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A Note From The Dean ...



April's newsletter is packed with stories that celebrate our incredible students, faculty, and staff, including **CJ The Tall Poet, Marisol Clark-Ibáñez, Kevane Coleman, Brandon Moore, Grant Muāgututi'a, Christina Simokat, and**

As part of my commitment to serve all learners and model lifelong learning, I am sharing several resources available. CSU Learn offers professional development materials/opportunities, which you can discover once you log in. A sampling:
Welcome Neurodiversity (book)
CSU-Serving Students with Disabilities: Introduction (course)
Resources for Supporting Learners with Disabilities (article)
Supporting Equity in Education (bundle)
Social and Communicative Functioning in Populations with Intellectual Disability: Rethinking Measurement (book)

CSUSM library offers a guide to available Neurodiversity Resources.

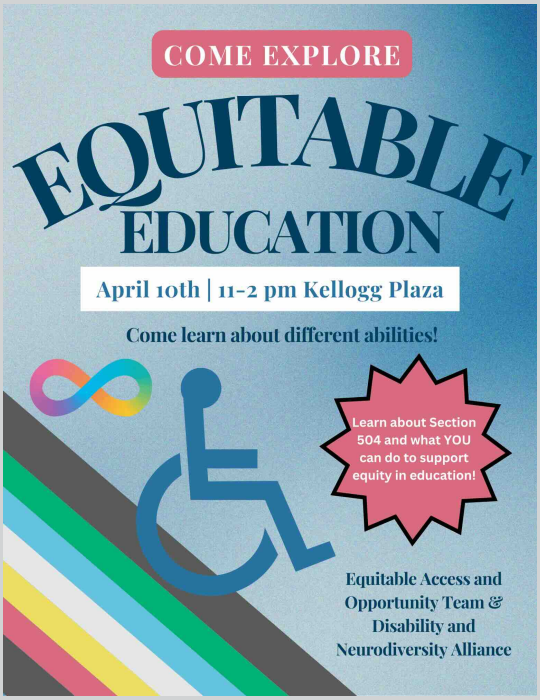
And as always, our Faculty Center provides professional development opportunities for universal design learning and inclusive pedagogy trainings that focus on respect.

Welcome back from spring break and into the final stretch!

Andy Spieldenner, who are enriching our campus and creating a wider and much-needed impact as educators (whether or not they are formally identified as faculty).

This year, I have been learning from Psychology faculty member **Alli Jobin** and Psychology and Linguistics student **Alli Mulqueen** who have increased my awareness around neurodiversity and disability justice. April is Autism Acceptance Month and Neurodiversity Awareness Month. On April 10, stop by the Equitable Education Event co-organized by the Neurodiversity Alliance and the Equitable Access and Opportunity Team, led by CHABSS students **Erin Hila** and **Marissa Harper**.

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One Week Left to Contribute To Student Success Fund

There's just a bit more than one week left to make a difference in the lives of our students by contributing to the 30-day Student Success Fund. Every dollar up to

$10,000 will be matched by a generous donor. Please consider a contribution as well as spreading the word to your personal and professional network.

Link to Giving



One CSUSM To Benefit Scholarships For Students

One CSUSM, a crowdfunding project focused solely on fundraising for scholarships that help our students succeed, is back this spring. One significant change this year is rather than a 24-hour campaign, One CSUSM will be a seven-day campaign from April 8 at 8 a.m. through April 14 at 5 p.m. The following are the CHABSS-specific scholarships:

Bree Tinney Women's Studies Scholarship
CHABSS General Scholarship
Deanna DeLaney Memorial Scholarship
Hein Family Fellowship Endowment
History Department General Scholarship
Lucas Dunn Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Madison Dexter Howe Scholarship Endowment
Megan O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The Major General Anthony L. Jackson Endowed Scholarship
Political Science Senior Experience Scholarship
President Karen S. Haynes Music Scholarship
Social Science Global Education Scholarship
Suzanne Farwell Memorial Arts Scholarship
Teichert-Pineiro Endowed Spanish Scholarship
Wagner Music Scholarship
Zwick Study Abroad Scholarship

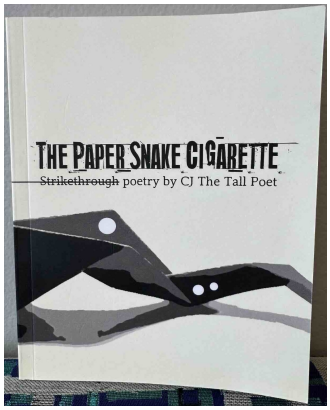
CHABSS Scholarships for One CSUSM

Student Success











Student Releases Poetry Book

CJ The Tall Poet, a literature and writing studies major, recently released his latest collection of poetry, "The Paper Snake Cigarette." He visited the Dean's Office at the Dean's List event for the Fall 2024 honorees.

