Carlos Bolanos of San Bernardino and Kristine Nicholls of Riverside are Cal State’s Outstanding Students for 1995. They will be honored at the university’s Commencement ceremonies June 17.

For Bolanos, a graduate student in psychology and a native of Nicaragua, the distinction is a stark contrast to the prospect he once had for an education in his homeland. Due to political strife there, he migrated to the U.S. in 1984 and began working as a dishwasher in the CSUSB Commons. Barely able to speak English, he acquired language skills by taking orders for the grill and eventually took language preparation courses in order to be admitted to Cal State under the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP) in 1988.

“Every day was something of a victory for me,” he recalls, noting that writing essays was a particular challenge. The dictionary was his close companion. He would say to himself, “If I can only finish this week and this class”—that is what gave him a sense of accomplishment.

Although Bolanos, 29, set out only to obtain an undergraduate degree in psychology, the mining he received from faculty in that department inspired him to continue for a master’s of arts degree in experimental psychology. Now finishing his thesis, he is preparing to go on to work toward a doctoral degree in behavioral neuroscience at Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

The first in his family to go to college, Bolanos will celebrate with his wife, Katherine, who also is a Cal State student, the acquisition of his second degree. His mother and grandmother, who reside in Miami, FL, also will attend Commencement.

Bolanos’ performance of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award is the crowning achievement of his life.

For Nicholls, who will earn dual degrees in Spanish and liberal studies, the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award caps a college career that has spanned 25 years. When the sudden onset of diabetes last December threatened her ability to complete her work at Cal State, she says several students and professors pitched in to assist her.

“I didn’t realize until then how important education was, she says. “This toward truly is a group effort... and a victory for everyone.” She’ll be returning to Cal State in the fall to earn a bilingual teaching credential with the goal of teaching at the fourth- to sixth-grade levels.

Nicholls volunteered at Cal State as well as in the community. Nichols, 39, says he leadership in founding the student-based Liberal Studies Peer Advising Center at the university is likely to be good preparation for her future teaching position. She’s been supervising 18 student advisors who’ve counseled more than 7,000 students since the center opened a year ago. She also wrote the training manual for new advisors who is being implemented in other discipline-specific advising centers. Her knowledge and expertise is being sought for the university’s Fall Adviseemt Committee as well as the Liberal Studies Advisory Board, which will help Cal State stay in touch with its teaching graduates.

Serving as a tutor to Spanish students at Cal State, Nicholls also was involved in the promotion of University Spanish Theater, for which she helped raise scholarship funds for Hispanic women students at Cal State.

The mother of four children, ages 5-10, and an award-winning Girl Scout leader and active member of the Harvard Christian Fellowship, Nicholls says she has an “appreciation for the struggles that young people face today.” In the early ’80s she founded a shelter for homeless pregnant minors and served for four years as administrator for the program which helped more than 100 women. Subsequently, she worked with at-risk youth as an administrator of a summer employment and training program in 1986.

How has she managed to balance all of her activities?

“Sleep is a precious commodity,” she admits, noting the support of her family.

Her husband, Paul, is a math teacher at North High School. Her eldest child, Jeremy, will graduate from Ramona High School two days before she earns her Cal State diploma. He has received a basketball scholarship from Cal State, San Bernardino for 1995-96, she adds, proudly.

Carlos Bolanos, CSUSB’s outstanding graduate

Kristine Nicholls, CSUSB’s outstanding undergraduate

COOL TUNES COULD MAKE FOR HOT SUMMER

That summer, Wednesday, outdoor, spread-out-on-the-lawn, kick-back, picnics are back for the eleventh time. The 1995 Summer Entertainment Series begins July 12-August 30 this year, and will include three favorite artists from 1994 and three the campus has never seen.

As has been the custom for the past three years, Popular Demand will open the series July 12 with their ’80s-, ’60s- and ’70s-style hits. The all-female band has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show and performed at many county fairs.

The Swing Era is up next as The Swing Sisters perform July 19. Dancers will have a chance to show their stuff to some of the old standards that seem fresh as ever.

On July 26 Faultline brings its hard-core sound and will be joined by some of the team’s unqualified crowning achievement—the CSUSB Distinguished Alums of the Year Award winners.

No, it’s not an Oscar, but the Hollywood screenwriting team of Danny Bilson and Paul DeMeo has won this year’s CSUSB Distinguished Alums Award and will accept it the same. Best known for their film “The Rocketeer,” released by Disney in 1991, and for the television series “The Flash,” the two alums first formed their partnership as theatre students at the university in the late ’70s. Some of their latest work includes “The Sentinel” for Paramount Pictures/UPN and “Fantastic Four,” a screenplay for 20th Century Fox.

Their “service to the university” also has made Bilson and DeMeo stand out, says Patrick Watkins, Cal State’s theatre arts chair.

Through the scholarship the team established four years ago they have given back to Cal State, he says. The money goes to a continuing student who shows genuine talent in such areas as acting, directing, writing or design. The student also is offered an internship with the team’s Pet Fly Productions company.

The Highlands make their descent to the Inland Valley August 9. With the group comes its homestyle bluegrass, gospel, country and folk sounds.

The music takes a turn toward the cool August 16 when Andy Cleaves and Friends play contemporary jazz. Cleaves and his trumpet have travelled to many area jazz spots, including Mario’s Place in Riverside, and he has performed with Steve Wonder and En Vogue.

Nineties rock ’n’ roll hits are on the program for August 23 when the LCR Band is featured. Making their second appearance at Cal State, the group has played Dodger Stadium and Disneyland. The student also is offered an internship with the team’s Pet Fly Productions company.

