



# Alumni Link

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News and Information for CSUDH Alumni and Friends



## Beach Cities Alumni and Friends Reception Held in Redondo Beach

A reception was held on Thursday, October 15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Redondo Beach for alumni and friends who reside in the Beach Cities. More than 75 guests attended, joining CSUDH President Mildred García and co-hosts Mayor Michael A. Gin, City of Redondo Beach, Mayor Patrick "Kit" Bobko, City of Hermosa Beach, and Mayor Pro Tem Mitch Ward, City of Manhattan Beach.

## CSU Dominguez Hills Receives Teacher Education Grant

California State University, Dominguez Hills has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to prepare 120 highly qualified math and science teachers for underserved middle and high schools in the Los Angeles region over the next five years.

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Quality Partnership Grants Program, which seeks to improve student achievement by improving the quality of new teachers, awarded the university \$748,991.64 in this initial year of the grant. The grant is expected to be renewed annually through 2014 for a total of \$6.9 million. CSU Dominguez Hills was one of three universities in the Los Angeles region to receive this grant.

The CSUDH School of Education will use the grant to create an Urban Teachers Residency program. Candidates in the program will pursue a rigorous graduate-level course of study that will allow them to earn a single-subject credential in math or science within 12 months and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 18 months. For more information, visit [www.csudh.edu/cps/soe](http://www.csudh.edu/cps/soe).

## Upcoming Events

**Now through Oct 29:** [60x60 & Lisa Bloomfield exhibit](#) at University Art Gallery.

**Nov 2:** [Cup of Culture: Día de los Muertos \(All Souls Day/ Day of the Dead\)](#). 3:00pm – 7:00pm in the Loker Student Union.

**Nov 3:** [Russian Music for the Piano](#). 7pm in LaCorte Hall A103; featuring Dr. Stephen Moore, solo piano. For more information, call (310) 243-3543.

**Nov. 5:** [College of Business Administration & Public Policy Annual Awards Luncheon](#). Noon – 2:00pm in the Loker Student Union. Home Depot Center developer and operator AEG and executives from Fox Entertainment and Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. will be the guests of honor at the third annual CBAPP Luncheon.

The event will feature a keynote address by Roberto Orci, a writer of the summer blockbuster "Star Trek," and presentations of the Dean's Medallion Awards to Michael Lang, a vice president at Fox Entertainment Group, as Executive of the Year; Michael Rouse, a vice president with Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc., as Alumnus of the Year; and AEG as Organization of the Year. Tickets are \$50, with proceeds going to support student scholarships and faculty development. For reservations or more information, call (310) 243-3548.

**Nov 12:** [Cup of Culture:](#)

Click [here](#) for entire article.

## Federal Grant for Latino Success Program Awarded to CSU Dominguez Hills

California State University, Dominguez Hills has recently received a five-year Title V grant of \$2,768,113 from the U.S. Department of Education's Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program. The funds will be used to establish a new success program for Latino students, "Encuentro Hacia El Exito" (Encounter to Excellence). CSU Dominguez Hills serves a 39.5 percent Latino enrollment.

Encuentro's goals include an increase in the satisfaction rate for students who use academic support programs and services; an increased retention rate for Latino students; first-time freshmen completing their first and second years in good standing; and successful remediation in mathematics and English for students within one year of admission to the university.

"Cal State Dominguez Hills is committed to educating all first-generation students," says President Mildred García. "We are particularly mindful of the challenges faced by students from the Latino populations of California and are excited to be able to offer a success program such as Encuentro. With this effort, the university will continue to be instrumental in educating the workforce of the region and contributing to the socioeconomic recovery and strengthening of California."

## Alumni Notes

**Deborah Paul** (B.A. '96), is currently the Charitable Events Editor for Orange Coast Magazine. She oversees the online e-newsletter publication as well as compiles, writes and edits the Charitable Events calendar for the Newport Beach based company. She also contributes "front of the book" articles, and is the company's liaison between the magazine and Orange County's philanthropic community.

**Skoot Larson** (M.A. '05), is a musician, music critic and a Viet Nam veteran. He has also worked as a disc jockey, actor, speech therapist, stand-up comedian, behavioral counselor and streetcar conductor. His most recent book, "The Dig You Later, Alligator Blues," was published in July 2009. His previous works include the Lars Lindstrom Zen-Jazz Mystery series: "The No News is Bad News Blues," and "The Real Gone, Horn Gone Blues." He has also written a black-humor novel about health care in America entitled "Apollo Issue."

***We'd like to hear from you!*** Your friends at CSU Dominguez Hills want to know what you're up to! Email the Office of Alumni Programs at [alumniprograms@csudh.edu](mailto:alumniprograms@csudh.edu).

**[Native American Heritage Month Festival](#)**. 11:00am – 3:00pm, Loker Student Union. The Multicultural Center invites you to join the annual Native American Heritage Month Festival. The festival will include cultural performances, vendors, story telling, arts and crafts, and food.

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