Purchase book here

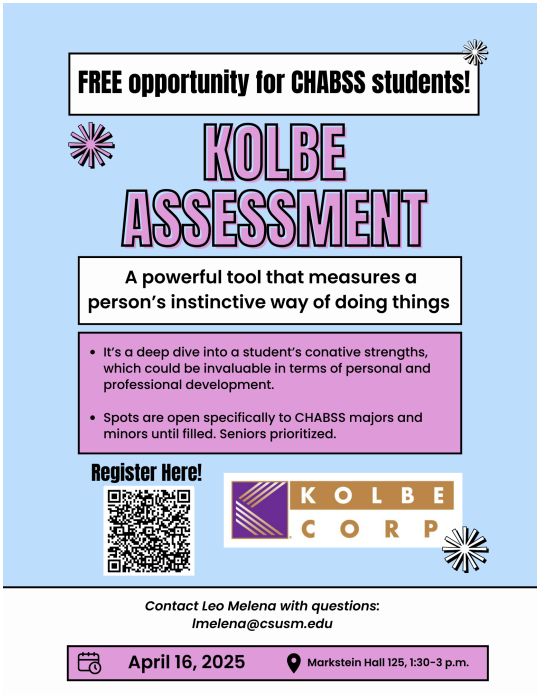


Dean's Office Art Gallery Looking for New Artists

If you've been to the Dean's Office suite in SBSB 4115 this academic year, you've probably noticed the amazing art pieces in the lobby. This year the Dean's Office decided to turn the lobby into an art gallery, featuring works from CHABSS alumni in

2024-25. For next academic year's installment, we are accepting submissions from current students as long as they are currently enrolled by the May 10 deadline. Priority will be given to CHABSS majors and minors, but all CSUSM students will be considered. The students who are selected will be invited to a reception unveiling the new installment at Faculty & Staff Convocation in August. Questions and submissions to: tmeehan@csusm.edu





Pair of Opportunities For Career Development

CHABSS students have a pair of opportunities in the career readiness arena in April. We're partnering with the Career Center and Epstein Family Veteran's Center to present a networking opportunity with some free food.

* Chow On Deck at the Epstein Family Veteran's Center
* April 22 12-1 p.m.
* Escondido Education Compact, Universidad Popular, the Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos and potentially other employers
* Enjoy delicious food, connect with friends, and network

CHABSS is also offering a free KOLBE Assessment to our students. This is a great tool that measures a person's instinctive way of doing things. Preference in the

program is given to seniors.

* KOLBE Assessment in Mark 125
* April 16 1:30-3 p.m.
* Signups are first-come, first-served

