Powering Academic Success

Awards and Honors

Silicon Valley Engineering Council Awards Scholarships to Three SJSU Students
Jose Alvarez, Biomedical Engineering (left); Linh Do, '16 Chemical Engineering (center); and Giovanni Zecchini, '16 Mechanical Engineering (right) all received scholarships at the Silicon Valley Engineering Council’s 2015 Engineers Week Banquet on Feb. 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose.

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities

New Scholarship Announced for Graduate Students
The Office of Graduate Studies is pleased to offer the Bertha Kalm Scholarship for graduate students at SJSU. This scholarship is the result of an endowment made by Bertha Kalm on behalf of her parents, Amanda and Charles Kalm. She established the scholarship in 1995 expressly "to support graduate students in any field of instruction, who need financial assistance to continue their education, and who demonstrate a desire to make a difference for humanity." The deadline is March 22, 2015. Click here for more information about the Bertha Kalm Scholarship. Please contact...
Chartered Financial Analyst Research Challenge
SJSU fielded two teams for the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Research Challenge sponsored by the CFA Society in San Francisco. One of the teams is going on to the national competition, beating out teams from Santa Clara, Wharton MBA Extension, and Stanford.

Tribute to Women Award
Annette Nellen will be honored by the YWCA Silicon Valley as a recipient of the prestigious 2015 Tribute to Women Award for her outstanding achievements and leadership. The 31st Annual Tribute to Women event honoring Silicon Valley’s executive women will be held May 12 at the Fairmont, San Jose. For more information click here.

More Kudos for Annette Nellen:
Annette Nellen has been appointed to

David Bruck if you have any questions.

Spring 2015 Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP) Grant Application Now Available
Receive a $1,000 stipend from Affordable Learning Solutions to develop a Textbook Alternatives Project (TAP). TAP encourages faculty to replace their high-cost commercial textbooks with free or low-cost alternatives, such as custom course packs from AcademicPub, library resources, digital textbooks, open educational resources (OER) or self-authored materials. TAP aims to lower the cost of classroom materials while maintaining or improving the quality of student learning. All instructional faculty (lecturers as well as tenured/tenure-track faculty) are eligible to apply. The deadline for submissions is April 22, 2015. For details, go to library.sjsu.edu/als.

Student Members Needed for the CSU Board of Trustees
the California Board of Equalization Executive Director’s Advisory Council - likely for 2 years (July 2015 to July 2017). She was appointed to a seat reserved for an academic.

### Diane Guerrazzi takes Award of Excellence for ‘Opening Oman’ documentary

Diane Guerrazzi, a broadcast journalism professor, has received the Mixed Video Award of Excellence from the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) in the faculty category. Guerrazzi and Hannah Gaber’s short documentary, “Opening Oman,” was recognized along with 11 other pieces nationwide in the BEA 2015 Festival of Media Arts competition. Prizes will be awarded during BEA’s annual convention and Festival of Media Arts in April in Las Vegas. [Click here](#) to view the 12-minute video. For more info on Guerrazzi’s documentary, visit the CASA blog

### Search Committee Updates

The following search committees have completed its work and a campus announcement is expected soon.

- AVP for GUP Search
- COSS Dean Search
- CASA Dean Search

**Deputy Provost Search:**
On-campus interviews have just been completed. Videos for the open
national accolades from two collegiate journalism organizations in February. At the California College Media Association awards banquet in Los Angeles, the newspaper program took home 16 awards. The Spartan Daily also placed second nationwide among four-year daily newspapers in the Associated Collegiate Press Best of Show award at its 31st Annual National College Journalism Convention in Los Angeles. For more on the awards, visit the CASA blog.

Health Science Partnership with McKinley Earns Award
The Health Science and Recreation department received the Program Excellence Award from the Society for Public Health Education for its “Salud Familiar” program. The program is a partnership between SJSU and McKinley Elementary School to create “cultures, confidence, environments and resources for health and academic success among the McKinley community,” The program allows SJSU students an opportunity to host activities and events at the school that promote healthy lifestyles.

forums are now posted on the committee's webpage. Please provide feedback to the committee no later than April 1.

SJSU Research Foundation Executive Director Search:
Four candidates are scheduled for on-campus interviews, March 30 - April 7. The schedule for the Open Forums is now posted on the committee's webpage.

Spartans Supporting Spartans

This year's Spartans Supporting Spartans faculty/staff campaign is off to a great start—in the first week alone, nearly 100 faculty and staff members have already participated. Be on the lookout for the Moveable Coffee Break coming to a building or office near you. Committee members will be handing out free coffee, treats and Spartans Supporting Spartans giveaways. Remember to make your gift soon to be entered in weekly prize drawings and the end-of-campaign drawing for a designated parking spot.
Urban Planning Coalition Wins Award
The American Planning Association has selected the SJSU Urban Planning Coalition (UPC) for a 2015 Outstanding Planning Student Organization Award. The award will be presented at the National American Planning Association conference in Seattle next month. Click here for more information about the award. You can view their PDF submission here.

