CHHS Students, Faculty, And Alumni Make A Difference In The Community

Crossing the border to provide basic preventive health services to residents of Tijuana. Mentoring and tutoring school-age children in San Diego’s City Heights neighborhood. Raising money so underprivileged families can have a holiday meal and children will have a present under the Christmas tree…

These are a few examples of the many types of community service that are provided by the students, alumni, and faculty of the College of Health and Human Services. Community service is a major part of the education that all CHHS students receive. This service takes many forms, including internships and field experience at local healthcare and social service facilities as part of the curriculum, involvement with local community service groups, on-campus events sponsored by CHHS student organizations, and individual student projects working to improve our community.

Each CHHS degree program provides students with the opportunity to serve the public in a supervised professional environment. This experience is a critical part of the education process, and it ensures that our students will have the knowledge, skills, and experience needed to enter the workforce. However, this community involvement is more than an educational tool. It also provides an incredible benefit to the community. During the last academic year, CHHS students provided more than 500,000 hours of community service. In addition, more than 4,500 clients received services from the on-campus Communications Clinic, with countless others receiving services at off-campus communication workshops. The community service provided by CHHS students is equivalent to more than 240 full-time employees working year round to improve the lives of San Diegans.

Community involvement is not exclusive to our students. In fact, many of our faculty serve as the catalyst for bringing student and community organizations together. The reward that these volunteers receive – smiles, thank you’s, and the knowledge that their efforts have made a difference in the life of another – is habit forming, and many of these volunteers continue to serve their communities long after leaving SDSU. We are equally proud of our numerous alumni who participate in volunteer and community focused projects.

“I am extremely proud of the involvement that our students, faculty, and alumni have in the community. Their contributions are life-impacting,” said CHHS Dean Dolores Wozniak. “Practicum-based education improves our students’ abilities, and the results touch the lives of San Diegans.”

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Community-based learning has always been the integral part of the education and practice of health and human services disciplines. We believe that in order to be professional practitioners it is essential for our students to be well grounded in the theory as well as the reality of communities in which they work. It seems obvious that experiential learning makes education complete. Experiential learning is more than an apprenticeship. It is the formal integration of theory and skills which are transferable to a variety of community settings. The fact that our students and faculty contribute hundreds of thousands of hours ensures the continuing benefit to the community in which we reside. Students often express gratitude for the opportunity to practice in our partner organizations. Students indicate that field/clinical experiences “help them put it all together.”

The partnerships forged between community organizations and the College of Health and Human Services have made it possible to guarantee the continued quality of the educational experience resulting in the creation of a professional workforce ready to address the health and human services needs of the community. Together we can continue building relationships which improve the level of health and social services in this community.

In this endeavor we applaud and are appreciative of the contributions made by our preceptors, mentors, adjunct faculty and community friends who all make community-based leaning possible. A mere thank you does not seem to be enough.

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**CHHS Advisory Board Revitalized**

This spring Dean Dolores Wozniak, working with the College Development Office, made an effort to strengthen and re-structure the College of Health and Human Services Advisory Board. On March 29, an Advisory Board Strategy breakfast was held to help this effort. The breakfast was followed by individual meetings with Board members and an Advisory Board Retreat, which was held on June 28.

The Advisory Board’s key role is to assist the College by opening doors and aiding in building community partnerships and strengthening existing relationships. Below is a list of Advisory Board members:

- **Mr. Gabriel Arce**, CEO, Community Health Group
- **Ms. Katherine Bullard**, Senior Director for Nursing Workforce Management, Scripps Health
- **Ms. Elizabeth Bustos**, Vice President, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Owner, HealthCare Management Strategies
- **Mr. Hank Cunningham**, Director, Economic Development and Community Services, and Executive Director, Redevelopment Agency, City of San Diego
- **Mr. Paul Downey**, President and CEO, Senior Community Center of San Diego (Advisory Board Chair)
- **Mr. Steve Escobosa**, CEO, Healthcare Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties
- **Dr. Dan Gross**, CEO, Sharp Memorial Hospital
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- **Mr. Deven Parlikar**, Executive Director, Indian Health Council, Inc.
- **Dr. John Warner**, Corp. Executive Vice President/Director, Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC)
- **Mr. Barry Weinbaum**, CEO, Alvarado Hospital Medical Center
- **Mr. Greg Zinser**, President and CEO, Vista Hill Foundation

“I am excited about the energy and enthusiasm that these community leaders bring to the table, and I look forward to working with them as we strengthen our role as the leader in the education of health and social services providers in San Diego and Imperial Counties,” said Dean Wozniak.

The College of Health and Human Services acknowledges and thanks the individuals who make up the CHHS Advisory Board.
SDSU Nurses Now Partnership Completes Successful First Year

The end of the spring semester brought a close to a very successful first year for the SDSU Nurses Now partnership program, designed to provide additional nurses to the community workforce.

During the 2000-2001 academic year, Tri-City Medical Center and Paradise Valley Hospital joined the partnership, increasing the number of partners to eight. Having eight partners enables 150 additional students to enroll in the School of Nursing during the life of the SDSU Nurses Now partnership. The partnership continues to bring media attention to the nursing shortage. The addition of Tri-City and Paradise Valley as partners received press coverage from The San Diego Business Journal, and the San Diego Daily Transcript referenced SDSU Nurses Now in an article on possible legislative remedies for the nursing shortage. In addition, The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education published an article on the Nurses Now partnership in its June 4, 2001 edition.

