



Cal State San Marcos

## CoAS News & Tidbits

### Welcome Back, Recovery, and Giving Thanks

As we enter the last month and a half of our Fall 2007 semester, we are also recovering from a week of catastrophic fires throughout San Diego County. For those who lost everything, this is a particularly difficult time; my heart goes out to each and every one of you. I hear of a new person every day who fits into this category, yet I am frankly astonished that more CSUSM people were not affected in this traumatic way. Larger numbers of folks suffered *some* losses; and many, many people were temporarily displaced. I know that last week was distracting and disturbing to each of you as well. Even those of us lucky enough to stay put – though we were packed and ready to leave at a moment's notice – are working hard to get our lives back into normal routines. And we hear that our lives may be upset again by new Santa Ana winds coming this weekend!

Please do take advantage of campus resources if they are relevant to your needs. You can find information about what CSUSM – and other agencies in the region – can offer at [http://www.csusm.edu/fire\\_resources.html](http://www.csusm.edu/fire_resources.html). I am told that the resource centers set up around the County are well-stocked with people and materials, so they may be more helpful to you.

Many of us have commented on how moments like these – where we are forced to reflect on what is important in our lives: our stuff (what to pack?), our families (should someone stay back to fight the fires?), our work (what did I leave on campus that is critical to me NOW?) – can be helpful to us. They certainly impel me to reconsider my priorities.

In the end, I am grateful that so many of us made it through this latest crisis relatively unscathed. The tangible ways in which the CSUSM community has reached out to let those less fortunate to offer moral and material support is inspiring.

I hope that as November flies by, you will be sure to mark your calendars and join your colleagues at our

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Gig – November 6 – 4-6 in KELL 2413

November 15 – Provost's Town Hall meeting on Strategic Planning

November 16 – Clarke Field House – 5:30 – The Faculty Center's 21<sup>st</sup>(!) Faculty Research Colloquium Dinner!

One of our own – History Professor Ann Elwood – will present “Rin-Tin-Tin, Canine Silent Movie Star: "the heart of a lion, the soul of a child"! I know I have already RSVP'd!

Looking ahead to December!

Wednesday, December 5 – 6 p.m. – We have our Fall Graduation Ceremony at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido – this has become a wildly successful event for our fall graduates and their families. I know they appreciated being able to mingle with their peers, as well as with the faculty and staff with whom they have worked so closely during their tenure at CSUSM.

Friday, December 7 – 6 p.m. – Be sure to join everyone for a Holiday Party at my home. This is a great way to relax and enjoy your friends and colleagues from work as you prepare for Finals week and the last academic hoorahs before Winter Break.

Stay well and stay safe... Vicki

Read the following pages for other news !

## Bree Tinney Auction Items Needed !

We are off to a great start with donations. Leo & I promise not to hold anything back. There's a gorgeous quilt and a really nice picture, and some jewelry—well, you'll have to take a look at the website when the auction begins to see the goodies!

If you have something to donate, please let us know. Call x 4200, we will be happy to accept your items. Items needed through November 21<sup>st</sup>

Check out the website for further details about the auction.

e-Auction Dates: November 28 – December 13 @ 3 pm. [www.csusm.edu/auction](http://www.csusm.edu/auction)

## AC's Shine Again!!

We all know how our AC's help to make our college great.

Again this year they are extending their support to the community by conducting a food drive for the North County Food Bank.

If you are interested in contributing, contact your AC. Their goal is to deliver the food to the food bank in time for Thanksgiving.

## First Meeting of Advisory Council A Success

The phrase, "A good time was had by all!" could apply to the first meeting of the CoAS Advisory Council.

Dean Golich was joined by associate deans, along with Melinda Newsome, DOD, Al Kern, advisory council chair, and Sharon Hamill, Psychology Dept. Chair.

Together they greeted a group of community leaders knowledgeable in their respective areas of arts and sciences.

Exchange of information and informal conversation created a cohesive team that will benefit the growing college as well as the university.

