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Dr. Kathleen Rindahl works with the next generation of nursing students to make a difference in Valley health care.

I’ve shared with you that **“Be Bold”** is a call-to-action to empower the University and our community to work together as one in delivering student success.

We have all the ingredients at Fresno State to rise to this call, and we developed the University’s Strategic Plan to guide our priorities over the next five years. The plan was formed through listening sessions with diverse groups of individuals from the University and community. As partners, our collective wisdom culminated in this direction: www.FresnoState.edu/strategicplan.

We know a lot of people in the community and beyond love Fresno State, and that gives us confidence our plan will be successful. Through this process, a new mission statement was embraced:

Fresno State will boldly educate and empower students for success.

We’ve kept it short but no less powerful, and we feel confident that when our University chooses to be bold in its approach, the effect will be contagious, and students will be better off for it.

In this issue of **FresnoState** Magazine, you’ll see how our key priorities for student success are unfolding in the lives of students, on campus and in our community. Learning is taking a bold turn by engaging with the needs of people and in service of our community. Investments are being made in our faculty, staff and physical and technical infrastructure to respect what it takes to make this success possible. And, community partners are becoming more engaged than ever to help propel our University to new heights of success.

I urge you to read this magazine with the same excitement I have. Fresno State students, faculty and staff are writing the next chapter of what higher education and empowerment can do across our Valley and beyond.



Enjoy!

Joseph I. Castro
President, Fresno State

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Fresno State serves the richly diverse region of Central California. The U.S. Department of Education designates our University as both a Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution.

Students in Fresno State's Lyles College of Engineering work with Dr. Youngwook Kim, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering, in the University's anechoic chamber to measure human body reflections, radar range, radiation patterns.

The chamber is a room designed to simulate the free space of infinite dimension. Insulated from exterior noise with conductive foam, the room absorbs electromagnetic waves generated inside.

Students in the Lyles College use the anechoic chamber for a variety of purposes, such as studying how electromagnetic waves like cell phone and Wi-Fi signals travel and reflect, and how to measure them through radio frequency devices.

FRESNO STATE NEWS

by Tom Uribes

Matching Gift Madness

More than 100 donors came together to gift about \$107,000 as part of Fresno State's March Match Up campaign to fight student hunger.

The campaign was launched by a pledge from Fresno-based accounting firm Morse Wittwer Sampson, LLP to match up to \$50,000 in gifts given to Fresno State's Student Cupboard through March 31. A buzzer-beating gift by Fresno Mayor Ashley Swearengen helped Fresno State exceed its goal on the final day of the campaign and sent the fund drive into overtime.

A 2012 study found that about 31 percent of Fresno State students surveyed did not know where their next meal was coming from. The Student Cupboard provides students with free food items and hygiene products five days a week to increase access to affordable nutrition.

Fresno State's first lady Mary Castro, who spearheaded the March Match Up campaign, says the cupboard has benefitted more than 70,000 individuals since it opened in late 2014. "We have had students tell us the Student Cupboard has made the difference between them staying in college or leaving," she says.

**MARCH
MATCH UP**

CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White (center) toured the Student Cupboard with Fresno State's Jessica Medina, Student Cupboard coordinator, and Dr. Frank Lamas, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.



FRESNO STATE NEWS

University Theatre Presents Migrant Farmworker Story

The University Theatre season closes with the world premiere of "Blue Willow" May 6-14 in the John Wright Theatre on campus.

Written by Pamela Sterling and directed by J. Daniel Herring, the play weaves the past and present voices of the migrant farmworker community within the Central Valley. Adapted from local librarian Doris Gates' novel of the same name, the story is described as Fresno's "Grapes of Wrath."

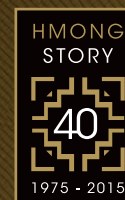
For ticket information, call 559.278.7215.

Proposed Hmong Studies Program Would Be a First in Western U.S.

With one of the largest Hmong populations in the nation located in the Central Valley, Fresno State is developing a new option to minor in Hmong studies that will be the fifth such program in the nation and first in the western United States.

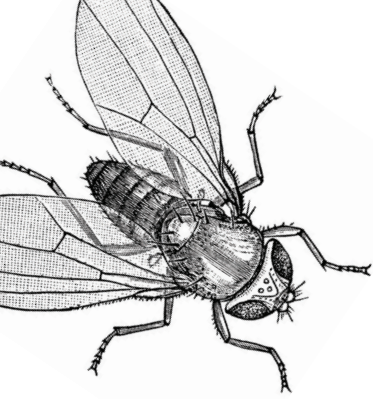
The minor, which would be offered through the Linguistics Department in the College of Arts and Humanities, is in the final stages of the approval process. The target to launch is fall 2016. The proposal calls for 18 units in Hmong culture, history and language.

The announcement came this winter as the Hmongstory 40 exhibit at the Fresno Fairgrounds celebrated 40 years of Hmong migration from Laos and Thailand to the United States. To share your story and photos, visit www.hmongstory40.org.



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Fruit Fly Studies Lead to Alzheimer's Discovery

Research by Dr. Joy Goto, a Fresno State chemistry professor, played a key role in developing a new approach to understanding the role of environmental toxins in ALS and Alzheimer's disease.

The study, published in February by the Royal Society of London, indicates that chronic exposure to an environmental toxin called BMAA may increase risk of neurodegenerative illness.

Goto's research, with the help of seven Fresno State students, determined that the dietary amino acid L-serine helped protect fruit flies from BMAA.

Goto, who uses her training in bioinorganic chemistry and neuroscience to contribute to the understanding of neurodegenerative diseases, is a member of a 50-scientist collaboration operating in 28 institutions across 10 countries.

Students Dress for Success

Fresno State opened its new Clothing Closet in April to provide students in need with free professional clothing for interviews, career fairs and jobs.

The clothing is collected from campus and community donations, and is located in the Frank W. Thomas building (Room 103), east of the Kennel Bookstore.

The concept was created based on evaluation of student need and demonstrated community support. "We were receiving phone calls from the community asking if we had such a program for donations," says Debbie Young, director for the Career Development Center and creator of the Clothing Closet.

To find out how to donate attire, call 559.278.2381 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Fresno State student Charie Payne, a pre-law and Africana studies major from Omaha, Nebraska, sampled the professional attire at the new Clothing Closet on campus.



Mary Castro, Fresno State's first lady, and Paula Castadio, vice president for University Advancement, took a spin in a self-driving vehicle during an engineering demonstration.

Cary Edmondson

Now That's a Smart Car

Students glimpsed into the future in February during a self-driving electric shuttle demonstration on campus. The event was in recognition of National Engineers Week.

Live mascot Victor E. Bulldog III joined Fresno State's first lady Mary Castro for the test drives of the four-passenger, autonomous shuttle that is a product of Varden Labs, a startup company in Silicon Valley.

"The innovations in engineering are leading to new products and services for better living," said Dr. Ram Nunna, dean of the Lyles College of Engineering. "Autonomous or self-driving vehicles are going to be part of the future of transportation, and we would like our students to become aware of the progress in new technologies and also be part of this growing industry."

THE ROAD TO VALLEY HEALTH

Nursing students provide
free health screenings
for local communities

Story by Eddie Hughes
Photos by Cary Edmondson



It was the middle of summer 2015 when Donald Ray Foster first passed out. It was just stress, he thought, or maybe a lack of sleep. So he didn't visit a doctor to find out what was wrong. Foster had just moved back to Madera from Stockton, and the nearest clinic wouldn't accept his medical insurance.

So he waited.

A few months passed without Foster seeking care until a November day when he and his wife noticed the Community Health Mobile Unit parked in front of the Hope House, a facility that provides behavioral health services in Madera County. Foster had just eaten lunch and started to feel faint again.

"My wife said, 'Why don't you go check it out?'" says the 43-year-old Foster. "That's when we found out I had diabetes."

Foster learned of his medical issue while visiting Fresno State's mobile health unit, a vehicle designed to provide free health care screenings for the underserved. The mobile unit is staffed by Fresno State faculty and students from the School of Nursing.

"Quite honestly, I would have probably ended up in a diabetic coma if they hadn't brought it to my attention," Foster says. "I would have let it go, and it would have gotten worse."

MORE ACCESS TO CARE

Designed to help alleviate a shortage of primary care providers in the area while providing hands-on training for nursing students, the mobile unit departs the Fresno State campus every Tuesday morning and travels around Fresno and surrounding rural communities.

The mobile unit staff provides free education and screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, heart and lung health and more. It's designed to serve patients

who cannot afford care or who don't have convenient access because of transportation challenges. The unit also can help people who have trouble making timely doctors' appointments.

"The doctors are so impacted, because there aren't enough providers, that they can't get everybody in for three or four months sometimes," says Dr. Kathleen Rindahl, assistant professor and baccalaureate coordinator in Fresno State's School of Nursing.

"So if you have high blood pressure and you can't get in to see your doctor for three or four months, we help connect the dots, and if we find something urgent, we call the doctor and say, 'Hey you need to see this person sooner.'"

