

College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Science

Academic Honors 2016 Celebration



Saturday, April 30

University Student Union Ballroom



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College of Humanities,
Arts, Behavioral &
Social Sciences

Letter from Interim Dean Rider

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences, I am honored to congratulate all of the Honors Graduates for the Class of 2016. I know that your family, friends, faculty and Dean are very proud of your accomplishments this day. Your dedication to your education, the work expended and sacrifices made are coming to fruition. Your successes, though, are just beginning.

You all have achieved success by graduating with honors, but each of you has a unique and special story to tell in how you achieved it; a story for which you should be proud. There are multiple paths to success. Your cohort is a rich blend of these wonderful success stories. Most of you came to Cal State San Marcos through college transfer from our two-year sister institutions. Over three-fourths of you are women. Nearly forty percent of your Honors cohort is either Latino, Pacific Islander, African American or Native American. More than a quarter of you are the first in your family to attend and graduate with a college degree.

This broad brush stroke view of your Honors class obscures the complexity and wonderment of your particular stories. Stories such as our Dean's Award winner, Petrona Gregorio, whose inspiring story begins in a small town in Guatemala, helping her family by working at fifteen, to becoming a budding young researcher in Psychology. Or Ladetric "Redd" Drive, a former Marine who served in Afghanistan after an unsuccessful experience at Auburn University, given a second chance at Cal State San Marcos, where he has been setting the curve in his courses. The CSU is all about opportunity and second chances. And there are so many more celebratory stories.

As I said, though, today's honor is only the first of many that you will realize throughout your lives. Take from us not only the knowledge and skills that we have taught you but also life lessons on what it takes to be successful. Dedication. Discipline. Never giving up your pursuit of joy even in the face of extreme adversity. Above all learning from your mistakes. I always tell my students that the difference between those individuals who are successful and those who are not, is not the absence of error but the presence of mind to learn from mistakes and adapt and grow.

I wish you all continued success for the rest of your lives.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Rider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Bob Rider, Interim Dean
College of Humanities, Arts,
Behavioral & Social Sciences



3:00 pm

Reception

University Student Union Ballroom

3:30 pm

Welcome & Dean's Address

Interim Dean Bob Rider, Ph.D.

Faculty Keynote Speaker

Kristine Diekman, M.F.A.

CHABSS, School of Arts

2016 University Graduate Dean's Awardee

Petrona Gregario

Student Musical Showcase

Taylor Tickner

Academic Honors Recognition

cum laude, magna cum laude, summa cum laude

About CHABSS

Mission

The College of Humanities, Arts, and Behavioral and Social Sciences (CHABSS) offers education rooted in the liberal arts tradition, responsive to new ideas and challenges, and attuned to the diversity of human experience. Grounded in the scholarly and creative activity of our faculty, our programs are dedicated to preparing students for lifelong careers of leadership, learning, creativity, professional achievement, and community service.

Features of the College

As a scholarly community, the College integrates diverse academic disciplines, research fields, creative arts, and interdisciplinary programs, offering students multiple pathways to explore ideas, ideals, visions, and values.

The intellectual identity of the College centers on topics encompassing the origins and structure of behavior and action, society and culture, and the history and future of human expression, reflection, and creativity.

Students gain a global perspective on diverse peoples, histories, societies and cultures, through sustained exploration of the arts, humanities, and social and behavioral sciences.

College faculty and staff foster a supportive, inclusive, and rigorous learning environment and workplace, upholding the highest standards of academic endeavor and organizational ethics.

The faculty is committed to a teacher-scholar model of academic life, drawing from active scholarship and creativity to sustain inspired and effective teaching.

College programs emphasize active student learning, critical thinking, and original student research and creative work. Students sharpen age-old skills of writing, speaking, and reasoning, while exploring the newest technologies in the classroom, studio, and laboratory.

Undergraduate and graduate degree programs enable students to explore their chosen fields in depth, master specialized knowledge at advanced levels, and focus their commitment to individual and social progress. General education courses present basic orientations to multiple disciplines, helping students attain a broad and coherent worldview. Service learning opportunities reach beyond campus, engaging students in community partnerships, building awareness of regional needs, and inspiring practical realization of ethics, integrity and citizenship.

Together, the faculty and staff of CHABBS promote education that is comprehensive, integrative, and transformative, offering students new ways to see themselves and the world, from the foundations of animal behavior to the highest expressions of human existence.

