



## A Note From The Dean ...



This issue highlights stories of individual student success that allow us to see a few of the many paths students take in the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths as students can discover their passion and develop the knowledge, habits, and skills to achieve success as they define it. Our collective success is also worth noting as CHABSS continues to develop new strategies to support our students as the change-makers of tomorrow and today. CSUSM is:

- #1 in U.S. 2022 Social Mobility Index



#### MOBILITY INDEX

- Top 3% in the U.S. National Economic Mobility Index
- Top 25 most transformative college Money Magazine

Each individual is worthy of celebration, and I hope you will take the time to read the stories of **David Ramos, Hannah Harding, Alexis Rojas, Danna Gomez Mercado, Ripley Brant** and many others.

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## Student Success



## Pilot Program Raises Awareness For Sustainability and Climate

Cal State San Marcos' initial Planet Mentorship Pilot Program was a success, creating opportunities for students with diverse backgrounds to fight against climate issues. The program is a unique merging of targeted student mentorship, socially-engaged sustainability and climate education, and data visualization. David Ramos, an environmental studies and art, media, design student, joined the program because he wanted to gain a skill set that he could utilize outside of the classwork.

Ramos, other CHABSS students start Plant Pilot program



## Theatre Students & Professor Bauerlein Perfect Accents Straight From the Source

Hannah Harding and Alexis Rojas were students in the theatre arts program at Cal State San Marcos when they each thought about wanting to add stronger British accents to their repertoire as potential future actors. For most, that would have meant an acting class somewhere close by. For the Class of 2023 alumnae, however, it meant going straight to the source. Over the summer, Harding and Rojas were accompanied by theatre professor Judy Bauerlein for a four-week Summer in London program through CSU Summer Arts.

Students, professor perfect accents across the pond



## Mentorship Powers Gomez on Journey to Law School

Danna Gomez Mercado almost dropped out of CSUSM in 2020. A transfer student raising two boys and working three jobs, she persisted, graduating last May with an LSAT score that's in the 99th percentile nationally.

Danna's journey



## Cochlear Implants Help Transform Track Standout's Life

Born with mild to profound hearing loss, Ripley Brant got cochlear implants, and it transformed his life. The literature and writing studies rising second year is also a member of the Cougars track and field team.

Ripley's believe it or not

# Save the Date

- Oct. 10 — **Office of Global Education Drop-ins:** Mark 243 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (throughout the fall every Tuesday)
- Oct. 10 — **Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Week, Pow wow Dance Exhibition:** USU Plaza
- Oct. 10 — **Study Abroad Info Table:** UDU Arcade 12-12:50 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — **Arts & Lectures Power of Compassion to Transform our World:** USU Ballroom 6-8 p.m.
- Oct. 11 — **CSUSM Theatre Presents Detroit '67:** Arts 111 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 — **Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Week, Student Org Market Beading Sale:** USU Plaza
- Oct. 12 — **Economics Club Networking Day:** SBSB 2140 12-1 p.m.

- Oct. 12 — **CSUSM Theatre Presents Detroit '67**: Arts 111 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 — **CSUSM Theatre Presents Detroit '67**: Arts 111 7 p.m.
- Oct. 14 — **CSUSM Theatre Presents Detroit '67**: Arts 111 7 p.m.
- Oct. 16 — **Economics Club Fundraiser**: Raising Cane's 105 S Las Posas Road 2-10 p.m. (mention Econ Club fundraiser)
- Oct. 16 — **Arts & Lectures Faiva O Samoa: An Evening with FAIVA**: USU Ballroom 6-8 p.m.