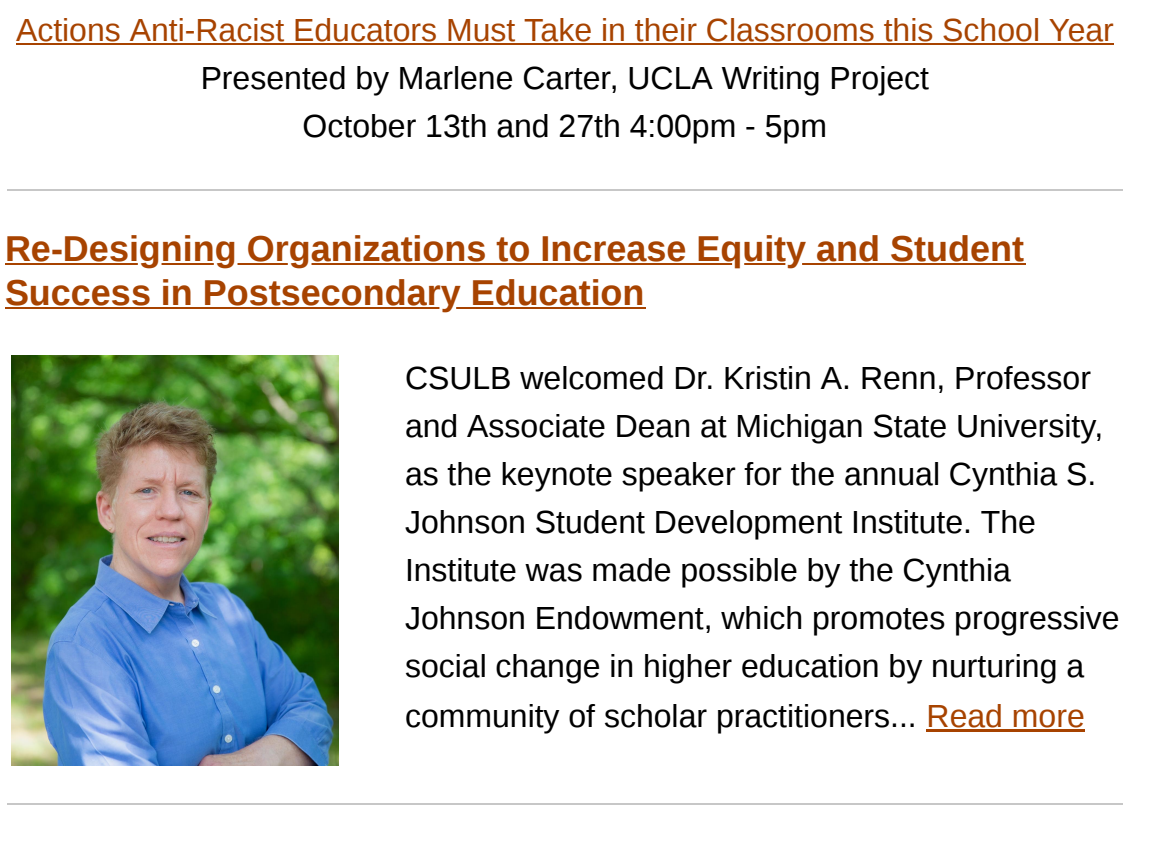
A Comprehensive Curriculum Initiative with a DEI Focus



The College of Education has brought together a comprehensive initiative aimed at integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) into and throughout its curriculum and courses. Led by CED Faculty Champions, Drs. [Nat Hansraj](#) and Nina Wainwright and supported by Associate Dean [Dr. Laura Ferris](#) and Technology Integration Specialist [Chrystal Maggiore](#), this initiative includes five areas that work to more deeply incorporate DEI into curriculum... [Read more](#)

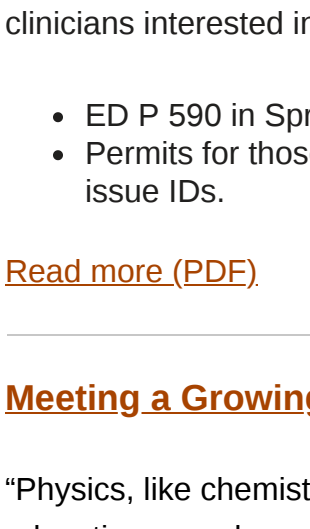
Anti-Racist Educators Webinar Series

The [CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap](#) recently hosted a webinar series presented by Marlene Carter from the UCLA Writing Project titled "Actions Anti-Racist Educators Must Take in Their Classrooms This School Year." This series provided attendees practical tools to create an environment that shows value for people of all races and cultures. Attendees explored anti-racist actions teachers in all subjects must take in their classrooms and schools to support their students. Discussion centered around culturally relevant and sustaining strategies that support student academic success as well as curricular choices and school policies that may need changing... [Read more](#)



