



Alumni Link

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News and Information for CSUDH Alumni and Friends

Loker Donor Wall Honors CSUDH Friends and Supporters

On Sept. 18, the campus community at California State University, Dominguez Hills gathered to unveil the Loker Student Union (LSU) Donor Wall. Many who contributed to both the original campaign begun in 1968 to build a student union and to the \$34.3 million expansion that was completed in 2007 were present.

Vice President for Student Affairs Boice Bowman opened the unveiling ceremony with a welcome to guests. Kim Clark, LSU executive director, highlighted the contributions of the late Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker, the local philanthropists who became the building's benefactors and namesakes. In 1986, Donald Loker, who made the first private donation to the 1968 student union campaign, increased his initial contribution to \$500,000, one-third of the total needed to complete the project.

"This generosity was very typical of the Lokers and it was not just their money they were generous with," Clark said. "It was their time, their talents and their friendships."

CSUDH president, Dr. Mildred García, thanked the many supporters of the Loker Student Union, including founding donors Thomas Innocenzi of the Shell Oil Company; Catherine Shaffer, former financial aid counselor, CSUDH; Gil Smith, former mayor of Carson; and Tom Huston, Watson Land Company.

Editor's Note: If you would like to support the Loker Student Union by having your name or your family name inscribed on the wall, [email](#) the CSUDH Office of Development or call (310) 243-2182.

University Bookstore Unveils Section Highlighting Faculty Authors

On Sept. 18, a special section of books authored or edited by faculty at California State University, Dominguez Hills was unveiled at a reception in the University Bookstore.

"It is important to recognize the creative work and the scholarship of our faculty," says President Mildred García. "They are the ones who put Dominguez Hills on the map through their academic excellence and their creative works."

The event was inspired by a gift to García last year from Donald Hata, emeritus professor of history: a copy of City

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Angela Raeburn: Working for Greater Good at Home and Abroad

In 2004, Angela Raeburn (M.P.A., 2005) was deep in her master's of public administration at CSU Stanislaus. But she was presented with an opportunity to do graduate-level work in Belgium and the United Kingdom. So she enrolled in the College of Business Administration and Public Policy's (CBAPP) online M.P.A. program at CSU Dominguez Hills. She was able to complete her degree a year and a half later while studying abroad. It would become the first of three master's degrees she would earn and would serve as a launching point for both a year spent completing a Congressional Black Caucus Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

Now, a little more than a year after her fellowship ended, she is back home in Turlock, California, serving as president of Junior Achievement of Sacramento. The non-profit aims to teach children about entrepreneurship, finance, and other money matters.

The mother of three spends her time working with and advocating for

of Promise: Race and Historical Change in Los Angeles (Claremont: Regina Books, 2006).

Alumni Connection: New Online Alumni Community Coming Soon

After some delays, we are in final testing and preparing to launch *Alumni Connection*, the new online alumni community. You will have an opportunity to be a part of a web-based community where you can stay connected to your fellow alumni and your alma mater just by the click of a mouse.

Next month we will send out the website address. We hope you will join this online community and tell all of your fellow alumnus about it. By joining the community you will have access to features such as an online directory, message boards, event notifications, email, class notes, e-Newsletter and photo albums. We promise that this will be something that you will want to participate in!

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Susan G. Komen On the Go breast cancer awareness tour visit, Mon Nov 3, 9am-3pm, Loker Student Union North Lawn](#)

Lecture, '**Heritage, Landscape, and Archaeology in Northwestern Argentina**', with Dr. Jorge Kulemeyer, Mon Nov 3, 5:30–6:30pm, Loker Student Union

Concert, **Members of the Pan-African Arkestra in a Jazz Tribute to Horace Tapscott**, Thur, Nov 6, 7pm, LaCorte Hall A103

Concert, **Jackie Shannon, French Horn Faculty Recital**, Thur, Nov 13, 7pm, LaCorte Hall A103

Visit www.csudh.edu for more information.

50 schools and more than 10,000 students in the greater Sacramento area. Whether its abroad or at home though, Raeburn seems intent on being involved in policy issues for quite some time. The latest indication of that? She's contemplating a run for a spot on her city council.

- Ryan Brandt: Reprinted and condensed from [The Report](#)

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