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Academic Affairs Division Newsletter



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Upcoming Events



Never the Same: The Prisoner of War Experience

A documentary by Jan Thompson on Allied imprisonment by the Japanese in World War II, narrated by Loretta Swit. Guests will include Ms. Swit and surviving World War II POWs. Tickets are \$10, and will be sold at the Event Center Box Office and at the door. **Saturday, May 31, at 2:00 pm, at the downtown San José Hyatt Hotel (282 Almaden**

Appointment



Dr. Ruth Huard Appointed Dean of the College of International & Extended Studies

Dr. Ruth Huard to be the Dean of the College of International and Extended Studies (CIES), effective June 2, 2014.

Blvd). Visit the [event website](#) for more information.



MOOCs in STEM: Exploring New Educational Technologies

The College of Engineering is holding an NSF-funded conference on learning and discussing the use of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and other intensive technologies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). For questions or more information about the conference, visit the [event website](#) or contact [Pat Backer](#). **June 5 - 6.**

Dr. Huard oversees the five CIES departments: Extended Education (credit programs), Professional Development and Training, International Programs and Services, International Gateways, and International Recruitment and Partnerships. As Dean, she will manage the administrative units of the college and be responsible for supporting over 11,000 students that participate in the extended education programs annually, as well as 2000 international students.

Dr. Ruth Huard joined CIES in 2009 and has been serving as Interim Dean since January. In that role, she has collaborated with the College's leadership council to set the direction and goals for both continuing and international education, in alignment with SJSU's Vision 2017. [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

College Awards and Semester Highlights

College of Applied Sciences and Arts



SJSU Air Force 'Warriors' Take Home Trophy

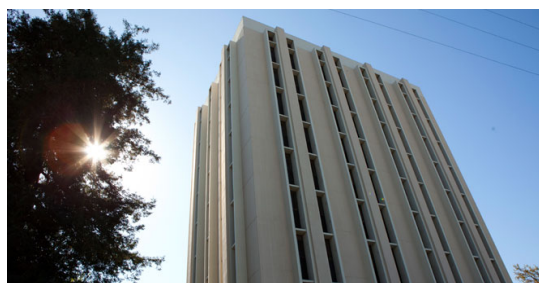
Outstanding Students, Faculty, and Alumni



SJSU Physics and Astronomy Undergrads Make Remarkable

In March, cadets from Air Force ROTC Detachment 045 participated in the Warrior Challenge, a fierce competition at Spartan Stadium where they championed over their rivals from Fresno State University. Cadet Wing Commander Monica Tran (pictured above with Lt. Col. Douglas Lomsdalen) was pleased that she and her teammates were able to bring the trophy home after losing it last year to Fresno.

[Click here to view more of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts' awards and highlights!](#)



Lucas College and Graduate School of Business

Two Lucas College of Business MBA teams, under the guidance of Prof. Simon Rodan and Prof. Richard Okumoto, took first place for overall performance (a composite measure of financial success) and for best documentation (business plan and annual report), at the International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition, the longest continuously running business student competition in the US.

[Click here to view more of the Lucas College and Graduate School of Business's awards and highlights!](#)

Discovery

Assistant Professor Aaron Romanowsky showed student Richard Vo how to use data to locate a different type of galaxy. His discovery was the densest ultra compact dwarf galaxy ever found. He showed fellow student Michael Sandoval how to use the data. Within a month, Sandoval made another remarkable discovery. Related links: [NBC article and video](#), [Mercury News story](#).

Professors Named Fulbright Scholars



Claire Komives, Chemical Engineering received a Fulbright Scholar Research Grant to work at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. The highly competitive and prestigious grant will allow her to spend the academic year in India to research and develop low-cost antidotes for snake envenomation.



Connie L. Lurie College of Education

Forty-three students were recognized in a scholarship awards ceremony that took place in the Umunum Room in the Student Union on May 16.

Read the Laurie College of Education [Spring 2014 issue of *Impact* here](#) (PDF).

[Click here to view more of the Connie L. Lurie College of Education's awards and highlights!](#)

Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering



Charles W. Davidson Awarded Honorary Doctorate

A long-time supporter of the College that bears his name, "Chuck" gave a rousing speech, encouraging students to work hard and be ethical,



Dr. Andy Wood, Communication Studies, has been appointed a US Fulbright Scholar in Teaching. He will be assigned to the Republic of Belarus and be attached to the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, Belarus to offer curricular design, course delivery, and consultation to help students improve their communication skills.



