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The 52nd Annual Honors Convocation
This year's Honors Convocation will take place on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Event Center. Celebrate the academic achievements of this year's 3,545 honorees!

Appointments

Andy Feinstein Appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
After a nation-wide search, Dr. Andrew (Andy) Hale Feinstein has been appointed provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, effective April 21. Andy was hired as Deputy Provost in July 2013, and has been Interim Provost since January 2014.

"I am humbled to serve this great institution. My family and I are happy
College of Social Sciences Awards Reception
Celebrating excellence of COSS faculty, staff, and students. COSS Award Recipients: Lynne Trulio, Scott Lefaver, Wendy Ng, Sean Laraway, Simrat Dhaldi, Rosanna Alvarez, Ana L. Soto, and Marlene Chavez. RSVP to Linda Garcia-Young. April 25, 2014, at 2:30pm at Flames Eatery & Bar.

Amy Strage Appointed Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development
Dr. Amy Strage has been appointed as Assistant Vice President for Faculty Development and Director, Center for Faculty Development, effective April 14, 2014. Click here for the full announcement!
Graduate School of Business would like to present: The Third Annual College of Business Olympics. Visit the event website for more information. **Saturday, April 26 from 11:00am - 5:20pm on Tower Lawn.**

**Women's and Men's Glee Club Concert**
Directed by Dr. Jeffrey Benson. This event is free. **April 28, from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the Music Concert Hall, Music 176.**

**Immigration Workshop for Faculty and Staff**
How to Host a J-1 Exchange Visitor Scholar: A workshop for Faculty and Staff
No RSVP needed, seating limited, arrive on time. **Wednesday, April 30, noon to 1:00 pm, Clark Hall 547.**

**University Scholar Series**
Ruma Chopra will discuss her

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**Marna Genes Appointed Interim Vice Provost for Academic Budgets and Planning**
Marna Genes has been appointed the Interim Vice Provost for Academic Budgets and Planning, effective April 21, 2014. [Click here](#) for the full announcement!

**Announcements**

**Corporate and Foundation Relations Office Hours**
The Corporate and Foundation Relations (CFR) team works closely with the Tower Foundation and seeks opportunities to engage funders and pursue philanthropic gifts and grants from corporations and foundations. We are happy to collaborate with faculty on exploring funding ideas, which connect with current corporate and foundation focus areas. In order to do so, the CFR team is offering **office hours the week of April 21st** for one-on-one consultations with the appropriate corporate or foundation relation’s officer. We are also happy to arrange another time if that week is inconvenient. Email CFR Director, [Diane Satriano](#), to reserve a time slot.
book, *Choosing Sides: Loyalists in Revolutionary America*. This book details arguments given by America's original colonists, including slaves and Native Americans, against the formation of the United States. Ruma will share her research as part of the Spring 2014 University Scholar Series on **Wednesday, April 30**, from **12:00-1:00pm** in **MLK 225/229**.

**Shakti Butler**
Filmmaker and Founder & Creative Director of World Trust, is a dynamic educator in the field of racial equity. She is the director and producer of *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequality*, and *Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible*. Dr. Butler is a multiracial African-American woman (African, Arawak Indian, and Russian-Jewish) whose work as a creative and visionary bridge builder has challenged and inspired learning for over two decades. Visit the **event website** for more information. **April 30, 2014 from 4:00 - 6:00pm.**

**Graduate Equity Fellowship Announcement**
Applications are now being accepted for the **2013-2014 Graduate Equity Fellowship** awards. Under the Graduate Equity Fellowship Program, awards of up to $3,000 are made to graduate students admitted and enrolled in a master’s degree program at San José State University for the 2014-2015 academic year. For more information about eligibility and the application process, please see our **Graduate Equity Fellowship webpage**.
David S. Saurman
Provocative Lecture Series
Economics Professor Tom Means discusses “Do economists make good politicians: Do I wish I didn’t know what I didn’t know then?” May 1, from 5:15 - 6:15pm in the Student Union Loma Prieta room.

Poster Expo Open House in the Computer Science Department
Open House Computer Science Expo showcasing community applied projects and industry intern projects. May 2, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in MacQuarrie Hall.