Faculty Highlights

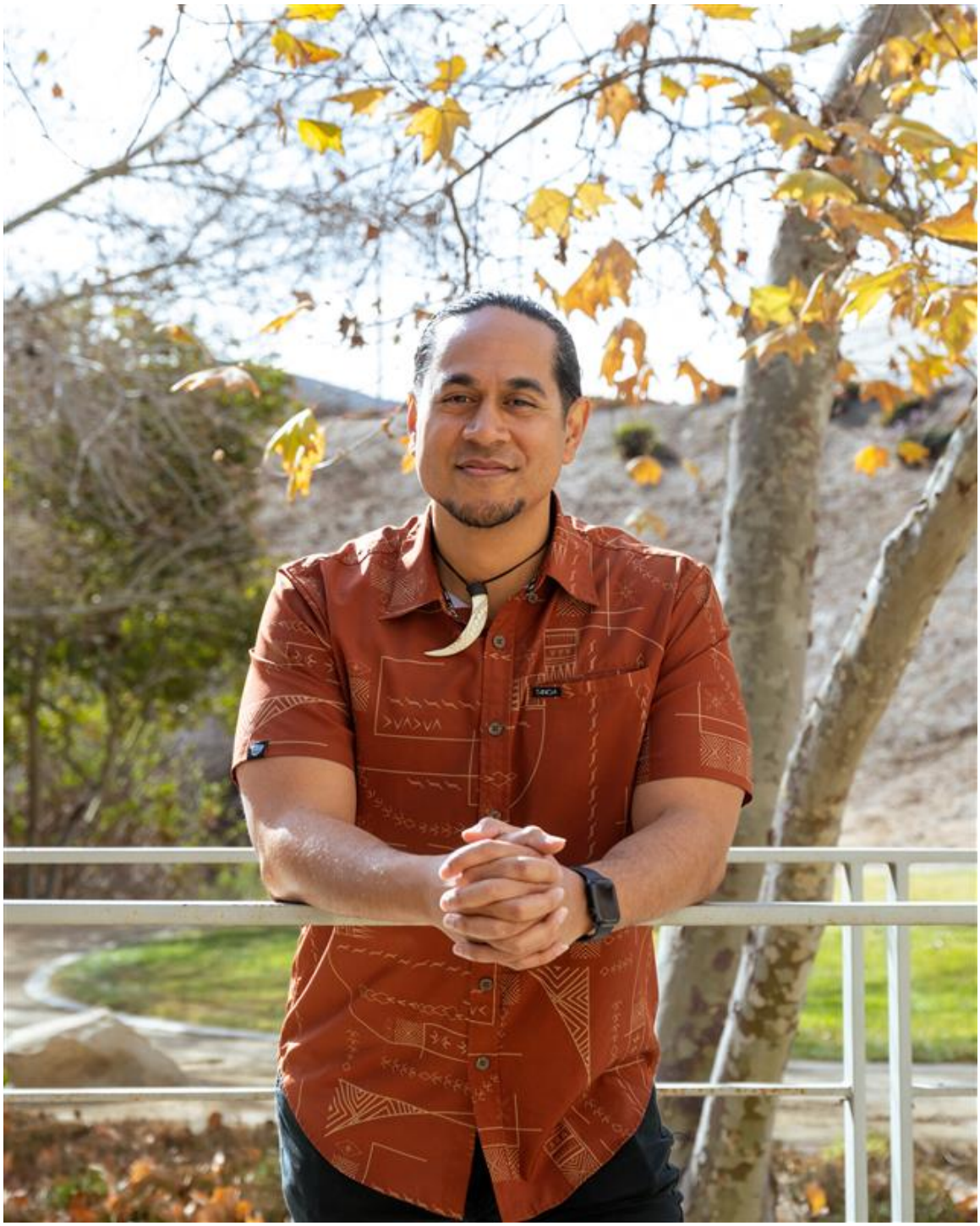


CHABSS Debuts Podcast With Clark-Ibáñez & Moore

March featured the debut of the CHABSS Podcast, a place where we discuss the many events, newsmakers and stories of inspiration coming out of our college. Episode 1 is entitled "Career Readiness," and we discussed just some of the programs and projects CHABSS develops to prepare students for life after a B.A. Our first two faculty guests were Marisol Clark-Ibáñez and Brandon Moore of sociology. Dean Liora Gubkin also joined us to discuss some of the opportunities the Dean's Office is working

to provide.

Clark-Ibáñez and Moore join CHABSS Podcast



Professor Elevates Samoan Language,

Culture as Consultant for 'Moana 2'

When Grant Muāgututi‘a was a boy growing up in Oceanside, his love of the Samoan language took him to the homes of community elders who would regale him with stories that had been passed down through the generations. When he was a student at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels, linguistics took him to some of the cradles of Polynesian culture. And when he was seeking his first tenure-track job in the field, linguistics took him to CSUSM as an assistant professor in the liberal studies department five years ago. Muāgututi‘a, though, never could have dreamed that linguistics would take him here – on the shores of O‘ahu, the waves lapping at the sugary sand, as he walked the blue carpet (yes, blue) and rubbed elbows with Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and other stars of the Disney glitterati before the world premiere of the animated film “Moana 2” last November.

Linguistics professor consults on "Moana 2"

YouTube video on Muāgututi‘a's journey



Simokat Nominated For Senator's Prestigious 'Women Who Inspire'

Christina Simokat, an environmental studies lecturer was recently named a 2025 Women Who Inspire honoree in a program hosted by State Senator Catherine Blakespear of the 38th Senate District. Simokat was nominated by her students and honored along with more than two dozen women in San Diego and Orange counties for "remarkable contributions and unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of others." Also honored Diane Nygaard from Preserve Calavera who has been a longtime environmental activist and supporter of CSUSM students.





