

## CLASS NOTES

## 1930s

**Marian (Schrack) Henderson** (1938), was selected as grand marshal for the Selma Rotary Marching Band Festival Parade in October.

## 1960s

**Augie Garrido** (1961), head baseball coach at Texas, was inducted in the inaugural class of the Omaha College Baseball Hall of Fame. As an all-conference player at Fresno State, he played in the 1959 College World Series. Garrido was inducted in the Fresno State Hall of Fame in 1993; and named an Outstanding Alumnus by the Fresno State Alumni Association on behalf of the Department of Athletics at the Top Dog Alumni Awards Gala in 2002.

**Senator Jim Nielsen** (1967) and his track and field teammates were inducted in the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Charles L. Renfro** (1968) is now an officer for the Pacific Grove Police Department.

## 1970s



**Diana (Bates) Mock** (1976) has been named vice president, Advancement and University Relations at Fresno Pacific University. She joined FPU in 2001 as director of communications and university relations.



**David Orth** (1979) was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Water Commission.

Brothers **Mike** (1972), **Marc** (1979) and **Rich Schuil** (1982), owners of Schuil & Associates, are celebrating 30 years in the real estate industry.

**Carol Tikijan** (1973, '85) exhibit, "Draw the Line," was displayed at Gallery 25 in Fresno.

## 1980s

**Angelo Bracco** (1982) was named one of five California Teachers of the Year.

**Jeff Cardell** (1986) was named personnel director for the City of Fresno. He was previously Tulare County's human resources director.



**Michelle Chenowith** (1987) was named teacher of the year for Madera County.

**Greg Clark** (1985) was named Napa County agriculture commissioner-sealer of weights and measures. He previously served as assistant agricultural commissioner.



**Cynthia Daley** (1986), professor at Chico State, was named to the advisory board for The Organic Center, a nonprofit research group in Washington, D.C.

**Kristie Jones** (1988) was appointed vice president of marketing for Marrone Bio Innovations.

**Bret Kofford** (1982) is a proud Bulldog now teaching at San Diego State.



**Felicia Cousart Matlosz** (1982) is the new panorama editor for The Reedley Exponent.



**John Neufeld** (1989) was named vice president of operations and engineering for the Special Shapes Refractory Co, Inc.

**Rich Salvestrin** (1987) is the third generation of the Salvestrin Winery, celebrating 81 years of grape growing.

**Lawrence Valett** (1986) was appointed as the Federal Reserve Board associate inspector general for investigations.

**Patrick Wiemiller** (1989, '91) is the new administrator for the City of Lompoc. He previously served as director of the City of Fresno's utilities and public works departments.

**Sarah L. Williams** (1988) is the new chief communications officer for 3M Co.

## 1990s



**Irvin Arroyo** (1997, '00) received a \$40,000 USDA scholarship toward his Ph.D. in environmental science at University of California, Merced.

**Robert Cargill** (1996) Bible expert, is a consulting producer for the History Channel's six-part documentary "Bible Secrets Revealed."



**Cary Catalano** (1999), CEO and co-founder of public relations firm Catalano Fenske & Associates, has announced his run for Fresno City Council District 1.

**Fred Cogan** (1996) is now principal at Kingsburg High School.



**Scott Cory** (1997) is now Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District superintendent.



**Dale Engstrom** (1993) is conductor of the Kingsburg Community Band and band director at Fresno City College.

**Geneviva Islas-Hooker** (1991) was appointed to the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley by Governor Jerry Brown. She is currently the regional program director for the Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program.

**Leonard Perez** (1992) was named vice president bank loan officer for Bank of the Sierra in Fresno.

**Chris Rosander** (1997), former rocket engineer, was inducted into the International Space Hall of Fame in the New Mexico Museum of Space History.



**Ashley Swearengen** (1994, '97), current Fresno mayor, has announced her candidacy for state controller.

## 2000s



**Nicolette Chavez Andersen** (2011) was named director of the new Selma Performing Arts Center.

**Johnna Byrd** (2012) was named junior account coordinator for Marketing Plus.

**1st Lt. Brian Campbell** (2009) and **Capt. Luc Taylor** (2000) are due home after serving in Herat, Afghanistan.



**Tyler Clutts** (2007) signed with the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.



**Cary Edmondson** (2002), Fresno State's university photographer, had his work published on two Sports Illustrated covers in 2013.

