

# STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

*Honoring Long-Term Employees June 5, 2019*





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June 5, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations!

Today we are delighted to celebrate your service to California State University, Long Beach. Your unwavering commitment to The Beach is what makes our university a great place to work and learn.

Our 178 honorees represent almost every college and division across campus, as well as all auxiliaries, with service ranging from 10 to 40 years. Whether you work directly with students, or behind the scenes, care for our beautiful campus, or contribute in countless other ways, your efforts do not go unnoticed. What you do each day transforms the lives of students who go on to transform the world.

Thank you for your constancy and your positive approach to challenges and change. I'm honored to be part of such a wonderful community.

*Go Beach!*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Close Conoley".

Jane Close Conoley, Ph.D.  
President

# SERVICE AWARDS RECEPTION FOR LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES

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## AGENDA

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

10:00 AM - 12 NOON

University Student Union Ballroom

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**Nancy Torres**, *Associate Vice President, Human Resources Management*

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## WELCOME ADDRESS

**Jane Close Conoley**, *President*

## INTRODUCTION OF SERVICE AWARDEES AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*by*

**Brian Nowlin**, *Chief Operating Officer, CSULB Research Foundation*

**Don Penrod**, *General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, 49er Shops, Inc.*

**Michele Cesca**, *Vice President, University Relations and Development*

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

## ENCORE OF SERVICE AWARDS MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION

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## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2008

Marcella Alvear	Purchasing
Shonnick Anderson	Event Services
Aimee Arreygue	Undergraduate Studies & Academic Advising
Andrea Barajas Hernandez	Facilities Management Custodial
Ken Beaupre	Carpenter Performing Arts Center
Arthur Bourke	49er Shops, Inc.
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James Burkett	Student Health Services
Joni Cape	Bickerstaff Academic Center
Rebecca Carrillo	Facilities Management Custodial
Jennifer Choi	Financial Management Information Systems
Maria D'Aloisio	Budget Management
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Christopher Frost	Science Safety
Debra Gammage	Associated Students, Inc.
Kirstie Genzel	Library Technical Services
Angela Girard	Student Health Services
Catherine Gottlieb	ITS Service Management & Operations
Stephen Gray	University Police
Joseph Hallam	Facilities Management Grounds
Lorena Hughes	Enrollment Services Student Records
Mark Im	Parking & Transportation
Jeet Joshee	CPIE Administration
Tommy Kaminaka	CSULB Research Foundation
Ed Lara	ITS Servers, Systems & Web
Mei Lew	Alumni Records
Christina Limon-Lara	Associated Students, Inc.
Adam Litman	HR Technology Support Services
Mikal Lok	Family & Consumer Science
Xochitl Lopez	Center for International Education
Loc Luong	Innovation Lab
Carolina Marrujo	CSULB Research Foundation
Roger Maxim	Kinesiology

## 10 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2008

Fabiola Mendez	Facilities Management Custodial
Kim Mowl	Purchasing
Minh Duc Nguyen	GAAP Accounting Department
David Olivares	Parking & Transportation
Lane Olsen-Cooper	CNSM Administration
Dana Osborne	Kinesiology
Yesica Parra	Library Circulation
Latoya Rench	49er Shops, Inc.
Lisa Salgado	Design & Construction Services
Jeffrey Scott	Athletics Ticket Operations
Kam Shafeh	Financial Management Support Services
Tino Siwabessy	Strategic Communications
Michael Solt	College of Business Administration
Tamika Spivey	Bickerstaff Academic Center
Gordon Thompson	Information Systems
Brian Thorson	Biological Sciences
Sireth Torres	URD College Development
Hanh Tran	Housing & Residential Life
Nick Valdivia	Enrollment Services Financial Aid
Martiz Ware	Associated Students, Inc.
Theresa Zoucha-Poore	CSULB Research Foundation