Foster's condition when he visited the mobile unit was the definition of urgent. His blood sugar level was so high it qualified as an emergency. The mobile unit staff sent Foster straight to the hospital, and he was treated

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DR. KATHLEEN RINDAHL

Assistant professor and baccalaureate coordinator in Fresno State's School of Nursing

VALLEY HEALTH



Madera's Donald Ray Foster visited the Community Health Mobile Unit in 2015 and discovered he had diabetes. He has since been prescribed medication to improve his condition.

and prescribed medication that alleviated his symptoms.

Other patients who have visited the mobile unit have benefitted simply from the education provided. During a February stop in Firebaugh, a patient was having trouble getting her glucose drips because of the cost, so the staff gave her resources on how to find them at a lower cost. The staff helped another patient find affordable eyeglasses. And many others receive education on lifestyle choices that can prevent problems like high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

The mobile unit typically serves 20 to 25 patients during each four-hour stop. Students and faculty send flyers to local businesses, churches and fire departments prior to each visit, and they often walk the streets to encourage people to get check-ups.

Lori Harshman, a nursing graduate student with years of experience as a director of nursing at a long-term care facility in Auberry, says community outreach is the key to health education.

"It's right here. It's here being in the community," Harshman says. "I think it's walking up and down the streets. I think it's all the outreach. If I can touch you, I can teach you."

This project, the first of its kind at Fresno State, has touched and taught hundreds.

Continued



Fresno State nursing student Vathany Chea visited shops along the streets of Firebaugh spreading the word about the Community Health Mobile Unit, which provides free health screenings in Valley communities.

PHILANTHROPY DRIVES MOBILE UNIT PROJECT

Rindahl previously worked on the mobile unit when she was part of the migrant health program at the Fresno County Office of Education. When that program dissolved and Rindahl accepted a position at Fresno State, she knew the mobile unit was sitting unused in a parking lot.

Rindahl worked out a deal to use the mobile unit, and along with Dr. Cyndi Guerra, an assistant professor in Fresno State's School of Nursing, acquired grants to fund the project for the next three years. The funding, Guerra says, allows the mobile unit to be stocked with supplies and pays for the fuel, driver and insurance for travel throughout the Valley.

"This is a nonprofit," Guerra says. "We're not here to make any money. We're just here to provide a free service for those in need who don't have access to health care."

Fresno State's College of Health and Human Services is working on a permanent funding model to keep the service alive and continue to address the shortage of Valley health care.

"Providing access to patients and families who can't get preventative care could help improve the overall health of the Valley, which is not well known for being the healthiest place in the world," says Sara Jennings, who has 10 years of nursing experience and is in her first year of the family nurse practitioner master's program at Fresno State.

Learning by serving is part of the culture at Fresno State, where students, faculty and staff have volunteered more than 1 million hours per year of community service for five straight

years. That giving nature is modeled in the School of Nursing as much as anywhere on campus.

"It's important that we offer a service like this," Guerra says. "As nurses and nurse practitioners, our whole goal in life is to be of service to our patients and to our community."

"It's rewarding, and it's something that, no matter how long you've been a nurse, you should always give back to your community in whatever way you can."

Foster, the Madera patient who was diagnosed with diabetes, says he felt like he went back 70 years in time when staff from the mobile unit stopped by the Home Depot where he works to make sure he was on the mend weeks after his visit.

"It made me feel special. It made me feel that they cared about me," Foster says. "They came and saw me at work to make sure I was doing OK. You don't find that anywhere. I didn't feel like just another patient, I felt like a person."

And now he feels like a healthy person again — and he says he owes it to the Community Mobile Health Unit that happened to be in the right place at his time of need.

"Things don't happen just by chance," Foster says. "It's for a reason in my book that they were there, and I was there at the same time. It's not a coincidence. It was meant to be."

— Eddie Hughes is the senior editor/writer for *FresnoState Magazine*.

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LORI HARSHMAN
Nursing graduate student

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America's Best Nursing Schools



9
VALLEY
CITIES
VISITED

35
STUDENTS
TRAINED

518
PATIENTS
SERVED

72 RECORD NUMBER OF
PATIENTS SERVED DURING
A FOUR-HOUR VISIT

\$319,500 IN GRANTS
FROM THE SONG-BROWN PROGRAM
TO SUPPORT THE MOBILE UNIT

• **The Community Health Mobile Unit** operates during the spring and fall semesters. For information on upcoming dates and locations, call 559.278.2041.



ONLINE EXTRA

Visit www.FresnoState.edu/magazine to see exclusive video and photos of Community Health Mobile Unit staff in action.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR MOTHERS, BABIES IN FRESNO COUNTY

by Melissa Tav

Fresno County, where more than 1,500 babies are born prematurely every year, was chosen as one of six sites participating in University of California, San Francisco's \$100-million, 10-year Global Preterm Birth Initiative.

These rates are among the highest in California and surpass some underdeveloped countries.

Jointly funded by the Marc and Lynn Benioff Foundation in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the initiative will study the epidemic of premature birth, which is the leading cause of death for newborns and the second leading cause of death for children under five years of age.

To address the epidemic locally, the Fresno County Preterm Birth Collective Impact Initiative was initiated to focus on improving outcomes for healthy babies and mothers in Fresno County. The Central California Center for Health and Human Services at Fresno State was selected to lead the effort.

As the backbone organization, Fresno State will help drive all major aspects of this initiative to connect organizations across Fresno County and amplify existing partnerships to gather data on the biological, behavioral and social factors that contribute to premature births.

Alameda County and San Francisco were the two other U.S. locations selected. International sites in the effort are Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

"We firmly believe that by working together effectively, we can address social and health system disparities across the county," says Dr. Larry Rand, director of perinatal services at the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital San Francisco Fetal Treatment Center and the initiative's principal investigator and co-director. "By doing so, we can demonstrate to the rest of the state and nation how to turn the curve on this stubborn and tragic epidemic."

— Melissa Tav is a communication specialist for the College of Health and Human Services at Fresno State.

ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS

How Fresno State programs and research are tackling the region's most pressing health care issues

AUTISM CENTER

An early intervention and research center that provides principle-based behavior therapy for children 18 months to 6 years of age with a diagnosis of autism



AFRICAN-AMERICAN INFANT MORTALITY

Working with First 5 Fresno County to address causes of elevated infant mortality among African-Americans

CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE

Improving equity in health care by developing the region's capacity for policy analysis and program development, implementation and evaluation through integrating and leveraging resources

• San Joaquin Valley Public Health Consortium

Eight county agencies in the Valley study how environmental quality, economic opportunities and health are linked and how they relate to racial and ethnic health inequalities in the region

• Building Healthy Communities

Evaluating The California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities programs in Fresno and Merced to understand local policies, environments and programs

• Oral Health 2020

One of 15 grantees nationwide exploring oral health care issues from the perspectives of neighborhood organizations

• Improving Latino Health Access

Bilingual and bicultural students are trained to become Hispanic community health workers to improve access to health care for low-income Latino families

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

Promoting research, policies and practices that support the well-being of children and families

• Infant Mental Health Trainings

200 Valley clinicians participated in training on how to promote infant-family and early childhood mental health



FRESNO FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER

A low-cost provider of marriage, family and child counseling services



CENTRAL VALLEY CONCUSSION CONSORTIUM

Partnering with Community Medical Centers, Valley Children's Hospital and local health care experts to provide information and resources on recovery for patients with traumatic brain injuries

FRESNO COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Working with Fresno Public Health Department and 250 leaders and practitioners to examine how urban form and community development are linked to health outcomes

MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Facilitating statewide task force to address causes of high levels of post-partum depression



SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND HEARING CLINIC

Evaluations and treatment are available for persons of all ages with speech, language and hearing impairment

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Joint doctorate program designed to prepare nurse leaders and advanced practice nurses for evidence-based patient care, leadership and educational roles

CHILD HEALTH AND AIR POLLUTION STUDIES

Partnership with UC Berkeley and Stanford to examine how environmental and social factors are linked to health outcomes from birth through early adulthood (birth outcomes, respiratory problems, obesity)

CONSEJO: A LATINO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRACTICE PROJECT

Department of Social Work Education is increasing the number of bilingual/bicultural behavioral health professionals in the Central Valley to address prevention, intervention and treatment in mental health and substance abuse cases



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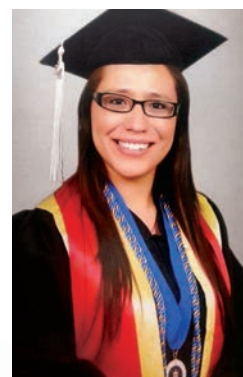


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Scholarship Recipients Inspired by Legacy of Ana Tapia

by Melissa Tav

A portrait of the late Ana Tapia hangs prominently with other leading alumni at Fowler High School. Her bright smile serves as inspiration for students in the rural town, 20 minutes south of Fresno.



Ana Tapia

Tapia was 22 years old and in her first semester of the Master of Public Health program at Fresno State when she died in a car accident in November 2014. Her memory lives on through two Fresno State scholarships in her name — one for undergraduate students from Fowler High, where she was a tutor and Academic Decathlon coach during college, and the other for graduate students pursuing a master's degree in public health.

