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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is hard to realize that we are at the mid-point of the semester, and we have just started accepting applications for Fall 2014. All of the units in the Division of Academic Affairs are buzzing with activity!

Much of the campus was engaged in activities for the 6th annual Legacy Week and preparations for Homecoming Week. We have a week packed with activities, including the finale of the Campus MovieFest tomorrow at 7:30 pm, Fire on the Fountain on Thursday at 4:00 pm, the College of Humanities and the Arts Student Showcase hosted by Dean Vollendorf on Friday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the Barrett Ballroom, and the Spartan Football Homecoming Game is this Saturday, October 26th starting at 4:00 pm against Wyoming. There is a faculty staff pre-game starting at 1:00 p.m. with BBQ for only \$5 per person (RSVP [here](#)). Free tickets are still available for faculty and staff [here](#). Park on campus and take the shuttle to avoid the traffic congestion! If you have questions, please call (408) 924-7589.

Please join me next Friday, November 1st from 8:00 – 10:30am in the Barrett Ballroom for the **Academic Affairs Division Staff Appreciation Breakfast!** This event is held to honor and recognize all the hard-working staff in our division. There will be prizes, activities, and Comedy Sportz will be back by popular demand!

Our faculty and students are involved in projects that are both life changing and life saving. For example, see the story below about the poster project of Praba Koomsa, one of our Doctor of Nursing Program students. Her project resulted in a grant to

help prevent unplanned re-admissions for patients with chronic heart failure.

I am delighted to announce that Jennifer Bennett, a student reporter for the Spartan Daily will be profiling some of the members of the division. Her first profile is of Maureen Scharberg, AVP of Student Academic Success Services. Look for more profiles in the near future.

Enjoy the legacy and tradition of Homecoming.

Warmly,
Ellen Junn, Provost

Upcoming Events



AAD Staff Appreciation Breakfast

The annual [AAD Staff Appreciation Breakfast](#) will take place on **Friday, November 1**, from **8:00 - 10:30am** in the **Barrett Ballroom**. You must [RSVP by October 24](#).

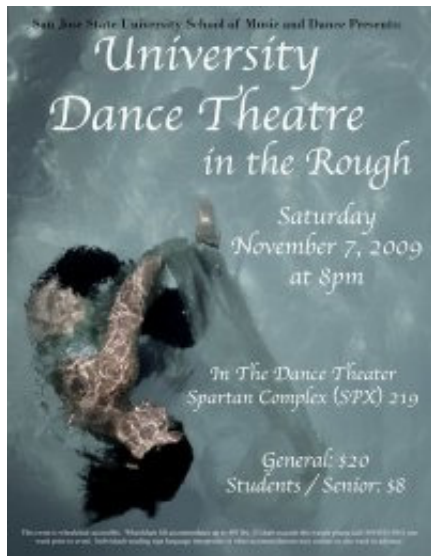
AVP Spotlight



Maureen Scharberg: Powering Student Success

By: Jennifer Bennett

Dr. Maureen Scharberg has been working at San José State for 23 years. In January, 2011, she was appointed Associate Vice President of [Student Academic Success Services \(SASS\)](#). She oversees [Academic Advising & Retention Services](#), the [Educational Opportunity Program \(EOP\)](#), [Peer Connections](#), [Student-Athlete Success Services](#), [TRIO ASPIRE Program](#), [TRIO McNair Scholar Program](#), and the



University Dance Theatre "In the Rough"

Saturday, October 26: Matinee at 2:30pm in Music Auditorium 176, Evening performance at 8:00pm at Campbell Methodist Church.



Annual Author Awards

Join the Office of the Provost, University Library, and Spartan Bookstore in recognizing 30 SJSU Faculty, Staff, and Administrators who have authored, co-authored, or edited 27 published books in 2013. The event will celebrate these truly outstanding authors and researchers who have made significant contributions. The event will take place on **Monday, October 28**, from **3:00 - 5:00pm** in **MLK 225/229**. [Click here to see the complete list of](#)

[Writing Center](#). The goal of SASS is to enrich the lives of students by promoting, supporting, and delivering critical and quality academic services to help students achieve their career goals, life long learning, and participation in the global workforce.

"I'm in charge of the graduation retention initiative, and making sure our students are connected to support services – to whatever resources they need – to help them be successful," she said. The first year retention rate for EOP students for Fall 2012-2013 was 95.2%. The retention rate for all frosh students was 87%. These statistics are wonderful measures that our efforts are working.

