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A message from
PRESIDENT ZELEZNY



Fifteen years ago, leaders at our university had one of the best ideas in the history of CSUB: Let's establish an Alumni Hall of Fame to honor our graduates, whose examples of leadership and service illustrate CSUB's commitment to excellence and community better than anything else ever could.

At the time, CSUB was 35 years old. Even as a young university, we had an exhaustive list of alumni who deserved this distinguished recognition. But now, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we marvel at the bounty of talent among our graduates, whose names would fill several volumes on integrity, leadership and selfless service to others.

Tonight, we are gathered to recognize five of the very best among our more than 56,000 graduates. These men and women are humanitarians, innovators, risk takers, and pathbreakers in their fields.

And each one is a role model, for the people in their lives but also for our current students, who study, work and sacrifice in pursuit of a college degree that will change their lives. The first of those students were welcomed 50 years ago to a new campus in a community that had never had access to a four-year college education.

In the decades since, CSUB has earned a reputation as a bastion of hope and change for our community, thanks in large part to the accomplishments of our alumni.

They are the pride of this Valley, this state, this nation.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Barlow, Mrs. Raji Brar, Mr. Jeremy Gunn, Dr. Clark Jensen and Mr. John Means.

You bring light and hope to a world in need of both. Your CSUB family couldn't be more grateful for your service.

Lynette Zelezny



A message from the **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

On behalf of the more than 56,000 alumni of CSUB, I want to thank you for tuning into tonight's broadcast, and for joining the celebration of not only our five inductees but the university's five decades of educating `Runners.

I especially want to thank our 2021 Alumni Hall of Fame class: Mary, Raji, Jeremy, Clark and John, for setting examples of the best ways to lead, to teach, to compete and to protect. All of us who have graduated from this university have a lot to learn from your life's work. And for that we are incredibly grateful.

To everyone who supported tonight's event financially, I want to share with you where your money will go.



*Nancy Solis
'09, '12*



Our 2019 alumni scholarship recipients



Our 2019 RAMP kick-off event.

The Alumni Association funds scholarships for CSUB alumni pursuing their graduate degree on campus. This year we awarded \$11,500 to nine students who not only proved their smarts but their grit, determination and resiliency through tough times.

Close to my heart, we have a mentoring program that pairs alumni with current students who need a little extra career guidance. This year we matched up 113 mentees with 108 mentors in our `Runner Alumni Mentor Program.

We also launched `RunnerBridge, a networking and flash mentoring website that takes our programs global.

To those who'd like to give financially, either to the Alumni Association or another program on campus, go to www.csub.edu/give. The university's mission of educating the valley's next generation of leaders,

innovators, healers, educators and more has never been more important, and we hope you will partner with us in that mission.

Nancy Solis, president
CSUB Alumni Association

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2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

MARY BARLOW

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1994



Mary Barlow has devoted her career to making sure schools are a place where kids can reach their full potential, the way they were for her growing up in a loving but unstable home that found her in and out of poverty.

Mary, 58, is superintendent of the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office, where her focus has been boosting student achievement, ensuring education equity and access, and implementing technology that helps children learn.

Mary got started in education teaching in Weldon and Kernville in the 1990s. At the Kernville Union School District, she founded the Kern River Valley Collaborative, a network of agencies, schools, nonprofits and businesses that provides social services to kids and families.

Mary served as superintendent of the Kernville district from 2002 to 2009 before joining KCSOS in a variety of top administrative roles. She became superintendent in 2017.

Mary created the Kern Education Pledge, a collaboration among school districts, CSUB and the Kern Community College District to steer kids from cradle to career, and the Valley to Coast Collaborative, a regional effort to serve special ed children. She was instrumental to the growth of the Kern County Network for Children and the success of the Dream Center, which serves foster youth.

Mary has served on numerous community boards including the CSUB Kegley Institute of Ethics and President's Advisory Council.

2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

RAJI BRAR

Bachelor of Science in Biology, 2000;

Master of Science in Healthcare Administration, 2002



Raji Brar is a self-made businesswoman, groundbreaking political leader, and committed advocate for her community, including CSUB.

Raji, 45, is chief operating officer of Countryside Market & Restaurants, a company she operates with her family and that employs more than 450 people in Kern County.

She is also the first Sikh woman elected to a city council in California, a member of the CSUB Foundation Board and co-founder of the Sikh Women's Association, which awards scholarships, organizes health screenings and operates a hotline for members of the Sikh community.

Raji is a San Joaquin Valley native whose parents came here in the 1970s to escape tumult in northern India. The hard work her parents put into providing a good life for their family, starting with farm work and now running a chain of markets, gas stations, restaurants and more, inspired her to help other Sikh families do the same. Raji's long list of accomplishments includes serving on the Arvin City Council and the boards of the Kern County Fair, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Kern Health Systems, Kern Medical and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Sikh Women's Association has awarded \$150,000 to students of all backgrounds.

And on the CSUB Foundation board, Raji advises the fundraising arm of her alma mater.