Actions Anti-Racist Educators Must Take in Their Classrooms This School Year Presented by Marlene Carter, UCLA Writing Project October 13th and 27th 4:00pm - 5pm

Re-Designing Organizations to Increase Equity and Student Success in Postsecondary Education



CSULB welcomed Dr. Kristin A. Renn, Professor and Associate Dean at Michigan State University, as the keynote speaker for the annual Cynthia S. Johnson Student Development Institute. The Institute was made possible by the Cynthia Johnson Endowment, which promotes progressive social change in higher education by nurturing a community of scholar practitioners... [Read more](#)

New Mental Health and Crisis Response Course

Dr. Caroline Lopez-Perry has developed a new course that is available to interested individuals through CPIE.

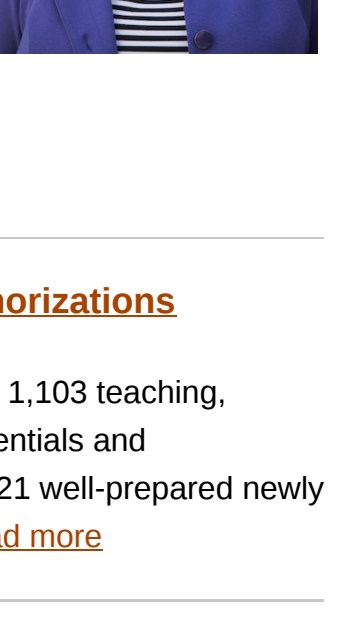
Mental Health and Crisis Response in Schools – CPIE Course. This course is designed for credentialed educators, administrators, PPS providers, and clinicians interested in working in schools.

- ED P 590 in Spring 2022 (2/21-5/23). Permits required.
- Permits for those without CSULB IDs. Matt Reimers at CPIE will help issue IDs.

[Read more \(PDF\)](#)

Meeting a Growing Need for Physics Teachers

"Physics, like chemistry, math and special education, are always high-demand teaching areas. They are routinely rated as hard to staff areas by school districts," says [Dr. Laura Ferris](#), Professor of Science Education. The high demand for physics teachers coupled with the large shortage of qualified teachers has left many school districts across the nation looking for qualified teaching candidates but coming up short. In fact, there is a severe shortage of qualified science and math teachers nationwide, including physics... [Read more](#)

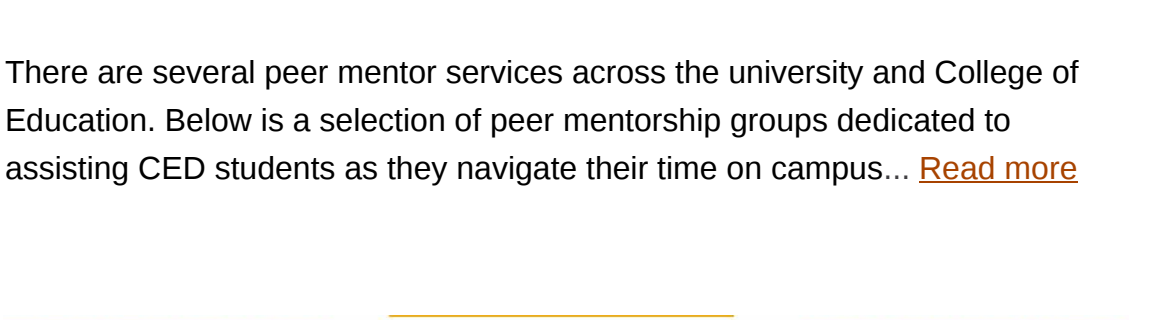


CED Grants a Record 1,103 Credentials & Authorizations

Did you know the College of Education granted a record 1,103 teaching, administrative, counseling, psychologist, and other credentials and authorizations to our students last year? This includes 821 well-prepared newly credentialed teachers who entered the job market... [Read more](#)

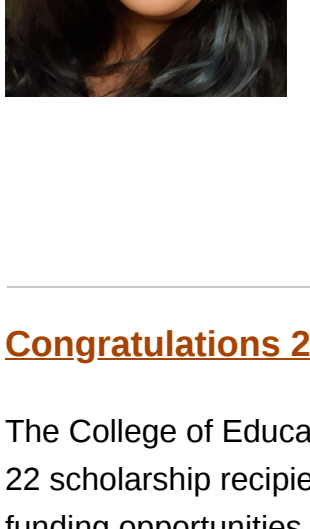
Meet the CED Staff Advisory Council Co-Chairs

The College of Education welcomes its new CED Staff Advisory Council Co-Chairs, Yessenia Hernandez and Hellen Carcamo!