## 15 YEARS OF SERVICE - 2003

Cynthia Angiuli	Office of the President
Raquel Arevalo	Student Orientation, Advising & Registration
Jose Basurto	College of Engineering Custodial
Hung Chung	Student Health Services
Cory Clark	College of Business Instructional Technology
T. Cooper	Interlibrary Services
Rafaela Coral	Housing & Residential Life
Ana Cortez	CPIE Administrative Services
Sharon Cruz	CHHS Administration
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Hitoshi Furuya	CPIE Academic Programs
Martha Garcia	Facilities Management Custodial
Diane Higgs	Kinesiology
Sara Jimenez	Facilities Management Custodial
Mishelle Laws	Event Services
Jennifer Layno	Student Health Services
Pamela Lewis	Student Affairs Division Support
Tevita Lotulelei	Facilities Management Grounds
Denis Mahaffy	Ocean Studies
Manuel Maravilla	Facilities Management Custodial
Lori McCoy	HR Service Group
Raul Navarrette	Facilities Operations
Linda Pena	Student Health Services
Nicole Pricer	Enrollment Services Student Records
Maria Rincon	Facilities Management Custodial
Daniel Rivera	Facilities Management Grounds
Curglin Robertson	CSULB Research Foundation
Gail Smith	University Police
Pet Sourinthone	University Art Museum
Kirsten Sumpter Pearce	College of the Arts Administration
Marcia Walker	Enrollment Services Student Records
Bianca Williams	49er Shops, Inc.
Majid Zahedi	49er Shops, Inc.

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1998

Kathleen Allan	Public Policy & Administration
Robyn Ames-Woodyard	Financial Management Operations
Eve Baker	Testing & Evaluation
John Balarosan	Financial Management Information Systems
Marfi Barnes	Associated Students, Inc.
Heidi Berry	CPIE Student Services
Holly Boettner	Student Health Services
June Borba	University Center for Undergraduate Advising
Robbin Caesar	Enrollment Services Student Records
Martha Carey	ITS Data Center & Emergency Management
Lynn Christopher	Center for International Education
Gloria Dacanay	Physical Therapy
Homa Danieli	Educational Opportunity Program
John Delacuesta	Science Safety
Jose Diaz	Facilities Management Engineering Services
Kandi Dubrall	Student Health Services
Berta Hanson	Division of Administration & Finance
Jo Ann Harris	Equity & Diversity
Carrie Hernandez	College of Education Administration
Lucia Hernandez Dorame	Facilities Management Custodial
Francis Homsany	Associated Students, Inc.
Valerie Iapello	Bob Murphy Access Center
Alison Kliachko-Trafas	Nursing
Jose Lara	49er Shops, Inc.
John Mc Ilrath	Civil Engineering & Construction Engineering Management
Deby McGill	Health Care Administration
Enedina Morales	Enrollment Services Admissions
Jon Murphy	Facilities Operations
Sandra Oung	Carpenter Performing Arts Center
Bethany Price	College of the Arts Administration
Ann Radzicki	Social Work
Jose Rodriguez	Facilities Management Custodial
Elizabeth Sanchez	49er Shops, Inc.
Natalie Sparkman	Enrollment Services Admissions
Hanson Tith	University Police

## 20 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1998

Daniel Valdez	University Police
Kit Van Wyk	Credential Center
Robert Wendt	Career Development Center
Gabriel Wilson	Career Development Center
Julie Wilson	Alumni Records
Keith Wong	Integrated Waste Management

## 25 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1993

Brian Carey	Bob Murphy Access Center
Deborah Cason	Educational Opportunity Program
Stella Corrales	CSULB Research Foundation
Mark Edrington	Department of Athletics
DeeDee Green	College of Engineering Administration
Mary Ann Messing	CSULB Research Foundation
Jessica Nguyen	HR Technology Support Services
Jorge Nin	Educational Opportunity Program
Ameeta Perera	College of Engineering Administration
Shirley Quan	ITS Service Management & Operations
Evelyn Rebamontan Daliwan	University Outreach & School Relations
Arlene Reyes	CSULB Research Foundation
Maria Rivera	Associated Students, Inc.
Jeanette Schelin	Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden
Indah Wantje	CSULB Research Foundation