2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

JEREMY GUNN

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1993;

Master of Business Administration, 1999



Jeremy Gunn is one of the NCAA's all-time great soccer coaches, among only a few with titles at both the Division I and II levels and just the second to win three consecutive men's championships. Jeremy, head men's soccer coach at Stanford University, has a career record of 297-93-59 in 21 seasons, which by percentage makes him the fifth winningest active coach in Division I. He's been named National Coach of the Year three times.

He cemented Stanford's dynasty status in 2017 when the Cardinal beat Indiana to become only the second school to secure three titles in a row.

Jeremy, 49 and a native of England, played soccer at CSUB from 1989 to 1992, and is still the university's all-time top goal scorer. He was named to the All-CCAA First Team in 1990, 1991 and 1992, and an NCAA Division II All American in 1992.

Jeremy served as an assistant coach for CSUB's men's and women's soccer programs, helping lead what was the university's most successful NCAA years. In 1999 he went on to become head coach at Fort Lewis College in Colorado, where his team won the 2005 Division II Championship.

At the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Gunn led his men's squad from 2007 to 2012, and to the school's first Division I championship game his final year there. That's when Stanford took notice of Jeremy and brought him on board.

Jeremy credits lessons learned at CSUB — humility, hard work and high-expectation setting — for much of his success.

2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

CLARK JENSEN

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, 1992;

Master of Arts in Anthropology, 1999



Clark Jensen is the founder of charitable enterprises that rescue children from trafficking, care for survivors of modern slavery, and implement transformative community-development programs.

His passion is to relieve suffering caused by poverty, marginalization and exploitation around the world.

Clark, 55, founded Global Family Care Network, an organization working in nine countries including India, Nepal, Myanmar, El Salvador and the United States that protects children and preserves families through prevention, intervention, therapeutic counseling, and

alternative aftercare and reintegration.

Global Family, a Bakersfield-based nonprofit, derives its name from Clark's belief that abandoned children don't need institutionalization, they need placement with families in their own communities.

He is also director of the St. James Research Centre in Scotland, which he founded to research and train practitioners in evidence-based social interventions to multiply Global Family's best practices.

In addition, Clark founded initiatives such as Hope Alliance India to provide disaster relief after the Asian Tsunami in 2004/5, Direct Good, an online crowd funding platform that connects donors to initiatives in the developing world, Purnaa, a manufacturing business that employs survivors of exploitation in Nepal, and the Daughter Project/Bhritri Sundarta girls' empowerment clubs and curriculum.

Clark started out as a physical education teacher at Stockdale Christian School in Bakersfield and joined the pastoral team at First Assembly of God Church. His first efforts working with at-risk children was starting Kids Clubs in partnership with Teen Challenge in Bakersfield during the early 1990s.

Clark recently earned his PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology from University College London.

2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

JOHN MEANS

Master of Science in Psychology, 1975



John Means is a son of Taft who went on to become an environmental justice advocate, leader in elected and party politics, and innovator of programs that expand educational opportunities for disadvantaged students.

John, 73, is vice chancellor of educational services for the Kern Community College District, overseeing programs to help its more than 30,000 pupils succeed.

John got his start in community service organizing support groups for farmworkers, then as a

Bakersfield city councilman took on local environmental causes and helped secure funds for the bike path.

John spent his early educational career helping Kern High School District students grapple with emotional and behavioral problems and teaching part-time at Bakersfield College and CSUB. In 1978 he began teaching full-time at BC, where he also developed the Central Valley's first center to mainstream infants and kids with disabilities.

John pivoted to economic and workforce development programs. As dean of El Camino College in L.A.'s South Bay, he helped high schoolers transition to college, started a Project Lead the Way program and extended vocational programs to more female students.

He returned to Kern's college district to become associate chancellor of economic and workforce development, where he pushed high school-to-college dual enrollment programs. Today, John pays particular attention to helping Latinos, single mothers and students with disabilities succeed in higher ed.

2021 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

PROGRAM

EVENT WELCOME

Mr. Jim Scott, Ms. Maddie Janssen

ALUMNI REMARKS

Ms. Nancy Solis

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dr. Lynnette Zelezny

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

Mr. Jim Scott, Ms. Maddie Janssen

2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

Dr. Mary Barlow, '94

Ms. Raji Brar, '00, '02

Mr. Jeremy Gunn, '93, '99

Dr. Clark Jensen, '92, '99

Mr. John Means, '75

About the ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The CSUB Alumni Association created its Hall of Fame in 2006 to honor and celebrate the best of CSUB's graduates. It includes 54 alumni from all walks of life, from politicians to teachers, businesspeople to nurses, athletes to artists.

So many impressive firsts are part of the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame.

Irma Carson ('78) was the Bakersfield Police Department's first black female police officer. Pauline Larwood ('76) was the first woman elected to the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Louie Vega ('78) was Kern County's first non-white broadcaster.

One Alumni Hall of Famer is a household name, while another produces products that are in all of our households.