Hellen Carcamo Yessenia Hernandez

Meet Chrystal Maggiore, CED's Technology Integration Specialist



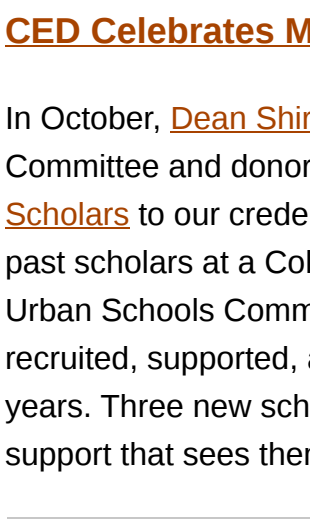
Chrystal has a graduate degree in Learning, Design, and Technology, has worked as an adjunct instructor at Penn State University, as a science teacher and coach in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and most recently as an Instructional Designer in Academic Technology Services here at CSULB. Here, Chrystal shares why she chose a career in higher ed, details about her current role, and her favorite aspect of her job... [Read more](#)

Peer Mentor Resources for Students

There are several peer mentor services across the university and College of Education. Below is a selection of peer mentorship groups dedicated to assisting CED students as they navigate their time on campus... [Read more](#)

STUDENT PROFILE

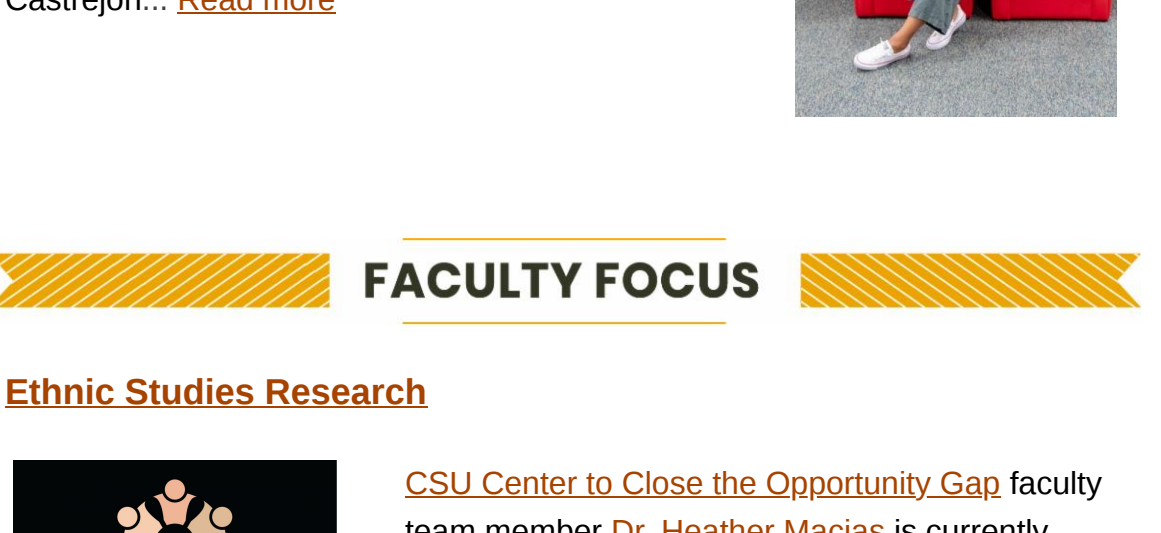
Student Support that Endures – The Dean's Endowed Student Teaching Scholarship



This year, thanks to the support of our generous donors, the Dean's Endowed Student Teaching Scholarship was able to support two students during their semester of student teaching. The scholarship, funded through annual support raised with a year-end appeal letter, was conceived by College of Education Distinguished Alumna, Marnos Lelesi ('82-'83). One of this year's two recipients is [Single Subject Credential Program](#) student Nelly Arciniega who shares why scholarships are so critical to student success... [Read more](#)

Congratulations 2021-22 College of Education Student Scholars!