Yessenia Lopez, a 2015 graduate of Fowler High, was the first recipient of the Ana G. Tapia Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. Lopez is grateful for the full, four-year scholarship she received. She recalls a few of the brief times that she was tutored by Tapia and says the legacy Tapia left behind is something she won't take for granted.

"I'm here because someone else believed in me," Lopez says. "I don't want just one degree. I want to be good at multiple things. I feel that ambition in me. With this scholarship, I want to step up and follow in Ana's footsteps."

Without the scholarship, which was established in memory of Tapia by donors who wish to remain anonymous, Lopez would not have been able to afford college. Lopez, who has a 4.0 GPA, plans to major in social work and make a career out of helping others, just like those who helped her.

In Los Angeles, Fresno State alumnus Brian Panish is known as a hard-hitting trial attorney, but his soft spot lies with the Central Valley. It's where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science (1980) and played defense for the Bulldogs on a football scholarship.

His deep-rooted connection to the Valley inspired him to represent Tapia's family in a wrongful death case arising from the accident and led his firm, Panish Shea & Boyle LLP, to donate \$100,000 toward an endowment that will be used to fund the Ana G. Tapia Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Public Health. This scholarship is intended for public health students with a demonstrated interest in Latina health issues — a cause Tapia was passionate about — and will be awarded in fall 2016.

"Ana did so many great things in her short time here on earth," Panish says. "As a first-generation college student, we want others to be inspired by what she was able to do and to give them the opportunity to carry on the legacy that she started."



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Claire Takahashi

A Pipeline of NEW Teachers

Fresno State initiative trains teachers from **South Valley** to stay and work

by Kathleen R. Schock

On most days it's the moon that escorts Danny Velasquez to the parking lot after closing down the fifth-grade classroom he leads at Porterville's Olive Street Elementary School.

"I walk the hallway at 7:30 at night, and I'm usually the last car here," he says with a shrug. But Velasquez is there, not only late at night but often weekends too, because to him, teaching is more than a job. "Seeing kids move up a reading level or reaching that higher test score, that's the reward. That's why it's worth it."

Velasquez sees a lot of himself in the students who fill his classroom. As the child of farmworkers, he knows the kind of hardship many of his students face at home. But he also knows the impact a good teacher can make. "For me, it was my kindergarten teacher, Ms. Hernandez. I wanted to be a teacher ever since her class."

That connection to his teacher cemented his dream, but the path to becoming a teacher remained elusive. "Where I come from people don't go to college. Of all my friends I think I'm the only one. So even though I knew what my goal was, where's the money going to come from?"

With the help of financial aid, Velasquez was able to earn his bachelor's degree and teaching credential from Fresno State's Kremen School of Education and Human Development. He says the path to higher

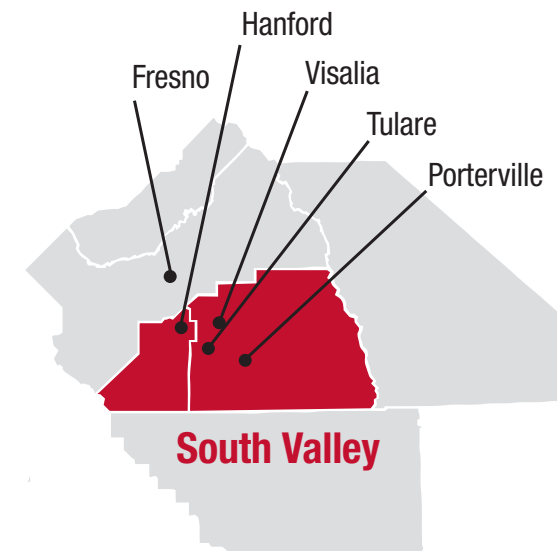
education wasn't easy, but it was worth it — because his degree changed not only his life, but also the lives of every student who enters his classroom.

"If you think about how a teacher impacts students, the multiplying effect is incredible because that one teacher has the opportunity to touch multiple lives year round," says Karri Hammerstrom, a longtime supporter of the Kremen School who, along with other community members, is active on a steering committee working to the open doors of opportunity for the next generation of teachers in the South Valley.

South Valley Initiative is born

The South Valley Education Initiative was born from the vision of Dr. Robert Aguilar, a former teacher, counselor, principal, administrator and superintendent with deep roots to the South Valley. "Let's do something for these kids when they become high school seniors so they have an opportunity to go to college. There's financial aid, but if that doesn't cover it, how about scholarships?" says Aguilar, who was chosen as a 2015 Top Dog by the Fresno State Alumni Association.

"Dr. Aguilar's vision is contagious," Hammerstrom says. "If a student has a desire to go to college, and they have the sense that they want to be a teacher, perhaps we could help provide for scholarships to fund that education."



In addition to scholarships, the initiative supports students in Tulare, Kings and Kern counties with a teacher residency program designed to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers to serve the students of the South Valley. With this program, resident teachers coming out of Fresno State commit to teach in partner South Valley school districts for at least three years.

Since launching in 2014, the South Valley Education Initiative has raised \$205,000 to improve educational attainment in the South Valley. The goal is to establish an endowment to provide a permanent pipeline of teachers to serve the region.

"It's tough to find teachers who are willing to put in the extra time and are willing to make a difference," Velasquez admits. But as he looks out over his classroom, he knows the South Valley Education Initiative will be there to support the students he inspires. "The work Dr. Aguilar is doing, I know it will make dreams come true."

— Kathleen R. Schock is director of strategic communications at Fresno State.

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KARRI HAMMERSTROM

Longtime supporter of the Kremen School

Danny Velasquez, a fifth-grade teacher at Olive Street Elementary School in Porterville, is part of a Fresno State initiative that trains students from the South Valley to stay and work in the area.



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Visit www.FresnoState.edu/magazine to learn why staying and working in the South Valley is important to Porterville teacher Danny Velasquez.

A STUDENT BROADCAST

HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

Student reporters at Fresno State serve as centerpiece for global news report

by Erika Castañon

Fourteen universities, eight countries and a five-hour international news broadcast — and Fresno State students were the center of it all.

Fresno State students in the Mass Communication and Journalism Department anchored the Global News Relay in March, which included 20-minute segments produced by each of the participating universities on “The Impact of Sports in Our Community,” an in-depth look at cultural influences that affect participation in sports.

It was a chance for students to connect with those making an impact in the local community and share those stories with the world. The stories ranged from a Jedi exercise class and unicycle football to minority representation in sports and childhood obesity.

Other U.S. universities participating included Alabama, Baylor, Boston, Texas State and West Texas A&M, plus universities from Australia, Bulgaria, Egypt, England, Indonesia, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates.

The project was founded in 2014 by the University of Salford in Manchester, England. This was Fresno State's second year as a participant but first year as host.

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JANET ZARAGOZA
Mass communication and journalism student

The University funded a studio upgrade to make it possible for the students to host the production.

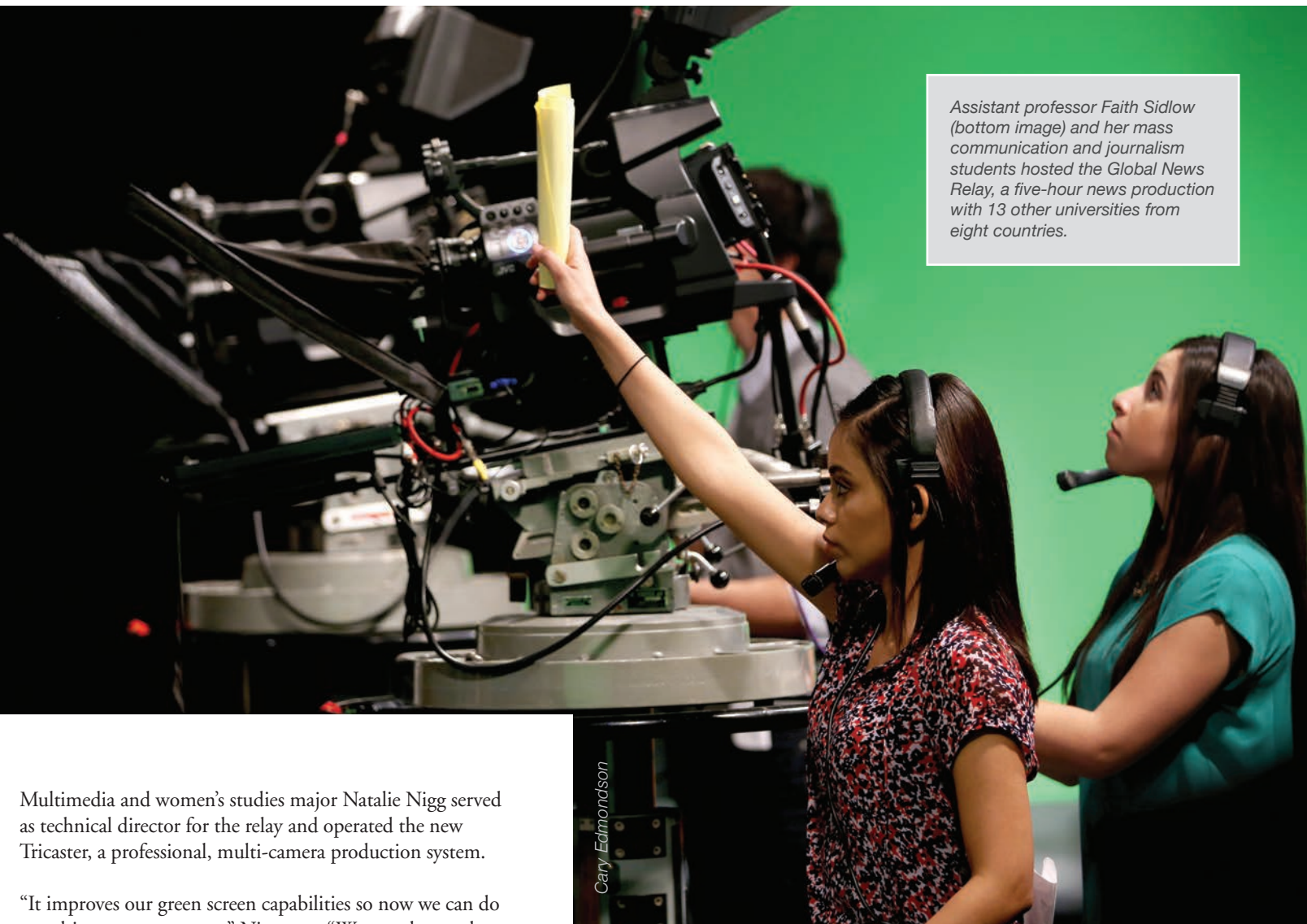
Faith Sidlow, assistant professor in the department, says working on this newscast has created a dynamic of peer-to-peer teaching.