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1988

Kimberly Albright	University Ombuds
Olegario Carlos	Facilities Management Grounds
Carl Catone	Facilities Operations
Stafford Cox	Instructional Technology Support Services
Abigail Diaz	49er Shops, Inc.
Loyd Do	Civil Engineering & Construction Engineering Management
Scott Erwin	49er Shops, Inc.
Pamila Ford	Nursing

## 30 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1988

Teodulo Gomez	49er Shops, Inc.
Rosa Guzman	Facilities Management Custodial
Rosalva Guzman	Facilities Management Custodial
Leanne Hayes	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
La Ronda Heard	Enrollment Services Student Services
Kevin Hottle	Facilities Management Engineering Services
Robin Ikemi	Computer Engineering & Computer Science
Doris Joseph	Enrollment Services Admissions
Steve La	ITS Network, Telecommunications & Security
Jesus Lu	ITS Data Center & Emergency Management
Velma Martin	Bob Murphy Access Center
Cindy Masner	Department of Athletics
Maggie McGlothin	Articulation
Salvador Pena	49er Shops, Inc.
Arturo Torres	Facilities Management Engineering Services
Bruce Vancil	University Outreach & School Relations
Leah Williams	Department of Athletics

## 35 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1983

Martin Brenner	Music
Michael Fritz	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Richard Haller	Associated Students, Inc.
Nouman Khawaja	49er Shops, Inc.
Wendy Lucas	Communication Studies
Michael Markoski	ITS Data Center & Emergency Management
Michele Scott	CSULB Research Foundation

## 40 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1978

Dale Guerrero	Library Technical Services
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30 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1988