Sotes and Solates
This semester the SOTE/SOLATE teaching evaluation will be completed online. They must be administered in all classes between Tuesday, April 29 and Tuesday, May 13. Click here for more information.

Sheila Bienenfeld’s Retirement Celebration
Dean of COSS, Sheila Bienenfeld, is flying the coop! Join us as we

Spartans Stepping Beyond
Human Resources is excited to roll out an online recognition program for faculty, staff and students. Spartans Stepping Beyond provides all members of the San José State community with the opportunity to recognize a fellow Spartan who has demonstrated actions that exemplify the Vision 2017 goal of helping and caring. This is an easy way to say Thank You to someone who makes a difference on campus. Each Spartan recognized for Stepping Beyond will be recognized on the
celebrate Sheila's 30 years at SJSU. May 5, 4:00 - 6:00pm in the Student Union Umunhum Room.

Symphonic Band Concert
May 5, from 7:30 - 9:30pm in the Music Concert Hall, Music 176.

The Fellowship for SJSU Faculty Women
Dr. Lynne Trulio will speak about *Return of the Native: Can we save burrowing owls in Silicon Valley?* Visit the event website for more information. May 7, 12:00 - 1:15pm in IRC 101.

Human Resources website and entered into a drawing to receive a special gift. Recognize a fellow Spartan today!

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**Students win NSF Graduate Research Fellowships**
The National Science Foundation posted their awards for NSF Graduate Research Fellowships. This year three SJSU students/alumni were selected for the award and four received honorable mentions.

**Award Winners**

**Han-Ngoc Tran**
Han is currently completing her first year of graduate school at UCSF. Han has a BS in Biological Sciences and she did research at SJSU with Dr. Lionel Cheruzel. Han was funded by the NSF Scholars in Science Program at SJSU.
Latin Jazz Ensemble Concert
May 7, from 7:30 - 9:00pm in the
Music Concert Hall, Music 176.

CommUniverCity's
Celebrating Partnerships
Join CommUniverCity in recognizing
and honoring community,
government, nonprofit and business
partners who have worked with us to
build great communities in San José.
Click here for the event flyer (PDF).
May 8, from 4:30 - 7:30pm in the
Roosevelt Community Center (901
E. Santa Clara St., San José).

Joy Franco
Joy will be graduating from SJSU in
May with a degree in Electrical
Engineering. Joy did research with
Dr. Katherine Wilkinson. Joy is very
much involved in the Society of
Women Engineers and she was
funded by MARC/RISE for research
at SJSU. Joy will be attending
Stanford for her Ph.D. degree, where
she will be combining engineering
and neuroscience.

Farah Memon
Farah is currently completing her first
year in the graduate biomedical
engineering program at Stanford.
Farah obtained her BS in Electrical
Engineering and did research with
Dr. Gilles Muller.

Honorable Mentions
Brian Nguyen
Brian is about to complete his first
year of graduate school at the
University of Illinois in physical
chemistry/chemical physics. Brian
graduated from SJSU with a BS in
Chemistry and did research with Dr.
Gilles Muller. He was an LSAMP
workshop facilitator for several years.
Opera Theatre: Grapes of Wrath
The SJSU Center for Steinbeck Studies, Opera Theatre, and Theatre Departments present this shortened version of Ricky Ian Gordon’s epic opera. Visit the event website for more information. May 9 at 7:00pm and May 11 at 2:00pm in the University Theatre.

Economic Summit
A panel of notable experts will forecast Silicon Valley’s economic landscape and discuss the impact on your business. Event is free and presented by Bridge Bank in association with Hopkins & Carley, registration is required. Visit the event website for more information. May 29, from 7:30 - 10:00am in

Andy Dang
Andy will graduate in May with a BS in Chemistry. Andy is research active with Dr. Joseph Pesek. He was funded by the NSF Scholars in Science Program at SJSU and is part of LSAMP. Andy will be attending the University of Washington for his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry.

Heather Wright
Heather completed her BS in Chemistry in May of 2012 and is at UC Irvine doing her Ph.D. She performed research with Dr. Elaine Collins while she was at SJSU.
Active Shooter Drill - MLK Library
The Library will be closed on Friday, May 30 from 8:00 - 3:00pm, as the King Library will be hosting a multi-agency Active Shooter Drill. UPD, San José City Police Department, San José Fire Department, Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Department, EMS, and media will all be participating. Online resources will be remotely available all day.