**Jayson Emerian** (2004) founded Trinity Construction in Clovis.



**Alejandra Garcia** (2013) is now account coordinator at Jeffrey Scott Agency in Fresno.

**Kymm Griffin** (2012) is a kindergarten teacher at Greer School.

**Jacob Gunning** (2004) joined the office of Michael Gunning as a certified public accountant.

**Kirstie Hettinga** (2006) is now assistant professor of communication at California Lutheran University.



**Shane Hildebrand** (2008) is now Spanish teacher for Chawanakee Unified School District.



**Eddie Hughes** (2005) was named editor of FresnoState Magazine.

**Ryan Jacobsen** (2002, '04) has been elected president of the Ag One Foundation at Fresno State. As a student, he was the Associated Students, Inc. president from 2001-2003 and recognized as the Jordan College Dean's Medalist and the Craig School of Business Graduate Dean's Medalist.

**Lee Lor** (2013) was appointed to the 35th District Agricultural Association, Merced County Fair Board.

**Breanne Loyd** (2010) was hired as certified trade show manager for Marketing Plus.

**William Eric McComas** (2003), former attorney, was hired to lead Fresno County's Economic Development Corporation.

**Nhia Moua** (2013) and three current students founded CarbonForce, a startup hoping to raise \$12,000 to manufacture and sell bottle-opening phone cases.

**Kathy Powers** (2003), creator of "Hey Kids, Let's Cook!," attended First Lady Michelle Obama's second annual kids' state dinner at the White House, covering the "Let's Move!" initiative to help solve childhood obesity.

**Oscar Ramos** (2003) is owner of award-winning Ramos Torres Winery in Kingsburg.

**Michelle E. Salas** (2010) was awarded the U.S. Department of Education Rehabilitation Services Administration Scholarship for her doctoral studies at the University of Texas Pan American.

**Nat Sangha** (2000) was hired as independent insurance adjuster for Sams & Associates, Inc.



**Matthew D. Shulz** (2004, '10) was named assistant director of parent engagement and discovery programs for Fresno State Alumni Association.

**Jimmie Soto** (2001) was reappointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the California State Independent Living Council, where he has served since 2013.

**Devon Thrasher** (2013) is now sports reporter for local TV stations KGPE/KSEE.

**Alan Wileman** (2013) is now reporter for Sierra Star newspaper.

**Trent Wilson** (2000) was named assistant principal at Del Oro High School.

## CLASS NOTES

## MISCELLANEOUS

*Graduation/attendance record dates unknown*



**Erica Banta** is now executive director for the Greater Ukiah Chamber of Commerce.

**Will Brown** is new principal at Davis High School. He previously served as principal of the junior high portion of Smythe Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Adam Castaneda**, president of the Kingsburg Chamber board, is the next executive director of Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce.

**Heather Garcia** is now Inderkum principal. She was previously principal at Tenaya Middle School in Fresno.

**Karl Longley** was appointed to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

**Faiza Jama Mohamed** is the Nairobi office director for equality in Kenya since 2000. She previously was a member of the Women's Movement in Somalia and was instrumental in the coalition-building of women's organizations.

**Timothy D. Treloar** was named vice president of operations for California Water Service Group.

**Julie Vlasis** was named chief operating officer for the building of Sonoma Community Health Center.



## RETIREMENTS

**Sandy Stoddard** retired after 28 years of service as event planner for American Cancer Society.

**Rebecca Wiseman** (1975) retired as a 5th District Court of Appeal justice, serving since 1995.

## MARRIAGES

**Myndi Hardgrave**, (1993) and Arriana Hernandez were married on July 1 in Tulare.

**Dolly Silveira** (2010) married Brook Justin on July 10.

## BULLDOG 'PUPS'



**Ray and Mayra Elizabeth Caldera** (2009) welcomed their third child, Cristian, in June.

**Derek Carr** (2013), academic All-American and NFF Scholar Athlete, and wife **Heather** (2011) welcomed their first baby boy, Dallas, on Aug. 5.



**Josh** (2006) and **Michelle (Melikian) Jaccard** (2006) welcomed their first baby girl, Mia Elizabeth, in September.

**Sarah** (2002) and **Jeffrey Schmidt** (2003) welcomed their first baby boy on Jan. 6.

**Fresno's Business Street Online "40 Under 40" class of 2013** included 17 Fresno State alumni who were honored as outstanding business professionals in Central California under the age of 40:

**Mark Alcorn** (1990), **Courtney Bautista** (2004), **Lawrence Clark** (1999), **Ashley De Young** (2011), **Michael Duarte** (2002), **Tal Eslick** (2007), **Tracie Gamoian** (2011), **Megan Jacobsen** (2008), **Jody Ketcheside** (2000), **Casey Lamonski** (2002), **Robert "Beto" Mejia** (2005), **Joanna Odabashian** (1997), **Christine Park** (2006), **Katie Rogers** (2009), **Angela Vega** (2006), **Ian Wieland** (2007) and **Amanda Williams** (2003).