To support the larger nursing class, scholarship funding has continued to grow, and the School of Nursing Mentorship program has grown. Last spring, Ruth Warwick donated a second $100,000 in support of the George and Ruth A. Warwick Scholarship, and the Community Health Group has established a nursing scholarship program (see the following article for more details), which received coverage in the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Four nursing faculty members have been given release time to serve as academic mentors. In addition, nursing alumni have been asked to serve as professional mentors. The mentorship program is available to all School of Nursing students.

As the SDSU Nurses Now partnership enters its second year, we are optimistic that the partnership will continue to grow. Areas that we are developing include strengthening cultural competencies in the nursing curriculum; increasing student recruitment, especially among populations that are underrepresented in the nursing profession; and the continued growth of scholarship support for nursing students.

Please continue to look in future issues of Linkage for more SDSU Nurses Now updates.

Community Health Group Establishes Nursing Scholarship Program

At a June 12 dinner, The Community Health Group (CHG) awarded scholarships to 12 college and high school graduates who share the dream of becoming a nurse. Among the awardees were SDSU nursing students Stephanie Mattos and Patricia Montelongo Chriss, who each received a $3,000 scholarship award.

These scholarships were awarded as part of the Community Health Group Nursing Scholarship Program, a program that will give $20,000 per year for five years to nursing students. This program was established in response to the declining number of individuals entering the nursing profession. To qualify for the award, recipients must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and submit essays detailing their community involvement.

“By making more funds available for education and by encouraging high school and college students to pursue nursing, Community Health Group hopes to revitalize the vocation and make an impact on the future of the health industry,” said Gabriel Arce, CHG’s Chief Executive Officer. Arce also encourages others involved in the healthcare industry to join CHG in this endeavor.

CHG is a non-profit health plan operating in San Diego County that was established in 1982 to meet the health needs of San Diego’s underserved population. CHG currently serves more than 75,000 members. Two of CHG’s most important objectives are to improve the health and the education of the San Diego community. The scholarship program will help achieve both goals.

“We truly appreciate the scholarship support that The Community Health Group is providing our students. At a time when our community is undergoing a severe nursing shortage, Community Health Group is an important partner in our continuing effort to enroll and graduate more nursing students,” said School of Nursing Director Patricia Wahl.

This is the first year that CHG awarded the scholarships. Scholarships were also awarded to students at Southwestern College and in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

SDSU thanks CHG for its wonderful support!

Sigma Theta Tau Research Conference

The Sixth Annual Southern California Sigma Theta Tau Research Conference will be held on October 4-5 at the Mission Valley Doubletree Hotel.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, Lillian N. Ph.D., FAAN, Oregon Health Science University, and Lesl Hussy, R.N., Ph.E., University of North Carolina. In addition, there will be two days of research podium and poster presentations. Each day offers 6 contact hours (CEP#00788).

If you would like to attend or would like more information, contact Marlene Ruiz at 619-641-4138 or via mail Marlene.S.Ruiz@kp.o
The California Endowment Joins SDSU Nurses Now

The California Endowment recently awarded the College of Health and Human Services a three-year grant worth $302,285 in support of the SDSU Nurses Now partnership. The grant will be used to complement and redesign the School of Nursing’s recruitment and retention/mentorship efforts.

The grant allows the School to hire two half-time faculty members to plan and implement the Nursing Student Recruitment and Retention/Mentorship programs.

The new faculty members will work to develop and implement a comprehensive mentorship program that involves nursing school faculty, students, community leaders, and alumni to address the academic and emotional needs of all SDSU nursing students.

The recruitment committee will develop and implement a culturally sensitive recruitment plan targeting communities in San Diego and Imperial counties. The recruitment plan will focus its attention on African Americans, Latinos, and males – groups traditionally underrepresented in the nursing profession.

“The California Endowment’s generous support will allow the School of Nursing to recruit a larger, more diverse group of students and ensures that the tools are in place so that these students will be successful in their studies,” said Kathy Drucquer Duff, CHHS Director of Development. “The Endowment gift will truly change the way we recruit and retain our students.”

The mission of The California Endowment is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. The SDSU Nurses Now grant was made as part of The California Endowment’s CommunitiesFirst program, a responsive grant-making program focusing on three broad areas of interest: access, health and well-being, and multicultural health. These interests are the overarching target areas for The Endowment’s grant-making efforts.

“The California Endowment is pleased to make this grant to the SDSU College of Health and Human Services,” said Jose Marquez, Program Manager for The California Endowment. “Its faculty and staff have proven that they are dedicated to not only addressing the nursing shortage, but to improving the diversity of nurses entering the profession.”

Alliance Healthcare Supports Consensus Organizing

In a pilot program launched in January 2000, 17 students from Hoover High School participated in a college-level social work course. The results were near-perfect attendance, a grade distribution that corresponds with SDSU students who completed an identical course, and all 17 students passed and received three college credits.

Several students from this course have volunteered to use their newly learned skills at their local churches, Rosa Parks Elementary School, and the neighborhood development corporation.

The Alliance Healthcare Foundation recently made a $226,085 grant in support of consensus organizing, which will allow the SDSU Consensus Organizing Center to further develop this highly successful program.

The funds will be used to develop curricula, recruit interested students, teach students the practice of consensus organizing, and oversee practice where they can directly apply the skills learned in the classroom.

The goal for the program is to develop a comprehensive consensus organizing workbook with a health and healthcare disparities section, which will be used as the primary teaching tool for the course; to outreach and introduce 120 students to the consensus organizing model, and to interview and select 90-120 students to participate in the program.