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UNIVERSITY OMBUDS



**Carl Catone**  
FACILITIES OPERATIONS



**Stafford Cox**  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT  
SERVICES



**Robin Ikemi**  
COMPUTER ENGINEERING &  
COMPUTER SCIENCE



**Doris Joseph**  
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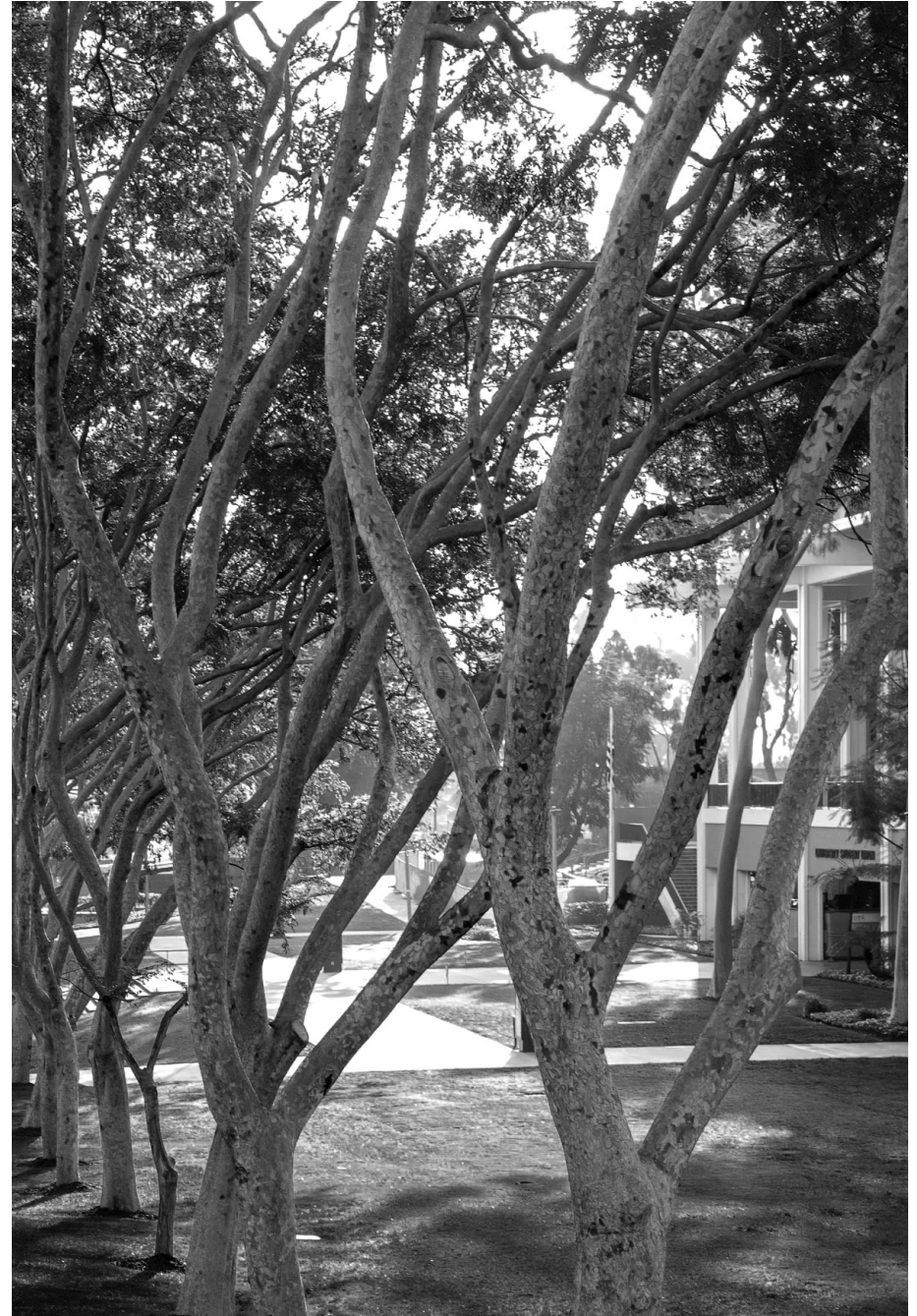


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**40 YEARS OF SERVICE - 1978**



**Dale Guerrero**  
LIBRARY TECHNICAL  
SERVICES





## Martin Brenner

MUSIC

*Thirty-Five Years of Service – 1983*

Martin is an Instructional Technology Specialist and part-time faculty member at CSULB. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) in 1981. Prior to joining CSULB, he was a recording engineer with the music department at UCSD. Two of his fellow UCSD faculty members came to work at CSULB and encouraged him to apply for a position here.

Sound and media system design projects have included the advanced sound/lighting and video system in the Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall and the large outdoor system used for CSULB commencement. Martin has also taught Introduction to Music Technology (Music 370) for many years.

Martin is most proud of strategically building smart classrooms with the necessary technology to support students in the Music Department. Smart classrooms impact how faculty are able to teach students. As technology changes, Martin is there to ensure optimal learning experiences for all students. He has found that face-to-face lecturing in shorter increments of time coupled with the integration of technology is most effective for student learning. He is proud of the functionality he is able to deliver. His philosophy is that there is “no student left behind” with zero down-time when it comes to the technology he oversees.

Martin has worked with many individuals who have inspired him throughout the years. He considers Donald “Don” Para to be one of the most fair-minded individuals to mentor him. When Martin met Don, Don was the chair of the Music Department. Don went on to become a Dean, Provost and eventually became Interim President before retiring. His focus was on excellence and that is what Martin values most.

Martin's favorite thing about working at CSULB is interacting with fellow staff, faculty and students. He enjoys the beauty of the campus, his working environment, and working with other departments which leads to thinking of outside the box projects.

Martin's hobbies include racquetball and researching and collecting pilot balloon theodolites. Theodolites are devices dating back to the early 1900s and still in use today to measure upper-level winds by tracking small rubber balloons. He is currently partnering with a fellow aficionado on the development of new technological programs which will determine wind profiles for hot air balloons.

Martin feels he contributes to the “noble mission” of working with students. He considers CSULB to be a “vector” of upward mobility for students of all walks of life including first generation students who can “carry it forward.” His words of wisdom to fellow and future employees are to “put up with all nuisances and hurdles because the cause is noble. You are empowering the next generation.”