Scharberg said her favorite part of being the associate vice president of SASS is working on student success issues with faculty, staff, and students. [Click here for the full story.](#)

SASS just held two successful events.



On October 9th, Chris Lu, former Cabinet Secretary of the Obama Administration, visited San José State University. He gave a motivational speech aimed at encouraging students, especially those of Asian American and

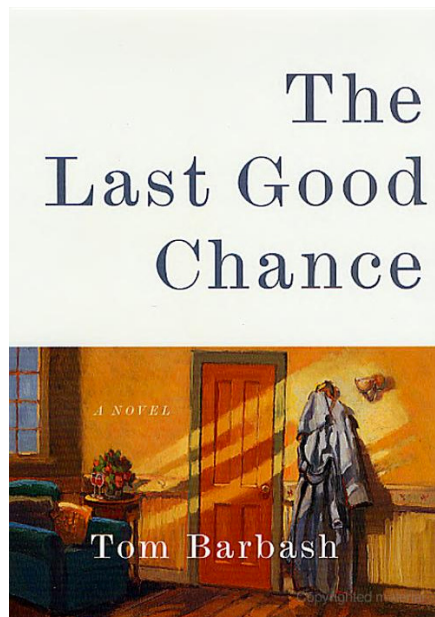
authors who have published in 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact [Elisabeth Thomas](#).



University Scholar Series

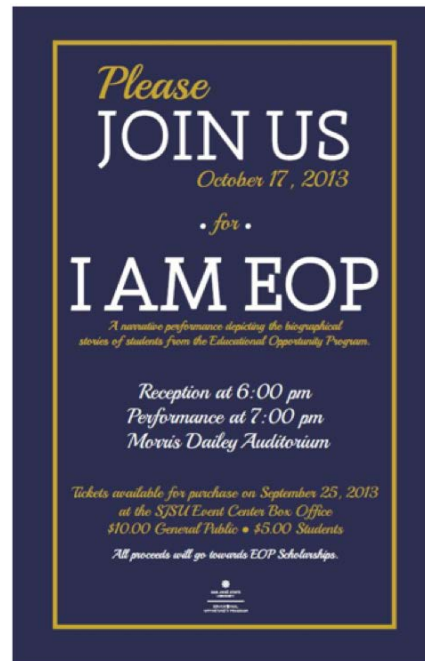
Join us for the [University Scholar Series](#) with speaker Carlos Sanchez. Dr. Sanchez's research focuses on the history of philosophy in Latin America. The event will take place on **Tuesday, October 29**, from **12:00 - 1:00pm** in **MLK 255/257**.



Tom Barbash: Reading and Book Signing

[Tom Barbash](#) is the author of the novel, [The Last Good Chance](#), winner of the California Book Award, and the nonfiction book [On Top of the World: Cantor Fitzgerald, Howard Lutnick, and 9/11](#), a New York Times bestseller. Join him on **Wednesday**,

Pacific Islander descent, to engage in civic leadership followed by a question and answer session with students. The event was sponsored by the [Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution \(AANAPISI\) Grant Program](#), [Peer Connections](#), and [Student Involvement](#).



The second event was “[I am EOP](#),” a moving evening of performance and story telling about being EOP students that was held in Morris Dailey in the evening of October 17th. When the call went out to EOP students, over 200 replied to participate. The director of the event, Alberto Gutierrez held in-depth interviews with 56 students to narrow the field to the final 11 participants. The evening included music and dance and proceeds went to the EOP scholarship fund.

From the Writing Center

October 30 in **MLK 225/229** from **7:00 - 8:00pm** for a reading and book signing.



Percussion Ensemble Concert

Friday, November 1, from **7:30 - 9:30pm** in **Music Auditorium 176**.



The Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge

The [Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge](#) (SVIC) is an annual forum designed to promote creativity and entrepreneurship by generating and showcasing Innovative Business Ideas. The SVIC mission is to cultivate entrepreneurs and help their innovative business ideas prosper into a reality. **Registration closes November 1**, so be sure to [visit the SVIC website for more information](#).

Earn a \$200 stipend for putting new energy into your writing lesson plans. Sign up for “Hack the Classroom: Grab-and-Go Writing Activities,” a workshop sponsored by the AANAPISI Grant. The workshop will be a one-day event on **November 15, 2013**. During the morning session, facilitators will model grab-and-go activities and participants will work on refining their activities. During the afternoon session, participants will present their activities to the entire group and receive feedback. Completing this workshop will allow SJSU faculty to apply for a course release through the AANAPISI Grant. **Applications for the workshop are due on November 7, 2013**. [Click here for additional details](#).