“Alliance Healthcare’s support of consensus organizing will help us reverse this trend in San Diego and help partner social workers with those who need them the most.”

Alliance Healthcare Foundation works to improve access to healthcare services for medically under-served populations, primarily in San Diego County, through grant-making, advocacy and educating the community about critical healthcare issues affecting the region. The foundation’s priority funding areas include restricted access to healthcare, substance abuse prevention and treatment, communicable disease control, violence prevention, mental health, and environmental and community health problems.

The College of Health and Human Services thanks Alliance Healthcare Foundation for its generous support of consensus organizing and underserved communities throughout San Diego County.
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Thank You for your generous contributions the College of Health & Human Services over t past year.

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SDSU–RaceLegal.COM Offered As A Safer Alternative To Street Racing

Dr. Stephen J. Bender, Professor of Epidemiology/Biostatistics in the Graduate School of Public Health, has been awarded a $700,000 grant from the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency through the California Office of Traffic Safety to conduct regularly scheduled 1/8-mile drag races at San Diego’s Qualcomm Stadium. The incidence of illegal street racing in San Diego County has escalated to the point where 6.5 of every 1000 people who choose to participate in this illegal activity are killed in any given year. From a public health perspective, a rate of this magnitude is untenable. More importantly is the indisputable fact that the morbidity and mortality associated with illegal street racing is understandable, predictable and almost always preventable.

Dr. Bender’s approach to intervention is unique in that he was able to convince the San Diego community that the incidence of illegal street racing would not be stemmed without the combined and committed effort of rigorous law enforcement, consistent adjudication, meaningful probation and the user-friendly alternative of SDSU – RaceLegal.com.

To date, SDSU – RaceLegal.com has conducted over 80 sanctioned 1/8-mile drag races. The primary target group is those at highest risk between the ages of 16-30. However, anyone, regardless of age, can join the fun and race their street-legal car at any sanctioned SDSU – RaceLegal.com event. The Qualcomm-based drag races take place near the stadium trolley stop. On any given race day, there are over 130 cars racing and an additional 1,000 spectators looking on.

For more information on Dr. Bender’s exciting SDSU-based program, peruse the Web site at www.racelegal.com.

GSPH – Serving The Community On Many Fronts

For the students and faculty in the Graduate School of Public Health community service is an important part of the education process. This service shows itself in a number of ways – service to local, state, and national organizations; student involvement through field placement agencies; faculty research and service to professional organizations; and many more.

“As educators, researchers, and healthcare providers, public service is at the heart of what we do,” said School Director Kenneth J. Bart, M.D. “Public service is an important element in the education process; it allows our students to connect what is learned in the classroom to what they will face after graduation, and it allows our faculty to stay connected with the healthcare community. Plus, it feels good to know that your work makes a difference in the community.”

GSPH faculty serve on the board of directors for the Community Health Group Foundation, a non-profit subsidiary of Medicaid HMO in San Diego. These faculty provide public health direction on outreach activities.

GSPH is home to the following four research centers, all of which work closely with other organizations to serve the public:
- California Center for Childhood Injury Prevention Studies
- Center for Behavioral and Community Health Studies
- Center for Behavioral Epidemiology and Community Health
- Institute for Public Health

These services are only a few examples of the many community services provided by GSPH. During the past three years services have been provided to over 75 non-governmental and government organizations, including over 25 in San Diego County. For more information on the research and service that GSPH is providing to our community, please visit their home page at www-rohan.sdsu.edu/dept/gsph.
The University Center on Aging continues to develop its academic, research and service programs to meet the strategic goals of the College of Health and Human Services and Shared Vision of the university.

The most significant achievement of the Center this year was the completion of the implementation plan for the Master’s degree in Gerontology. It is expected that the Master’s program will be fully approved and implemented by Fall 2002. In the meantime, prospective students enrolling in the Graduate Interdisciplinary Degree program with a major in Gerontology will be able to transfer into the standard Gerontology Master’s Program when officially recognized. There is great anticipation for this new graduate degree program.

A major highlight for the Center in recent months has been the emergence of the National Resource Center on Aging and Injury (NRCAI), (Principal Investigator, E. Percil Stanford; Co-Principal Investigator, Barbara C. Du Bois, James Emerman). The Resource Center is a joint project of the University Center on Aging and the American Society and Aging (ASA), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention.

Ms. Carol Yavno (MA, Gerontology) is coordinator and has responsibility for the daily operation of the National Resource Center. The Center’s primary purpose is to gather and disseminate historic and current information regarding the status and prevention of injuries among older adults. An important function of the Resource Center is its multifaceted interactive Website (www.olderadultinjury.org) which provides a wide range of information pertaining to policy, prevention programs, literature sources, ongoing research, and audio and visual materials to assist older adults, family members, and providers. The on-site repository is also another function of the Center, enabling individuals to come to the National Resource Center’s repository to gather information (Hepner Hall 204).

**New Chair For Department of Communicative Disorders**

The College of Health and Human Services welcomes Marilyn Newhoff, Ph.D., assumed the position of Chair of the Department of Communicative Disorders.

Newhoff received her Ph.D. from the University of Memphis (formerly Memphis State University). She comes to SDSU from the University of Georgia, where she served as a professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. At Georgia, she also served as the department chair, associate professor, and senior associate dean for the graduate school. Other teaching experiences include positions at the University of Alabama, Memphis State University, Arizona State University, and SDSU, where she served as an associate and assistant professor in the Department of Communicative Disorders from 1978 through 1986.

Newhoff’s areas of research include normal language and cognitive development; preschool, school-age, and adult language disorders and their management; and multi-modality neurophysiologic analysis of language and cognitive function.