Spieldenner a Co-PI, Attends KOA Event at UTMB

On March 26-28, communication Associate Professor Andy Spieldenner joined a prestigious group of scholars for the Year 2 workshop of the Knowledge of AIDS (KOA) network at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). KOA is a multi-year Research Collaboration Network funded by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) through a Research Community Development grant from the NSF Science and Technology Studies (STS) Program. In addition to Spieldenner, the Co-PIs are Stephen Molldrem (UTMB), David Ribes (U. of Washington), and Marika Cifor (U. of Washington). The network of 30+ leading critical scholars of HIV/AIDS hosts an annual workshop and fosters scholarly community to build intellectual infrastructure in support of social and critical scholarship about HIV/AIDS in STS and adjacent fields.

Learn more about KOA



PD Opportunities For Faculty Teaching Online Courses

CSU's Online Course Services is offering the following Quality Learning and Teaching (QLT) courses to faculty and staff across all 23 CSU campuses. These are aimed at those teaching online courses.

* Introduction to Teaching Online Using QLT
* Advanced QLT Course in Teaching Online
* Reviewing Courses Using the QLT Rubric
* AI Tools For Teaching & Learning
* AI Tools for Higher-Ed Professionals/Staff
* Applying the Quality Matters (QM) Rubric
* Improving Your Online Course

List of courses and registration

Alumni Achievements



Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts Hires Psychology Alumnus Hernandez

Ivan Hernandez received his undergraduate degree in psychological science from CSUSM, about an hour away from his hometown in Lake Elsinore. After completing his doctorate degree from Northwestern University, Hernandez worked at San Jose State before being hired last fall to join the faculty at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. As a first-generation student from a Mexican immigrant family, Hernandez wanted to return to the Cal State system after experiencing firsthand support during his time at CSUSM. He was one of six new faculty members hired for the College of Liberal Arts at Cal Poly. The new faculty members bring expertise in immigration and migration in Latinx populations to their respective departments.

Psych alumnus hired at Cal Poly

Staff Spotlight



Coleman Lends Talents To Big Stage In Cygnet's 'The Hot Wing King'

CHABSS administrative coordinator Kevane Coleman will be performing in Cygnet Theatre's production of "The Hot Wing King" in the role of Isom Faciane. The play, written by Katori Hall, explores Black love, chosen family, and the pursuit of dreams centered around a group of Black men preparing for the annual Hot Wing Festival. It features an all-Black cast, celebrating Blackness in its fullness at the intersection of queerness.

* Show Dates: Wednesday, 4/9 – Friday, 5/2
* Show Times: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays at 2 p.m.
* Location: Cygnet Theatre 4040 Twiggs St., San Diego (Old Town)

The Hot Wing King tickets

Save the Date


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MiraCosta College
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Cesar Chavez Day of Service
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HONOR THE LEGACY OF CESAR CHAVEZ AND FARMWORKERS BY VOLUNTEERING! REGISTER AND FIND OUT MORE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE
• FREE LUNCH AT CSU SAN MARCOS
• FREE PARKING FOR PALOMAR AND MIRACOSTA PARTICIPANTS
• TRANSPORTATION TO SERVICE PROJECTS PROVIDED (FROM CSUSM)
• FREE EVENT T-SHIRT
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April 7 — **Jason Magabo Perez**, USU Ballroom, 12-12:45 p.m.
April 8 — **Study Abroad Info Session**, ELB 542, 12-12:45 p.m.
April 14 — **Xtreme Wellness**, USU Ballroom, 6-8 p.m.
April 15 — **Navigating the Road to Academic Internships**, ADMIN 1400, 12-1 p.m.
April 17 — **22nd Annual International Fair**, Library Plaza, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
April 22 — **Study Abroad Info Session**, ELB 542, 12-12:45

April 23 — **Educational Equality Now,** USU Ballroom, 6-8p.m.
April 24 — **Navigating the Road to Academic Internships**, Zoom meeting 12-1 p.m.
April 27 — **CSUSM University Choir Concert** , ARTS 111, 3-5 p.m
April 29 — **Navigating the Road to Academic Internships**, ADMIN 1400, 12-1 p.m.

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