Students Prepare Campus Safety Video

One of the teams in Professor Priya Rama's Comm 199C class prepared a [Campus Safety Video](#). Team members include Sonny Trang, Brittney Rivas, Brian Kaho, Joseph Huang, Jake Peterson, and Antonio Landgrave.

following the awarding of his degree at the [2014 Annual Honors Convocation](#). Attending classes at SJSU by day and working at night in the rail yards, he merged his business skills and belief in the productivity of work. He founded 5 companies, built subsidized housing units when it wasn't popular and lives his life by the rule that one's responsibility is to others. [Click here to read the SJSU Today story.](#)

[Click here to view more of the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering's awards and highlights!](#)



College of Humanities and the Arts

Outstanding Staff Award

Keya Edwards (Art & Art History)
Debbie Weber (Television-Radio-Film-Theatre)

Teaching Excellence Award

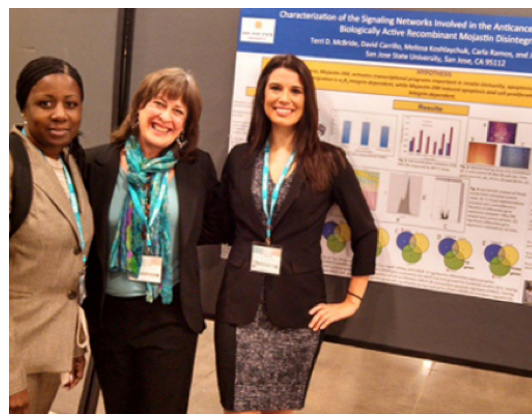
Sharmin Khan (Linguistics and Language Development)
Marilyn Wyman (Art & Art History)

Distinguished Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Award

Aaron Lington (Music and Dance)

Distinguished Service Award

Persis Karim (English & Comparative



Terri McBride Outstanding Senior

Leslie Parr, Program Director of the SJSU MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) program, considers Terri McBride a remarkable young woman.

“It is a joy and an honor to work with her in my role as program director and as a personal mentor. She is a ‘nontraditional’ student in that she served in the Coast Guard and overcame many challenges in her life before coming to SJSU.”

“Terri demonstrates an impressive persistence, intellectual curiosity, and performance under the demanding circumstances of her academic and personal life.”

This amazing young woman is laser-focused on her goal of becoming an MD/PHD to train young scientists to work on cancer research.

“Terri is just the kind of underrepresented student in science that National Institute of Health hopes to serve and support through the MARC Program. She has already

Literature)



College of Science

Outstanding Graduating Senior - Terri McBride, Biology

Outstanding Lecturer - Olenka Hubickyj, Department of Physics and Astronomy

Service Learning/Community Engagement Award - Virginia Lehmkuhl-Dakhwe, director STEM Education Center



College of Social Sciences

Warburton Award of Merit – Lynne Trulio, Environmental Studies
Outstanding Alumnus Award – Scott Lefavor, URBP
Meritorious Service Award – Wendy Ng, Sociology
COSS Teaching Excellence Award – Sean Laraway, Psychology
Staff Excellence Service Award – Simrat Dhaldi, PoliSci/URBP/AFAM
Social Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement Award – Rosanna Alvarez, Ana L. Soto,

contributed in real and meaningful ways to the cancer research carried out in her SJSU research mentor's lab. (Dr. Julio Soto, Biological Science) and the lab at Stanford where she was invited to work.”

Some of the awards won by Terri McBride include:

- 2013 College of Science Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient, SJSU
- 2010-2013 Laurie & Betty Davison President's Scholar in the Life Sciences, SJSU
- 2011, 2012, 2013 President's Scholar, SJSU
- 2012 USAA Coast Guard Foundation Reserve Scholar
- 2012 Martin L. & Sarah F. Leibowitz Fellowship
- Gateways to the Laboratory Program
- 2011 Outstanding Poster Presentation Award, Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (AMBRCMS) -- Cancer Biology
- 2011 SJSU Wives & Associates Scholarship, San Jose State University
- 2011 Barnum-Everett Memorial Scholarship, San Jose State University

Outstanding Graduate Thesis Awards

Each year, San José State honors two Outstanding Graduating Seniors. These award recognize

Marlene Chavez, MAS Andriega Collective) Changing the World Together

Representatives from Lockheed Martin attended the student capstone presentations in Psych 190 Campus-Community Forum on Veterans' Transition Home and to College. They even created a beautiful reprint of the poem one of the students wrote and presented. Dr. Elena Klaw is grateful for the support shown by Lockheed Martin to our student veterans. [Click here to read the article](#) (PDF) and [here to read a poem](#) (PDF) written by one of our students.



Research Foundation Comparative Award and Proposal Statistics Reports

In summary:

- Awards - 17 new awards were received for a total of \$1,537,569.
- Proposals - 21 proposals requesting a total of \$5,661,651 were submitted to sponsoring agencies.

Please note that these reports can also be found on the [Research Foundation's website](#) under "Quick Links."

academic excellence and outstanding service to the University and the community.

This year's winners are:



Danielle Crawford MA, English and Comparative Literature, December 2013

Her thesis, *A Girlhood of Myth, Dreams, and Trauma: Redefining the Asian North American Female Bildungsroman*, challenged the conventions of European coming of age novels through the factors of myth, dreams and trauma.



Opportunities



Request for Proposals to Improve Transitions from High Schools to Community Colleges and Into the CSU

Please see the [Request for Proposals](#) (PDF) for a new project to improve transitions from high school to California Community Colleges, and into the CSU.



Linked Learning Pathways to the Baccalaureate

This project will ground the transferable, liberal learning outcomes of general education in Career Technical Education programs, contextualizing college while preparing students equally well for either immediate employment or transfer to a university.