During her career, Newhoff has been recognized for both her research and her teaching. She has a strong history of scholarly activities, including numerous articles published in refereed journals, popular articles (non-refereed publications), editorial activities, conference presentations, membership in a number of professional organizations and committee participation, and recipient of multiple grants.

“The time and effort that we put into the search was well rewarded. Marilyn Newhoff has the experience and qualifications to lead the department as it continues to serve as a frontrunner in the education of communicative disorders professionals and a provider of service to the San Diego community,” said CHHS Dean Dolores Wozniak. “We are fortunate to have her join our team.”

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Newhoff back to SDSU.

The previous department chair, Steve Kramer, Ph.D., will remain in the department as a professor of Communicative Disorders.
This issue of Linkage is devoted to our partnerships in the community and illustrates just a few of the ways that our students, faculty, and alumni of CHHS make a lasting impact on the community we serve. The following briefs give a snapshot look at some of these efforts.

- This spring, the College of Health and Human Services Student Council (CHHSSC) organized a bone marrow drive where the primary goal was to raise the number of minority donors to the registry. Their efforts were successful, having nearly 100 people donate blood samples to be registered into the national bone marrow donor registry, and almost half the donors were minorities.

- The Center on Substance Abuse operates the Driving Under the Influence Program, which serves 4,000 clients annually.

- Nursing students, in collaboration with Mexican health authorities and under supervision of and with SDSU faculty, assist Tijuana immunization efforts. The SDSU students set up clinics in schools, medical clinics and elsewhere around the city. They work closely with Mexican nurses and physicians in their effort to improve the health of the citizens of Tijuana.

- Over the past three years, over 300 Graduate School of Public Health students have served the community through field placement activities. During this period, these students have provided service at over 140 agencies. In addition, GSPH faculty have volunteered as certified community speakers for an American Cancer Society program entitled, “Make Yours a Fresh Start Family.” GSPH Faculty also provide intervention design and evaluation expertise for a community clinic-based diabetes demonstration project entitled, “Project Dulce.”

- During the Spring 2001 semester, the Undergraduate Social Work Association (USWA) served the community through its attendance at Legislative days in Sacramento, the adoption of a family for the holidays, sundry drives for a women’s shelter, participation in the AIDS walk, and through many other efforts.

- The California Student Nursing Association (CSNA) has been extremely active in the community. During the 2000-2001 academic year, they sponsored a Baby Supply Drive for the San Diego Rescue Mission, resulting in the purchase over $300 in baby supplies; for Thanksgiving they sponsored a canned food drive for the Mariposa Clubhouse, a homeless shelter located in Oceanside; in December the CSNA joined with nursing students from Grossmont College to collect toys for Christie’s Place, a support organization for AIDS victims and their families. With their help, Christie’s Place was able to provide toys for each of the children in the organization, making their annual Christmas party a great success. This past March, in recognition of International Women’s Month, the CSNA sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness Day. They were able to reach over 200 San Diego State University students with the intention of promoting breast self-exams and increasing breast cancer awareness. In April, nursing students volunteered their time to help feed the homeless at Harvest for the Hungry. And in May, the CSNA celebrated Nursing Week, sponsoring activities to help educate the public about the very important role that nurses play in health care.

- The Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH) serves the community is through the Institute of Public Health (IPH). The IPH assists agencies and community-based organizations with program evaluation and planning, training, continuing education and research. Services that the IPH provides includes data collection, hypothesis formulation, database development and report writing. Since 1997, the IPH has coordinated projects for a number of agencies, including the San Diego Police Department, and the California Black Health Network.

- GSPH provides an important community service through its role in providing continuing education for health professionals. Continuing education courses are offered through the California Distance Learning Health Network (CDLHN), the Pacific Public Health Training Center, the Health Data Program, the SDSU Defense Conversion Center, and the College of Extended Studies/Open University. In addition, faculty teach workshops on request from community organizations or government agencies. Since 1997, 10 continuing education programs have been offered through GSPH, serving over 1,000 participants.

Please join us as we congratulate these individuals (and the many others who are involved in their communities) for their efforts and thank them for the difference they make in the lives of others.
School of Social Work Celebrates Diversity

The School of Social Work held its first annual Celebrating Diversity week this past May. Special diversity activities were incorporated into all courses during the week. "Celebrating Diversity Week came about in response to requests of former students for a greater focus on diversity issues that social workers are facing in San Diego County," said Dr. Margaret Jean Hughes, event organizer. "Feedback from the participating students was positive overall, and we plan to use their feedback to improve subsequent diversity week activities."

On May 10th, classes were cancelled in honor of an all-day film festival. The event began with a riveting presentation and poetry reading by African American Writers and Artists of San Diego, Incorporated over a continental breakfast. Students and faculty members then dispersed to watch films that addressed various issues of diversity faced by African-, Latino-, and Asian-Americans as well as gays and lesbians. Following the films, a discussion took place led by a panel that comprised experts from the community, faculty members, and students.

Following the first set of films, participants joined together over a luncheon, which featured a number of "door prizes" that were raffled off to students during the luncheon. Participants were dispersed again following lunch to watch the second set of films and take part in the panel discussion. Following each film/discussion period, students completed evaluation forms responding to the day’s events. Preliminary results indicate that most students rated the days’ events positively (75% of the evaluations were positive) and in addition offered suggestions for future similar events.

In a state where no single ethnic group makes up more than fifty percent of the population, events like Celebrating Diversity week are important. The attendees were exposed to people from many different cultures, they had fun, and they left with a better understanding of the community in which we live.