Meetings are scheduled for the future. The dean's office welcomes your suggestions/comments on topics of interest.

## Academic Affairs November Town Hall Meetings

**Thursday, November 8, 12:00 — 12:50 p.m. MARK 125**

**Monday, November 15, 3:00—4:00 p.m. MARK 101**



## New Associate Dean for Extended Learning

Dr. Keith Butler is the new Associate Dean for Extended Learning, effective January 1, 2008. Those of you who know Keith know that he joins us from the College of Business Administration where he has worked since 2000, first as the MBA Operations Manager and then as the Director of College Operations and Director of the prestigious Senior Experience Program.

Keith will replace Dr. Al Kern who has served as Interim Associate Dean since July 2006. Al will continue to stay involved in a number of projects currently underway through Extended Learning, such as the development of the Professional Science Masters in Biotechnology and the Biotech Lab Certificate program, as well as other university-based activities.

## USA Today All-USA College Academic First Team

USA TODAY is looking for support to select some of the nation's best and brightest college students for the 19th annual All-USA College Academic Team.

Twenty students will be named to the All-USA College Academic First Team. They'll be featured in a two-page color presentation in the nation's newspaper in February 2008. Each will receive a trophy and an \$2,500 cash award. Forty more students will be recognized in the newspaper as Second and Third Teams.

Here is a great opportunity for you to nominate outstanding students at CSUSM. For more information on the program please go to <http://allstars.usatoday.com>

## International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning

**An inquiry and research-led, evidence-based approach to  
improving student learning outcomes**

The current issue is available at <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/current.htm>.

Submissions are open to all disciplines and formats (classroom, blended/hybrid, and online). The submission deadline for the January 2008 issue of IJ-SoTL is November 15, 2007.

To receive an email notification when new issues of IJ-SoTL are published, go to [http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/email\\_notification.htm](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/email_notification.htm).

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## Mission Statement

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### CoAS Important Dates & Events

#### November

Thursday, November 1

**Celebration for the New Applied Physics Major**  
12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Chavez Plaza

Monday, November 5

**Center ARTES Workshops :Giant Puppets**  
5:30—8:30 p.m.  
Arts 220

Thursday, November 8

**AA Town Hall Meeting**  
12:00-12:50 p.m.  
MARK 125

Monday, November 12

**Campus Closed**  
Veterans Day

Monday, November 15

**Retirement Reception—Kathy Hodder**  
8:30—10:00 a.m.  
Tukwut Court

**AA Town Hall Meeting**

3:00-4:00 p.m.  
MARK 101

**Community & World Literary Series Reading**

7:00 p.m.  
ACD 102  
Featuring Joanne Kyger

Friday, November 16

**Young Artist in Residence Concert**

Andy Leu  
7:00 p.m.  
Arts 111

**Faculty Research Colloquium Dinner**

5:30 p.m.  
Contact Faculty Center

#### November

<http://www.csusm.edu/fc/colloquium.htm>

Saturday, November 17

**Arts Education Summit 2**  
8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.  
Arts Building

Thursday, November 22-23

**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Campus Closed

Tuesday, November 27

**Retirement Party—Sandy Punch**  
2:00 p.m.  
Clarke Field House

Wednesday, November 28

**Bree Tinney Auction Begins**  
12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

**What is Whiteness? Forum**  
11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
COM 206  
x 8048 for more information

#### December

Wednesday, December 5

**Fall Graduation Reception**  
6:00 p.m.  
Escondido Center For The Arts

Friday, December 7

**Dean's Holiday Party**  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

**Bree Tinney Auction Ends**  
3:00 p.m.

*Did you know...*

*...the College has a college-wide calendar on its homepage to keep you informed of upcoming events, workshops and deadlines. To get your Department announcements listed, email [lmelena@csusm.edu](mailto:lmelena@csusm.edu)*

*Calendar Available: <http://www.csusm.edu/coas/>*