“The cool thing about the relay is it brought us all together in the Mass Communication and Journalism Department,” says Sidlow, who has nearly three decades of TV broadcast experience. “We needed something that would make us all cohesive, show our strengths and work toward a common goal.”

Students from broadcast journalism, multimedia production and public relations — in addition to a student from art and design — combined their skills to make the project possible.

Fabiola Ramirez Muñoz, a double major in broadcast journalism and multimedia, and Janet Zaragoza, also a broadcast journalism major, produced the newscast.

Ramirez Muñoz admired the teamwork in the department. “I think for once we will be able to shine in a project done by everyone,” she says. “I don't think we've seen that in any other project that we've done.”



Assistant professor Faith Sidlow (bottom image) and her mass communication and journalism students hosted the Global News Relay, a five-hour news production with 13 other universities from eight countries.

Multimedia and women's studies major Natalie Nigg served as technical director for the relay and operated the new Tricaster, a professional, multi-camera production system.

“It improves our green screen capabilities so now we can do a multi-cam green screen,” Nigg says. “We can change the background and make it look like we are actually on a set, and then on top of that, we have live-set capability so we have the ability to put our talent in virtual sets.”

Professional, hands-on experience like this is attractive to many students, Zaragoza says.

“It gave me the chills to know that I was going to produce a five-hour show and get that experience here at Fresno State,” Zaragoza says. “It's something that I am going to be able to tell future employers that I have done with my partner.”

Sidlow says she hopes the students who are involved in the project will gain a more global perspective in covering and consuming news.

“We have a tendency to pay attention to our own little worlds, but there's much more out there than just Fresno and the Sunday night football game,” she says. “Once our students graduate, they will know how to function on a global level, and the Global News Relay is the first step in being able to do that.”

— Erika Castañon is a student news assistant for University Communications at Fresno State.



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DISCOVERING A

SALT PROBLEM

SOLUTION

Researchers find success in removing salt from ag water

by Rebecca Wass

The water supply in parts of California is threatened by high levels of salt — affecting Central Valley agriculture and drinking water. And Fresno State researchers are working to find a solution.

Faculty and students in the University's Lyles College of Engineering are experimenting with ways to treat the Valley's agricultural drainage water for reuse through water desalination. The process removes salt and minerals and results in clean water that can then be reapplied to crops and potentially used for drinking water.

The research could have far reaching implications for the Central Valley.

"If successful, this process will be part of an overall saline water treatment system," says Dr. Karl Longley, civil engineering professor and dean emeritus of the Lyles College. "If the Central Valley is to remain a viable economic unit, a solution must be found for its increasingly severe salt problem."

The research team used a vapor compression distillation unit acquired in 2013 to complete a pilot project that determined the unit to be effective at producing quality water through desalination. The extracted salts are also valuable, in that they can be sold to chemical processors.

According to a Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long Term Sustainability report, 2 million to 7 million tons of salt are imported into the Valley each year and used for agricultural, industrial, urban and domestic purposes. These uses range from soil amendments and plant fertilizers to water softeners and swimming pool chlorine.

Longley says salt from the San Joaquin River and Sacramento River basins finds its way to the rivers and sea, but because the Tulare Lake Basin has no means of exporting salt, it accumulates in Valley groundwater and soil.

The potential effects are "a land where the water is not fit to drink and a land not capable of growing crops," according to the report.

In certain areas of the Valley, almond production was reduced by about 30 percent due to the salty water," Longley says.

Walter Mizuno, a mechanical engineering lecturer for the Lyles College, is working with Longley and student intern Ridge Bertuccio, a researcher on the project.

"Water desalination piqued my interest because of the agricultural aspect, considering I grew up on a farm," Bertuccio says.

A second generation of the vapor compression desalination unit is being engineered to improve the energy efficiency of the process thanks to a \$286,000 grant.

"Our research team hopes to develop a sustainable process to reuse this water," Mizuno says, "which means we would not have to depend as heavily on our limited supply of clean water from other sources — ultimately benefitting all Californians."



— Rebecca Wass is a communications specialist for the Lyles College of Engineering at Fresno State.

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Cary Edmondson

Todd Graves



by Kathleen R. Schock

How can you tell if you and your kids are safely hydrated?

Kinesiology faculty members Drs. J. Luke and Riana Pryor are working to educate the community about how to stay safe while exercising. **FresnoState Magazine** caught up with the husband and wife to dispel some myths about exercise and water consumption.

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What is the biggest mistake the average person makes regarding hydration while exercising?

Dr. J. Luke Pryor: If I could sum it up in a few words it would be that they underestimate either the conditions or themselves. They might underestimate their hydration status, their preparation, the availability of fluids or even their own fitness.

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How do you know if you're dehydrated?

Dr. Riana Pryor: The easiest way is to look at the color of your urine. If it's dark like apple juice, you're dehydrated, but if it's light like lemonade, you're drinking enough water. That's the first step. If you're thirsty that means you're already dehydrated. So you want to drink to your thirst where you replenish everything you've lost and are not thirsty anymore. There are certain people out there who think that if it's really hot you have to drink and drink and drink, at which point you can have the opposite problem where you're hyper-hydrated and can have a very traumatic, dangerous experience that could land you in the hospital.

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While you are exercising, how can you tell if you're not getting enough water?

Luke: Finding out how much each person needs to drink is very complex. It depends on your stress, environment, type of exercise, how long you've been awake, how thirsty you are, how hungry you are. Everyone is different. A lot of our research has shown that we can't make a general recommendation. Like the recommended eight glasses of water a day. As it turns out, there was no scientific support for that.

Riana: Also, some people are extremely salty sweaters. If when you're done exercising you see white on your skin or clothes, that's salt that your body lost while sweating. So if you see that after you exercise, you'll want to replenish with some sort of salty snack or an electrolyte beverage.

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Speaking of which, what do you think about sports drinks?

Luke: If you're exercising for less than an hour you really don't see any performance benefits whether you drink water or an energy drink, from a hydration and an electrolyte standpoint.

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As the weather cools down, what advice do you have for people in regard to hydration?

Luke: When people exercise they often don't feel thirsty, but you are still dehydrating, and you still need to replace the fluids that you're losing. Also, start hydrated!

FSM

What is your advice for people who don't like water?

Riana: I personally don't enjoy the taste of water. So for me it's always a struggle to drink enough water. So even just having a water bottle close to me, I'm more likely to drink. Fruit is also an excellent source of hydration. A lot of fruits are 90 percent or more water. But while fruit isn't a solid replacement, it can aid in hydration for people who don't like to drink water.



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FAR FROM FORGOTTEN

HENRY MADDEN LIBRARY
EXHIBITION FEATURES
PIONEERING ARMENIAN
ARTIST FROM ISTANBUL

by Cindy Wathen Kennedy

Hours before Kristin Saleri passed away, she asked her son two questions. “What will happen to my paintings after I die? Will I be forgotten?”

“I will make sure that you will be as well known as Van Gogh,” her son, Dr. Nansen G. Saleri, president of the Kristin Saleri Art Foundation, says he told her.

A retrospective exhibition of artwork by Saleri, a pioneering 20th century artist of Armenian heritage who lived in Istanbul, is on display through May 31 at the Henry Madden Library at Fresno State. Admission is free and open to the public.

