Welcome to the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) Fall Newsletter. In this issue you will learn about a sampling of the many interesting and innovative learning opportunities for all our students within CASA.

I want to personally invite you to take the time to read about the accomplishments in the Department of Justice Studies that includes the Fifth Annual CSI Camp as well as a program we are very proud of, the Records Clearance Project.

The School of Journalism and Mass Communications offered the first ever Data Journalism Workshop with many experts in the journalism field. Another first, is that CASA coordinated hosting a portion of the annual Alzheimer’s Association Walk on SJSU’s campus.

We had a chance to meet with many of our emeritus and retired faculty at our annual luncheon. Many are vitally contributing to our community in so many ways as are all our alums, take a look at what they are doing.

We are proud of our CASA alums who are teaching in many of our departments and schools as well as volunteering as guest speakers, and hiring our graduates whenever possible.

As I begin my second year as dean of CASA, I am very proud of the accomplishments that the staff, faculty, administrators and students have achieved in the past year.

CASA has grown to 352 faculty members, 4454 undergraduates as well as 2397 graduate students in 11 departments and schools. We are delighted to offer 115 scholarships. In addition, this past summer, as part of their international experience requirement, 154 students participated in faculty led programs in approximately 14 countries. We have highlighted a few of these programs.

At CASA, we are slowly and deliberately moving to implement requiring every student to participate in an international experience before they graduate. Studies show that when students travel internationally, their experience is life changing, they feel more connected to their university which is an important student success activity, and they are bringing their global awareness into their communities. One way we want to support our students in this endeavor is by offering scholarships wherever possible.

I want to publicly thank the family of Charlie Whitcomb, former department chair in Health Science and Recreation, who we sadly lost this past year. The Whitcomb family has dedicated a scholarship in Charlie’s honor to help defray costs for those students who need help completing the international requirement. There are so many students in CASA and we can always use more funds to help our students achieve their goals. You can help students contribute to that fund through the link on our webpage www.sjsu.edu/casa or with the giving envelope enclosed in the hardcopy of this newsletter.

We are actively working on the Health Building Renovation Project. This is a multimillion dollar project that will add labs, offices, classrooms and more advising space. We are renovating the first two floors (formerly the Student Wellness Center) for this purpose. Because of a new California State University (CSU) budget process, the college is now responsible for the funding for this project. Plans are underway for the Health Building to be completed by July 2017.

Finally, CASA is implementing the Four Pillars of Student Success program which is both a CSU and SJSU directive. The Four Pillars of Student Success addresses college readiness, academic and career advising, student engagement, and helping students access courses that they need to complete. Many of our students are the first in their family to attend college and we are committed to help them navigate the systems in the university in order to graduate within four years when they enter the university as freshmen and within two years as transfer students. To accomplish this goal, it is necessary to add more professional advisors within CASA. Currently our advisor rate is one to every 2000 students. We would like to employ more professional advisors and decrease this ratio to one in every 850 students. Right now, we are in the process of hiring four advisors as a way to better serve our students.

CASA’s vision is to transform the way our communities live, work and play. Through innovative liberal and applied professional education, the College of Applied Sciences and Arts develops transformative leaders for just and diverse communities. Our values continue to be interdisciplinary collaboration, scholarly and creative activity, and to lead the way with innovation.

Most importantly, CASA is a place where students receive cutting edge education and are being prepared for future careers. That is why each of our majors completes an internship in their field.

Many of you are aware that the cost of a state university education has gone up ten-fold because state funding has been drastically cut for higher education institutions. To continue to offer the many programs and services to students, we need your help. I am so grateful for your support in terms of time, talents, and funding. I hope you will continue to contribute to CASA today so that we can continue to lead the way with innovation.

