

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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Message from the Dean

August 2021

Dear Friends,

We are excited to begin a new academic year at CSULB! The campus is taking strict safety precautions to manage the pandemic and we are starting the Fall semester in hybrid modality with our staff and faculty working and teaching both on campus and remotely. We are happy to welcome many students back on campus for face-to-face and hybrid classes, events, activities, and support services; with others taking classes online.

I am really amazed by the incredible ways in which everyone in the College rallied together last year in support of our students, our programs, and each other. As a College, we focused on addressing anti-Black racism, centering issues of equity in the work that we do, and supporting the College community to be successful in a virtual environment.

The College saw growth across all our programs with a 58% increase in applications to our graduate programs during the 2020-2021 academic year! We are proud to grant a record 1,103 teaching, administrative, counseling, psychologist, and other credentials and authorizations to our students last year. And we are certainly doing our part to address the teacher shortage in the state, with 821 well-prepared newly credentialed CSULB teachers entering an excellent job market!

We look forward to staying focused on our strategic priorities and University Beach 2030 goals in the coming academic year as we build our clinical practice and technology infrastructure, support research excellence, and continue working towards racial equity and developing equity-minded behaviors and practices.

Go Beach, Go Teach, Go Lead!

Shireen Pavri, Ph.D.
Dean

NEWS & NOTES

CSU CCOG Hosts First Annual Educator Summit

The first annual Educator Summit hosted by the [CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap](#) brought together hundreds of TK-12 educators and higher education faculty for a day focused on engaging teachers across the state. The virtual event sought to address teaching through and beyond the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic. Featuring Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings as the keynote speaker and punctuated by EdTalks from California distinguished teachers, the event included breakout sessions which addressed practical strategies for post-pandemic learning recovery, culturally responsive pedagogy, innovative pedagogies, and mental health/trauma-informed practices... [Read more](#)

New Report from CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap



During the spring 2021 semester, the CSU Center to Close the Opportunity Gap (CCOG) launched the "COVID-19 Challenges and Pressing Needs Shared by Teachers" survey to learn about and respond to the experiences and urgent needs of local Southern California teachers... [Read more](#)

Dean Pavri Welcomes New & Returning Students

Dean Pavri shares a welcome to new and returning College of Education students in this video. Go Beach! Go Teach! Go Lead! [Watch video](#)



Aligned Mission: CED Sponsors Inclusive Community Event



"As a society, we have so much to learn about disability and I truly believe that the way to learn is by doing. We must design events and projects with disability at the forefront of our minds, instead of an add-on when necessary," shares [Dr. Jolan Smith](#) about the College of Education's sponsorship of Fun, Friends & Fitness for All: An Inclusive Community Event... [Read more](#)

Meet Marisol Negrete Pizzi, CED Executive Assistant to the Dean & Associate Deans

Earlier this year, the College of Education welcomed Marisol Negrete Pizzi as the Executive Assistant to the Dean and Associate Deans. Here, Marisol shares why she chose a career in higher education, her favorite aspect of her new job, and more... [Read more](#)



Master Teachers' Perspective



[The Importance of Teacher Candidates in the Classroom](#)



[An Invaluable Partnership](#)



[CSULB Student Teachers Gain Hands-On Training in the Classroom](#)



[Providing a Space and Place to Learn](#)

FACULTY FOCUS

The College of Education Welcomes New Faculty



[Dr. Suzanna So](#)
Assistant Professor, Advising Studies in Education & Counseling



[Dr. Devery Rodgers](#)
Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership

Dr. Bitia Ghafoori Joins Forum on Gun Violence



The invitation of Congressman Alan Lowenthal, [Dr. Bitia Ghafoori](#) participated this month in an online forum on gun violence. Dr. Ghafoori's expertise in providing mental health services to those affected by crime and violence, including gun violence, was part of a forum that included lawmakers and community leaders... [Read more](#)

STUDENT PROFILE

School Counseling Student Honored with Prestigious CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship



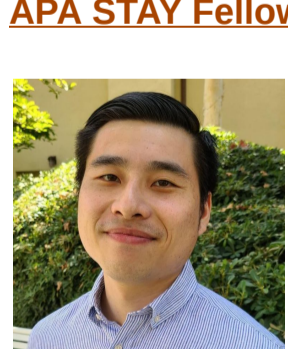
[School Counseling](#) second-year student, Liliانا Mora, has been selected as a [Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar](#) for the 2021-22 year. This prestigious award provides opportunities for scholars to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs. Liliانا intends to pursue a doctoral degree in Counselor Education, which prepares professionals to teach and train aspiring counselors... [Read more](#)

Doctoral Student Awarded 1st Place in CSULB Grad Slam

Nicholas Matthews, a third-year doctoral student in the College of Education's [Educational Leadership program](#), won first place in the 2021 [CSULB Grad Slam](#) competition. Matthews' winning submission in the non-STEM category shared his research on accessible instructional materials and disabled student success... [Read more](#)



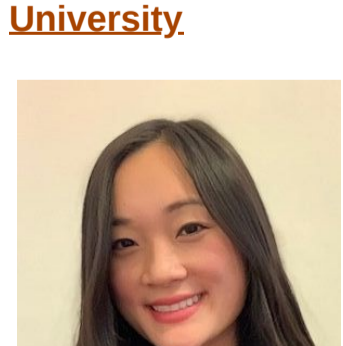
APA STAY Fellowship for School Psychology Student



Master's student, Steven Ly has been awarded the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship: Services for Transition Age Youth Fellowship. Ly, a student enrolled in CED's [School Psychology](#) and Pupil Personnel Services Credential program plans to become a school psychologist, "who advocates for social justice. I want to do my best to ensure that all students and their families have their needs fulfilled and their voices heard."... [Read more](#)

CED ALUMNI

Early Childhood Education Grad Student Heads to Columbia University



Ms. Lana Tran, a recent graduate from the [MA in Early Childhood Education](#) program, has been accepted to the Ph.D. in Education Policy program at Columbia University for fall 2021. Lana graduated from the Early Childhood Education master's program in Spring 2021... [Read more](#)

School Counseling Alumna Bianca Sanchez Selected as a CASC Emerging Leader

[School Counseling](#) alumna Bianca Sanchez (21) was recently selected as a 2021 California Association of School Counselors (CASC) Emerging Leader. The Emerging Leader program provides graduate counseling students and new professionals with experiences to support their development of leadership skills... [Read more](#)



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