Despite the challenges presented by Saleri’s gender and ethnicity, she secured her place as a member of the founding generation of modern art in Turkey.

Saleri, who trained in Paris, was influenced by Impressionism and used art to convey a message of modern feminism. Her work is filled with images evoking her love of the vast Anatolian landscape and its people — from women in traditional village dances to Bosphorus fishermen to laborers in booming post-World War II factories.

Stylistically, Saleri’s work presents a blend of Eastern mysticism and Western Impressionism. Her folkloric themes range from Christian images to whirling dervishes, and from Mother Earth to the Tree of Life. Her message was one of inclusivity, expressing her deep appreciation for the range of diversity in nature and humanity.

“The heavily worked surfaces of her pictures ... speak of a faith in the poetically expressive power of paint,” says art historian and critic Morgan Falconer, a faculty member at Sotheby’s Institute of Art in New York.

Saleri worked in oil paint as well as charcoal, ceramics and glass. She produced more than 3,000 works — 72 of which are displayed in the Madden Library exhibition. In 1965, she became co-founder of the International Turkish Female Artists Association and was a leading figure in the Armenian artistic cultural community.

The paintings on display in the Madden Library are on loan from the Kristin Saleri Foundation, which was formed by her Houston-based family to honor her memory and to help support future artists.

The exhibition is curated by Fresno natives Joyce Kierejczyk and Carol Tikijian, who also curated a spring exhibition at the Fresno Art Museum of works by artists of Armenian descent in commemoration of the centennial of the Armenian genocide. 🐾

— Cindy Wathen Kennedy is a public affairs communications specialist for the Madden Library at Fresno State.

The work of Kristin Saleri, a pioneering 20th century artist of Armenian heritage, is on display in Fresno State’s Madden Library through May 31.



UNIVERSITY APPROACHES

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

OF ARMENIAN MONUMENT

by Tom Uribes

More than 4,000 guests visited Fresno State in April 2015 for the dedication of the campus Armenian Genocide Monument. The commemoration marked the 100th anniversary of the date the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians began in the Ottoman Turkish Empire.

Fresno State is the only college campus in the United States with such a monument.

University President Joseph I. Castro says the monument, which was financed with community donations, demonstrates Fresno State’s commitment to human rights and justice.

“This monument will be here for generations to come,” Castro says. “It will be a visible reminder each day, for all of us, that even when a devastating tragedy like the genocide occurs, hope then joy can follow.”

Guard Cezar Guerrero overcomes setback on way to degree

Senior point guard Cezar Guerrero played in 89 games at Fresno State and helped lead the Bulldogs to a Mountain West Conference tournament championship and their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2001. But it's the 17 games he missed that taught him the most.

Guerrero was forced to sit out the first 17 games of his junior season in 2014 while working toward meeting the NCAA's continuing eligibility standards on progress toward a degree. He returned for the second half of that season, and this year started all 35 of the Bulldogs' games.

But, more important, he's on track to graduate in May with a philosophy degree. And he's not shy about sharing his philosophy on how he turned things around in the classroom.

"When I first came here, all I cared about was basketball, basketball, basketball," says Guerrero, a Huntington Park native who attended Oklahoma State for a year before transferring. "I thought basketball was going to last forever and it doesn't. What lasts forever is that education and having that degree in your hand and using it to your advantage."

The Bulldogs had high expectations in 2014-15 but struggled early in the season and lost several winnable games. The absence of Guerrero in their starting lineup was certainly a factor. But there was nothing he could do about it until he improved his academic standing after the fall semester.

"I felt like I let down a lot of people," Guerrero says. "I let down my family, I let down my teammates. It was a very difficult time to overcome because I was away from the team."

Guerrero's mother gave him some simple advice. "Ponte las pilas," she told him. The Spanish-to-English translation: put on your batteries.

"She told me, 'You better get the batteries going, because if not then your battery is going to be dead.' It's just a figure of speech saying you've got to get things going before you lose your opportunities. That one runs through my mind a lot. Even through tough times, I wanted to give up but I just kept hearing that."

The day before his final game in the Save Mart Center, Guerrero met with his adviser and learned he had all the necessary classes and was on track to graduate. He called his mom to share the news that he was on track to be the first in the family to earn a four-year degree. "She was crying," Guerrero says.

About 72 percent of Fresno State students are classified as first generation, meaning they are the first in their immediate families to graduate college.

Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro, himself a first-generation graduate, had some encouraging words for Guerrero when they first met, Guerrero says. "He said that he's really proud of me for making it out of where I made it out of, and to just keep on striving forward and be bold and be a great student-athlete."

"He followed me on Twitter, and it was pretty cool," Guerrero says. "It was after the San Diego State game where I hit that last-second shot to force it into overtime, and President Castro tweeted,

 **"Holy Cezar!"**

That off-balance 3-point shot with time expiring was also tweeted by ESPN SportsCenter. And just a couple months later, in Las Vegas, it was San Diego State that the Bulldogs beat in a nationally televised game on CBS for the Mountain West tournament championship. Guerrero embraced his teammates in celebration at midcourt, looking up and shouting with joy.

It was perhaps his most memorable moment on the court during the past four years at Fresno State. But ranking right up there with it, he says, will be May 21 when he's wearing a black cap and gown and a Fresno State student-athlete stole for graduation.

"I have plans," he says while sitting in the first row of chairs behind the east basket in the Save Mart Center, "of walking right here on this side of the stage and raising my hands and saying, 'I did it.'"



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Visit www.FresnoState.edu/magazine to see an exclusive video featuring footage of Cezar Guerrero in the NCAA Tournament and his thoughts on overcoming adversity.

'Ceez' the Moment

by Eddie Hughes

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29 STEALS
82 ASSISTS

2014-15

15 GAMES
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17 STEALS
39 ASSISTS

2013-14

39 GAMES
38 STARTS
13.1 POINTS
52 STEALS
137 ASSISTS



GETTING BACK ON TRACK

\$2.6 million Warmerdam Field upgrade gives student-athletes a place to train

by Eddie Hughes

The Warmerdam Field track was last resurfaced in 1989. Since then, Fresno State has had three track and field coaches, played in three different conferences and witnessed the United States under four different presidents. Translation: the track was due for an update.

And it's happening. The University broke ground in December on a \$2.6 million project that will include a new eight-lane, all-weather track; a high-jump area; long- and triple-jump runways, two pole vault runways; and shot put, discus, hammer cage and javelin improvements.

While the track and field programs will continue to compete at Veterans Memorial Stadium at Buchanan High School — widely considered one of the top 10 track and field venues in the nation — the facelift to Warmerdam Field will give Fresno State student-athletes a safe, convenient place to train.

In recent years, the surface of the track became so worn that the teams avoided it because of a risk of injury. Eighth-year Fresno State track and field coach Scott Winsor said an expert visited the track in 2011 to test its hardness using a bounce meter. "He said, 'You are basically running on concrete,'" recalls Winsor, noting that a hard surface can put more stress on student-athletes' joints.

Student-athletes currently ride in vans about 30 minutes roundtrip to and from Veterans Memorial Stadium to practice, which Winsor says cuts into the amount of time they can train because of class schedules. The upgraded Warmerdam Field will solve that issue.

"We would stay across the street on the grass fields, training as much as we could on the grass," Winsor says. "But at some point you've got to get the blocks out, you've got to get the hurdles out, you've got to high jump, you've got to pole vault. You don't have a choice; you've got to be on the track."

The contractor for the project is BMY Construction Group of Fresno. The project is being financed through the University's general fund reserves. The track also will be used by kinesiology, ROTC and University High School students.



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A Historical Perspective

Warmerdam Field is named for Cornelius "Dutch" Warmerdam (*pictured*), a Fresno State alumnus who held the world pole vault record from 1940 to 1943 before coaching the Bulldogs for 20 years. Warmerdam became the first vaulter to clear 15 feet, and he did it using a bamboo pole.

The first-ever dual meet at Warmerdam Field was April 23, 1977. Warmerdam Field later hosted the 1994, 2001 and 2007 Western Athletic Conference championships. Fresno State won the men's outdoor team title in 1994 under then-coach Red Estes, who was inducted into the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2000.

Estes led the men's track and field team for 20 seasons and won 10 consecutive conference championships from 1983 to 1992. He remains active in the Bulldog Foundation, supporting Fresno State athletics to this day, and stresses the importance of academics.

"Those kids have to be students first," Estes says. "The number of athletes who go to pro sports and make a living is very minimal. If you have a sport on campus, make sure it contributes in every way it can. Look at the hundreds of hours our student-athletes contribute to the community and volunteering."

In 2001, Bob Fraley took over for Estes as director of track and field after coaching at Fresno State for 20 seasons. He retired from Fresno State in 2008 but continues to direct the North American Pole Vaulting Association Championship each summer on the streets of Old Town Clovis.



'Dog Bytes

Sports Briefs

by Eddie Hughes

Freshman Swimmer Wins Mountain West, Hopes for Olympic Bid

Fresno State freshman swimmer Ugne Mazutaityte won the Mountain West Conference championship in the 200-yard backstroke on Feb. 20 in College Station, Texas, setting a new school record time of 1:54.47.