2016 CHABSS Dean's Awardee

Petrona Gregorio Psychology

The Dean's Office is delighted and honored to announce the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral, and Social Sciences Dean's Award winner for 2016, Petrona Gregorio-Pascual. Petrona is an outstanding Psychology student whose persistence, commitment, passion, and achievements exemplify the values, mission, and promise that our College has made to students.

Petrona was born in Aldea Ixnanconop in Guatemala. Her parents brought her to the United States at the age of five years, in search of an education and to have a better life. When she was enrolled at school at the age of seven years she had to learn Spanish and English since her first language is Q'anjob'al (Mayan language), and was promoted to all English courses in the fourth grade. Upon finishing high school, she went into the workforce in order to help support her family.



After several years later, she got married and her husband Mario supported her decision to returning to get an education. After completing her general education units at Palomar Community College, she transferred to California State San Marcos (CSUSM). At CSUSM she met her mentor (now her advisor) Dr. Heike I. M. Mahler and applied to work in Dr. Mahler's social and health laboratory. Dr. Mahler has been critical to Petrona's academic success.

Another important factor to her academic success was being selected into the RISE program in Fall 2014. This program has been vital into preparing her for graduate school. She is the oldest of eight children; out of the eight, the first five are acquiring a higher education from different universities including UCSD, UCI, CSUSM, and Palomar College. Petrona is the first in her family to pursue a graduate level degree. In Fall 2016, she will continue her education as a graduate student in the Master's Degree Program in Experimental Psychology at CSUSM.

Student Musical Showcase



Taylor Tickner

Music

California State University of San Marcos student Taylor Tickner is a creative soul. The Temecula resident started performing at the tender age of six. First taking the stage for the musical production *Annie* where she found her love for singing and performing. Over the past decade Taylor has studied the piano, and while her love and passion for music grew, as she began to play the acoustic guitar, ukulele and banjo. It was during this time at the age of 13 that Taylor began to write her own songs.

Taylor really enjoys the songwriting aspect of the business, "When I see people connecting with my songs, it makes me feel like I have a deep connection with my fans."

In high school, Taylor studied music theory and even received the International Baccalaureate Music Award her senior year. Currently a sophomore at CSUSM, Taylor is continuing to grow and evolve by studying music and music theory. Her academic studies have helped her grow as an artist. When not studying for her classes, Taylor spends her time writing new music, playing gigs and currently is teaching at Temecula Music Academy. She loves to share her passion of music with her students by teaching piano and voice lessons. Some of her musical highlights have been her endorsements with Daisy Rock Guitar, Capturing Couture Guitar straps, G7th Capos and Pickbandz; and also getting the opportunity to play at NAMM 2014 and 2016, opening for Maggie Rose and singing the National Anthem at an NHL Charity event.

You can follow Taylor's musical journey at taylortickner.com.

Faculty Keynote Speaker

Kristine Diekman

School of Arts

Professor, Arts and Technology

Director of Video in the Community



Ms. Kristine Diekman, Professor of Arts and Technology in the School of Art, joined California State University San Marcos in 1997. She also serves as Director of Video in the Community, and previously served as Program Director, Arts and Technology, and Chair, Visual and Performing Arts Department. Professor Diekman earned her MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in Sculpture and her Bachelor of Special Studies from Cornell College in Chinese Studies. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and is recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa award.

A media artist and leader of collaborative vision and social change, Professor Diekman has more than 30 years of experience producing, directing and editing award-winning films and media projects. These include experimental and documentary projects that focus on stories that may go unheard.

In 2016, Professor Diekman and her colleague were awarded a W.M. Keck Foundation Undergraduate Education Program grant of \$250,000 for the creation of the American Indian Digital Media and Culture Project, which incorporates American Indian epistemology in digital media projects that serve Southern California tribes and university students.

In 2016, Professor Diekman was awarded the prestigious CSU Wang Family Excellence Award. The Wang Family Excellence Award recognizes and celebrates four outstanding CSU faculty members and one outstanding staff member who, through extraordinary commitment and dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions to the CSU.

Her signature program, Video in the Community, was founded in 2007 to engage students, faculty and the community in the collaborative process of creating media for social change. Through Video in the Community, she, along with students and community partners, completed more than 50 films and videos that serve non-profit organizations. Her current project, Run Dry, documents the stories of the California drought, focusing on people who are living in the Central Valley without water.