## Michael Fritz

MECHANICAL & AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

*Thirty-Five Years of Service – 1983*

Michael's opportunity to work in the Engineering department presented itself through the encouragement of his Aunt who worked as secretary for the Dean of Engineering. He applied and was hired on the spot. Dr. Hillar Unt, who was the department chair of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (MAE) for many years, served as a great inspiration to him. Michael's mechanical experience in the auto racing world was an asset he brought with him to CSULB. He had planned on only staying for one year and then return to the arena of auto racing, however, he enjoyed what he was doing and today he continues to utilize his talents and passion for machines in MAE in the College of Engineering.

Michael is responsible for maintaining all the equipment in the Engineering labs. He has worked with five deans during his tenure and witnessed class sizes go from 16/17 students to 105 students having to work together on projects as a team. Michael works with the CSULB Society of Automotive Engineers which offers hands on experience with design, analysis, manufacturing, testing, and racing of two vehicles every academic year. Students work together to simulate a professional engineering environment and produce two fully functional prototypes while managing costs and creating an effective business plan. Michael assists students with lab time and travels with them to competitions. Project quality is evaluated each year at international competitions by professional engineers and businessmen.

A passion for machines is second nature to Michael. Beginning at age 16 and continuing for 12 years, he helped build Indy cars for Gurney Racing, a team with a history of victories in Formula One, Indy Car, NASCAR, Can-Am and Trans-Am series. Since then he has contributed his engineering/mechanical skills to victories of other race teams as well. He is still involved in the race world working with race teams throughout the country and traveling with CSULB students to race events, sometimes racing against time to ensure vehicles, equipment and students arrive on time and safely.

A couple of the more unusual projects he's helped students with are building mechanical movie props and more recently building a remote control gift box for a local stage production of the Nutcracker.

Working with students is Michael's favorite thing to do. Engineering alumni often come back to visit Michael and give him a call to see how he is doing.

Noteworthy awards he has received are the 2003 Extra Mile Award from the College of Engineering and the April 2001 staff Employee of the Month presented by former President Robert Maxson, which included the traditional renaming of Friendship Walk.

Michael is a motorcycle racer and holds a 2012 title as 250 Champion. He would like to get back to doing vintage motorcycle racing in Perris, California when he retires.

His words of wisdom are “find something you like to do and just do it.”



## Richard Haller

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.

*Thirty-Five Years of Service – 1983*

Richard's intrigue with CSULB ignited when he first visited the campus at the age of 15. While his uncle/foster parent made medical visits at the neighboring Veterans Hospital, Richard would wander over to visit CSULB. Richard enrolled as a student in 1978, became a student assistant at the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI), and then was hired into a permanent/full time position in the Scheduling Office with ASI. Richard earned a degree in Sociology and continued post-baccalaureate studies in Public Policy and Administration. The degree of care and concern for students and the "welcoming home away from home" environment was what attracted him to the ASI and what kept him there for 40+ years.

Richard is currently ASI's Executive Director. He oversees the University Student Union, Recycling Center, Student Government, Student Recreation and Wellness Center, and the Isabel Patterson Child Development Center. The ASI is the "heart of the campus" and students are his bosses. He finds their intellectual curiosity, development and energy infectious and this serves as his primary motivation.

Working with students has presented both challenges and opportunities to grow. He is inspired by the students' development. Richard believes one of his greatest accomplishments is contributing to students' growth in leadership roles through their student government positions. He encourages his student leaders to serve beyond CSULB. Many have gone on to serve in their communities, including Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Long Beach Councilwoman Suzie Price.

Richard recalls when the Pyramid and Performing Arts Center were empty fields. He has witnessed CSULB change and grow in many ways, including the increase in the squirrel population. What remains constant is the beautiful park-like setting he enjoys on his mindful walks throughout the campus.

Great influencers were Rosemary Schmidt, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs (retired), and Doug Robinson, Vice President for Student Affairs (retired), who both mentored and inspired him to be an advocate of students. His finance mentor was Joseph Latter, Associate Vice President of Financial Management (retired).

Richard is proud of his educational accomplishments and of the awards the ASI has presented to him throughout the years. He is most grateful for his 25 years of marriage to his husband, and for the staff and students he worked with for being so embracing and supportive of his marriage.