Mazutaityte, from Kaunas, Lithuania, was named Mountain West Freshman of the Year and went on to compete at the NCAA championships. Next up for the young standout — she's hoping to represent her home country, and Fresno State, in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

50 Student-Athletes Named Academic All-Mountain West

For the third straight year, Fresno State had 50 or more student-athletes named to the fall Academic All-Mountain West team.

The Bulldogs volleyball team had 10 members selected, including Zana Bowens (*pictured*), second among all Mountain West programs in that sport. Women's soccer had 13 selections and women's and men's cross country had four each. The football team had 19 selections, marking four straight years with 15 or more. Fresno State and Boise State are the only two football programs that can make that claim.

To be eligible for selection, student-athletes must have completed at least one academic term while maintaining a 3.0 GPA or better and must be starters or significant contributors on their teams.

All-time Bulldogs Greats Reunite in NFL

For the first time since their prolific Fresno State careers ended in 2013, quarterback Derek Carr and wide receiver Davante Adams on Dec. 20 shared the same football field — this time in the NFL.

Adams' Green Bay Packers beat Carr's host Oakland Raiders 30-20, but it didn't thwart Carr's big season, which ended with a Pro Bowl appearance alongside another former Bulldog, offensive lineman Logan Mankins. Carr finished the season with 3,987 yards and 32 touchdowns for the 7-9 Raiders, ranking among the best single seasons in Raiders history.

Adams missed multiple games with injuries but still caught 54 passes for 531 yards and two touchdowns for the 10-6 Packers.

Cary Edmondson

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BUILDING A CAREER OUT OF **LEGOS**

ALUMNUS DESIGNS LEGO SETS TO BE SOLD WORLDWIDE

Story by Esra Hashem

Photos courtesy of Carl Merriam



Carl Merriam's 2010 Lego scene of elves in a workshop was one of the creations that made him known in the Lego community.

By the time Carl Merriam was in his late teens, he had 85,000 Lego parts in his Star Wars collection — not including his many other Lego sets.

Growing up with three older siblings in Chowchilla, Merriam had Lego bricks scattered around his childhood home for as long as he can remember.

He joined an online Lego fan community in 2005 and was inspired to build more and build bigger. Merriam began making a name for himself as a Lego builder and soon was commissioned to build his creations — the biggest of which was a 20,000-part display of Santa's workshop with elves and toys at Fresno's River Park shopping center in 2010.

Still, Merriam never thought he'd one day turn his lucrative hobby of Lego building into a career.

"Then one of my friends from the Lego fan community got hired at Lego, and I thought, 'Wait, that's possible?'"

How do I apply?" he says. "Three months later, I was living in Denmark and living my dream."

Now, as a full-time Lego designer at the company headquarters in Billund, Denmark, Merriam's job is to create the sets that are packaged and sold in stores worldwide.

Merriam is working on the Lego Mindstorms product line. He has also worked on Lego Minecraft, Lego Mixels and Lego Creator.

"Most of my job is building with Lego bricks, trying things out, showing what we built to kids and trying to make a great experience for everyone," he says.

His favorite creations so far are the oversized matches he once made while waiting for a bus.

"I take inspiration from all over the place — movies, TV, Lego products, Lego elements, household objects," Merriam says. "If a shape or style of something is interesting to me, I usually think about how to build it with Lego elements."

Merriam received his bachelor's degree from Fresno State in mass communication and journalism in 2009, with a focus in digital media.

He worked in video production for five years after graduating from Fresno State, and for a time, Lego creations were nothing more than a "nice hobby" from which he could make occasional side money.

That is, until he turned it into a career — a career that allows him to build every day.

"Getting to work on products that bring happiness to kids all over the world, that's very rewarding to me."

— Esra Hashem is a student assistant for the Fresno State Alumni Association.



Carl Merriam shows off his Lego-made creations including a toothbrush, microscope and matches that he built. As a Lego designer at the company headquarters in Denmark, Merriam's job is to create sets that are packaged and sold in stores.





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Alumni and Students Connect

Career Connections is a free, easy way for alumni to advise students from anywhere *by Marisa Mata*

Fresno State alumni in all occupations are being asked to share their expertise with current students by signing up — for free — on the new Fresno State Career Connections networking site.

Launched through the Fresno State Alumni Association, Career Connections provides the opportunity for alumni to give back to their alma mater by mentoring students needing career advice.

The web-based platform overcomes obstacles of distance and time, making it possible for students to connect with any alum willing to help.

Senior Jamie Guzman, who is studying commercial recreation and event planning, says she attended a career workshop and was quickly overcome by thoughts of doubt. She knew she needed to seek advice but wasn't sure how. So she gave Fresno State Career Connections a try.

The same day Guzman joined, she was able to connect with alumna Amanda Leath (class of 1999), a business owner and events coordinator in San Luis Obispo.

"I signed up, and in a week or two I had my first connection request, and that was from Jamie," Leath says. "The whole process was really easy. I did all the legwork online, and it only took a minute or two, and 20 seconds to respond to the connection request, and then a 30-minute phone call. We had a really great conversation, and I felt like I really helped her."

During their phone call, Leath reviewed Guzman's resume, gave her tips on applying for jobs and going to interviews and even led her to a couple of places that she may be interested in working.

"Instead of just talking to my parents, I needed to find someone in my field who could help me" Guzman says. "She told me what she would look for, and I thought that was very helpful, especially because she's coming from a place that I want to be." 🐾

— Marisa Mata is a student assistant for the Fresno State Alumni Association.



Aspiring events planner Jamie Guzman meets with Jay's Specialty Ice Cream, one of the food truck vendors that visited campus for Grad Fest. Guzman used the Fresno State Career Connections networking site to connect with an alumna, who is an experienced event planner, for professional advice.



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CLASS NOTES

1950s

Marcella Nole (1955), nurse practitioner, now works at Fresno Gastroenterology.

1970s

Lynne Ayers Ashbeck (1976, '77), vice president at Community Medical Centers, was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

William Brigham (1974) retired after 22 years as administrator of the NFL substance abuse program.

Tom Burnham (1976), chief human resources officer at Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County, is now a board member of American Family Housing, a nonprofit that provides housing and related services to low-income and homeless families.

Steven Gomes (1972) will retire as superintendent of Merced County Office of Education at the end of 2016 after a 44-year educational career.

Dennis Hart (1972, '77), a journalist of 40-plus years, now appears weekdays on AM 1680 The Answer with a new feature called "Viewpoint."

Dot Marie Jones (1972), actress, was guest speaker for the Domestic Violence Solutions' eighth annual High Esteem Luncheon in Santa Barbara.

Emily Kuroda (1977), actress, will be part of the "Gilmore Girls" revival.

Joseph Oldham (1975) is the statewide energy efficiency best practices coordinator.

Gary Paden (1976) is presiding judge of Tulare County Superior Court and vice president of the California Judges Association.

Archie Patterson (1971), founder of the Eurock music promotion company, contributed his magazines, books and productions to the archives of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

David Smith (1977, '85) is dean of regional and online campuses of University of La Verne. He previously served as vice president of Northwestern Community College.

Todd Spangler (1975) is supervising deputy district attorney for Madera County.

Ken Vogel (1970) was inducted into the San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Robert Westenberg (1977), Tony nominee for Broadway's "Into the Woods," will join Missouri State's College of Arts and Letters in fall 2016 as faculty member.

1980s

Kenneth Collum (1983) is now acting director for The Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca District.

Linne Curtis-Bayt (1987) is now caring for patients at Adventist Health Clinic in Oakhurst.

Charles "Chuck" Forsythe (1980), president of Forsythe Insurance Agency Inc., was inducted into the College of the Sequoias Hall of Fame.

Elena Franceschi (1985) is now associate winemaker at Silverado Vineyards in Napa Valley.

Bill Merz (1982) is now sales manager for Sunridge Nurseries.

David Munksgard (1980), winemaker of Sebastopol's Iron Horse Vineyards, was featured in The Press Democrat's "Wine of the Week" article.

Michelle Pingilly (1988, '97, 2010) is now director of English language development/special projects at Exeter Unified School District.

Anthony Pokorny (1981) is now assistant vice president of business development for BerkleyNet, an online workers compensation company.

Tami Rose (1984) is now Resource Specialist Program teacher at Oak Creek Intermediate School in Oakhurst.

Jean Rousseau (1986) was selected as administrative officer by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors.

Jim Schroder (1988), physical therapist, now works for Visalia Medical Clinic Physical Therapy Program.

Mary Thornton (1986) is now deputy district attorney for Madera County.

Beth Ward (1984) is now animal services director for Contra Costa County.

Ridge Watson (1980) is head winemaker for Joulilian Vineyards Ltd, which he helped establish.

Sarah Westfall (1986) is now a visiting assistant professor of physical education and sport studies at Coker College in Florence, South Carolina.

Kenneth Wolf (1983) was promoted to president for Natural Alternatives International Inc., a leading formulator and manufacturer of customized nutritional supplements.

