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THE FRIDAY BULLETIN

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Year's Outstanding Students Speak Well for Future

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Ten students are being recognized as outstanding graduates and undergraduates at Cal State's 1999 Commencement ceremonies June 18, 19 and 20.

The Outstanding Graduate Award winners are Natsuki Yamamoto from the College of Arts and Letters, Bonnie O'Connor of the College of Business and Public Administration, Robert Collins from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, James Walliser of the College of Natural Sciences, and Tina Marie Walker from the Coachella Valley Campus (CVC).

A native of Japan, Yamamoto, of Colton, earned her B.A. in English at CSUSB. While she pursued her M.A. in English composition, Yamamoto worked on campus as a teaching assistant and tutor as well as a volunteer tutor at San Bernardino High School. She has been awarded a two-year teaching assistantship at the University of California, Santa Barbara and has been admitted to the Ph.D. program in its linguistics department.

O'Connor, a 33-year-old San Bernardino resident, is the executive director of Children's Fund, a non-profit organization that serves as a safety net for at-risk children in San Bernardino County. She has been recognized by the Inland Empire Business Journal and the San Bernardino County Sun as a successful business leader, both today and for the future. O'Connor has a B.S. in business administration with a concentration in management and will receive her M.P.A. with a 4.0 grade-point average in June.

A recipient of several awards, including the 1998 CSUSB Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award along with various research grants, Collins has already had some work published. "Psychopharmacology" and "Experimental and Clinical Psychology" are among the most notable publications in which the Barstow resident's work has appeared. He will earn a Ph. D. in clinical neuropsychology from the University of Houston and plans to enter academics and focus his research on head injury and rehabilitation. In addition to his research and committee work on campus, he works as a part-time instructor in the CSUSB psychology department.

Walliser, of San Bernardino, is recognized for his research and teaching contributions as well. He is one of only four students in the nation invited to work on "Sue," the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus rex found. Walliser participated in the preparation and cleaning of the 60-million-year-old fossil. He has taught biology, anatomy and physiology laboratory classes and done lectures in human anatomy and physiology.

Employed by a local supermarket, Walker, of Twentynine Palms, began her educational career at CSUSB in fall, 1992. She completed her B.A., with honors, in 1994 and in 1995 she finished her teacher's education coursework. Walker began teaching for the Morongo Unified School District in 1996 and has since developed and implemented an intervention program for all third-grade readers below the 20th percentile. Active throughout her community, she is involved in various programs and events, including volunteering at a Twentynine Palms church supervising the Sunday school program

and has developed a preschool Bible story program open to all children in the community.

The honored undergraduates are Shane Churchill from the College of Arts and Letters, Robert Brooks of the College of Business and Public Administration, Celesta Atkins from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Scott Phillips of the College of Natural Sciences, and Alen Velagic from CVC.

Churchill is graduating with honors as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. The San Bernardino resident will receive a B.A. in music education. As well as being on the Dean's List for more than seven quarters, he has earned, among other honors, the John Phillip Sousa Award and the Music Teachers' Association Scholarship Award. Churchill's goal is to be a choral director at a middle school or high school.

As Beta Alpha Psi's president, Brooks' focus has been community service. Much of his leadership on campus was geared toward San Bernardino's "Adopt-A-Street" program, Habitat for Humanity, and promoting higher education by appealing to students at community colleges. The Perris resident is a recipient of six scholarships and will receive a B.S. in business administration.

Atkins, a university honors student from Upland, is part of the McNair Scholars program and is the recipient of the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship and the Black Faculty and Staff Association Scholarship for Academic Excellence. Papers on two research projects have been accepted for publication in "The Red Feather Journal," an online journal for undergraduates. After completing her doctorate, she plans to teach university-level sociology and women's and ethnic studies.

Earning a B.S. in chemistry while living in Yucaipa, Phillips graduates with university and departmental honors. He made the National Dean's List all four years that he attended Cal State. Adding to the many scholarships and honors he has received, notably he is CSUSB's first Barry M. Goldwater Scholar and was one of five nationally-selected Outstanding Undergraduate Research Students, which gave him a trip to Boston to present his research. Phillips has papers published in the "Journal of Natural Products" and "The Journal of Chemical Education." He will attend UC Berkeley to earn a Ph.D. in bio-organic chemistry.

A native of Bosnia-Herzegovina, CVC's Velagic, a Palm Desert resident, is a second-year Rogers Scholar. He began his college education at the College of the Desert and was named "Best Student in the Field of Accounting" by COD alumni. The B.A. in accounting that he will receive is a prelude to his educational goals of passing the CPA exam and then going for an M.B.A.

Student Researchers Get Hot in Desert Contest

One graduate and two undergraduate students from CSUSB have captured three out of 21 possible first-place awards, and another CSUSB grad student took second place, in The California State University 13th Annual Student Research Competition May 7 and 8 in Bakersfield.

In the graduate Behavioral and Social Science category, psychology major Robert Collins won first place with the project on the effect of Ritalin treatment in rats. For the undergraduate competition, chemistry major Carolyn Cardellio won first place in the Behavioral and Social Science category for her research, analysis of pottery paints from ancient Aztec urban houses. Scott T. Phillips, also an undergraduate chemistry major, won first place in the Physical and Mathematic Science category for his research on a new class of naturally derived compounds. Finally, a second-place award in Biological

and Agricultural Science went to James Walliser who did a post-cranial study of an ancient fossil.