Distinguished Alumni Awards
The 56th Annual Lucas College and Graduate School of Business Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner was held Feb. 2nd at the historic Hotel Sainte Claire. Dean David Steele presented the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award to William Barton and Glen Blefari. The theme for the evening was Impact, Innovation, and Engagement. Student Keynote Speakers were Emily Holland, President of the Latino

Luis Valdez Returns to SJSU with Zoot Suit
Fifty years ago, student Luis Valdez made his theatrical debut on the SJSU campus as a playwright-director. From there he graduated and went on to Broadway with his famed play Zoot Suit, the story of the zoot suit riots in Los Angeles. Now Luis Valdez comes full circle, returning to campus for a production of Zoot Suit that will be directed by his son Kinan Valdez. The play will be in the University Theatre April 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and May 1 & 2 at 7 pm, with Valdez giving a talkback on opening night. Tickets are $10-$20, and are
Business Student Association, who spoke about the amazing leadership opportunities in the college and Kelly Tanimura, CEO of Financial Navigators, a student-run investment fund. Kelly complimented the club members on their extensive research, which resulted in outperforming Standard and Poor’s.

Upcoming Events

Coffee with the Chief of Staff, Stacy Gleixner
Faculty, staff, and students: Do you have questions about the university or concerns you want to talk about? Come by Tower Hall 110 to have coffee and chat with the Chief of Staff, Stacy Gleixner. She would love to meet you!

- Thur, Apr 2, 1:00 - 2:00pm
- Fri, Apr 17, 11:00 - 12:00pm
- Tues, Apr 28, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Wed, May 13, 10:30 - 11:30am

available online or at the door. Click here for more information about this historic event.

Yahoo-sponsored Hackathon

On February 28, the Yahoo Service Reliability Engineering (SRE) team partnered with the SJSU Computer Science Department to host a Yahoo-sponsored Hackathon on the SJSU campus. 78 students, eight Yahoo judges, and SJSU faculty members gathered to discuss the Hackathon’s topic - host alert correlation and host self-healing. After an hour of brainstorming, each team chose a representative to pitch their idea to the room and a Yahoo judge. Over the next 4 hours, teams put together workflows, flowcharts, code in a variety of languages, and squeezed in 10 minutes to eat lunch. There were 16 presentations, followed by the Yahoo judges presenting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams with gift bags filled with Yahoo goodies, including Rokus. Special thanks to Debra
The International Student and Scholar Services Office is holding a Global Lens Photo Contest for students, faculty and staff and will be accepting submissions from **March 9** through **April 3**. The categories for photo submissions are: SJSU pride, animals, people, cultural celebrations, and nature/scenic. SJSU student, faculty, and staff are all welcome to submit up to two photos to sjsuphoto2015@gmail.com. Winners will win prizes and photos will be announced and displayed during the International Scholarship Fundraising Reception on April 16.

**WASC Forums**

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has requested meetings with students, faculty, and staff at which no MPPs are present. They want to learn about people’s experiences on campus. [Click here](#) for information about SJSU’s WASC accreditation process.

**Students:** April 14, 4:15-5:00pm, Student Union Theater  
**Staff Forum:** April 15, 8:45-9:45am, ENG 285  
**Faculty Forum:** April 15, 11-11:45am, BBC 032

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**Student Success Centers**

**Engineering Student Success Center**  
This month we are focusing on the Engineering Student Success Center (ESSC). Located in **ENG 344**, **Caires from Computer Science, Ylan Iacobovici from Yahoo, and the Yahoo judges!**
with insight to the latest advances in medical device technologies and regulations. The conference lasts from 8am-5:30pm in the Student Union Ballroom. For more information visit biomedconference.org.

Upcoming Concerts
April 2: Guitar Ensemble Concert, 7:30-9pm
April 4: Clarinet Ensemble Concert, 2:00-3:30pm
April 9: Saxophone Ensemble Concert, 7:30-9pm
All concerts are located in the Concert Hall (MUS 176).

SJSU ScholarWorks
SJSU Faculty, let the world find you and your research by creating a profile in SJSU ScholarWorks. Currently, SJSU’s Faculty Index awaits an update. Your colleagues and readers are referred to SJSU ScholarWorks, our institutional repository, to find San José State faculty. If you would like to join the nearly 400 of your colleagues already in ScholarWorks, please email your C.V. and a headshot to scholarworks@sjsu.edu.

Walk-in career coaching services are available Tuesdays from 3:00-4:30pm. Services include: resume critique, internship preparation, and job/internship strategy. The ESSC is open exclusively to engineering students Monday - Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm (closed noon-1pm).
David Perez is a recipient of the Arts Council Silicon Valley Fellowship for Literary Art, a repeat guest on the NPR storytelling series Snap Judgment, and author of the poetry collection Love in a Time of Robot Apocalypse. April 7, 7pm, MLK 225/229

Susan Choi is the author of the novels The Foreign Student, American Woman, A Person of Interest, and My Education. April 22, 7pm, MLK 225/229.

