



A Note From The Dean ...

The rabbi's d'var Torah touched me having just spent time with students and staff volunteering at [Community Roots Farm](#), Oceanside's BIPOC and womxn-led nonprofit urban farm, for CSUSM's 10th annual César Chávez Day of Service. I worked alongside Julianna, a senior who had volunteered prior to COVID, and Kaya, who moved to campus this year to create a community and sense of belonging for herself that she had missed as a commuter student. I felt privileged to be with these students, and I had a fantastic time alphabetizing seeds and wielding a sledgehammer. (I was far more successful with the first task than the second!)

Time, Talent, and Treasure. All are valuable avenues for service. I was able to make a difference by giving a few hours of time and a small bit of talent. On Thursday, we all have the opportunity to make a difference



This Shabbat my congregational rabbi (like most rabbis do on shabbat) spoke about the weekly Torah portion. He taught that the biblical teachings on priestly offerings, which can seem very far removed from contemporary life, speak to the power of serving. Sometimes we serve from a place of gratitude or joy; sometimes service comes from our needs whether for basics like food and shelter, or from a deep longing to be part of something greater than ourselves.

through our treasure. I hope you'll consider making a small donation for OneCSUSM, a day focused on fundraising for student scholarships. Five hundred eighty-seven \$5 donations (one for every person on our email list) would raise \$2,935 to support a student on their academic journey. Here is the [link to scholarships](#) that specifically support CHABSS students.

Thanks for all you do every day.





César Chávez Day of Service

Some members of the Dean's Office staff participated in last Friday's César Chávez Day of Service. The day is intended to serve to honor the legacy of Chávez, and the contributions of farm workers to our society. Chávez, Dolores Huerta, and Larry Itliong fought for workers' rights among countless farmworkers and allies, and their impacts extend beyond the Latinx community. This year's theme is Service was a Lifetime Commitment.

Student Success



Psychology Student Overcomes To Capture Live Your Dream Award

Alyssa Nieves (middle above) was recently honored with a Live Your Dream award from Soroptimist International of Poway. The award has allowed her to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology and minor in art, media and design at CSUSM. Nieves was in foster care as a teen and only 18 years old when she had her son. She said she lacked confidence and had no direction in life. As a young adult she attended school off-and-on at Mesa College, Miramar College and finally transferred to CSUSM. The Live Your Dream award and other scholarships gave her the boost she needed to pursue her goals.

Nieves an inspiration



Student Team Among H2O Impact Challenge Winners

A team of CSUSM students was recently honored in multiple categories at the SDSU Chinyeh Hostler Social Venture: H2O Impact Challenge. CSUSM's winning team included art, media, and design student Bella Bowman (left above), biotechnology master's student Kanav Aggarwal and marketing student Ashley Gamez.

The event is a pitch competition based on identifying a significant problem related to the impact of water on the region. Competitors then present an innovative solution to the problem.

AMD student among winning H2O team

Faculty Highlights



Theater Artist, Department Chair Aims To Expand the Latinx Narrative

Theatre Arts department chair Maria Patrice Amon was recently featured as the cover story in the San Diego Union-Tribune's spring 2024 arts preview. The article written by Pam Kragen tells the origin of how Amon got inspired to pursue her version of storytelling through theatre. She recently directed "Pásale Pásale" on campus. The show moves to the La Jolla Playhouse this week.

Theatre department chair one of the most important Latinx voices in visual arts

CHABSS FACULTY Event

AI and Student Learning Outcomes: 1-on-1 Consultations



Are you concerned about the potential impact of AI on your courses?

The ubiquity of AI will require rethinking learning outcomes and how to assess those outcomes.

The Faculty Center is offering an opportunity to work through the ramification of the disruption of AI on your classes. Bring your Learning Outcomes, and we will work with you to rethink your course learning goals in the face of the challenge of AI.

April 4th, 12:00-1:30

KEL 2413 (Faculty Center Conference Room)



Faculty Center Hosting Opportunity For Faculty to Consult 1-on-1 on AI

Would you like help rethinking your learning outcomes within the context of the ubiquity of AI? Please join us at the Faculty Center for a special CHABSS faculty event, AI and Student Learning Outcomes: 1-on-1 Consultations. This workshop will be held on April 4 12-1:30 p.m. at the Faculty Center in KEL 2413. You do not need to RSVP; the only requirement is that you bring your Learning Outcomes.

Alumni Achievements



Alumni Journeys to Advertising

Class of 2018 alumnus Dean Rojas was recently [featured in a CSU article](#). He is the president and co-founder of GASSED, one of the top five highest-spending TikTok advertising agencies in North America. Rojas started this journey to founding his own company as an arts and technology major, where he held several internships on campus, including as a videographer intern for the Office of Communications and as a design and marketing assistant for the University Student Union.

Rojas featured in CSU article

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Dr. Gloria Pindi Nziba - Coordinator

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Dr. Elivis Nshom	Dr. Morgan Kirby
<u>CSUSM STUDENTS</u>	<u>TSU STUDENTS</u>
Anissa Florie	Erika Jamison
Daniel Bennett	Precious Johnson

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 12-1:30pm PST,
2-3:30pm CST**

REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

		
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HBCU Exchange Program Coming

The Office of Inclusive Excellence is presenting an upcoming exchange program with HBCU Texas Southern University. The event is April 23 12-1:30 p.m. and is being coordinated by associate professor of communication Gloria Pindi Nziba.

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International Fair Coming This Week

The 21st Annual International Fair is this week at the library place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Professor James Miller's graphic design class was involved with creating and voting on the winning poster. Performances and interactions will include:

- The Rock & Roll Bagpiper
- Dances from Bangladesh & Japan
- A Song from Romania
- Some awesome Cuban Salsa Rueda de Casino
- Cultural interactions and a variety of free food



George M. Johnson
April 3, 6 p.m., USU Ballroom



Jason Magabo Perez
April 13, 6 p.m., USU Ballroom

- Apr. 3 – **An Evening with George M. Johnson:** USU 2300 Full Ballroom 6-8 p.m.
- Apr. 4 – **21st International Education Fair** Forum Plaza Square 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Apr. 6 – **Cougar Blue Day** Across campus 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Apr. 8 – **GCC Film Screening** TBD 5:30-8 p.m.
- Apr. 9 – **Brazilian-Mexican filmmaker Chica Barbosa** Arts 240 2:30-5:20 p.m.
- Apr. 13 – **Jason Magabo Perez** USU 2300 Full Ballroom 6-8 p.m.
- Apr. 18 – **Counselor Forum** TBD 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Apr. 19 – **Theatre Arts Discover and Connect** Arts 111 6 p.m.
- Apr. 17-20 – **Failure A Love Story** Arts 111 7 p.m. each day
- Apr. 23 – **U.S. filmmaker, archivist, projectionist Danny Kuchuck** Arts 240 2:30-5:20 p.m.
- Apr. 30 – **U.S. documentarian Sam Lipman-Stern** Arts 240 2:30-5:20 p.m.
- May 2 – **Cords and Cones Event** SBSB 4th floor 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- May 3 – **30th Annual Psychology Research Conference** USU 2300 Full Ballroom 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



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