

Alumni Link

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News and Information for CSUDH Alumni and Friends



THANK YOU to the 2011 Commencement Alumni Processional participants!

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Khaleah Bradshaw (Class of '08, B.A., English literature), vice president of academic affairs, Associated Students, Inc., encourages new graduates to support their alma mater.

Agents of Change: Class of 2011 Celebrated with Messages of Hope

Graduates of the Class of 2011 at California State University, Dominguez Hills were celebrated on May 20 with words of hope and encouragement. Remarks by President Mildred García and keynote speakers at the day's four ceremonies focused on their hopes for the new graduates as agents of change in a world full of social and economic challenges. García commended the Class of 2011 and reminded them to thank family, friends, professors, and all of those who supported them through academic success. She also charged them with three things to remember as they enter the working world as alumni of CSU Dominguez Hills.

"One, continue learning," said García. "This degree will open doors for you, but we all know that the world is changing rapidly. Secondly, give back. We all know that within your chosen profession, you will be doing such great

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Benefits

Upcoming Events

Free Community Health Expo: Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center

Saturday, June 25

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Loker Student Union

work. We ask you to reach out and help others. Tell them how important it is to get a college degree. If each of us just took one person, grabbed them by the hand and brought them to college, what a wonderful world this would be.

"And three, remember your alma mater, CSU Dominguez Hills. Today, you become alumni. You are our points of pride, you are our ambassadors. Come back and help us reach newer heights. Go out and continue to make us proud, go out and make a difference in the world."

Thalia Gomez, president of Associated Students, Inc. celebrated her new bachelor's degree in Chicana/o studies. She commended her classmates for raising the bar for their fellow Americans by earning their diplomas and charged them with not only professional success, but ensuring the success of others.

Click [here](#) for the full article.



Alumnae Tamanika Ferguson (Class of '07, B.A., Africana studies/public administration, at left) and Betty Knight (Class of '08, B.A., performing arts) received their master's degrees in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis on Africana studies last week.

Grad Students First to Complete Special Interdisciplinary Major in Africana Studies

While many members of the Class of 2011 at California State University, Dominguez Hills celebrated becoming the first in their families to earn a college degree, Tamanika Ferguson (Class of '07, B.A., Africana studies/public administration) and Betty Knight (Class of '08, B.A., performing arts) earned the distinction of becoming the first graduate students to complete a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in Africana studies. Each student was required to use two disciplines to develop a specialized interdisciplinary program; Ferguson included sociology in her emphasis, while Knight's studies encompassed negotiation, conflict resolution, and peace building.

Dr. Rudy Vanterpool, acting chair of Africana studies, says that Ferguson and Knight are "trailblazers."

"They've accomplished a significant milestone in their lives," he says. "It took hard, dedicated work to get them

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California State Society's "Back to College Night"

Wednesday, Sept. 14th
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Location: Rayburn House Office Building Cafeteria, Washington D.C.

8th Annual "Back to College Night" is a casual event on Capitol Hill that celebrates California's institutions of higher education. Attendees are encouraged to show their school spirit, renew old rivalries and forge new friendships. Refreshments will be served along with activities consistent with the evening's theme.

To Rsvp, contact Julie Hooks at (202)547-7854 or [email](#).

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSU

Dominguez Hills (OLLI), a program of educational, cultural and social opportunities for retired an semi-retired individuals age 50 and above.

Learn to Digitize Your Photos!

Tuesday, June 14 & 21
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Location: EE- 1201
Fee: \$10

For more information about OLLI contact Jim Bouchard at 310-243-3729 or jbouchard@csudh.edu.

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there. But it's a beginning; they don't mean to stop... they want to further their education.

Ferguson, who looks forward to a career as an educator, says that the lack of a balanced education about their ancestry has left many African Americans with an identity crisis, an issue she addressed in her master's thesis, "Race, Gender, and the Politics of Representation."

Click [here](#) for the full article.



Sociology lecturer and CSU Dominguez Hills alumna Esther Castillo

Esther Castillo: Alumna Returns to CSU Dominguez Hills to Teach

For many students, California State University, Dominguez Hills is a great place to learn, make new friends, and form relationships that will last a lifetime. Alumni of the school often return to lecture, sponsor students and participate in school activities. To alumna Esther Castillo (Class of '07, B.A., sociology), the opportunity to return to her alma mater offered her the chance to see the school from a brand new perspective—as a professor.

"Working at Dominguez as a part-time instructor this spring has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. The exchange of knowledge that my students and I have contributes to my professional development, and has solidified my goal of becoming full-time faculty once I complete my doctoral degree," Castillo said.

Castillo currently teaches the "Sociology of Education" course held on Saturday afternoons at CSU Dominguez Hills in addition to working at the University of California, Irvine, as a teaching assistant.

"I decided to become a sociologist during the very first day that I took my very first course in sociology at Santa Monica Community College. Sociology bonded my interest in the social [sciences] with the processes that individuals and societies combine to create realities that affect the ways that society and social structures develop," said Castillo.

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Alumni Notes

Bill Bowen (M.A. '03) has been named police chief for the City of Galt. Formerly chief of police for the City of Rio Vista, Bowen led that city's implementation of a gang awareness program, worked on growth planning for communities, and developed and monitored community-oriented training programs focused on diversity, problem solving and community partnership.

Brent Calvin (M.B.A '90) was appointed interim superintendent and president of College of the Sequoias. Prior to Calvin served as the college's dean of business and social sciences for four years and served five years as athletic director.

Carmelita Jeter (B.A. '06) won the women's 100 meters in a Prefontaine Classic at the University of Oregon. Her record of 10.70 seconds is the world's best this season.

Harold Tyler (B.S. '88) served as Class of 2011 keynote speaker at the 64th annual commencement ceremony for El Camino College at Murdock Stadium. Tyler retired in December after working on the college's staff for 35 years, most recently its director of student development.

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.

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