Competing against more than 150 students from the 22 CSU campuses, the Cal State students notched their best-ever performance in nine disciplinary categories. They were judged by scientists and faculty on methodology, interpretation of results, organization of research and ability to articulate the research, reports Keith Johnson, director of faculty development at CSUSB.

Small Business Lands Big Grant

Small business owners and entrepreneurs in the Inland Empire can draw from the academic expertise and young talent housed at Cal State, which has received a \$90,000 grant to accelerate services it has been offering for more than a year.

Half the funding is coming from the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Missouri, and the remainder from Cal State and the Arrowhead Credit Union. Awarded to management professors Jeanne King and Pat McInturff, who've been coordinating linkages among Cal State students and faculty with regional businesses for an ongoing exchange of information and expertise, the funding will expand the services of the Small Business/Entrepreneurship forum.

"Locating and sponsoring quality internships in entrepreneurial organizations, which benefit both student and entrepreneur, is the key objective of the forum," explains King. The funding will provide for 18 paid interns initially, mostly from the university's College of Business and Public Administration. More than 50 students are currently involved with the forum.

In addition, McInturff says, the grant will foster other activities associated with the forum, including an interactive web site for students and businesses, a resource base and information repository, and workshops conducted at the university's off-campus site, located in the Arrowhead Credit Union headquarters in San Bernardino, among others. Programs targeted at women and minority business owners and entrepreneurs as well as a matching service for venture capitalists and new business developers also will be offered.

Companies interested in being selected as Kauffman internship sites must meet the guidelines, including sales under \$25 million annually and fewer than 200 employees.

The Bulletin Board

Best Art Forward

The 29th Annual Student Art Show will exhibit up to seventy works starting with a June 18 opening from 5-7 p.m. at the Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. See representative work from several areas, including glass, painting, graphic design, photography, sculpture, art education, ceramics and wood. The show's opening will be highlighted by a ceremony presenting awards from the art department, Friends of the Museum and the San Bernardino Art Association.

Personnel

Birth Announcement

Robert Blackey (History) became a grandfather for the second time when his daughter-in-law,

Jennifer, and son, Richard Blackey (B.A. 1988, M.B.A. 1989), became the proud parents of Breanna Morgan on June 1. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces at birth and measured 19 inches.

Weddings

Sant Khalsa (Art) was married to David Scheffler, a composer and producer, on April 22, which is one of her favorite days--Earth Day, beside one of her favorite trees--the General Sherman Tree, the largest on Earth. They "reside in marital bliss with their combined family of one dog, Raj, and two cats, Willow and Yally, in North Hollywood."

And Linda Pella (Administration and Finance) is now Linda Pella-Hartley after exchanging vows with a "lucky guy" named Mel. The couple was married April 17 at the Bethany Wedding Chapel in La Verne and is living in Rancho Cucamonga.

Calendar

Through July 26

Art Exhibit.

Paintings that use wire, colored glues and other materials by Los Angeles artist Sally Elesby. Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. Talk by Elesby on June 3, 4-5:30 p.m. Museum hours Tuesday, Wednesday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday 1-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday noon-5 p.m.; closed Monday. New summer hours, which begin July 1. Free. Ext. 7373.

Friday, June 11

Music.

CSUSB Symphonic Band and Concert Choir present program featuring Vincent Persichetti's settings of Walt Whitman poetry, "Celebrations." Also "Circus Band" by Charles Ives and "Fanfare" by Larry McFatter, CSUSB music department professor. 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall. Tickets \$5 general admission, \$3 students and senior citizens. Call for reservations Ext. 5859.

Theatre.

"Night Must Fall," by Emyln Williams. A dashing and clever young man, a lonely old woman, and her vulnerable niece who is fascinated by this man, although she is certain he is a murderer. Will there be another murder? University Theatre. June 11 at 8:15 p.m. June 13 at 2 p.m. General admission \$10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni \$8; students \$4. Ext. 5884.

Jay Henson plays Dexter Haven, Jamie McBriety is Tracy Lord and Mark Thompsen plays Mike Connor in "The Philadelphia Story." (Photo appears on Friday Bulletin website)

Saturday, June 12

Theatre.

"The Philadelphia Story," by Philip Barry. Gossip magazine sends reporter and photographer to cover the high society wedding of Tracy Lord, but Tracy seems more interested in the reporter, or maybe

her ex-husband. Will she marry? If so, who'll be the lucky groom? University Theatre. June 12 at 8:15 p.m. General admission \$10; senior citizens and CSUSB alumni \$8; students \$4. Ext. 5884.

Monday, June 14

Music.

Cal State, San Bernardino Jazz Ensemble. Andy Cleaves, director. 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall. General admission \$5, students and senior citizens \$3. Ext. 5859.

Friday, June 18

Art Show.

29th Annual Student Art Show opens June 18, 5-7 p.m., Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum. Runs through Aug. 8. Museum hours: Tues./Wed. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sat./Sun. 12-5 p.m. Summer hours begin July 1. Free. Ext. 7373.

June 18-20

Commencement.

Commencement 1999. Coachella Valley Campus, 6 p.m., June 18, McCallum Theater, College of the Desert. College of Education, 9 a.m., College of Arts and Letters, College of Liberal Studies, 6 p.m., June 19. College of Business and Public Administration, 9 a.m., College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2 p.m., College of Natural Sciences, 6 p.m., June 20. Coussoulis Arena. Ext. 5024.

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