



Cal State San Marcos

# CoAS News & Tidbits

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## Dean's Welcome

Welcome back to the start of our Spring Semester 2008. Somehow semesters seem long, and holiday breaks seem way too short. Nevertheless, I hope each of you found some time to relax and to nourish and renew both body and soul.

Please welcome our new Women's Studies Program Director — Dr. Sheryl Lutjens! She joins us from Northern Arizona University. Her office is on the 6th floor of Craven, so take a moment to come by and say hello.

I am very happy to let you all know that Olga Ramirez is back from her maternity leave! Her youngest family member — Roberto is a healthy and beautiful baby boy. Should you need or want to meet with me, please work with her at [oramirez@csusm.edu](mailto:oramirez@csusm.edu) or x4195 to find a time and place. Of course, if something urgent comes up and my door is open, you are welcome to stop in on a moment's notice too. I try to stay available whenever possible.

-Vicki Golich, Dean

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## All Faculty Meeting

The first All Faculty Governance meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 28** at noon in Commons 206. We look forward to your attendance!

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## First Tuesday Gigs—Spring 2008

Make sure the First Tuesday Gigs are on your calendars for the spring 2008 semester. This casual event is for all of the College of Arts and Sciences — part & full time staff, faculty, lecturers, and administrators... Our fabulous Director of Outreach and Development — Melinda Newsome — has a community member lined up for each of these events. Delicious light appetizers and wine are provided to make it an even more enjoyable, social college-wide event.



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### First Tuesday Gigs

4:00—6:00 p.m.

KELL 2413

- February 5
- March 4
- May 6

## Faculty & Staff Award Reception



It is a great honor to have 2 of our very own faculty be awarded by President Karen Haynes among many other colleagues. Don't miss congratulating your fellow colleagues at this event!

- Dr. Karno Ng, Chemistry/Biochemistry is this year's Outstanding Faculty in Teaching and Learning. Her teaching techniques really engage students by making her courses come alive!
- Professor Fredi Avalos will receive CSUSM's first Contributions to Student Success Award. Prof. Avalos has been teaching in our Communication Department for 10+ years—and teaches difficult courses such as race and racism. She ensures a safe learning environment for her students and allows her students to speak their truths across political and religious divides.

Mark your calendars: **January 17 from 11:00 am—12:30 pm in The Dome.**

January 26, 1784  
**IT DIDN'T SOAR!**  
 Benjamin Franklin expressed great unhappiness in a letter to his daughter. The source of concern? The eagle was chosen as the nation's symbol and he preferred the turkey!

## Provost's Faculty Lunches

Provost Emily Cutrer is again offering a series of luncheons with faculty, with reservations granted on a first come, first served basis. The event takes place in the Faculty Center Conference Room, Kellogg Library, Suite 2400 during the noon hour on the second Thursday of the month. These luncheons are an informal way for the provost and faculty to get together, share a meal, and talk about interests—academic and otherwise. The lunches are limited to six or seven faculty, with no more than two faculty from any one department. Please visit the Faculty Center website to sign up for future lunches!

[www.csusm.edu/fc](http://www.csusm.edu/fc)



### Faculty Lunch w/the Provost Dates

- February 12
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13

## Student Volunteers Needed

Joshua Galeai, Early Outreach Coordinator is seeking student volunteers! The Early Outreach office hosts a lot of campus visits to increase the awareness of college to students in the neighboring cities. Their hope is that exposure will increase the chances that students will attend college upon completion of their High School education. Currently the Outreach office is understaffed and are in need of student volunteers to take part on campus visit; campus visits are Friday mornings and the need for student volunteers is to serve in CSUSM student panels. This is a great opportunity to give departments from various disciplines exposure to the visiting students. Contact **Joshua K.E. Galeai** at [jgaleai@csusm.edu](mailto:jgaleai@csusm.edu) or x4858 for more information.

**“Sharing what you have is more important than what you have.”**  
-Albert M. Wells Jr.



## Howard/UTEP Alliance for Grad Ed & Professorate (AGEP) Visitation



The UTEP—AGEP Undergraduate Visitation Program is hosting their conference January 24-26.

The Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professorate program seeks to increase significantly the number of Black (African-American), Hispanic and American Indian/Alaskan (Native American) students receiving doctoral degrees in all disciplines funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Contact: Pablo Arenaz, [parenaz@utep.edu](mailto:parenaz@utep.edu).

## Proposals

The 2008-09 call is out! CSUSM receives funds from the CSU System for 2 types of grants: 1) University Professional Development Grant, UPG and 2) Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grants, RSCA. The deadline to submit applications is **Thursday, January 31, 2008** at 4:00 p.m.

More Details: <http://www.csusm.edu/fc/FacultyGrantPage.htm>



## Student Research Competition

The Naval Research Enterprise Intern Program (NREIP) invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit their qualitative or quantitative research projects with clear purpose, methodology and interpretation of results completed in spring, summer or fall 2007. Applications are due **February 15, 2008**. Find out more: [www.csusm.edu/src](http://www.csusm.edu/src).

## Mission Statement

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The College of Arts & Sciences is a scholarly community committed to providing comprehensive, high quality education for students in a rapidly changing world. We provide a supportive teaching and learning environment where diversity is fundamental to the achievement of excellence. Integral to the college instructional mission is the generation of new knowledge through research and creative activity. We value disciplinary and interdisciplinary instruction that employs new technologies and integrates ideas across intellectual boundaries. The college is committed to mutually beneficial partnerships with local and global communities.

**We're on the web**

**[www.csusm.edu/coas](http://www.csusm.edu/coas)**



**College of Arts & Sciences**

**The academic heart of Cal State San Marcos & home to a wide variety of core disciplines.**

## CoAS Important Dates & Events

### Thursday, January 17

**Spring Assembly**

**9:00—10:30 a.m.**

**ARTS 240**

**Awards Reception**

**11:00—12:30 p.m.**

**Dome**

### Friday, January 18

**Dean/DC Meeting**

**12:00—2:30 p.m.**

**KELL 3010**

### Monday, January 28

**All Faculty Meeting**

**12:00—1:00 p.m.**

**Commons 206**

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**KELL 2413**

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**Lunch with the Provost**

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**KELL 2400**

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