Dr. Anita Harbert, Director, School of Social Work, said, “This was a very successful day and accomplished what were wanted. It provided a venue to expose students to the many complex issues that confront social workers as they practice in San Diego’s diverse community. The day also afforded an opportunity for students and faculty to explore their feelings and concerns about issues surrounding diversity.”

Nursing Grad Is Named CHHS Outstanding Student

School of Nursing graduate Michael McCafferty was named the CHHS Outstanding Student for Academic Year 2000-2001. Michael graduated in December with an overall GPA of 3.94, and a 4.0 GPA in the Nursing Program.

Michael is a graduate of Mira Mesa High School in San Diego. After attending community college, he began his studies at SDSU in the spring of 1998.

While completing his studies at SDSU, Michael worked as an emergency medical technician at Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa. After graduating, Michael accepted a position as an Emergency Room Nurse at Grossmont.

Please join us in congratulating Michael on receiving the Outstanding Student Award, as well as achieving such an excellent academic record.
SDSU Ranked Among Top Universities In The Nation For Hispanics

San Diego State University ranked No. 1 in California and No. 5 in the U.S. for bachelor’s degrees awarded (991) to Hispanics according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education’s May annual issue devoted to the top 100 colleges for Hispanics. Among four-year colleges, SDSU is ranked No. 1, in California, for Hispanic enrollment among peer universities (those classified as doctorate-grant II institutions by the Carnegie Foundation). SDSU is ranked No. 2, in the nation, among doctorate-grant II institutions. SDSU ranked No. 7 for Hispanic enrollment, 6,394 students enrolled, in the U.S. when compared to all universities. SDSU ranked No. 14, on the Top 100 list for master’s degrees, with 174 master’s degrees awarded to Hispanics. For doctoral degrees SDSU also ranked among the top 100, coming in at No. 96, with three degrees awarded.

“Maintaining a diverse campus environment is a top priority for SDSU and we are committed to being a resource for the entire community,” said SDSU President, Stephen L. Weber. “We are proud of the success of our Hispanic students; it is evidence that SDSU provides a learning environment where students from all backgrounds can excel.”

SDSU Alumni Association News

Homecoming!

This year’s Homecoming game will be held on October 6. The game will feature the Aztecs vs. the Panthers of Eastern Illinois University. For information on the game and other homecoming activities, contact the SDSU Alumni Association at 619-594-ALUM (2586) or visit us on the web at www.sdsualumni.org. We hope to see you in October.

Football Road Trip!

Please join the SDSU Alumni Association for another exciting Aztec Road Trip. The October 13 Road Trip to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas includes:
- Friday evening hospitality suite
- Round trip bus transportation to the Sam Boyd Stadium
- Pre-game tailgate party
- Game ticket in the Aztec Section
- SDSU Road Trip souvenir

Contact the SDSU Alumni Association at 619-594-ALUM (2586) or visit www.sdsualumni.org for trip information.

Alumni Association Scholarships

Since 1996, the SDSU Alumni Association has been offering scholarships through its alumni scholarship program. Under this program, up to five scholarships will be awarded from the following three categories: First Semester SDSU Student, Continuing SDSU Student, and Upper Division Student. For more information on applying for one these scholarships or supporting the Alumni Associations Scholarship program, please visit the SDSU Alumni Association on the web at www.sdsualumni.org or call them at 619-594-ALUM (2586).

2000 - 2001 Monty Awards Celebration

The SDSU Community came together on April 27 to honor its 2000-2001 Distinuished Alums and Outstanding faculty. The College of Health and Human Services honorees were Vincent Gracco (Distinguished Alum) and Professor Winnie Willis (Outstanding Faculty).

Congratulations to Gracco and Willis on receiving these outstanding honors.

Professor Winnie Willis (left) receives her award as the CHHS Outstanding Faculty Member from Provost Nancy Marlin

CHHS Distinguished Alum Vincent Gracco receives his Monty award from Dean Dolores Wozniak
There are lots of ways to stay involved with SDSU, whether you live across town, or across the country. We encourage you to stay connected, and be a part of the CHHS family. A few ways you can do this include: participating in any of our internship programs, attending continuing education seminars, donating to the College through the Annual Giving Program, listing open positions with the SDSU Career Center, reading about College highlights on our web page, joining the SDSU Alumni Association, cheering on the Aztecs at home and away sporting events, attending campus productions, or submitting class notes and updates for publication in our newsletter (Notes may be edited for space and clarity). You are an important part of our family, and we hope you will stay connected to the College and SDSU.

Communicative Disorders

Sue Cates, M.A. ’81...is employed full-time at Oceanside Unified School District, working with Pre-K thru 5th grade. She received an M.A. in Counseling Psychology in 1990 and has obtained a marriage family and child counselor license. She has been married for twenty-six years and is raising three great children while enjoying her career!

Sharon Loveall, B.A. ’81, M.A. ’85...has taught ASL I, II, III for Cuesta College for 11 years and has consulted for San Luis Obispo County Schools for the deaf. Her greatest joy is having home-educated her eldest daughter through all twelve years of her education! She also home educates her sons, in ninth and sixth grade.

Brenda Ann Pardee, B.A. ’81...was recently appointed to a countywide Pre-K evaluation team. She shares a home on four heavily wooded acres in Havana, Fla., with her husband Larry Schmidt. She also has a dual career: Stage Manager for Production Support Group, a local stage, sound, and light company.