“The films that I make with students, other artists and community members are tools that advance our community’s self-sufficiency. They are a call to action, a re-imagining of social connections, and a means to create social change. Video in the Community is about listening to and supporting unheard voices, providing a place from which they can speak and be heard.” – Kristine Diekman

2016 Undergraduate Academic Honors

Laurie Anderson
Mass Media

Tiffany Boyd
Social Sciences

Michelle Claudio
Liberal Studies

Robert Altamirano
Psychology

Russell Breckenridge
Mass Media

Victoria Clay
Global Studies

Michael Arce
Sociology

Claire Brown
Liberal Studies

Alejandro Contreras
Criminology & Justice Studies

Rema Assria
Communication

Ryan Brown
Liberal Studies

Tracy Courts
Sociology

Kyley Atkins
History

Rebecca Brown
Literature & Writing

Ashley Coyne
Literature & Writing

Stacey Azlin
Liberal Studies

David Buchanan
Political Science

Adrianna Cruz
Mass Media

Jenna Barnes
Liberal Studies

Jarred Burr
History

Sabrina De Santiago
Liberal Studies

Tricia Beals
Literature & Writing

Joshua Byrd
Visual & Performing Arts

Alexis Deleon
Liberal Studies

Britney Becker
Spanish

Marcela Calderon
Literature & Writing

Sierra Denny
Political Science

Fabiola Beltran
Criminology & Justice Studies

Yolanda Canedo
Sociology

Alyssa Denton
Liberal Studies

Jessica Bhatt
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Emily Cannon
Communication

Joye DePalatis
Literature & Writing

Olivia Bishar
Communication

Matthew Carruthers
Music

Luke DePauw
Visual & Performing Arts

Holly Blair
Liberal Studies

Sydney Centell
Communication

Fabiola Diaz Rios
Sociology

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Mass Media

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Sociology

Christopher Diosdado
Criminology & Justice Studies

Caitlyn Bottom
Psychology

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Communication

Jordan Boyce
Social Sciences

Dan Cheng
Economics

Alma Dolores
Sociology

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Margaret Ducoulombier Communication	Briana Flores Mass Media	Allison Haack Sociology
Alison Duncan Liberal Studies	Derek Forrester Visual & Performing Arts	Natalie Hadweh Liberal Studies
Katelyn Ebersbacher Communication	Breanne Friedberg Liberal Studies	Rachael Hahn Liberal Studies
Kelly Edwards Psychology	Gerardo Fuentes Literature & Writing	Christine Hamby Political Science
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Kassidy Enns Psychology	Melissa Gary Psychology	Michelle Hernandez Psychology
Isaias Escamilla Criminology & Justice Studies	Desalegn Gebre Social Sciences	Ilaina Hernandez Psychology
Kaitlyn Estona Mass Media	Jason Gerdes Anthropology - Medical Anthropology Concentration	Brianna Higgins Communication
Lennea Fish Psychology	Alfonso Gomez Sociology	Brogan Hoenisch Literature & Writing
Veronique Fisher Visual & Performing Arts	Katherine Gossett Psychology	Trent Holtzleicher Sociology
Kendra Fitzpatrick Literature & Writing	Petrona Gregorio Psychology	Veronica Huffman Liberal Studies
Kelli Flodman-Brander Communication		Marianne Hughes History

2016 Undergraduate Academic Honors

Hailey Hunt
Social Sciences

Nathan Labaye
Criminology & Justice Studies

Magally Marquez Vargas
Sociology

Robert Huss
Liberal Studies

Jamie LaBree
Liberal Studies

Kyle Marre
Economics

Sharghi Jami
Criminology & Justice Studies

Jenny Lagervall
Psychology

Samantha Marshall
Psychology

Rachel Jansen
Communication

Catarina Lara
Liberal Studies

Evelyn Martinez
Criminology & Justice Studies

Rose Jauregui
Liberal Studies

Jami Lavin
Liberal Studies

Alyssa Martinez
Psychology

Maricruz Jimenez
Criminology & Justice Studies

Liliane Lendvai
Literature & Writing

Karen Amethyst Mascarinas
Global Studies

Christopher Jimenez
Mass Media

Ashley Lewis
Communication

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Kristina Jimenez
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Mikaela Long
Visual & Performing Arts