The [Writing Center](#) and the [AANAPISI Grant](#) are sponsoring a [Reading Comprehension Workshop](#). The workshop is designed to help students increase their understanding of reading assignments and improve their retention of the material covered in textbooks and articles. If any of your students are struggling with understanding and remembering the information in textbooks, or could use help getting organized with their reading assignments, direct them to this workshop. The next workshop is **November 13, 2013**, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You may also request this presentation for your class. For more information, e-mail [Cynthia Harper](#).



The Ann Lucas Lecture in Law and Justice

The Department of Justice Studies at San José State University is excited to announce the Fall 2013 [Ann Lucas Lecture in Law & Justice](#), which will feature a debate on the recently published book *Black Against Empire: The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party* (University of California Press, 2013).

Confirmed participants:

- Waldo E. Martin, UC Berkeley
- Ericka Huggins, CSU East Bay
- Tony Platt, SJSU

The panel will take place on **November 6**, from **3:00 - 5:00pm** in **Sweeney Hall 100**. This event is free and open to the public.



San José State
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Dean's Symposium

Mentoring Spartan Veterans

CoSS Dean's Symposium

Join us in a provocative and practical discussion of how our faculty can be more effective mentors. Professors and students will share their experiences and ideas about the ways in which student veterans can best be mentored. **Wednesday,**

The Writing Center has partnered with various success centers on campus to provide additional writing tutoring to students. Writing Specialists provide drop-in hours at the Student Success Center in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts and the Business Student Advisement Center in the College of Business. Students can bring in their writing assignments and receive help from Writing Center experts. If you would like more information for your students, contact the Writing Center at 924-2308 or writingcenter@sjsu.edu, or contact the respective success centers.

Opportunities



Soros Fellowships | New Americans

Applications are invited from outstanding students around the United States to receive 1 of 30 [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#) to support up to two years of graduate study – in any field and in any degree-granting program – in the United States. Each award is for up to \$25,000 in maintenance grants

November 13, at 1:30 at Flames.

[View the flyer](#) (PDF).

Student Highlights



Meet our Student Assistants

The [Office of the Provost](#) has two fantastic student assistants who help the office run smoothly. Wil Reibach has been a student assistant in the office since March of 2011, and Joanna Louie was hired in June of 2012. Wil is currently in his second semester of the nursing program and is a 2013 [President's Scholar](#). His favorite part of working in the Office of the Provost is "getting to meet so many people around campus, from students to faculty, administrators to staff. And learning about the structure of the university. It's easier for me to feel like I'm part of and invested in something if I know more about how it works and who works it." Joanna Louie is a [Gary J. Sbona Honors student](#) and will be graduating in the Spring of 2014, with a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems. She divides her time between being a full-time student, part-time student assistant, and, for the past two years, the Vice President of Marketing on the executive board of her sorority, Alpha Phi. On learning

and up to \$20,000 in tuition and fees each year. Applicants must submit two essays, three letters of recommendation, a short resume, transcripts, relevant test scores, and optional exhibits. [Check the program website](#) for details about eligibility and the 2014 application process, as well as brief biographies of the 2013 Fellows. Deadline to submit application is **November 8, 2013**.

World Changer Scholar

World Changer Scholarships

The new [World Changers Scholarship Program](#) in the SJSU College of Business is inviting applications from all SJSU students to become a World Changer Scholar. The Program is seeking students at SJSU who "challenge the status quo, seek positive change in the world, and have radically new ideas that could potentially impact their local and global environments."

Recipients will receive up to \$500 for their world changing idea. Contact [Travis Lopez](#) (2012 Salzburg Scholar & 2013 Outstanding Graduating Senior), who founded the Program in Spring 2013, for more information.

**THE CHANCELLOR'S
DOCTORAL
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how to balance her time, Joanna says "I had to learn how to allocate my time better; finding the courage to say 'No' to projects or social events that did not align with my values and goals. Each year I feel like I better perfect my time-management skills." The Office of the Provost is immensely proud to have Wil and Joanna as a part of our team!



MST Online Tax Journal

Check out the impressive MST student-run online [Contemporary Tax Journal](#).