Deb C. Pedersdotter, B.A. ’81...recently left a large law firm after 12 years of service (including five years as a partner) to open her own practice in October 1999. Deb specializes in general civil litigation, employment law, and construction law and appeals. She raised a beautiful daughter who now teaches high school.

Dana Tuttle Easterling, B.A. ’86, M.A. ’90...is the co-founder of the Northern Kentucky Chapter of the National Stuttering Association and is the director of the summer speech program at Cardinal Hall, a low cost group therapy program for children ages 2-10. Dana is currently working with children from birth to 18 months in a clinical setting.

Nursing

Tina Marie Bell, B.S.N. ’81...works in the Newborn Nursery primarily at Tri-City Medical Center, but also floats to the NICU and couplet care when the census is high in those areas. She has been married for twenty-five years and has two children – a son who is a San Diego County paramedic and a daughter who is a college freshman.

Kim Burnight Brown, B.S.N. ’81...worked for two years in critical care at Tarzana Medical Center. After moving to Orange County, Kim went back to school and became a certified nurse practitioner. She has worked for Kaiser in the Department of Endocrinology for the past nine years. She received her M.S.N. from Long Beach State University in 1992 and received her certification in 1991.

Helaine Finsterbush-Woolway B.S.N. ’81...has been working at Green Hospital of Scripps Clinic as a cardiology nurse since 1985. She is an ACLS instructor and CQI manager with a CPHQ certificate. She is also a consultant to a start up software medical company, performs intentional cardiology research, and is a cardiothoracic research nurse manager for the patient cardiology department.

Lori Friedrich Johnson, B.S.N. ’81...received her M.S.N. School Credential from CSU Sacramento and was member and scholarship winner from Sigma Theta Tau for her research in nursing. Lori is currently a school nurse and loves it.

Cheryl (Cheri) Garcia, B.S.N. ’81...works as a Sales Representative for Amgen Biotech. Cheryl started Cancer Survivorship San Diego, which celebrated its fourth anniversary on September 4. There were 1,200 survivors and family members in attendance at last year’s event.

Maureen Manzer Latham, B.S.N. ’81...was a critical care nurse at Sharp Memorial Hospital for eleven years before transferring to Mary Birch Hospital for Women in 1992. Maureen has three daughters: Veronica 17 years old, a high school junior who is interested in nursing; Lindsey 15 years old, and Emily 12 years old. Maureen is married to William and enjoys horseback riding, skiing, sailing, jumping and camping.
Janice McFadden, M.S.N. ‘81...has been working for the last seven years in a nursing management position. Her specialty is OB Nursing, and four years ago she accepted a teaching position at Samuel Merritt College. Her greatest achievement is her successful marriage of nineteen years and raising three healthy boys.

Marilee Nebelsick-Tagg, B.S.N. ‘81...is currently employed as an Associate Professor at Palomar College. She has been in that position for 14 years and also works during the summer as a nurse practitioner. Marilee received her M.N. from UCLA as Medical Surgical C.N.S. in 1983, Post Master, ENP certificate from UCSD in 1995 and an ANCC certificate as CNS and FNP.

Jennifer Raphael Seines, B.S.N. ‘81...worked two years as a pediatric nurse in a British hospital and returned two years ago to San Diego to CHHC, where she works as a telephone triage nurse. She took five years off to be home with her children.

Laurie C. Sheppard, B.S.N. ‘81...served on active duty in the U.S. Navy at Camp Pendleton and at Naval Hospital Oakland. She continues to serve in the USNR as a Commander. She has recently received a Navy Commendation Medal, and in her current reserve unit was reunited with Sue Robertson a fellow classmate from the nursing class of 1981.

Mari Stewart, B.S.N. ‘81...obtained her M.N. at UCLA in 1984 and practiced full time as an N.P. She has been at UCSD Medical Center since 1992 and currently is an NP at the Liver Center. As a member of the San Diego Hepatitis Community Coalition and the Hepatitis C Education Task Force, Mari is involved with the planning and implementation of improved services for the San Diego Community. She is a member of the San Diego Disaster Medical Assistance team. She is happily married, with two lovable boxers.

Wayne Marshall, B.S.N. ‘82, M.S.N. ‘91...is currently working as the clinical services director for psychiatric nursing with the Veterans Healthcare System in La Jolla, California. Wayne received his M.B.A. from Eastern Washington University in December 1995. He has recently accepted an appointment as the Chairperson of the Epicyte Pharmaceutical, Inc., Institutional Review Board and is charged with ensuring the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects.

Mary Rowley, B.S.N. ‘84...has been the Director of Medical Services for the Trylon Corporation for thirteen years and is responsible for managing clinical research studies for medical devices that they develop and bring to market. Mary married Dan Rowley (college roommate’s brother) in 1990, and they have two daughters, Amanda 4 years and Olivia 2 years.

Denise Tinkham, B.S.N. ‘87...is an Occupational Health Nurse with Marriott International. She is also an independent consultant for Ergonomics, Health and Safety and Accident Prevention. Denise lives on 32 acres of forest in beautiful Oregon.

Jane Marie Smith, B.S.N. ‘89...worked at UCSD hospital on the pediatric ward for seven years and the PICU for one year. Later she tried home health nursing for a year before becoming a stay home mom. She has two sons ages 4 and 3. Jane has recently returned working per diem two days a month at UCSD as clinical nurse in Pediatrics.

Dagmar Platzer, B.S.N. ‘95, M.S.N. ‘99...is currently working as a nurse practitioner at planned parenthood providing Ob-gyn care. Current Projects: BCEDP involvement of Euclid Avenue Clinic and menopause clinician national certification.