Lauren Mayes
Political Science

Fidel Jimenez
Sociology

Cristal Lopez
Psychology

Kelly McCann
Psychology

Sarai Jimenez
Sociology

Rebeca Lopez King
Psychology

Matthew McCleskey
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Angel Lwucas Esquivel
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Natalie McKemy
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Nicholas Kennedy
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Lenor McLaughlin
Criminology & Justice Studies

Noha Khalil
Political Science

Berta Luis Sanchez
Psychology

Bianca Medina
Psychology

Ellena Kilgallon
Literature & Writing

Gladis Luna
Spanish

Cynthia Mendoza
Liberal Studies

Olivia Krivanek
Psychology

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Psychology

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Psychology

Raana Manavi
Psychology

Spencer Michalek
Psychology

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Liberal Studies

Stephanie Nieto
Sociology

Stephany Phimmasouk
Literature & Writing

Katelin Miller
Literature & Writing

Christopher Norby
History

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Mass Media

Valerie Milton
Literature & Writing

Christie Nowell
Liberal Studies

Natalie Potter
Sociology

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Literature & Writing

Vanessa Nunez
Psychology

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Communication

Frank Montana
Psychology

Paul Oh
Criminology & Justice Studies

Jonathan Pridgeon
Psychology

Brynn Moody
Communication

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Psychology

Adam Purvis
History

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Criminology & Justice Studies

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Literature & Writing

Brandon Purvis
Literature & Writing

Lizbeth Moreno
Women's Studies

Irma Ortiz
Sociology

Scott Radebaugh
Sociology

Cheryl Morris
Sociology

Alexandra Parker
Criminology & Justice Studies

Yuridia Ramos
Criminology & Justice Studies

Sara Mozafaripour
Psychology

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Liberal Studies

Kallie Murphy
Liberal Studies

Kayden Pelatt
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Joshua Ray
Communication

Kayla Murphy
Literature & Writing

Kiara Perez
Liberal Studies

Hayley Reider
Psychology

Ashley Nankivell
Literature & Writing

Sara Perez
Sociology

Mary Reinig
Communication

True Nare
Psychology

Alexandra Peterson
History

Bernadette Rendon
Sociology

Kristen Nasella
Liberal Studies

Brooke Petrek
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Silvia Reyes
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Rocio Nieto
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John Phillips
Political Science

Jessica Richardson
Sociology

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Victoria Richmond Visual & Performing Arts	Ivan Sanchez Criminology & Justice Studies	Shaquelle Smith Global Studies
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Laura Rivera Liberal Studies	Anayeli Sanchez Sociology	Clement Smith Literature & Writing
Joyce Rivera Liberal Studies	Teresa Santos Liberal Studies	Carolyn Smith Psychology
Wesley Roach History	Layla Santos Psychology	Jessica Solis Sociology
Nancy Rocha Criminology & Justice Studies	Jaime Sarmiento Criminology & Justice Studies	Courtney Soren Mass Media
Angelica Rodriguez Liberal Studies	Jessica Schabow Psychology	Lindsey Sparacino Liberal Studies
Marisa Rogers Criminology & Justice Studies	Krystina Schieck Sociology	Julia Starkey Social Sciences
Elizabeth Roush Literature & Writing	Cristal Serrano History	Rebecca Sterling Literature & Writing
Jennifer Rowland Sociology	Jonathan Sharp Visual & Performing Arts	Alana Stroud Communication
Natalie Rudningen Psychology	Nickolas Sherman History	Danielle Struwe Psychology
Haylee Ruiz Literature & Writing	Reanna Simmons Psychology	Lea Sulman Literature & Writing
Seychelle Ruiz Sociology	Kenzie Simpson Sociology	Katlin Sweeney Literature & Writing
Jose Ruiz Escutia Sociology	Daniel Sinclair Psychology	Tabitha Tabbert Psychology

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Gloria Teran
Literature & Writing

Amber Vasilik
Communication

Michelle Theisman
Child & Adolescent
Development

Michael Waltrip
Psychology

Nicole Thill
Liberal Studies

Carli Wickham
Liberal Studies

Sarah Thompson
Liberal Studies

Kelly Wilson
Communication

Cheryl Thompson
Literature & Writing

Kelly Wilson
Criminology & Justice Studies

Liliana Torres
Psychology

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Social Sciences

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