1990s

Stephanie Babb (1997) is now director of marketing and communications at Clovis Community College.

Jennifer Silva Bodine (1996) is now a special education teacher for Oak Creek Intermediate School in Oakhurst.

Jennifer Campbell (1994, '98) is now executive director for American Diabetes Association for the greater Los Angeles area.

Linda Cano (1993, '98) is now executive director of the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art.

Sofia Cook (1991) now teaches Spanish at Fresno Pacific.

Andrea Craddock (1995) is now a psychology instructor at College of the Siskiyous.

Joe Gomez (1993), police lieutenant, is media liaison for the Fresno Police Department.

Jason Hunter (1996) was appointed vice president of sales at Modus eDiscovery, which provides advanced services to law firms and corporations.

Amy Lopez (1997) was appointed to the school board of supervisors for Santa Maria Joint Union High School.

Saundra McGlothlin (1995) is vice president of student services at West Hills College in Coalinga.

Jason Noble (1988) was named San Benito County Realtor of the Year.

Lance Oman (1991) is now senior Western region vice president for MainStay Investment, a New York Life Company.

Antonio Sajor Jr. (1997), captain for technical services in the Stockton Police Department, was inducted into the Edison High School Hall of Fame.

John Silva (1990) is now vice president of sales and manager of new business development for Pacific AgPak.

2000s

Anthony Aiello (2004) is now producer at Fresno DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance.

Chris Alvarez (2009) is now sports reporter for ABC 30 in Fresno.

Matthew Barnes (2008) now works for Provost & Prichard Consulting as associate engineer, specializing in municipal infrastructure and land development projects.

Sanja Kovacevic Bugay (2005) is now director for Kings County Human Services Agency.

Derek Franks (2008), general manager for the Fresno Grizzlies, was named 2015 Pacific Coast League Executive of the Year.

Erin Gage (2008) will be principal at a new Clovis Unified elementary school set to open in 2016.

Liz Gonzalez (2003) and Alex Aguirre were the only Fresno TV news journalists to cover the Pope's February visit to Mexico.

Blake Hern (2007), director of global technology and security for Encore Capital Group, was selected from over 100 applicants to serve on the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce inaugural Young Leaders Board of Directors Program.

Johnathan Hernandez (2007, '11) was ranked on the RateMyProfessor.com as the fifth highest-rated university professor in the country during the 2014-15 academic year.

T. Huff (2004), award-winning short film and TV producer, launched his new podcast on Indie filmmaking. His first feature film is "A Bag of Chips."

Kia Michael Karbassi (2009) opened Berlin Street Grill in Fresno. The restaurant specializes in wraps, kabobs and salads.

Dave Koehler (2008, '10), executive director of the Sonoma Land Trust, led a public dialogue about preserving Sonoma Valley.

Christopher McGlothlin (2007) is director of technical affairs at California Cotton Growers and Ginners Association and Western Agricultural Processors Association.

Holly Mills (2001) is now a third grade teacher for Oakhurst Elementary.

Farin Montanez (2007) is now editor in chief for The Clovis Independent.

Jackie Mundt (2009) is now director of admissions and recruiting at Pratt Community College.

Abigail Palsgaard (2008) is now city clerk for the City of Kingsburg.

Carmita Pena (2001, '04), Woodlake High School counselor, is now coordinator for College and Career Programs.

David Pyrooz (2005), criminologist, is an assistant professor at the University of Colorado.

Dan Rotlisberger (2008), viticulturist for Redwood Empire Vineyard Management, was named 2015 Outstanding Young Farmer by the Sonoma County Harvest Fair.

Leo Rowland, (2000) is now director of study abroad at the University of Redlands.

Benjamin Ruiz (2000) was appointed interim director for Resources Management Agency by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Melissa Sievers (2009) is cofounder of The Beauty Clause, a book project and social media initiative focusing on discovering, understanding and celebrating beauty in cultures around the world.

Mike Spata (2004, '06) was named interim Tulare County chief administrative officer by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.

Adam Stirrup (2003, '05) is now a partner of the law firm of Baradat & Paboojian, Inc.

Kevin Tos (2008, '10), physical therapist, joined the Adventist Health Central Valley Network.

Chris Vieira (2008) is now working for Apple.

Pavitra Walvekar (2005) and Pradip Walvekar founded Kudos Finance & Investment, a non-banking finance loan company in Pune, India.



CURRENT STUDENTS

Elise Barco was crowned as Miss Clovis. She is planning to compete for the Miss California title in June at Fresno's Saroyan Theatre.



Tyler Turk

was named College Entrepreneur of the Year by the Fresno Chamber of Commerce at the 2016 Valley Business Awards and Installation Luncheon for his creation Date in a Crate (Crated with Love), a monthly subscription service with themed dating ideas.

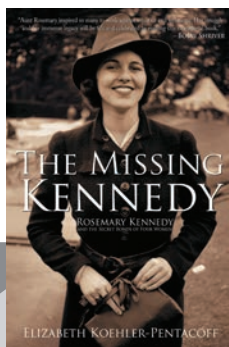
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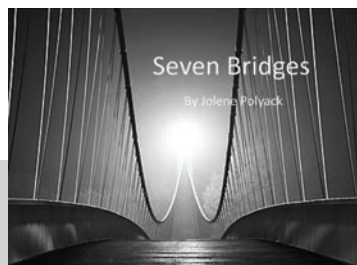
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Dugan Aguilar (1972) authored "She Sang Me a Good Luck Song: the California Indian Photographs of Dugan Aguilar."



Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff (1979) authored The New York Times bestseller "The Missing Kennedy: Rosemary Kennedy and the Secret Bonds of Four Women."



Jolene Polyack (1981) will release her book, "Seven Bridges," about a man who advances through seven stages of life.



Stephen Provost (1986) authored "Fresno Growing Up." It documents Fresno popular culture during its dramatic postwar period, when the city abruptly shifted from a small town to the fastest growing city in the U.S.



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2010s

Julie Bolme (2015) is now band teacher for Oakdale Joint Unified School District.

Michael Cook (2015) is now regional viticulturist with Texoma Vineyards.

Scott Drivon (2012) is now a deputy for San Joaquin County.

Jeff Fritz (2015), violinist, is now conductor for the Kings Symphony Orchestra.

Jacquelyn Jackson (2010) was featured on the Salinas Teacher Honor Roll by The Californian newspaper. She teaches English, ag academy and supplemental English at Everett Alvarez High School.

Tawnie Kroll (2014) and **Gianna Dinuzzo** (2015) created the food blogs krollskorner.com and giannamary.com.

Michael Mota (2015) is now a CHP officer in Barstow.

Seth Rossow (2013) was featured on NBC as an alfalfa grower saving water by using a drip irrigation system.

Kevin Sakasegawa (2010) is now an officer with the Ceres Police Department.

Lazaro Sandoval (2010) is now the Agricultural Attaché for the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service in Argentina.

Sal Silva (2010) is now owner of I & I Property Management Company in Fresno, which offers professional management for residential and commercial condominiums and planned development properties.

Natalie Vaz (2014) is now an agriculture teacher at Kingsburg High School.

Marcus Zellous (2016), former Lemoore Union Elementary band and choir director, is now children's minister at South Valley Community Church in Lemoore.

IN MEMORIAM

‘For thee, our hopes and memories’

Walter “Buster” Edward Alexander, Oct. 18 in Bakersfield.

Sharon Lee Allen (1963), Dec. 14 in Oakland.

Wilma Andersen (1945), Dec. 14 in Fresno.

Andrew Arie, Nov. 16 in Lafayette.

Marvin C. Awbrey (1960, '64), Feb. 1 in Fresno.

Ruth Contreras Corpuz Balch (1981), Jan. 14 in Fresno.

Leslie Raymond Bassett (1947, Honorary Doctorate 2009), Feb. 4 in Oakwood, Georgia.

Benjamin David Beam (1982), Nov. 11 in Escalon.

Patricia Ann Blackham (1972), Aug. 30 in Evanston, Wyoming.

Donald L. Boline, Feb. 8 in Fresno.

Geradette Lourdes Bolton (1977), Oct. 21 in Selma.

Robert Kenneth Bosserman (1956), Jan. 23 in Sanger.

Maureen (Walker) Brooks (1977), Sept. 25 in San Francisco.

Gary David Brown (1971), Aug. 26 in Tulare.

Dennis Elmer Brumm (1960), Sept. 17 in Fresno.

Verlin Neil Burchard, Nov. 29 in Santa Cruz.

Daniel Patrick Carlin (2000), Sept. 27 in Vietnam.

Lawrence E. Carlson (1957), Jan. 12 in Roseville.

Roberta Lee Carter, Jan. 23 in Fresno.

Richard C. Castile (1954, '62), Dec. 31 in San Francisco.

Eunice Chamichian (1972), Aug. 13 in Fresno.

James Chavez, Feb. 10 in Springville.

Jimmy Clark (1972), Aug. 3 in Prather.

Bonnie Mae Cobb, Sept. 16 in Visalia.

Lynn Edward Couch (1972), Aug. 26 in Modesto.