NEW KFSR  
RADIO SHOW

## 'First Lady's Focus' features Mary Castro

"First Lady's Focus," a new weekly program on Fresno State's radio station KFSR 90.7 FM, is hosted by Mary Castro, wife of Fresno State President Joseph I. Castro.

Co-hosted by KFSR Program Director Julie Logan, the program airs Sundays at 10 a.m. on 90.7 FM and is streamed online at [www.kfsr.org](http://www.kfsr.org).

The public affairs program showcases the personal stories of "people who love Fresno State," Mary Castro says. She and Logan will interview faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni, donors and other friends of the university.

"Since President Castro and I joined the Bulldog family last summer, I have met many people who have a passion for this university. They have interesting backgrounds and stories about how they became inspired to follow their personal dreams. Fresno State played an important role in their success," Castro says.

"I hope through this program to introduce them to the community, so they can share their stories and motivation for being a part of Fresno State's bright future."

KFSR is a member-supported, non-commercial public radio station licensed to and operated by California State University, Fresno. The station broadcasts at 2600 watts and can be heard throughout the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area, with the potential to reach more than 500,000 Valley residents.



Gary Edmondson

Mary Castro interviews alumnus Marvin Meyers.

# FRESNO STATE AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY: WORKING FOR CALIFORNIA



With 2.9 million California State University alumni making a difference in the lives of people in California and around the world, the CSU Working for California project highlights leaders in every industry. The Fresno State Alumni Association and the CSU Office of the Chancellor proudly announce Fresno State's 2014 inductees to the project:



**Robert Aguilar** (1962, BA, education) serves as superintendent for Delano School District. He attended Delano schools in the 1950s and returned as a teacher in the 1960s. His career spans more than 50 years in the education field.



**Rosendo Peña** (1977, BA, political science) serves as associate justice, Fifth District Court of Appeal; appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown. He was the first Hispanic/Latino to serve on this court's bench and also serves on the Fresno State Alumni Association's board.



**Linda Penner** (1978, BA, social welfare) serves as chairman for the Board of State and Community Corrections (State of California). She served for seven years as chief probation officer for the County of Fresno.



**Gary Soto** (1974, BA, English) is an award-winning poet and author of more than 40 books. A self-described "cheerleader for reading," he earned the Top Dog Alumni Award from the Fresno State Alumni Association in 2004, on behalf of the College of Arts and Humanities.



**David Tobin** (1999, BA, psychology) invented AudioJack, an audio-based movie with no words, music or video; using only sound effects to tell a story. He has served as photographer for Rolling Stone, Revolver and Time magazines and produced more than 35 television shows.

"Fresno State is proud to have five more graduates represented from more than 200,000 alumni worldwide with the Working for California website. This is our third year to participate in this stellar project."

– **JACQUELYN GLASENER**

Executive director for the alumni association

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3. Call 559.278.4036 or call toll-free 866.414.8136.
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**Please print clearly and complete this information below to ensure accurate processing of your request.**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## IN MEMORIAM