An animal lover, Richard is involved with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), fostering cats and dogs, and is dog parent to his rescue pup "Mamacita." Plans for retirement later this year include continued support of the SPCA, mentoring students, reading, and contemplating other ventures.

A favorite quote by Elihu Burritt used for many years in Richard's signature block: "It is an old saying, and one of fearful and fathomless import, that we are forming characters for eternity. Forming characters! Whose? Our own or others? Both — and in that momentous fact lies the peril and responsibility of our existence." This quote inspires his own words of wisdom to all employees, "Always be mindful of how you are perceived by students."



## Nouman Khawaja

49ER SHOPS, INC.

*Thirty-Five Years of Service – 1983*

Nouman Khawaja first joined CSULB as a Foreign Exchange Student in Fall of 1983. He soon began working as a student in the CSULB dining halls. The dining hall work environment was rewarding, a safe haven and became his home away from home. Nouman enjoyed his work so much that he remained as a permanent employee after graduation. Nouman became an expert in his field. His career with the dining halls have included positions at both Hillside and Parkside Dining Halls as he worked his way up through management. He is currently the Manager of Beachside Dining Hall where he oversees about 60 employees – approximately 10 full time employees and the remainder being part-time.

Through the years, Nouman has mentored many students as their manager and as a constant figure in the lives of students living on campus enjoying the dining hall meals. He meets students of all walks of life, including foreign exchange students, and has always strived to ensure they all receive the same "home away from home" experience he did as student. Nouman thinks the intimate experience CSULB offers compared to the larger UC campuses is what sets CSULB apart and makes student life more enjoyable.

Student workers enjoy working in the dining halls under Nouman's management so much that many have returned to work at them even after graduation. Many students whom Nouman has mentored return to visit him after graduation and he attributes it to the experiences they had while they were at CSULB. Nouman has had many mentors throughout his career, each encouraging him and contributing to his success. He is grateful for them and for the first mentor he had—the landlord he had as a foreign exchange student who encouraged Nouman to expand his horizons. Today, Nouman shares that same philosophy with others.

Nouman has received many awards throughout the years but his greatest sense of accomplishment has been his job itself. He considers himself a student of the students he works with and services. He learns new trends, adaptability and he feels working with students make a person feel young again. He states, "you have to adjust because you are here for students." The one hour (one-way) commute Nouman makes each day is evident of his passion and dedication to the students of CSULB.

The dining hall work experience is an extremely busy environment, however Nouman manages in a way that ensures his staff provides quality service and nutritious meal options to meet the needs of all students. CSULB dining hall options have come a long way since Nouman started. The food quality and variety has even surprised students. Nouman has a cartoon taped to his computer screen that a student drew for him depicting a pair of glasses looking out into the world with the quote: "Your food has opened my eyes."

Nouman believes that if you treat employees with respect, everything will fall into place. His favorite quote and words of wisdom to others is: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

## Michael Markoski

ITS DATA CENTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*35 Years of Service - 1983*



Michael's fascination with computer technology began when he was in the 2nd grade. His father, who was an engineer, brought Michael with him to spend the day at his job at IBM in downtown Los Angeles, where Michael was introduced to his first mainframe computer and the engineering team that was working on the development of voice recognition. It influenced Michael's life and he knew then he wanted to be in the information technology world. He learned as much as he could in high school and college about computers. For graduate school, the reputation of the business program drew Michael to CSULB. Today, he considers himself fortunate to be a Director in Information Technology Services (ITS) at CSULB.

As a graduate student in the College of Business at CSULB, Michael worked on simulations for faculty members. The college dean recognized his skills and asked Michael to work on a summer project to write a registration program for the college. Michael developed the first on-line registration program at CSULB and it was launched in the Fall of 1983. Eventually Michael was offered a permanent position and finished his education utilizing the fee waiver program.

Michael started as a programmer, moving up the ranks to Director in ITS. Michael takes pride in noting that CSULB has more computing resources than most public universities. He has contributed to the successful implementation of many programs including a high performance computer with a processing capacity of over 10,000 CPUs, which faculty members use for research. As Director, he oversees database administration, operations, and campus coordination of Common Management Systems.