The Summer Entertainment Series is sponsored by the Associated Students, Inc., Upward Bound, the Student Union, Extended Education and Coca Cola. For more information call the series hotline at Ext. 7053.
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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
David Beilis and Brian Watts are conducting their third outcome evaluation of community-oriented policing in Highland. Their investigation includes survey research on citizen attitudes, opinions of sheriff's deputies and patrol program opinions of other human services providers. Initial findings confirm the success for community-oriented policing in Highland as measured by decreased citizen concerns of crime, more positive opinions toward the police and better agency coordination in solving neighborhood problems that could lead to police calls for service.

MULTISCHOOL
Ronald K. Pendleton (Secondary/Vocational Education), Walter Ober (Foreign Languages) and C. E. Tape Rohm (Information & Decision Sciences) are founding trustees of the Gamma Nu chapter of Epilon Pi Tau, an international honorary for professionals in technology.

C. E. Tape Rohm (Information & Decision Sciences) is the editor-in-chief and Patrick McInturf (Management) is the editor of The Journal of Information Management.

AWARDS & HONORS
Russell Barber (Anthropology) is an exchange alumna from the University of Vermont, April 1995. Margaret Brash (Sponsored Programs) was awarded one of two $600 National Council of University Research Administrators' travel awards to attend NCURA's 3-day regional meetings in San Diego in April 1995.

James Brown (English) was selected to receive a 1995 Creative Writing Fellowship in Prose from the Literature Program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Juan Delgado (English) was awarded the Walter E. Dakin Fellowship in poetry and will attend the 1995 Sewanee Writers' Conference in Tennessee. He will also have several poems appear in The Bloomsbury Review and Momentum. In addition, several poems from his book, Green Web, have been selected by Ray Gonzalez and will appear in an anthology, Touching the Fire: Latino Poets at the Turn of the Century, published by Anchor/Doubleday.

Bertram H. Fairchild (English) was awarded the Guy Owen Prize from Southern Poetry Review for his poem “Body and Soul.”

Kathryn C. Reilly (Advanced Studies) was selected to serve as a special consultant for the Faculty Fellows Program at CSU Sacramento. She will conduct a study to clarify issues related to California’s response to the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 and make recommendations to educators to implement School-to-Work programs.

Jarrell Richer (Economics) has received the Gilbert White Postdoctoral Fellowship at Resources for the Future (Washington, DC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to research on the environment and natural resources. His project is titled “Protecting the Environment Through Private Donations.”

Terry Rizzo (Physical Education) was the recipient of the G. Lawrence Randick Research Award from the National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for individuals with Disabilities, Alexandria, VA, July 17, 1995.

Mary Anne Schultz (Nursing) was given the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. This award is given to a graduate who makes outstanding contributions to the profession in multiple dimensions: research, teaching, scholarship, and service to professional associations. She is a 1979 graduate of this— the oldest baccalaureate degree program for nurses in the U.S.
A NOTE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Do you know a staff employee who goes "Above and Beyond" in performing his/her duties?

Nominations for the fifth Annual Employee Recognition Awards are now being accepted through June 30, 1995. Each year awards are given to employees who have demonstrated outstanding performance and/or a significant contribution to the university. All university employees may nominate non-management staff personnel for the following awards:

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE AWARD

This award will be presented to two employees who have displayed proficiency and dedication in job performance on a consistent basis. Winners will receive a monetary award, funded by the Foundation, and will have their names added to the award plaques located in Sierra Hall. Last year’s winners were Bruce Decker (Art Department) and Judy Killgore (English Department).

EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE

This award will be presented to two employees based on a significant contribution to their department, division or university. Winners will receive a monetary award, funded by the Foundation, and will have their names added to the award plaques located in Sierra Hall. Last year’s winners were Irene Martinez (School of Education, Credentials department) and Lenora Venturina (Administrative Computing and Telecommunications).

The Staff Training and Development Committee is responsible for all program coordination and will evaluate all candidate qualifications for the awards. Final selections will be forwarded to President Anthony Evans for presentation at the Convocation in September. Nominations forms may be obtained from the Human Resources Department at Ext. 5138.

THANK YOU...

... From Patricia Rodgers-Gordon (Career Development Center) to all those who expressed their sympathies following the death of her mother, Elosia Rodgers.

And "thank you" from the payroll staff to Karen Prill (Accounts Payable) and her husband, Dennis, who participated in the American Cancer Society Walk-a-thon on June 4. Their efforts raised $585, which they donated in Byron’s memory.

IN MEMORIAM

... After Pegeen Tassin (Payroll) lost her husband to cancer on May 31, this from the university’s payroll staff. "Each of us... have been blessed by his kind, giving spirit and will carry his gift with us throughout our lives. Thank you, Byron."

... After Dr. Byron Tassin passed away on June 3, his wife Elosia Rodgers expressed her sympathies following the death of her mother, Elosia Rodgers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr. Tom M. Rivera (Undergraduate Studies) participated in a ride May 21-26 at the invitation of the U.S. Department of Education, evaluating applications submitted under Title III’s Strengthening Institutions Program.

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CALENDAR

JUNE 16 THROUGH JULY 13

Art Show.
"25th Student Art Show" features work of CSUSB senior students. Opening reception and open house June 16, 5-7 p.m., University Art Gallery. Gallery will be open Commencement day, June 17, from 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Regular gallery hours Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Ext. 5802.

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1995 Commencement.
June 17 at main campus for schools of Education, Humanities and Natural Sciences 9 a.m.; schools of Business and Public Administration and Social and Behavioral Sciences 5:30 p.m. Pfau Library lawn. June 18 for Coachella Valley campus, 2 p.m. at McCallum Theatre.

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