Sue Harte, B.S.N. ‘81, M.S.N. ‘96...worked for many years in critical care nursing and as a traveling Nurse. She went to graduate school in the SDSU and UCSD MSN/ENP program. She is now a CFNP practicing in cardiology.

Rose Rabinov (Reyes), B.A. ‘81...is a self-employed physician, specializing in otolaryngology. She received her medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School and performed her residency at UCLA. She is happily married to Dave, who is a musician.

Colleen Crane Kalynych, M.P.H. ‘87...completed a master’s degree at the University of North Florida and currently serves as the Assistant Director of Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center, specializing in Health Professions Student Training for Community Health and grant writing for Health Promotion and Education Programs. In 1997, she won a National Excellence Award in Health Professions Student Training.

Karin D. Klopp (Pointere), B.S.N. ‘86...works as an Emergency Department Educator for St. Franc Hospital in Feder Way, Washington. In 1996, she went to Kazakhstan on a mission trip, where she taught healthcare at a women conference and at nursing school. Kar is married and has two children and three step children.

Larry Meuli, M.P.H. ‘88...is serving his third term in Wyoming Legislature. He and his wife Vicki attended Inauguration Washington D.C. Larry serves on Labo Health and Soci Services committees the legislature.

Janis Anfossi, M.P.H. ‘90...has recently been named Seni Consultant for Larson Allen, Wisher & Co, LLP, a public accounting firm in St. Louis. She will work for the Health Care Services Group. Jan earned a Juris doctora from St. Lou University School Law in 2000.
Adama Dyoniziak, M.P.H. ‘92...is the Los Angeles Regional Director for the Braille Institute. In this position, Adama oversees five major programs throughout LA County. She is also a part-time lecturer at CSULB.

Ralph Foster, M.P.H. ‘92...is now an MD serving as a Faculty Member for the University of Phoenix.

Deborah Fischer, M.S. ‘93...is a Project Scientist for England Geosystem, Inc. in Irvine California.

Eric Fryer, B.S. ‘93...serves as the Northeast Territory Manager for ICN Pharmaceuticals, Inc., working with over 300 Physicians in the fields of Dermatology Plastic Surgery. He conducts and manages numerous medical seminars throughout the year while educating physicians on the latest dermatology medicines.

C. Scott Thopmson, MPH ‘93...is the Vice President of Access Consulting International. Access specializes in technical assistance in primary care, HIV/AIDS, substance abuse treatment, mental health and evaluation.

Bonnie J. LaFleur, M.P.H. ‘95...is serving as an Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University.

Subroto Manerji, MPH ‘97...became the Program Manager for the Alameda County Public Health Department in April 1997. He was subsequently promoted in 1998 to Assistant Director for Tuberculosis Control in Alameda County.

Andy C. Zau, M.P.H. ‘97...is working as a Research Associate/SAS Programmer for the Public Policy Institute of California.

Zulifqar A. Chaudhry, M.S. ‘98...is working as an Associate Industrial Hygienist for CAL/OSHA.

Anthony Guerra, M.P.H. ‘98...is a Finance Supervisor for Sharp Grossmont Hospital.

Monica Tencate, MPH ‘98...is the Health Policy Director for the United States Senate, Committee on Finance.

Wendy N. Betancourt, M.P.H. ‘99...is working as an Epidemiologist for San Diego County Department of Tuberculosis Control.

Nicole Howard, M.P.H. ‘99...works as a Program Specialist for Children’s Hospital in San Diego.

Carmen Gomez Mandic, M.P.H. ‘99...is directing an Intergenerational HIV Prevention Initiative / pilot study for Latina women in San Francisco and Watsonville (Monterey County).

Greg Warner, M.P.H. ‘99...recently left his Epidemiology Analyst position with Los Angeles County to begin his first year at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Social Work

Lisa A. Lieberman, M.S.W. ‘77...works as a clinical social worker with a private practice in Lake Oswego, Oregon. She specializes in “living with disability in the family.” She co-leads a couple’s group where one partner is on the spectrum. She enjoys her 13-year-old son who has autism.

Dianne Madsen Radican, B.A. ‘79, M.S.W. ‘81...is a supervisor for the Riverside County Mental Health Department.

Rebecca Calhoun Buchanan, M.S.W. ‘81...is back working with the population she loves best: the elderly. She is working as a social worker for St. John’s Lutheran Ministries, a community of over 300 seniors celebrating life at many different stages in their journeys. She hopes for others to visit them at www.sjl.org

Loretta Clark, M.S.W. ‘81...has worked at Providence Hospice in Portland, Oregon, for 14 years. During her time there, the program has grown from 30 to 100 patients and from one social worker to four.

William Dorsey, M.S.W. ‘81...has been working for Kaiser Permanente at Santa Rosa and San Rafael Hospitals, providing social work leadership, program development and direct services. He is recognized as an expert in Alzheimer’s disease, caregiver issues and elder care. He has been married for 15 years and has two sons. William is a semi-professional jazz musician.

Rev. Victoria Freiheit, B.S. ‘81...was ordained in 1997. She lives in Tombstone, Arizona, and serves as interim pastor wherever needed. She also serves on the United Church of Christ New Church Development Committee. They started a new church last year in Surprise and will start one in 2002 in Peoria, Arizona.

Upcoming Social Work Chapter Meetings

September 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Meeting with Congresswoman Susan Davis

November 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Chapter Meeting, Topic T.B.A.

