Happy Holidays from the College of Health and Human Services!

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we close the year, I would like to extend my wishes for a very happy holiday season and provide you with some updates on the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS). This year was highlighted by numerous milestones and achievements. In May 2012, we graduated over 6,000 students with highly valued degrees in the health and human services fields. We brought seven new tenure-track faculty members on board. Our faculty applied for and were awarded over $17.9 million in research and funding. Our alumni, friends, and supporters helped us raise over $5.6 million in private gifts.

Other milestones and achievements this past year include:

- The newly opened LifeFit Center @ the Beach is the premier health and fitness facility in the Long Beach area for the 50 and older community. The LifeFit Center @ the Beach is also a state-of-the-art training facility and classroom for our college’s kinesiology students.
- The college and its NCLR/CSULB Center for Latino Community Health, Evaluation & Leadership Training will offer a highly innovative Certificate in Latino Health and Nutrition Studies beginning in fall 2013. The certificate received resounding support from practitioners, policy experts, and healthcare providers throughout the nation.
- The college’s two newest doctoral degrees—the Doctor of Nursing Practice (offered with two other CSUs) and the Doctor of Physical Therapy—will be critical to meeting California’s future healthcare needs.
- The CHHS inaugural Wellness Week, held in conjunction with the college’s annual Lauda Wellness Lecture, focused on events and instruction on Successful Aging.

In these and many other ways, the college is striving to fulfill its mission to “Connect, Discover, Educate.” Our graduates go on to be the leaders and difference-makers of myriad health and wellness professions. Our world-class faculty members connect with communities and individuals through research that improves the quality of life for all Californians.

As the College of Health and Human Services continues to implement its mission, it must adapt, improve, and evolve to address the most pressing issues facing California. As such, the college is focusing its efforts on the following key areas:

- In the area of student success, the college is making every effort to provide scholarship funds, tutoring, and intensive academic advising to help students graduate with highly valued degrees.
- The focus on successful aging is pertinent to the future of California and the nation. By shifting the paradigm of care to collaborative, interdisciplinary, and continuous care throughout the lifespan, CHHS will be instrumental in moving healthcare to a more streamlined, cost efficient, and effective model.
- Successful aging relies heavily on the development and utilization of information technology, and CHHS students must be well-trained in it. Employers want graduates with skills in information technology and analytical skills.
We hope you will visit us often in the coming year. Please check for college and university events taking place on campus and in the community. We would love to see you at one of them. If you haven’t been around or have moved away, reconnect with your classmates, the campus, and past professors through the Alumni Association.

You can also help us advance our academic mission by considering CHHS in your year-end tax planning and gift giving. By making a monetary donation, you are not only investing in the campus but also the health and wellness of our entire community. For more information on how to make a gift, please contact the CHHS Office of Development at 562-985-5434 or visit the college’s online giving website.

Happy Holidays from the Beach!

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Communicative Disorders
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Health Science
Kinesiology
Physical therapy
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