Happy Holidays,

Dr. Mary Schutten
Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts
Does your child love doing puzzles, understanding how things work, visiting science museums, watching "The New Detectives, Forensic Files, Bones, Body of Proof, CSI, actually having some hands-on experiences? This past summer, campers learned this and more at the 5th annual CSI Camp at San Jose State University. CSI Camp is coordinated by the Department of Justice Studies in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

"We had 36 campers this year from all over the United States and three participants from Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou China," says Dr. Steven Lee, Professor, Forensic Science Program Coordinator.

CSI Camp began with a welcome from Dr. Mary Schutten, Dean, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Dr. James Rankin, (retired) Marshall University, Bond, University of Leicester, United States, Dr. Jeff Honda, Biology, SJU, Dr. Lorna Pierce, Santa Clara University, Biology, Gloria Nurse, San Francisco State University, Dr. Graham Rankin, (retired) Marshall University, Dr. John Tonkyn, State of California Department of Justice DNA Laboratory, Rosa Vega, Santa Clara County Medical Examiner’s Office, Gil Zamora, Zamora Facial Design and Tom Arzauld, Principal, Head of Digital Forensics and Incident Response.

"This year we added new information to our camp in the areas of facial reconstruction and forensic engineering," says Dr. Lee. This year’s presentations and activities were led by Mark Okuda, Everettgreen Valley College, Dr. John Bond, University of Leicester, United Kingdom, Dr. Jingyang Xu, Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China, Ms. Kris Black, Canine Forensics, Mr. Charles Garcia, California School of Traditional Medicine, Ms. Linda Garcia, Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue, Dr. Jeff Honda, Biology, SJU, Dr. Lorna Pierce, Santa Clara University, Biology, Gloria Nurse, San Francisco State University, Dr. Graham Rankin, (retired) Marshall University, Dr. John Tonkyn, State of California Department of Justice DNA Laboratory, Rosa Vega, Santa Clara County Medical Examiner’s Office, Gil Zamora, Zamora Facial Design and Tom Arzauld, Principal, Head of Digital Forensics and Incident Response.

The camp is targeted for those interested in the application of science to criminal investigation that will be most appropriate for advanced middle to high school students 13-17 years old," says Dr. Lee. CSI camp activities included: crime scene investigation, chain of custody, evidence documentation and processing, crime scene reconstruction, fingerprint classification, latent print development, lifting and comparisons, shoe-print pattern comparison, blood presumptive testing, blood stain pattern analysis, DNA electrophoresis and forensic DNA profiling, forensic anthropology, forensic DNA and international crime/human rights investigations, courtroom procedures and testimony and comparisons between forensic science in the United Kingdom versus the United States.

"CSI Camp is a win-win for all students," says Dr. Mary Schutten. "We coordinate the camp for middle and high school age students while our forensic science college students work the camp. With forensic science so popular in middle school electives, this is a great example of STEM at work."
On Monday, September 19, Halima Kazem-Stojanovic, Adjunct Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communications (JMC) presented the first Data Storytelling and Visualization Workshop in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. “We are swimming in a world of data and journalists need to know how to tell compelling stories using publicly available data sets such as the United States Census and Immigration Statistics,” says Kazem-Stojanovic. The Data Storytelling and Visualization Workshop was attended by 30 participants which included both faculty, students and local professional journalists. Participants learned how to find publicly available data sets, clean the data sets, and extract compelling news stories from data. Workshop trainers taught classes on creating data visualizations, data animations, and interactive maps for the web using Moovly, Carto, Java Script tools for journalists, key databases and more.

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Al Jazeera America and the Christian Science Monitor, Kazem-Stojanovic started her career as a television news writer and field producer in the San Francisco Bay Area and worked as an associate producer of news documentaries at MSNBC News. The United States and abroad and spent 10 other News Reporting and Writing classes. Semester-long Data Storytelling class and Kazem-Stojanovic also teaches JMC’s first data storytelling training.