Both meetings will be held at the Mission Valley Hilton. For more information, please contact Jackie Koeller in the SDSU Alumni Association at 619-594-ALUM (2586) or via e-mail at jkoeller@mail.sdsu.edu.
Pat (Patricia) Green, M.S.W. ‘81...took the unusual career move of stepping down after serving as the hospital social work supervisor for 16 years. She is now back in a staff position at SNF and enjoying it thoroughly.

Jacqueline R. Henderson Pierre, B.A. ‘81 ...received an M.S. from SDSU in Counseling/Guidance (College of Education). She has worked with the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services since 1984 and has pursued a career in real estate and has purchased two homes.

Tina Marie James, M.S.W ‘81...has owned and operated a staffing agency for professional social workers since 1989. Her business currently services all of California and the six New England States. Tina’s career includes providing both medical and psychiatric social work. Her greatest achievement to date has been to raise her two daughters 10 and 8 years old with her husband of 13 years.

Susan Mears, M.S.W. ‘81...is a Clinical Program Manager for the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services. She is now serving as the Program Coordinator for SAMHSA-Children’s Mental Health Grant and is a Ph.D. student at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City in Social work. She is happily married to Mark Green and they have two sweet golden retrievers.

Susan Shepherd Guarnotta, M.S.W. ‘81...received her LCSW and has continued to be a Social Worker on the UCSD Senior Only Care (SOCARE) Clinic for almost 18 years now. She is married to Mike Gvarnotta, an optometrist, and has two daughters ages 13 and 10 and two nutty dogs. She says the older she gets she realizes that helping raise a family is the biggest achievement of all.

Diane Gaston, B.A. ‘82, M.S.W. ‘83...received her L.C.S.W. in 1998. She worked at Central Adult Mental Health Services, a Day Treatment Facility from for seven years before recently acquiring a position as Assistant Director at Douglas Young Clinic, an outpatient, county contracted mental health clinic. Diane has been married since July 4, 1994, to Dan Gaston, LCSW, and an M.S.W. graduate from SDSU (class of ’84). They have two children, Grant who is three, and, Janine, one year.

Susan Sun Hoong Ow, M.S.W. ‘82...is the Director for Western Region for the Nellie Mae Student Loans. Her main job for Nellie Mae entails training and traveling to university campuses. Before joining Nellie Mae she was university administrator for 12 years and Adjunct Professor at the College of Notre Dame. She currently lives in Marin, California.

Cindy L. Hathaway, B.S.W. ‘84, M.S.W. ’87...has earned her LCSW and has purchased a new home within the last year. Cindy and her husband George (SDSU Geology ’85) recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary! Cindy is working as an Adoption Liaison Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles, Department of Children and Family Services. She enjoys camping, sports, and reading with her two daughters.

Elizabeth (Liza) Boyer, M.S.W. ‘97...received her LCSW in May of 2000. She is now a Clinical Director for the Center for Community Solutions, which is the agency where she volunteered in 1994 and where the whole graduate school journey began.

Ida Chi Voss, M.S.W. ‘99...is working as a Child and Family Therapist for Douglas Young Clinic. Her professional interests include the use of the expressive arts in child therapy. Ida has been married to her husband Karl for five years, and they had a son, Dylan Joseph, who was born in April 2001.


Patricia Gazza, M.S.W. ‘00...serves in the army and has been stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, since August 2000. Patricia works with Family Advocacy and Discharge Planning. She is currently deployed on a Multinational Force and Observer mission (MFO) in the Sinai.

School of Social Work
Master Tutors Needed

Jeanne Gill, M.S.W. (Boston University), Ph.D. (La Jolla University), adjunct faculty member who served as a field instructor for 14 years, has been quietly providing tutoring services to undergraduate and graduate social work students since 1998. She follows in the footsteps of Emeritus Professor, Dr. David Pritchard who initiated the services in 1996. Jeanne met with 25 students this year, assisting with paper assignment conceptualization and development, organization and structure, and improvements in grammar and referencing. There is great need for additional volunteer tutors who can assist Jeanne in meeting with students preferably off-campus. If you’re a social work graduate interested in tutoring students, call Jeanne at 858-565-7156 or Amy Okamura at 619-594-8709.

Anna L. Peeks, B.S.W. ‘86, M.S.W. ‘88...completed manuscript titled, T1 Undocumented Latina Battered Woma Impediments to Hel Seeking: Siblings Latino Children Wi Emotional Probl C a r e t a k i n Expectations and I Implications; at Immigrant Mexic Youth: Adaptation Difficulties and i Manifestations.

Angel Batt, M.S.W. ‘95...is currently t Executive Director Clara Mateo Allianc Angel began as t sole social worker 1997. However, und her leadership CM developed its no profit status and w: self-managing i shelter and servi operations by 1999. On March 12, she received the 21 Assembly District Women of the Ye Award from t assembly members a by the senate. Angel work with the Cla Mateo Alliance h: ensured th thousands of peop have safe shelter at the stability they ne to rebuild their lives.
Save The Date

Football Schedule

September 15
Ohio State

September 22
Colorado State

September 29
Air Force

October 6
Eastern Illinois (Homecoming)

October 13
UNLV

October 27
BYU

November 3
New Mexico

November 10
Utah

November 17
Wyoming

For ticket information, call 619-283-SDSU.

Cultural Events

During the fall semester, there will be a number of performing and visual art events held on the SDSU campus. For performance or ticket information, please call:

School of Art, Design and Art History: 619-594-6511

School of Music and Dance Events Line: 619-594-6020

Department of Theatre: (619) 594-6884

Web address: http://events.sdsu.edu

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