San Jose State Field Day
Bring your kids, ages 5-12, to Spartan Stadium on April 11 from 10am-12pm. Spartan student-athletes will host a two hour Field Day for their youngest fans! Spartans from many of SJSU’s teams will teach simple skills, play games & sign autographs. Admission and parking are free, and you can get free tickets for the baseball game at 1pm.

Speaker Series

GreenTalk Speaker Series
Every Wednesday from noon-1:15pm in ENG 189. practicing engineers, scientists, and technical experts will deliver up-to-date briefings on how engineers deal with environmental issues. For more information on the series and a list of speakers and topics, please click here.

Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium
Leaders in technology and industry will speak about business and technology trends. The Symposium also features leaders who discuss broader societal and political issues that shape our life and society. The symposium takes place every Thursday from 12-1pm. in ENG 189. For more information on the series and a list of speakers and topics, please click here.
Kevin Jordan's Retirement Celebration
Please join us for a retirement celebration honoring Dr. Kevin Jordan, professor of psychology, on April 13, from 3-5pm in the Student Union Ballroom. RSVP via researchfoundation@sjsu.edu.

International Student and Scholar Services Open House
Join us on April 14, from 12-4pm in CL 543 for food, fun and games! The International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) is opening its doors to the campus community. Meet our staff and learn about the services we provide while enjoying internationally themed activities and snacks.

Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship
The next Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship speaker event will be on April 1, 6-7:30 pm. The topic is Fireside chat with Dave McClure, prominent angel investor, entrepreneur & founding partner, 500 Startups. Dave will be interviewed by SJSU's Steve Bennet. The event will be held in the new Student Union Theater. Click here to register for this event, view a list of up coming speakers, and to watch videos of previous speakers.

Study Abroad Programs
The College of Applied Sciences and Arts, in partnership with The College of International and Extended Studies, is now promoting their students to have an international component to their education and are offering many
**International Scholarship Fundraising Reception**

SJSU staff, faculty and community are invited to the international scholarship fundraising reception at the SJSU International House on **April 16**, from 5:30-8:30pm, to show support for international education at SJSU. For more information or to request an invitation, please email international-office@sjsu.edu or call (408) 924-5922.

**Coyote Creek Howl Conference**

The Coyote Creek Howl is a one-day summit focusing on the ecology and human issues related to the Coyote Creek Watershed, the largest watershed in Santa Clara County. Join us at SJSU on **April 17** from 9am-5pm. The summit will culminate in actions that you can take to help restore the creek. Many weekend recreational and educational outings opportunities for students to study abroad. Other programs being offered are through the College of Humanities & Arts and the College of Social Sciences. Plans for exciting, new 2016 programs are currently underway; informational workshops are ongoing and can be conducted upon request. For more information visit the Faculty Led Programs webpage.

**In case you missed it**

**Performances by “Mehr Avaa Ensemble”**

Persian Studies at SJSU held a Norouz concert this semester on March 8, 2015 in the SJSU Student Union Theater. It featured performances of traditional Iranian music to celebrate the arrival of spring and Persian New Year. Nowruz is celebrated by people from diverse ethnic communities and religious backgrounds for thousands of years. In addition, Norouz is considered one of the most important holidays in Iran and among Iranian Americans and other Persian-speaking people.
Spartan Up! Spring Cleaning

Campus-wide Spartan Up! Spring Cleaning is scheduled for April 20 - May 7. This is your opportunity to recycle or discard items that have been cluttering up your office or lab spaces. More details to follow soon.

SJSU's Annual Legacy of Poetry Day

The annual legacy of poetry events kick off Thursday April 23 at 2:30pm in front of the King Library (Caret Plaza). The theme this year is a memorial tribute to the poetry of Philip Levine, emeritus professor at CSU Fresno and former U.S. Poet Laureate. This year's event is called "What Work Is" after the famous Levine poem of the same title. SJSU alum (1872) Edwin Markham's famous poem, "The Man with the Hoe" fits right in. The event kicks off with readings by President Qayoumi, Provost Feinstein, Dean Vollendorf, and Senate Chair Heiden. This year's Keynote readers will be San Francisco Poet Laureate Alejandro.

Faculty Service Recognition Luncheon

Over 350 colleagues family and friends attended the 16th Annual (and first in the new ballroom) luncheon to honor over 70 faculty members for their years of service to SJSU. Four major faculty awards were presented to rousing cheers from the guests. Mike Adams, once again, narrated the news of the decades for each of the groups being honored. See the full story here.

Pictured above: Bill McCraw , Political Science and Humanities was honored for 50 years of service to SJSU.

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Honors Convocation
The 53rd Annual Honors Convocation is April 24, 6pm in the Event Center.

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