He has a strong work ethic to service students, staff, and faculty members through program support, accounting, human resources, and on-line registration systems. He was recognized for his contributions to the preparedness activities related to Y2K by former campus Vice President Bill Griffith. Michael feels fortunate to have had many good mentors throughout his working career and life. As a teenager, he earned the position of assistant store manager at a Baskin-Robbins. He credits his first CSULB manager, Nancy Kaye; Richard Timboe, former ITS Associate Vice President; and Janet Foster, Associate Vice President for their inspiration throughout his career.

Michael is motivated by working in an environment with very competitive and industrious people working toward the common goal of successful program implementation. He claims there are enough challenges to keep one engaged and that CSULB IT staff is consistently more productive than at other campuses. Michael values teamwork and contributions to the quality of education and student experience. He feels these elements make Long Beach unparalleled in the CSU.

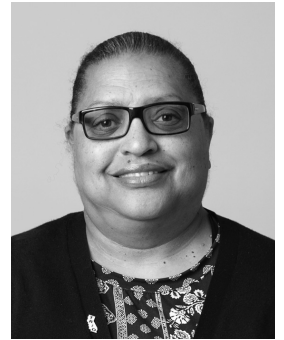
Michael has five sons, including two who attended CSUs. He enjoys his walks around CSULB and spending time in the Japanese garden. Michael has been involved in emergency preparedness both as a community volunteer and at CSULB. He plans to continue his world travels before retirement. His attitude is, "Why wait?" His favorite trips take him to Southeast Asia because of its beauty and the friendly people.

His words of wisdom are that "you can have a quality experience if you choose to. If you are willing to make an investment - investment will come back to you."

## Michele Scott

CSULB RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*35 Years of Service - 1983*



Michele Scott began her employment at CSULB in 1983 as a Counselor Coordinator which then led to her becoming Assistant Director for Educational Talent Search. Since 2002, she has been the Director of the Educational Opportunity Center at CSULB, which is a federally-funded program designed to assist qualified adults to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education.

Michele attributes the career she has to the many connections made with others. She appreciates all the wonderful supervisors she has had at CSULB who gave her opportunities. She credits the Division of Student Affairs for creating an environment for growth and support, allowing her to pursue her passion of contributing to the lives of students.

Through the years Michele has served in many capacities with the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) including President, Professional Development Chair, Co-Chair of the 2005 and 2014 Annual Conferences, Board of Directors, and Service Council. She is a member of the President's Council, and Archives Chairperson of the Service Council and co-chaired the 2012 and 2017 Council for Opportunity in Education conferences. Her involvement with the educational associations and programs have earned her multiple awards including: 2007 NAACP Long Beach Chapter Shero Award, Exemplary Award from South Coast Consortium of Schools in 2002 and 1996, and WESTOP's Steve Holman Award and Doreen de los Santos Award. In 2017, she received the Walter O. Mason service award from the Council for Opportunity in Education, Washington, DC, which her "favorite" and only son, Loren Scott Richmond, proudly attended. This award honors outstanding educational opportunity professionals who exemplify leadership and acknowledges the contribution of dedicated professionals who have generated individual and community change throughout their entire careers.

Michele is also very involved in her church community and received the 2018 Appreciation Award during University Seventh-day Adventist Church's 110th Anniversary celebration. Her service to others is a part of her soul. She gives to others in many ways, such as giving socks (a fun and different treat) and other treats at association meetings and church, her mindful cooking for others, and through encouraging young adults to serve and give back to their community.

The values of putting God first, pursuing higher education, and serving others were instilled in her by her mother, Jacqueline Scott, and maternal grandmother, Lillian Proctor. As the sixth child of eight children in a low-income family and single-parent household, she was the first in her family to graduate from college. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science from Oakwood (College) University in Alabama and a Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix. She remains connected to the many friends she met at Oakwood.

Family, friends, colleagues, and students are her motivation. She believes her purpose in life is motivating others through "believing in self." Her words of wisdom are: "Follow your Passion, and whatever you choose to do in life, it should not be a chore but your passion."



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