Kirandeep Deol
Kiran will be completing her BS in Chemistry at SJSU in May 2012. She performed research with Dr. Gilles Muller. Kiran is in the MARC program and has worked as an LSAMP facilitator for four years. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin for her Ph.D.

Outstanding Students, Faculty, and Alumni

SJSU Microgravity Team will travel to Houston for NASA’s Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program
A team of Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering students and a faculty advisor at SJSU were selected to participate in NASA’s Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program from July 11-19 at Johnson Space Center’s Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. The team will conduct several experiments under

College and Department Updates

The College of Business
Steve Kwan and his colleagues were funded by the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership of the
National Academies to host an “Idea to Innovation” workshop on Service Science at the National Academies in Washington DC. This activity will be part of the “Workshop to Develop a Research Agenda for Service Innovation” funded by the National Science Foundation. The participants of the workshop will be representatives from academies, industries, NSF and other funding agencies, and advisers to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The Co-Principal Investigators with Steve are Paul Maglio of UC Merced and Jim Spohrer of IBM.

The CoB has several new certificates in various stages of review and approval: graduate certificate in Global Leadership; graduate certificate in Accounting Fundamentals; and graduate certificate in Accounting Professionalism. These later two certificates are tailored to meet the new CPA licensing requirement of 150 units of higher education, including 30 units in Accounting, 38 in Business and 10 in Ethics.

**Global activities include the following:**

- 54 students have participated in the Thompson Global Internship Program since it was launched in 2010. Students have been assigned to 7 cities in 3 continents.
- As in the last 3 years, we expect to grant about 50 Study microgravity (Zero-G) environment aboard NASA’s reduced gravity aircraft. Recent seniors – Ish Sanchez, Scott Gulkin, Kevin Adinata, Eduardo Alvarez, and a faculty advisor, Professor Winncy Du, comprise the team’s “flyers,” which will participate in the weightless experience and conduct experiments. Students Richardo Delgado and Julia Bowen will also travel to Houston as the alternate “flyer” and “ground crew,” respectively. Another student, Phillip Swanson, and two faculty advisors, Profs. Periklis Papadopoulos and David Parent are part of the team will not go to Houston in July. The microgravity aircraft is a modified Boeing 727, equipped with all power supplies that the research needs. It will produce periods of weightlessness lasting about 21 seconds at a time by flying a series of approximately 30 parabolas – a steep climb followed by a free fall – over the Gulf of Mexico.
Abroad scholarships in 2014.
- 16 students from the MBA-One, CMBA and MBTI programs participated with 10 Masters students from Leuphana University of Luneburg, Germany in a week-long Global Leadership Lab training and assessment of various global leadership skills.
- 3 faculty members and 3 students from our College will be attending the Salzburg Global seminar in Austria this summer.

Humanities Honors
Record applications Requested
Program coordinator, Cynthia Rostankowski reported that 7,722 admitted first-year students qualified for the lower division Humanities Honors Program; each one has been contacted regarding their eligibility. As of last week, 537 first-years requested applications and more are anticipated following Admitted Spartan Day. This is the highest number to request applications in the history of the program.

Newly created upper division SJSU Studies Honors Sequence
New for Fall 2014, the new course sequence HUM 177A and 177B is called Advanced Honors and is open

Jorge Dinis Awarded Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
Karen Singmaster let us know about the great accomplishment of an SJSU Alum, Jorge Dinis (BS Microbiology):

Jorge has been awarded a very prestigious Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Typically they give very few of these awards per year. Jorge is completing his PhD in Microbiology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Jorge was a MARC, RISE and LSAMP student at SJSU at assorted times during his years at SJSU. He was also a Sci 1 workshop facilitator for Chem 1A, even working for free for one semester.
to current SJSU student as well as transfer students. Letters are being sent to 8,503 students who qualify. To be a part of HUM 177A/B, Advanced Honors, students must meet certain qualifications. Acceptance into the program requires:

1. successful completion of all lower division core general education courses (39 units),
2. all-college GPA of 3.0 or higher,
3. passing the WST (Writing Skills Test), and
4. enrolling in the 100W, Area Z requirement for the major, during the first semester, HUM 177A.