The College of Education is honored to virtually recognize our 2021-22 scholarship recipients and the generous donors who supported these funding opportunities. Dean Shireen Pavri shares a congratulatory video message with the College of Education scholars and our generous donors... [Read more](#)

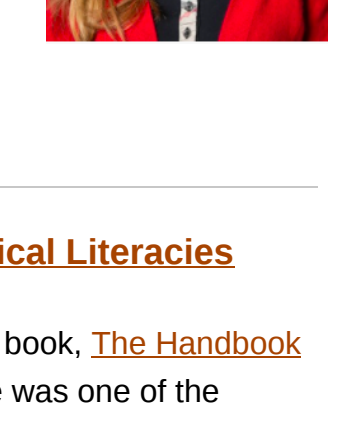


CED Celebrates Mary Jane Patterson Scholars

In October, [Dean Shireen Pavri](#), along with the Teachers for Urban Schools Committee and donors, welcomed the newest cohort of [Mary Jane Patterson Scholars](#) to our credential programs and received updates from continuing and past scholars at a College reception. With the support of the Teachers for Urban Schools Committee and visionary donors and partners, the College has recruited, supported, and prepared 15 teachers over the last three years. Three new scholars will join the program in Spring 2022 with scholarship support that sees them through their credential program... [Read more](#)

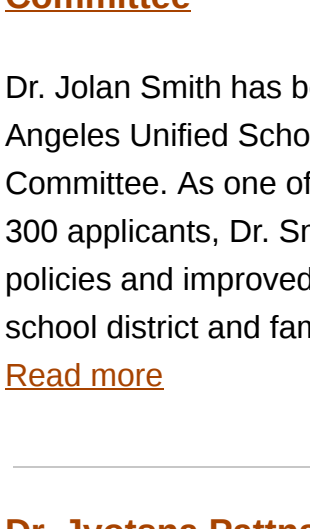
MSCP Student Teacher Raises \$2,500 for Backpack Drive

"During the pandemic I saw first-hand how many of my own students' families were affected. As someone pursuing a career in education, I thought to myself, 'All students should have guaranteed access to basic school supplies.' shared [Multiple Subject Credential](#) student Eliza Castrejon... [Read more](#)



FACULTY FOCUS

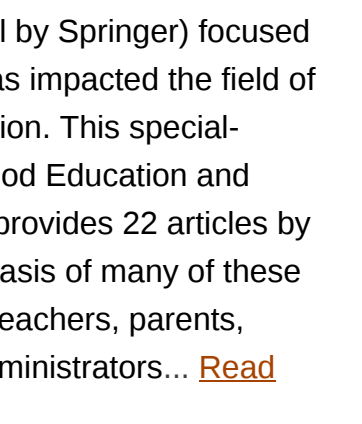
Ethnic Studies Research



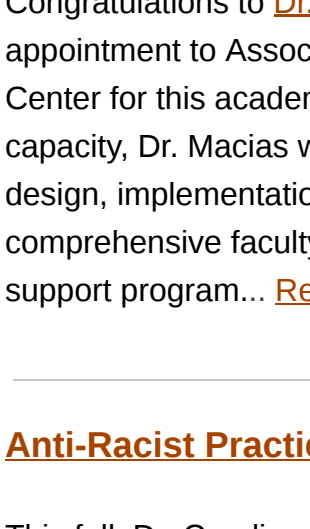
[CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap](#) faculty team member [Dr. Heather Macias](#) is currently working on examining the experiences and perceptions of secondary Ethnic Studies teachers throughout the state of California. The data from the teacher interviews and focus groups seek to better understand the role that secondary Ethnic Studies courses play in closing the educational opportunity gap, including how teachers serve the needs and strengths of their students to be academically successful, but also to address the state's recent adoption of Ethnic Studies courses as a graduation requirement... [Read more](#)

Dr. Ghafoori Awarded 2021 End Abuse Long Beach Award

Congratulations to Dr. Bita Ghafoori who was honored as a 2021 End Abuse Long Beach Awardee for her outstanding work in the city of Long Beach. This award, given by End Abuse Long Beach, recognizes the excellence of those in the field of child abuse, domestic violence, racial justice, elder abuse, and sexual assault prevention, treatment, education, and advocacy. Dr. Ghafoori was recognized for her work at the 2021 End Abuse Long Beach annual awards ceremony this fall... [Read more](#)