William John Courtney (1958), Dec. 25 in Redlands.

Julian Crow, Feb. 2 in Lakewood, Washington.

Lynda June Culwell-Waddle (1977), Nov. 27 in Visalia.

Donald P. Daetweiler (1952), Jan. 25 in Visalia.

Michael Andrew “Drew” Davies, Feb. 18 in Fowler.

Barbara Jean Davis, Nov. 14 in Exeter.

Roy Lee Davis (1970), Dec. 27 in Visalia.

Charlene Marie Deaver, Nov. 10 in Fresno.

Thelma “Teddi” Carolyn DeRemer (1972, '75), Nov. 3 in Sonora.

Theodore “Ted” George Dick (1973), Dec. 10 in Fowler.

Phillip N. Duncan (1972), Oct. 20 in Goodlettsville.

Charlotte Elise Farr, July 27 in San Jose.

William “Bill” Harvey Frame, May 4 in Modesto.

Walter Fung, Nov. 5 in Fresno.

Louis Paul Gamino, Jan. 17 in Bakersfield.

Bill B. Giannopoulos, Nov. 16 in Fresno.

Kathleen Omata Gin (1972), Nov. 19 in Fresno.

Robert “Bob” G. Gross (1986), Nov. 10 in Walnut Creek.

John Frederick Hagen (1996), Aug. 14 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mary Jane Hamm, Oct. 18 in Fresno.

Carol M. Hardgrave, Sept. 21 in San Mateo.

Karen Dolores Harness (1991), Aug. 14 in Bakersfield.

Norma Jean Hughbanks Harvy Henslee, Jan. 29 in Bakersfield.

Andre Hernandez (1974), Feb. 4 in Fresno.

Carlos Hernandez, Jan. 14 in Sacramento.

Bert Holt (1956), Dec. 4 in Visalia.

Cindy Nicholson Hudson, Nov. 5 in San Diego.

Verona Bell Johnes, Jan. 28 in Santa Barbara.

Kyle Matthew Juarez, Dec. 10 in Fresno.

Bobbie Kazmi (1988), Sept. 7 in Fresno.

Donald Kemmer (1953), Sept. 28 in Fresno.

Rosellen Kershaw, Aug. 20 in Fresno.

Vera J. Ketelsen, Jan. 31 in Arroyo Grande.

Melvin K. Khachigian (1955), Dec. 29 in Bakersfield.

Russell Duane Kokx Sr. (1976), Oct. 10 in Loomis.

Barry Kondo (1962), Feb. 20 in Fresno.

Robert “Bob” Joe Lackey (1966), Nov. 7 in Bakersfield.

Ben Louis Lane (1956), Feb. 20 in Fresno.

Elga Lee (1960), Jan. 17 in San Francisco.

Stephen Leong (1975), Dec. 31 in Vancouver, Washington.

Marco Antonio Lopez (2009), Dec. 10 in McFarland.

Josephine “Jo” Orlando Marinaro, Aug. 14 in Fresno.

Archie “Arch” Eugene Marston (1952), Dec. 12 in Sonora.

Marilyn Ann Martino (1986), Aug. 14 in Merced.

Ronald Henry Metzler, Nov. 24 in Arizona.

Harry Moordigian (1964), Nov. 11 in Fresno.

Kristal Martin (1974), Nov. 12 in Visalia.

Anita Elizabeth Miller, Jan. 6 in Aptos.

Stevan Mel Moffit, Sept. 3 in Visalia.

Donald Edward Murphy (1958), Nov. 12 in Durham.

Kathryn “Katie” Nichols, Oct. 2 in Fresno.

Somsiri Niemoatka (2004), Jan. 18 in Fresno.

Coline Margaret Oas, Feb. 11 in Monterey.

Ralph E. Osmon (1950), Dec. 8 in Tulare.

Edgar Palomino, Oct. 19 in Fresno.

Joseph A. Pedrazzini, Feb. 16 in Napa.

Lorraine L. Person (1943), Sept. 1 in Fresno.

Jorge Ricardo Rodriguez, Jan. 28 in Visalia.

Frances “Frankie” (Gould) Robinson, Oct. 24 in Fresno.

Philip L. Ryall (1959), Aug. 20 in Bakersfield.

David Lee Scheidt (2001), Sept. 14 in Fresno.

John A Sirman (1965), Aug. 21 in Fresno.

Marvin Dwain Smith, Sept. 15 in Delano.

William Donald St. Claire, Dec. 29 in Bakersfield.

Gayle Diane Mallyon Stork, Sept. 26 in Brigham City, Utah.

Dana Stout, Dec. 17 in Fresno.

Sara D. Tanner, Nov. 8 in Visalia.

John H. Thomsen (1964), Dec. 19 in El Cerrito.

Sherron L. Hughes Tremper (1967), Aug. 24 in San Antonio, Texas.

Ted Tsuruoka (1974), Dec. 29 in Fresno.

Mary A. Turner, Dec. 9 in Lake Luzerne, New York.

Ron Tyndal, Jan. 30 in Madera.

Charles Warren Smith, Sept. 12 in Fresno.

David Lloyd Van Sickle (1973), Oct. 27 in Susanville.

Terry Ward, Jan. 29 in Santa Rosa.

Kenneth Walsh, Aug. 8 in Fresno.

Donabelle Wedding, Oct. 10 in San Francisco.

Edgar A. “Ed” Wilkins (1958), Nov. 30 in Fresno.

James Gary Winter (1966), Dec. 12 in Fresno.

J. W. Jay Wright (1957), Oct. 6 in Quincy.

Thomas “Tom” William Yarbrough (1972), Nov. 16 in Fresno.

FRIENDS

Robert E. Duncan (Honorary Degree 1996), Nov. 11 in Fresno.

Joseph C. Epperson, Sept. 28 in Fresno.

Lorraine Etzler, Dec. 4 in Fresno.

Dee Jordan, Nov. 17 in San Francisco.

Sarkis Sahatdjian, Dec. 29 in Fresno.

FACULTY/STAFF

Paulette S. Fleming, Oct. 11 in Fresno.

Vernice L. Holmes, Sept. 27 in Fresno.

Pearl V. Kidder, Jan. 23 in Santa Cruz.

Edward O. Lund (2002, '10), Oct. 3 in Sonoma County.

Mary L. Maughelli, Oct. 25 in Fresno.

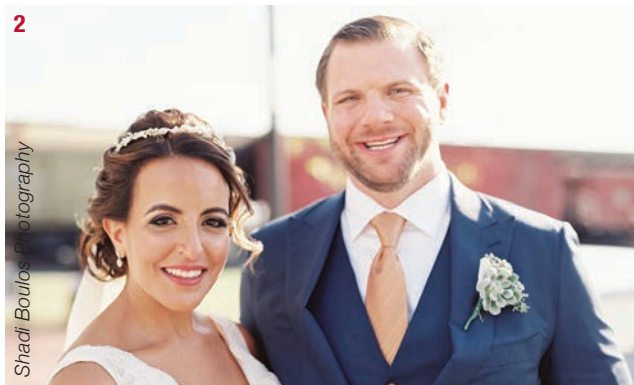
Juanita L. Mendoza, Dec. 9 in Fresno.

Robert Minick, Oct. 10 in Fresno.

Sigmund Hugo “Doc” Schanderl, Nov. 17 in Fresno.

Donald Vukovich, Sept. 2 in Fresno.

Henderson C. Yeung, Feb. 11 in Fresno.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Stephen McVay (2007) and **Jessica Choy** (2003, '10) married on Oct. 16 in Fish Camp.

2 Kevin Scott Cooper (2006, '07) married Rosemary Nader Abdelshahid on Aug. 22.

3 Derek Carr (2013) and **Heather Carr** (2011) had a baby boy, Deker.

4 Cary Edmondson (2002) and Elaine Edmondson welcomed their first baby boy, Caleb, on March 15.

5 Patrick Maridon (2008) and Megan Cavan married on Sept. 12 in Carmel Valley.

6 Joel Beery (2008) and Aubriane Beery welcomed their first baby boy, Zacariah, on Feb. 7.

Andrew Blea (2013) and Kristen McLane married on Nov. 14 at Tenaya Lodge.

Richard "Rick" E. Boles (2008) and Danny E. Lara married on Aug. 14 in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Will Cantrell (2005) and **Jeremy Carrillo** (2007) married on Sept. 19 in Mendota.

Angelica "Rita" Capuchino (2010) and Juan Martinez Jr. announced their engagement.

Joe Joralemon (2013) and **Krista Ellsworth** (2011) announced their engagement.

Ilich Lopez (2008) and Jessica Lyon announced their engagement.

Nick Yovino (1971) and Laura Whitehouse announced their engagement.

Not the Typical SPRING BREAK

A group of 35 Fresno State students spent their spring break collectively volunteering 800 hours to community service projects at Stone Soup Fresno, Scout Island and Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Central Valley.

Through Fresno State's Alternative Spring Break program, 11 students, including Haruka Naoi (*pictured*), worked on river clean-up, reforestation and invasive plant removal.

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