Intel Continues Funding for the STEM-Focused Outreach Program

According to Virginia Lehmkuhl-Dakhwe, Director of the Jay Pinson STEM Education Program, Intel Foundation has granted the request for $50,000 to continue implementing the Jay Pinson STEM Education program’s Youth/Girl's STEM Network: Cyber program. San José State University’s Jay Pinson STEM Education program is dedicated to improving access to educational opportunities for underserved communities within San José and works across the SJSU because he enjoyed it so much. Jorge did research at SJSU with Dr. Cleber Oouverney.

Isra Ahmad has been selected as the 2014 SJSU Outstanding Graduating Senior

“Isra was a stellar student in Health Science,” commented Kathleen Roe, professor in the Department of Health Science and Recreation. “In addition to excellent grades and luminous department leadership, she was a generous and consistent contributor to Salud Familiar en McKinley, providing guidance to HS 104 students as a Peer TA with Robert Rinck and serving as the volunteer SJSU Coordinator of our McKinley Family Harvest Food Distribution program for an entire year. She was a Health Careers Connection student and participated in the UC Berkeley Summer Research Program. Many faculty recognized Isra’s potential, but
Colleges of Science, Education, Engineering and Social Sciences to support and develop programming that will increase the capacity of teachers and community-based instructors to deliver effective instruction in STEM; inspire and mentor youth to enter and excel in the STEM career pipeline; and promote the public understanding of issues related to STEM education and research.

Led by the Jay Pinson STEM Education program, the Youth/Girl's STEM Network: Cyber creates out of school time, computer science/cybersecurity learning environments that enable 340 youth (4th through 8th grade) in some of San José's most impoverished neighborhoods to learn CS/cybersecurity skills while developing strong relationships with mentors. It involves SJSU students in STEM-focused service learning projects, professional development, and introduces them to teaching.

The School of Social Work
The School of Social Work is initiating the Institute for Community Partnered Research. In addition, the school is offering a clinical symposium for the first time next Fall, particular kudos should go to Robert Rinck and Mai Mai Cantos for the opportunities and mentoring they provided this extraordinary young woman.” Isra has been accepted into UC Berkeley's MPH program in Epidemiology, to begin this fall. “Her achievements and recognition can make us all very proud. Our village was strong and served her well.”

According to Robert Rinck, Health Science & Recreation, “Currently, Isra Ahmad is a Legacy Fellow, which is part of the American Legacy Foundation based in Washington DC (which does tobacco prevention work nationwide). She is now working with myself and COUGH®SJSU club on IRB protocol #S1402029-- New and Emerging Tobacco Products at San Jose State University and will start implementing soon the survey to start examining e-cigs and their impact on students, faculty and staff at SJSU. Though she graduated last Fall, she wanted to continue working with SJSU on tobacco prevention education and becoming a smoke-free campus, and I cannot think of someone who represents more of Spartan Pride.” Click here for a related story.

2014/15 Salzburg Scholars
as well as expanding international opportunities for faculty and students in Spain and Korea. The school is also part of an EU grant to facilitate the training of international students through out its various higher education partners.

Economics Notables

Evan Pope

Evan is recipient of the James Willis Outstanding Undergraduate Award. The award comes with a $1,000 scholarship. Collaborating with two other professors, he conducted research on Entry and Exit in Restaurant Markets using YELP data. Evan was invited to present his research at a poster-board session at the Web and Internet Economics Conference held at Harvard University - he was the only undergraduate to present.

and Fellows Announced

Fourteen students have been selected from across campus to serve as 2014 SJSU Salzburg Scholars. They will attend Session #63 of the Global Citizenship Program at the Salzburg Global Seminar (Summer 2014), and spend the academic year working on collaborative and individual projects with the 2014 SJSU Salzburg Fellows to help globalize the university (Fall 2014-Spring 2015).