Kevin McCarthy ('89, '94) is the U.S. House minority leader. Jeff Huckaby ('89) is president of Grimmway Farms, the nation's largest grower of organic vegetables.



Louie Vega



Jeff Huckaby



Tara-Nicholle Nelson

Some members of the Alumni Hall of Fame have movie-worthy personal stories. Kathleen O'Neal Gear ('77) is a farm girl from Tipton who went on to publish 15 million books worldwide, and hit the New York Times best-sellers list. Tara-Nicholle Nelson ('96, '98) was 16 and pregnant when she started at CSUB. As VP of marketing, she helped grow MyFitnessPal's number of users to more than 150 million.

The late Eric Matlock, BPD's first black chief ('95). Jeremy Adams, creator of the Earl Warren Cup ('00). John Nilon ('79, '88) and Greg Bynum ('72), two of the university's biggest supporters. They are all in the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame, too.

We don't have enough space to tell you about all 54. But they are all worth getting to know. Lawyers, high school principals, county administrators, nonprofit leaders, superintendents, small business owners and judges who have made CSUB proud.

On this 15th anniversary of the CSUB Alumni Hall of Fame, and the 50th anniversary of CSUB, we say to them, "Good job, thank you, and Go `Runners!"



Jeremy Adams

PAST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

2020



Alan Collatz



Blanca
Cavazos



Collen
McCauley



Louie Vega

2019



Charlotte
Brandt



Tom
Corson



Jeff Huckaby



Gene Tackett

2018



Debbie
Wood



Edward
Paine



Bryan
Burrow



Jeremy Adams

2017



David G.
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Tara-Nicholle
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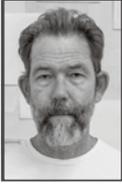
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PAST ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES (CONTINUED)

2016



Greg Colson



Jeff Colson



Tom Hardt



Mike Maggard



Shanna
Treanor

2015



Catherine E.
Bennett



Kathleen
O'Neal Gear



Geoffrey B. King

2014



Audrey
Cochran



Lynne Hall



Russell Judd



John Nilon

2013



Don E. Carter



Beth Rienzi*



Monique
Rogers

*Deceased

2012



Bernard C. Barmann Sr.



Nancy Chaffin-Joy



Jerry E. Scott

2011



Christine Frazier



John Hefner*



Ben Stinson



Jon Van Boening

2010



Jim Bock



Irma Carson



Sheryl Chalupa



Jeff Green

2009



Joel Heinrichs



Pauline Larwood



Wayne Montgomery



Bill Rector

2008



Cesar Aristeiguieta



Melvin D. Atkinson



Wendy Wayne*

2007



Manuela Albuquerque



Gregory D. Bynum



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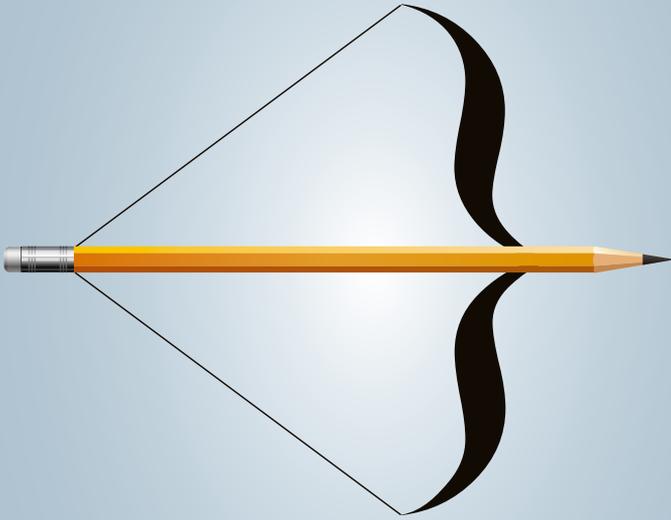
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About the

THE CSUB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The CSUB Alumni Association, more than 56,000 strong, builds community among the university's graduates and empowers future generations of `Runners through events, mentoring and scholarships.

Our CSUB Alumni Scholarship Endowment funds scholarships for CSUB alumni pursuing their graduate degree on campus. We awarded \$11,500 total to nine students last year who not only proved their smarts but their grit, determination and resiliency through tough times. Their personal stories and gratitude brought our scholarship committee members to tears.

Our `Runner Alumni Mentor Program pairs alumni and some friends of the university with CSUB juniors, seniors and graduate students who need help transitioning into their careers. This year we matched up 113 mentees with 108 mentors.

New this year, we launched `RunnerBridge, an online networking and mentoring website that not only facilitates RAMP but less formal flash mentoring and career and social networking. `RunnerBridge is open to all CSUB alumni, faculty, staff and students, and allows us to take our programs global.

And also this year, we helped launch the celebration of CSUB's 50th anniversary through events, storytelling and philanthropy. There's still time for you to join the celebration by attending our virtual events, reading up on our history, sharing your favorite CSUB memories, and giving to your favorite programs.

For more information about the CSUB Alumni Association, please email the Office of Alumni Engagement or visit our website. Stay connected with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter!

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