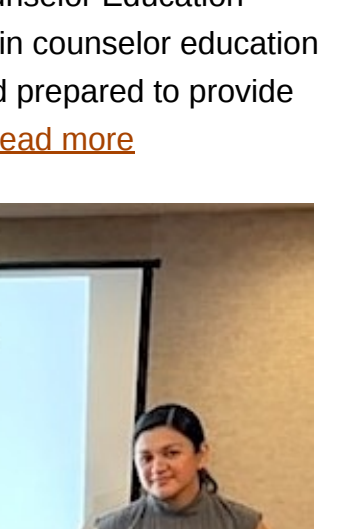
Dr. Noah Golden's Recent Book Examines Critical Literacies



[Dr. Noah Asher Golden's](#) recent book, [The Handbook of Critical Literacies](#), in which he was one of the editors, has recently been published. The book aims to answer the question: "what are the social responsibilities of critical literacy academics, researchers, and teachers in today's world?" [Read more](#)

Dr. Julian Smith Selected to Join LAUSD Special Education Committee

Dr. Julian Smith has been selected to join the Los Angeles Unified School District's Special Education Committee. As one of 21 educators selected from over 800 applicants, Dr. Smith will advocate for better policies and improved communication between the school district and families of special needs students... [Read more](#)



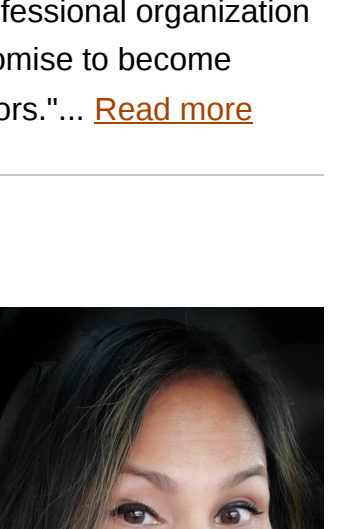
Dr. Jyotsna Pattnaik Co-Edits Journal Focused on COVID's Impact on Early Childhood Education



[Dr. Jyotsna Pattnaik's](#) recent work co-editing the September issue of [Early Childhood Education Journal](#) (a Peer reviewed journal by Springer) focused on the many ways COVID-19 has impacted the field of early childhood care and education. This special-focus issue titled, "Early Childhood Education and Care in the Time of COVID-19" provides 22 articles by authors around the world. The basis of many of these focus on empirical studies with teachers, parents, children, and early childhood administrators... [Read more](#)

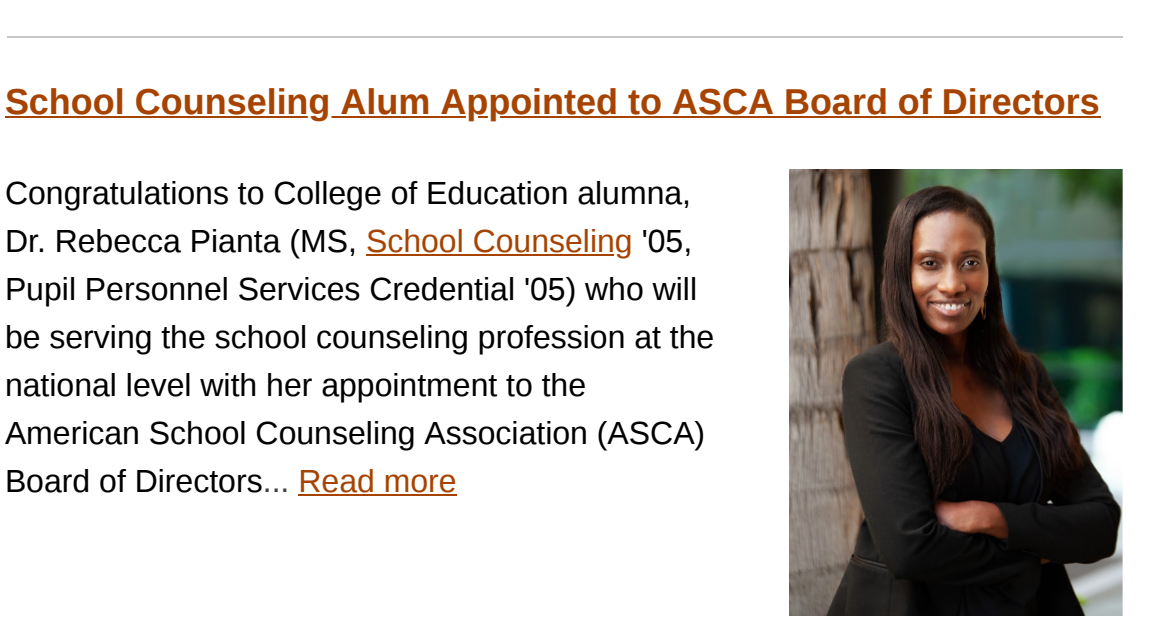
Dr. Heather Macias Appointed Faculty Center Associate Director