**Karen Renee Adams** (1996),  
Nov. 8 in Salinas.

**Billy Lee Aston**, Nov. 24.

**Sandy Stella Balich** (1984),  
Sept. 8.

**Mark C. Bebout** (1984),  
Sept. 25 in Fresno.

**Pauline Bradley** (1929),  
Dec. 23 in Fresno.

**Craig Leonard Brians** (1988),  
Nov. 10 in Virginia.

**Ronald L. "Ron" Brown** (1960),  
Nov. 19 in Sacramento.

**Jesse Campbell** (1953),  
Sept. 28 in Fresno.

**John R. Castine Jr.** (1950),  
July 2 in Fresno.

**Neil Oliver Chamberlain** (1953),  
Oct. 10 in Columbia, Tenn.

**William "Bill" Chidlaw** (1951),  
Dec. 7 in Sacramento.

**Raymond C. Clayton** (1951),  
Dec. 27 in Simi Valley.

**Edward Jason Coffeen** (1962),  
Dec. 21 in Fresno.

**Karen Perkins Cosgriff** (1966),  
July 28 in Fairhaven.

**Joy Covey** (1982),  
Sept. 18 in Portola Valley.

**Betty Dewitt**, Sept. 15 in Caruthers.

**Donald Douglas** (1953),  
July 31 in Fresno.

**Kathryn A. Errecart**,  
Oct. 22 in Tehachapi.

**Steve Feaver** (1971),  
Dec. 11 in Turlock.

**Allyn K. Gerard** (1958),  
Aug. 10 in Fresno.

**Fairy Alice Norton Gilbert**  
(1945), Oct. 20 in Fresno.

**Sue Carol Goerlich** (1958),  
Dec. 19.

**Irene Palacios Gonzalez**,  
Nov. 2 in Fresno.

**John Dennis Goss** (1960),  
Jan. 10 in San Diego.

**Jeff Gronemeyer** (1988),  
Nov. 11 in Sacramento.

**P. Guz Guzman** (1950),  
Aug. 11 in Fresno.

**Carolyn Matthews Magill Harding**  
(1947), Oct. 8 in Fowler.

**Charles Edward Harris** (1955),  
Nov. 25 in Fresno.

**Robert Heller** (1930),  
Oct. 21 in Fresno.

**Richard Hodge**,  
Nov. 20 in Palm Desert.

**Fred Jay Howard Jr.** (1951),  
Aug. 14 in Fresno.

**Dorothy Downs Hughes**,  
Oct. 10 in Fresno.

**Sandra Longcor Isaacson**  
(1964), Dec. 20 in Fresno.

**Faith Ivancovich** (1957),  
Oct. 1 in Fresno.

**Bineta Jean "Bunny" Johnson**  
(1983), Sept. 7 in Fresno.

**Richard "Rich" Peter Juarez**  
(1964), Nov. 1 in Merced.

**Dennis B. Linscott** (1968),  
Oct. 16 in Fresno.

**Andrea Kaye Long**,  
Aug. 27 in Fresno.

**Edward H. "Eddie" Lopez** (1977),  
Oct. 30 in Fresno.

**Pete Mehas** (1963),  
Sept. 27 in Fresno.

**Ray Melikian** (1944),  
Oct. 25 in Visalia.

**Araxie Kalfayan Menendian**,  
Aug. 26 in Visalia.

**Eleanor Margaret Miller** (1945),  
Nov. 4 in Fresno.

**Michael Patrik Minahen** (1952),  
Oct. 3 in Sonoma.

**Ronald Alec Miyata** (1957),  
Oct. 10 in La Quinta.

**Harold Missakian** (1961),  
Oct. 3 in Fresno.

**Craig Kenneth Moltzen** (1974),  
Oct. 18 in Fresno.

**Morito "Mo" Nakamoto** (1950),  
Aug. 11 in Fresno.

**Jim Nephew** (1952),  
Oct. 4 in Bakersfield.

**Johneene P. Newton** (1962),  
Nov. 4 in Fresno.

**Fletcher Duane Niehaus**,  
Sept. 2 in Fresno.

**Fern Parker** (1940),  
Nov. 30 in Fresno.

**Norman Phillips** (1960),  
Dec. 20 in Visalia.

**Edwinne Pickard** (2002),  
Dec. 9 in Fresno.

**Bobby Qualls** (1953),  
Oct. 18 in Fresno.

**Lt. Col. Charles F. Raus**,  
Nov. 14 in Tulare.

**Catherine Loverne Morison Rehart**  
(1962), Sept. 6 in Fresno.

**Harriet Roberts** (1924),  
Aug. 2 in Fresno.

**Wayne L. Roberts** (1963),  
Aug. 24 in Madera.

**Barbara Lee Rose** (1956),  
Sept. 28 in Fresno.

**RoseMary Ross** (1954),  
Aug. 18 in Bakersfield.

**Jack Michael Saba** (1954),  
Sept. 25 in Bakersfield.

**John Savona** (1955),  
July 22 in Fresno.

**Edward Schmall** (1949),  
Dec. 5 in Morro Bay.

**Regina Sue Sheehan** (1957),  
Nov. 2 in Selma.

**Cleo Stenbert** (1941),  
Dec. 27 in Fresno.

**Patricia Stocking** (1943),  
Oct. 19 in Fresno.

**Arzellene M. Teixeira** (1943),  
Dec. 1 in Fresno.

**Walter Lawrence Larry Thornton Jr.**  
(1958), Sept. 5 in Fresno.

**Erma Trowe**, Oct. 13 in Fresno.

**Scott J. Wessels** (1986),  
Sept. 24 in Fresno.

**Dewey Dee White** (1957),  
Oct. 22 in Fresno.

**Victor Wiens** (1947),  
Sept. 25 in Fresno.

**George Zenovich** (1948),  
Sept. 25 in Fresno.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

**David Carl Anderson Jr.** (1980),  
Sept. 26 in Fresno.

**Benjamin Marvin Bakkegard**,  
November in Fresno.

**James Brownell**,  
Nov. 4 in Cambria.

**Robert Comegys**,  
Dec. 14 in Fresno.

**Harry George Costis**,  
Dec. 21 in Fresno.

**Donna Hamm**, Aug. 13 in Fresno.

**Sydney P. Jackson**,  
Jan. 2 in Fresno.

**Eugene William "Doc" Krebs**,  
Sept. 1 in Fresno.

**Stanley Elmer Lindquist** (1940),  
Dec. 6 in Fresno.

**Octavio Tocchio**, Dec. 11 in Aptos.

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