

## **"For Then We Are Strong: The Brenda Project": Original Play Honors Fallen Colleague**



*The life of alumna Brenda Arrieta Killian (1977-2009) inspired "For Then We Are Strong."*

To end the 2010-11 Season, the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance presented a play that was inspired by the life of theatre arts alumna Brenda Arrieta Killian (Class of '01, B.A., theatre arts) and written by theatre department alumna Naomi Buckley (Class of '00, B.A., theatre arts) and Susan Thrasher, based on interviews with breast cancer survivors, caretakers, and family members.

Developed by the Dominguez Bridge Theatre Company

within the department, "For Then We Are Strong" related the emotional journey a group of women undergoes during breast cancer treatment, and their individual struggles and ability to draw strength from each other, their caregivers and themselves.

The goal of the play is also to raise awareness of the disease.

"I think it's very important to tell this story, because the more I go on, there seems to be more cases of breast cancer, and the ages of cancer patients seems to get lower. Now, you hear of patients who are 38, 34, and younger. It's important to get the word out," said Marina Schultz, a breast cancer survivor of 3½-years who lives in Torrance.

"Brenda lost a nearly year-long battle with breast cancer on March 6, 2009. She entered Dominguez Hills in 1996 as a vivacious 18-year old, but by the time she graduated she had become a confident young woman who was loved and respected by students and faculty alike," said director Bill DeLuca, M.F.A., professor of theatre arts.

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

### Share Your Memories!



As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of California State University, Dominguez Hills, we invite you to share your stories about campus life.

From our alumni, we'd like fond memories of fellow students or professors, reminiscences of student life and academic progress, or how your experiences at CSU Dominguez Hills have shaped your lives and careers.

Please send submissions, either in written (not to exceed 200 words) or photographic form, to [jharmon@csudh.edu](mailto:jharmon@csudh.edu).

Please include your name, major and graduation year; if you are also CSUDH staff or faculty please include your title and department, and the year you began your employment here.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your stories on the [50th Anniversary website](#).

The CSUDH Founding Celebrations page is now up on the American



CSUDH students and faculty perform a flash mob routine at the 3rd Annual Labor, Social and Environmental Justice Fair in April.

## Flash Mob Dance Celebrating University's 50th Anniversary Featured in Local Media

As one of the final celebrations of the University's 50th anniversary, Toby Bushee, director of ceremony and events and chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, worked with dance program coordinator Doris Ressler to organize a "flash mob" public dance performance. Yesterday at noon on the East Walkway, a large group of students broke out in flash mob style during the Labor, Social and Environmental Justice Fair.

Daily Breeze photographer Sean Hiller took photos linked [here](#)

Additionally, an ABC7 television crew was there to capture the moment and aired the story during the channel's evening news broadcasts.

Click [here](#) to leave a comment on the original DH Campus News Center article.

## CSU Dominguez Hills Foundation Names

Association of State College & Universities website. You can visit it through their [homepage](#).

### Upcoming Events

#### **Toro Night with The L.A. Galaxy Vs. Sporting Kansas City**

Saturday, May 14th

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** The Home Depot Center

[Special Discounted Ticket Offer \\$17.00](#)

The evening will be dedicated to the CSUDH family and community. All CSUDH participants will receive an LA Galaxy Rally Towel.

For more information email [Robert Aragon](#) or [Melissa Velasco](#) or call 310-630-2064.

#### **LA Sparks vs Defending WNBA Champs Seattle Storm Pre-season game**

Wednesday, May 25

**Location:** CSUDH

Torodome

**Time:** 12:00pm

Group tickets start at \$7

For more information, contact Ashley Canfield at 213-929-1362 or [acanfield@la-sparks.com](mailto:acanfield@la-sparks.com)

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

Saturday, June 25

**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** Loker Student Union

Open to Kaiser Permanente Members and Non-Members

To RSVP, email

## Little Company of Mary CEO to its Board



Nancy Carlson, CEO of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in San Pedro

Nancy Carlson, CEO of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in San Pedro, has been named to the board of directors of the California State University, Dominguez Hills Foundation. Her first meeting will be in June.

"Ms. Carlson's prominent role in the South Bay and her expertise running a large organization like Providence Little Company of Mary-San Pedro will be assets to the CSU Dominguez Hills

Foundation Board, and ultimately to the university," said Mildred García, president of CSU Dominguez Hills. "We look forward to her contributions to the board and are grateful for her continued support of her alma mater."

Named CEO of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in San Pedro in 2001, Carlson previously had worked in senior executive roles at Kaiser Permanente, Tenet and Daniel Freeman Hospital following 15 years as a practicing nurse. Under her leadership, Providence Little Company of Mary has received national recognition for its high quality of patient care and financial management.

Carlson is a two-time graduate of CSU Dominguez Hills, having earned her bachelor of nursing degree in 1994 and then a Master of Public Administration in 1996. She was recently honored by the College of Business Administration and Public Policy with the 2010 Alumni of the Year award.

In addition to her role on the CSU Dominguez Hills Foundation Board of Directors, Carlson is vice chair of the Alliance Board of Catholic Health Care, a board member of the Private Essential Access Community Hospital (PEACH), and Hospital Association of Southern California. She lives in Manhattan Beach.

Click [here](#) to leave a comment on the original DH Campus News Center article.

## Alumni Notes

**Scott Gordon (B.S. '80)** will serve as keynote speaker during CSUDH Commencement 2011 for the College of Arts and Humanities ceremony scheduled for Friday, May 20, at the Home Depot Center Tennis Stadium on campus. He is the assistant supervising judge in the Family Law Department of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Georgette Huckaby (B.S. '95)** was recently appointed to serve on EmpowHer Institute Executive Board of Directors.

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For more information call 310 517-2581

**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.

**OLLI Members Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 24  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Location:** EE-1213

For more information about OLLI contact Jim Bouchard at 310-243-3729 or [jbouchard@csudh.edu](mailto:jbouchard@csudh.edu)

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She is the Director of Customer Service Financial Management & Administrative Services for Southern California Edison. EmpowHer Institute is a non-profit that supports girls and women in low income areas of Los Angeles.

**Stephen Mandoki (B.A. '82) (M.A. '84)** has been recently appointed the next city manager of Lawndale.

**Rasheedah Shakoor (B.S. '96)** was recently appointed as CSUDH Associate Director of Associated Students Inc. She worked in the Budget Office for several years and has many years of student services, budgeting financial experience.

**John Tracy (B.A. '76)** will serve as keynote speaker during the CSUDH Commencement 2011 for the College of Professional Studies ceremony and receive his honorary Doctor of Science at the College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences/College of Extended and International Education ceremony. He is the chief technology officer and senior vice president of engineering, operations and technology at The Boeing Company.

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***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).

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