Congratulations to [Dr. Heather Macias](#) on her recent appointment to Associate Director of the Faculty Center for this academic year. In this additional capacity, Dr. Macias will be providing leadership in the design, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive faculty professional growth and support program... [Read more](#)



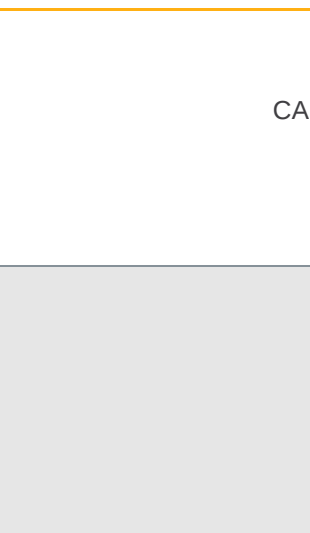
Anti-Racist Practices in Counselor Education

This fall, Dr. Caroline Lopez-Perry and Dr. Jake Olsen presented at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) conference in Atlanta. Their presentation, "Anti-Racist Practices in Counselor Education" focused on the importance of having structures in place in counselor education programs in order for school counselors to enter the field prepared to provide anti-racist school counseling programs and services... [Read more](#)



CED ALUMNI

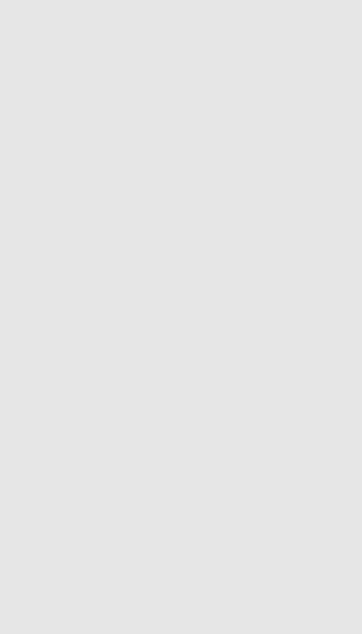
CED Alumna Receives California Association of Science Education's 2021 Future Science Teacher Award



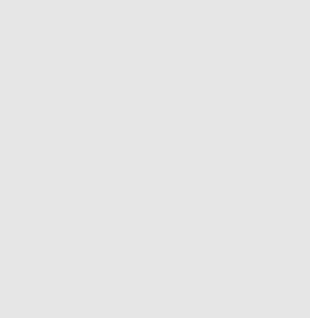
Congratulations to College of Education recent alumna Lili Gallegos, who received the California Association of Science Education's 2021 Future Science Teacher Award! The CASE Future Science Teacher Award recognizes college students who, "demonstrate an interest in and commitment to science education through volunteer, teaching, and professional organization activities, and who show promise to become outstanding science educators..." [Read more](#)

ESCP Alum Named CA Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to College of Education alumna, [Sovantevy "Sovey" Long-Latten](#) who was recently named a California Teacher of the Year! Sovey is a special education teacher at La Sierra High School in the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, Orange County and was also recently named [Teacher of the Year for Orange County](#)... [Read more](#)



CED Alum Appointed LBCC Superintendent-President



Congratulations to Dr. Mike Muñoz ('04-'05-'10) on his recent appointment as Superintendent-President of Long Beach City College! Dr. Muñoz first joined LBCC in 2018 as the Vice President of Student Services before serving as Interim Superintendent-President beginning in March 2021. His appointment to Superintendent-President began January 1, 2022... [Read more](#)

School Counseling Alum Appointed to ASCA Board of Directors

Congratulations to College of Education alumna, [Dr. Rebecca Pianta](#) (MS, [School Counseling '05](#), [Pupil Personnel Services Credential '09](#)) who will be serving the school counseling profession at the national level with her appointment to the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) Board of Directors... [Read more](#)

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