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Elizabeth Dietz, Nursing is a Red Cross Disaster Nurse and recently helped with the Loma Mountain fires. Her job was to deploy volunteers to go out to areas of disaster to assist with medical needs. Once a semester she also comes back to SJSU to give a disaster nursing lecture. For fun, Dietz went on a cruise to the Mediterranean.

Barbara Gordon, Nutrition, Food Science and Packaging is an avid gardener and design garden. “I love gardening,” says Gordon. She is an active board member of Live Lab, a 35-year-old non-profit organization that cultivates children’s love of healthy, food. She has held similar roles through garden-based education. She is also part of the “Over the Hill” book club with SJSU retired faculty that live “over the hill” in Santa Cruz.

When Dr. Van Ta Park, Associate Professor in Health Science and Recreation received $150,000 funding from the Alzheimer’s Association in February, Dean Mary Schutten had an idea. The Alzheimer’s Association hosts their annual Walk to End Alzheimer’s every October in San Jose, but usually bypasses SJSU. Well, not this year! As a goodwill gesture and to further CASA’s relationship with this organization, Dean Schutten arranged for the walk to go through campus and asked if CASA-Student Affairs Committee would like to help with the event.

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During Summer 2016, Dr. Kasuen Mauldin led 18 SJSU students on a Faculty-Led Program to Hong Kong for two weeks. Students were enrolled in two general education classes: Food Culture and Health in Multicultural Society. As a part of the program, students explored Hong Kong’s mega-shopping culture, just to name a few of the activities. This was a life-changing experience, one that has given students multicultural perspectives and life-long friendships,” says Dr. Kasuen Mauldin, assistant professor, Nutrition, Food Science and Packaging.

Professor Deepa Singamsetti, lectures, Nutrition and Food Sciences, led SJSU’s first Faculty Led Program to Puerto Rico in June 2016. The program included one week of on campus learning before the trip, two weeks in Puerto Rico, and follow up meetings after the trip. Thirteen SJSU students participated and represented a diverse array of majors including Nutrition, Communications, Health Science, Justice Studies, and Social Work. All of them earned six units of academic credit. “The Puerto Rico program was a huge success with students returning saying that they had an experience of a lifetime, something they will never forget, and it helped them to accelerate their graduation date,” says Singamsetti. “And no trip would be complete, of course, without having had a salsa dancing party.”

“Interviewing refugees was an intense experience for our students and they heard firsthand the traumatic experiences of people living through war,” said Kazem-Stojanovic, who spent 10 years reporting from Afghanistan. “It was good to see refugees finally settling down in Greece because refugees we met in Greece were still struggling through their journeys and they seemed so hopeless,” said Jana Kadah, a SJSU political science major who is minoring in journalism. Kadah, who is Syrian-American, is one of 22 students on the Greece and Germany study abroad program. Professors Lynn Adonian and Ruth Rosenblum look forward to leading this program in 2017 and invite students to come and have fun in the eternal sun! After Greece, the group traveled to Munich and Berlin, Germany and interviewed refugees who had started the resettlement process. “It was good to see refugees finally settling down in Germany because refugees we met in Greece were still struggling through their journeys and they seemed so hopeless,” said Jana Kadah, a SJSU political science major who is minoring in journalism. Kadah, who is Syrian-American, was one of 22 students on the Greece and Germany study abroad program. In Germany, the group met with journalists at the largest English language newspaper and visited the Dachau Concentration Camp.

SJSU Journalism Professors Diane Guarrazzi and Halima Kazem-Stojanovic led an international study abroad to Greece and Germany in June through July 2016. Twelve students from various majors, including Women’s Studies, Public Relations, Political Science and Journalism, took part in the three-week unique experience. The group traveled to Athens and the Greek Island of Lesbo, where more than 600,000 refugees have passed through since 2015. Thousands of refugees, mostly from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine, are still living on the island following the European Union deal with Turkey. SJSU students visited two refugee camps in Athens and two in Lesbos. Interviewing refugees was an intense experience for our students and they heard firsthand the traumatic experiences of people living through war,” said Kazem-Stojanovic, who spent 10 years reporting from Afghanistan for US news outlets before teaching at SJSU.