- Rishidhar Bommu (Frosh, Humanities Honors Program)
- Matthew Diwata (Senior, Management Information Systems)
- Jeremiah Dow (Junior, Management)
- Judith Durden (Senior, Environmental Studies)
- Sharan Johal (Graduate, Public Health)
- Inerdpal Kaur (Junior, Psychology)
- Jessica Massie (Junior, Global Studies)
- Debby Ng (Junior, Humanities Honors Program)
- Samina Patel (Junior, Global Studies)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (Junior, Sociology)
- Hillary Schauf (Sophomore, Business Entrepreneurship)
- Jose Seneris (Graduate, Aerospace Engineering)
- Joyce Suen (Frosh, Health
Nicole Norton
Nicole is the recipient of the James Willis Outstanding Graduate Award, along with a $1,000 scholarship. She entered the program with an undergraduate degree from University of California, Berkeley where she earned her B.A. in 2002 in Integrative Biology in 2002. Nicole is interested in working for NGO's or community-based development.

Sam Lepler
Sam is the recipient of the Roldolfo Gonzalez Outstanding Alumni Award. Sam earned his MA in 2011 in Economics. Currently, he teaches high school at Harker. He had the most students in the entire world earning perfect scores on the advanced placement exams this year. Click here to read the San José Mercury News article about him.

Academic Affairs
Leadership Profile

The SJSU Salzburg Program has selected 7 faculty, staff, and administrators from across campus to serve as 2014 SJSU Salzburg Fellows.

- Patricia Hill (Chair & Associate Professor, History)
- Bobbi Makani (Lecturer, Marketing & Decision Sciences)
- Thao Phan (Global Partners Coordinator, International Gateways)
- Romey Sabalius (Professor, World Languages & Literature)
- Larry Sokoloff (Lecturer, Journalism & Mass Communications)
- Shailaja Venkatsubramanyan (Associate Professor, Management Information Systems)
- Oliver Yu (Executive in Residence & Adjunct Full Professor, Office of the Dean, College of Business)

In case you missed it
Dennis Jaehne: The Mechanic of Undergraduate Studies

By: Austin Belisle

“Undergraduate studies is a great staff, it’s a smart staff that knows their details. To make correct decisions and efficient decisions, we have to have people that know a lot of stuff. By virtue of them knowing all this, you’re spared on the student side and the faculty side from having to deal with a lot of these details.” Dennis Jaehne is the mechanic behind the well-oiled machine that is San José State University’s undergraduate program. As the Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies, Jaehne is hard at work to ensure the best possible experience for students and faculty alike. “I make the engine run well,” says Jaehne with a smile. “When you drive, you’re going to be happier.”

The drive involves a wide variety of services, from the approval of degree programs and courses to articulation with community colleges for transfer students. Under the hood, Jaehne is

Growing Up Green

Growing Up Green, a new half hour documentary from former Sociology Professor and long time documentary filmmaker Bob Gliner, was aired April 7 at 11:30 PM throughout the San Francisco Bay Area on KQED (Channel 9). For more information and to watch a trailer, click here.

Global Career Day

The College of Business hosted its first Global Career Day, which was attended by 450+ participants and featured a keynote address by SJSU alumna Jenny Ming, President & CEO of Charlotte Russe. Conceived and organized by Malu Roldan and Tanvi Kothari, with the assistance of Skylar Lewandowski and other students in CoB, the event included 3 panels addressing academic and practical aspects of global careers as well as a networking lunch and resource fair. Dean David Steele and Bill Reckmeyer presented brief welcoming remarks and served on the panel examining the Value of Global Education, which also included presentations by Alice Hines and Travis Lopez.
utilizing a number of tools to fine-tune the process for all. One of those tools is more than just new technology or CSU funding; it’s his staff.

“My greatest success is hiring good people,” Jaehne says proudly. "The operation has gotten larger and we’re a lot more efficient now, which gives us the power to work on the machine that helps students to be successful."

In a small office on the first floor of the campus’s administration building, Jaehne can’t help but grin when describing his staff.

Click here for the full story!

The Salzburg Scholars organized the First Annual Cultural Showcase
On April 17, music, dance, and martial arts from the Pacific Islands, Eritrea, Europe, Asia highlighted the rollicking program celebrating the diversity of students at San José State. The delighted audience was enthusiastic and supportive of the talented student performers. Beautiful long-sleeved dancers from China, or offerings from German opera made for a spectacular night of entertainment.

If you have a story you’d like to see in the Academic Affairs Division Newsletter, please click here!

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