Community colleges should take the lead on proposals, which are due **June 30, 2014**. Awards of up to \$100,000 will fund local work through the end of

Karen Parker

MS, Marine Science, December 2013

Her thesis, *Metabolic Network Construction Based on the Genome of the Marine Diatom Thalassiosira Pseudonana and the Analysis of Genome-Wide Transcriptome Data to Investigate Triacylglyceride Accumulation*, used genomic data to build a computer model of a marine diatom—microscopic alga that converts light from the sun into chemical energy, which can be used as biofuel for cars and jets.

Student Academic Success Services



SASS announces offerings for August:

- Academic Advising
101, August 20 9-3 in Clark Hall 412 a one-day workshop
- Academic Advising Colloquium
August 21, 10am-12pm in Clark Hall 100H

2015. Please direct questions to project lead [Michelle Pilati](#).



Summer or Fall Book Discussion Groups

Announcing three activities related to leadership, community building and reading. First, the Academic Affairs Leadership Discovery Group is pursuing additional leadership building activities for employees including the following two book discussion activities, open to anyone in the Academic Affairs Division. The first 20 people who sign up will get a copy of the book from the Provost's office. You need to be sure you can attend each of the scheduled discussion sessions.

Activity #1 - *Fierce Conversations* by [Susan Scott](#) with 8 sessions this summer from noon - 1:00 pm:

- Session 1 - June 16, Introduction
- Session 2 - June 23, Principle #1
- Session 3 - June 30, Principle #2
- Session 4 - July 14, Principle #3
- Session 5 - July 28, Principle #4
- Session 6 - August 11, Principle #5
- Session 7 - August 25, Principle #6
- Session 8 - September 8, Principle #7 - wrap up

See the [SASS May 2014 Newsletter](#) (PDF) for more information. If interested, contact [Maureen Scharberg](#).

SJSU Salzburg Program



Six Salzburg Student Scholars were honored as **President's Scholars** (4.0 GPA for at least 2 of the last 3 semesters):

- **Codi Mills** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CASA
- **Sophia Gutierrez** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoHA
- **Akos Meggyes** (2012 Salzburg Scholar) | CoHA
- **Debby Ng** (2014 Salzburg Scholar) | CoHA
- **Matthew Diez** (2012 Salzburg Scholar) | CoSS
- **Inderpal Kaur** (2014 Salzburg Scholar) CoSS

Eleven Scholars were honored as **Dean's Scholars** (3.65+ GPA for 2 semesters):

- **Erin Enguero** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CASA
- **Alexander Ciak** (2012 Salzburg Scholar) | CoB
- **Matthew Diwata** (2014 Salzburg Scholar) | CoB

Activity #2 - *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg with 4 sessions in fall from noon - 1:00 pm in IRC 101

- September 25
- October 9 and 23
- November 6

If you want to participate in one of these groups, please contact [Annette Nellen](#). Also let her know if you need a copy of the book (we have copies for the first 20 to sign up in each group).

Activity #3 - Campus Reading Program has selected as the Fall 2014 book - *My Beloved World* by Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The author will visit campus in fall. If you are interested in co-leading a discussion group on this book in fall, please contact [Scot Guenter](#).

- **Skylar Lewandowski** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoB
- **Joy Franco** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoENG
- **Laura Hart** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoHA
- **Sophie Powers** (2012 Salzburg Scholar) | CoHA
- **Andy Dang** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoS
- **Susana Cabrera-Mariz** (2010 Salzburg Scholar) | CoSS
- **Kanza Naqvi** (2012 Salzburg Scholar) | CoSS
- **Nichole Yang** (2013 Salzburg Scholar) | CoSS



Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Initiates New Members

On April 18, Chapter 67 of Honor Society of [Phi Kappa Phi](#) held its

Academic Affairs Leadership Profile



Elna Green

By Austin Belisle

Elna Green is the Associate Vice President of Faculty Affairs, a conductor at the head of a speeding bullet train whose engines are always running. "It's really the kind of behind-

61st Annual initiation in the Engineering Auditorium. Friends and families were welcomed by President Gus Lease. Newly appointed provost, Andy Feinstein, was the Key Note speaker. Two hundred and thirty seven new members were initiated into the Honor Society.

New faculty and staff members include Dennis Jaehne, Lynda Heiden, Art King, and Annette Nellen. Please [check the program](#) (PDF) for the full list of initiates.

William McGraw, emeritus professor, was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award and Beth Von Till was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award (pictured above).

the-scenes stuff that you don't even know takes place a lot of times. You don't see it; you don't know how it happens. We're the people behind the scenes that keep the trains running."

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end, students and faculty are leaving campus for summer vacation. Green and the Office of Faculty Affairs, however, are working hard behind the scenes to ensure the university is ready for the upcoming fall semester. [Click here for the full story](#).

Austin Belisle, our stellar student contributor and reporter for the Spartan Daily, is graduating with a degree in Journalism. He will be an intern at Cisco this summer.

If you have a story you'd like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please [click here](#)!

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