The group was in Greece during the June Brexit vote and SJSU students interviewed Greeks and later Germans about the historical vote. “Europe is changing so much and our students got an up close look at the economic and political challenges these countries are going through,” said Guarrazzi, who has reported from Italy and was a journalist for more than 30 years. While in Greece, the group met with representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and with local business owners.
As we go to press with the CASA Fall Newsletter, we’d like to remember those that we have lost in the past year and their contributions to both CASA and SJSU.

Dr. Helen Ross passed away January 2. Helen was an excellent student and worked her way to a Bachelor’s degree at the University of Utah, and to both a Master’s degree and Doctoral degree in public health at the University of California, Berkeley. She became a professor at San Jose State University, and chair of the Department of Health Science there. She rose to distinction as a national and international leader in the field of public health education.

Dr. James Bryant, former chair of Kinesiology passed away April 11. He was a long time educator and chair. James was one of the founders of North American Society for the Sociology of Sport in 1978. He was also site chair for the inaugural meeting of that group in 1980. Given the university’s long history of social change in sports, this society was and is a vital contributor to social justice globally.

We were very sad to hear about the passing of Dr. William Gustafson in June of this year. Dr. Gustafson followed his sister Virginia to California where he joined the faculty at San Jose State University in 1955. He spent 32 years as a Professor of Human Performance, Department Head, Dean of the School of Applied Sciences and Arts, and Assistant to the President.

Bill educated thousands of students on the mechanical aspects of human performance. He wrote several textbooks on the subject, while also coaching the SJSU gymnastic and baseball teams for several years.

Dr. Helen Stevens, former director of International Programs and Services passed away June 22 in San Jose. Helen served SJSU as the director of the Office of International Programs and Services from 1998 until her retirement in 2012, though she remained engaged in supporting global citizenship on our campus even after her retirement. She sponsored the Helen L. Stevens Outstanding International Educator Award as a way to acknowledge outstanding scholarship and leadership to have incorporated global citizenship into their curriculum in meaningful ways. She also helped to create an annual banquet that celebrates international and American students who have demonstrated a commitment to international understanding.

Dr. Charles (Charlie) Whitcomb, a beloved member of the SJSU community for more than four decades, who served as a faculty member, department chair and academic leader, passed away July 15. Charlie started his distinguished career at SJSU in 1971, as a faculty member in the department of Recreation and Leisure (now part of Health Science and Recreation), serving as a department chair from 1988 to 2002. He was appointed executive assistant to the Provost in 2003, eventually serving as vice provost of academic administration and personnel through his retirement in 2012.

In September, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications lost Professor Gordon Greb. Professor Greb was a founding member and coordinator of San Jose State University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communications Graduate Program in Mass Communications. He retired from San Jose State University in 1990. Professor Greb taught courses at San Jose State University (1956 -1991) in all media – newspaper, magazine, public relations and broadcast Journalism. In 1997, he introduced the broadcast Journalism program which became the first bachelor of arts degree in broadcast Journalism in California.

CASA faculty and staff have fond memories of Dr. James Bryant, Dr. William Gustafson, Dr. Helen Stevens, Dr. Charles (Charlie) Whitcomb and Gordon Greb. Blessings to all the many family and friends who have lost their loved ones.
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The College of Applied Sciences and Arts Presents:

Special Guest Presentation by:
Dr. Richard Levy
“The Future of United States Health Care”

Past Chairman/CEO of Varian Medical Systems
Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sutter Health
Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Mentor to Students in Stanford’s Clinical Excellence Research Center

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

CASA Awards Presentation
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Science Building Room 142

Post Event Reception
Students are especially encouraged to attend
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Dwight Bentel Hall Room 117

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