Grant Activity



MINETA
TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

Created by Congress in 1991

Mineta Transportation Institute

Faculty members in the [Mineta Transportation Institute](#) -- Master of Science in Transportation Management program have brought in approximately \$600,000 in government contracts over the

Doctoral Incentive Program

The California State University is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 [Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program](#) (CDIP). The goal of the program is to increase the pool of qualified candidates for future CSU faculty positions by funding the education of doctoral students. Currently, the program is the largest of its kind in the nation. Through August 2013, it had loaned some \$46 million to doctoral students throughout the nation; 1,154 of these recipients successfully earned doctoral degrees and 56% have subsequently obtained employment in CSU instructional faculty positions.

Please contact graduate students who may be interested in this program and encourage them to apply!

[Click here for more information.](#)

Successful Events

Humanities Honors Reunion

The [Humanities Honors Program](#) held its 9th Annual Reunion this past weekend, organized by Cynthia Rostankowski (2010 Salzburg Fellow, Coordinator). Mary Okin (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Graduate Student, Art History) delivered a featured presentation on the San Jose Normal School. Erin Enguero (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Junior, Kinesiology), Megan Leckie (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Sophomore, English & Anthropology), Codi Mills (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Senior, Photojournalism), Jonathan

current year.



Faculty Awarded Prestigious NEH Grant

Drs. Matthew Spangler and David Kahn Awarded Prestigious [NEH Grant](#) to host a summer institute including wish will include authors Maxine Hong Kinston and Luis Valdez as well as other famous notable including members of our own faculty. [See the story for more information.](#)



Doctor of Nursing Practice Student receives grant to Provide transition care to Heart Failure Patients

Praba Koomson, a student in the [California State University, Northern California Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice Program](#), along with Dr. Asma Jafri and Dr. Peggy Saint Croix have been awarded a grant to further develop and expand a pilot program to provide care and transitional interventions for chronic heart failure patients. Ms. Koomson is a current student in the doctoral program. Dr. Jafri is a physician and department chair at San Joaquin County Health Services. Dr. Peggy Saint-Croix is a board certified physician specializing in geriatrics

Perez (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Junior, Humanities & Political Science), and Nichole Yang (2013 Salzburg Scholar, Senior, Psychology) delivered a presentation on Salzburg Global Citizenship 2013: A Humanities Honors Perspective.



Global Citizenship Games

The International Business Association, a student club in the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business, hosted its first Global Citizenship Games last week. Students spent the evening testing their knowledge of all things overseas - food, cultural norms, business, economics, and politics as well as taboos and current events. They also participated in a fun simulation game and an international snack-food exchange.



Global Impact Game Jam

The Global Impact Game Jam was a

and palliative care.

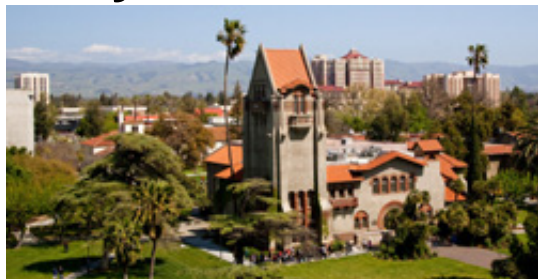
The goal of Ms. Koomson's doctoral project is to reduce unplanned readmissions for patients with chronic heart failure by finding innovative ways of providing care. Her plan includes utilizing paramedics and EMTs to provide transitional care to indigent patients in the home setting; and utilizing nurse practitioner home visits for patients who do not qualify for home health but require additional care and management. The project meets a goal of the DNP program to advance health throughout California. It focuses on an under-served and vulnerable population. The interdisciplinary group was awarded \$25,000 from the Safety Net Innovation Challenge program, a partnership between CCI and the Blue Shield of California Foundation.

success! This competition, organized by James Morgan (2013 Salzburg Fellow, Lecturer, Art & Art History) and Malu Roldan (2013 Salzburg Fellow, Associate Dean, Lucas College of Business) and sponsored by several campus units and organizations, challenged participating teams to create a game within twenty-four hours that is fun, engaging, and educates players about a global issue.

Provost Meeting Rooms

Requesting to reserve a [Provost office meeting room](#) just got easier! Just [fill out the request form here](#), and don't forget to read the [Meeting Room Guidelines](#) first.

Did you know?



- SJSU powers Silicon Valley, sending more than 7,000 graduates into the workforce every year, with 70% settling in the area
- SJSU confers more graduate degrees annually than any other CSU campus.
- SJSU enrolls more than 4,000

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graduate students. Top majors include: Software Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering, Library and Information Science, Social work, and Education/Counseling

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