

## *University Distinctions*

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Citing President F. King Alexander's "Graduation Begins Today" motto, the Southern California Regional Board recognized CSULB for outperforming similar U.S. institutions in helping students graduate in a major national report, "Promoting a Culture of Student Success: How Colleges and Universities are Improving Degree Completion."

President F. King Alexander was among 10 college presidents invited to the White House to meet President Barack Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan to discuss higher education affordability.

For the fifth consecutive year, CSULB has been ranked fourth best public regional university in the west by *U.S. News & World Report: America's Best Colleges 2013*.

*Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine has named CSULB to its list of the top 100 "Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2012-13. The list ranks four-year institutions that deliver excellent academics, while keeping costs to a minimum.

The Princeton Review ranked CSULB among the nation's top 75 "Best Value" public colleges for 2013.

CSULB has been designated "Best in the West" by The Princeton Review's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

CSULB has been recognized as the seventh most secure university/college in the nation by *Security Magazine*. CSULB was the only four-year California institution mentioned in the ranking.

CSULB ranked second in the nation among master's degree-granting institutions in producing Fulbright Awards for U.S. students in 2008-09, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

For the second consecutive year, *G.I. Jobs 2013* recognized CSULB as a Military Friendly School for its efforts in embracing America's veterans as students.

CSULB has one of the largest full-time enrollments in the CSU system and is the second largest four-year university in California.

More than 700 CSULB students study abroad each year in 34 countries, on six continents, exceeding the national average of study abroad participation rates. CSULB ranked fourth in the nation in the master's institutions category and fifth nationally for students in "long-term duration of study abroad."

CSULB fees continue to rank among the lowest of any four-year institution in California. According to a recent *U.S. News & World Report*, CSULB ranked fifth in the west and eleventh nationally for having the lowest percentage of students graduating with debt.

CSULB ranks in the top 10 nationally in awarding bachelor's degrees to minority students in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* annual list of "Top 100 Degree Producers."

CSULB is one of 221 institutions across the U.S. designated as "Hispanic-Serving" by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

CSULB had a record-breaking number of graduates during 2009-10, the largest, most diverse and successful class in its 60-year history, with more than 8,750 students receiving 9,225 degrees.

CSULB's graduation rates ranked among the top 20% of institutions nationwide in terms of total students in the public master's universities category. The university also ranked in the top 20% at graduating underrepresented groups including Latino, African-American and American Indian students.

CSULB's prestigious President's Scholars Program awards high school valedictorians and National Scholars full, four-year scholarships to CSULB. More than 1,050 President's Scholars have benefited from the premier President's Scholars Program in California, since its inception in 1995.

CSULB recently announced its first Rhodes Scholar, a 2011 College of Liberal Arts alum. The Rhodes Scholarship is considered the world's most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB has been recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Business by the League of American Bicyclists, with the organization's Gold and Silver Award, in its Fall 2012 Bicycle Friendly University program.

The Division of Student Services oversees many of the university's programs and services essential for student success. CSULB is one of the few California universities to offer passport processing services. The services exhibit the university and the division's commitment to student advancement in a global society.

The new Student Recreation and Wellness Center is a state-of-the-art facility that contains a three-court gym, an indoor jogging track, weight and cardio equipment, basketball courts, group fitness rooms, a rock climbing wall, pool and spa, a café and other services.

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

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The College of the Arts' (COTA) School of Art is the nation's largest public university-based art department and the first in the western U.S. to receive accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. Also, COTA is one of the first to offer a museum studies program on the west coast, and the first in the CSU system to offer the Master of Fine Arts degree.

The College of Business Administration has been named an Outstanding Business School by The Princeton Review in its most recent guidebook, "The Best 296 Business Schools: 2013 Edition."

The College of Education produces one of the largest number of teachers within the CSU system and is nationally recognized for its K-18 collaboration with the Long Beach Seamless Education Partnership. The college also provides California teacher preparation programs that have received accreditation from the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The CSULB undergraduate engineering program was ranked among the best in the nation in a recent edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges."

CSULB's School of Social Work program was ranked the second highest nationally among accredited Social Work programs housed in comprehensive universities in a recent *U.S. News & World Report*.

The College of Liberal Arts, the largest college on campus, has more than 9,000 undergraduate students pursuing a variety of "highly valued degrees" through the college's 67 unique majors and minors. The college has 22 departments and programs, several innovative centers and more than 300 dedicated faculty members.

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics is recognized for its preeminent marine biology program and is the only of its kind, within the CSU system, that offers a bachelor's degree in marine biology.

CSULB's new Hall of Science is a \$105 million dollar state-of-the-art facility with one of the most modern science complexes in the U.S. The hall provides outstanding facilities for College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics majors, leading to careers in science, technology and health professions.

The College of Continuing and Professional Education has received certification from the Government of the People's Republic of China's State Administration of Foreign Experts as the official training provider for Chinese government officials. The college helps more than 20,000 students strive to improve their lives and career opportunities through its 1,300 credit and professional courses and specialized programs.

The University Art Museum received a grant from The Getty Foundation to participate in the foundation's "Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945–1980."

CSULB's renamed School of Nursing was established in 2009. The school's building houses state-of-the-art technology to advance student and faculty achievement. CSULB also joined forces with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center/Miller Children's Hospital to form a \$15 million dollar nursing partnership, one of the largest nursing grants in the nation.

CSULB received a grant from the National Science Foundation to support scholarship programs for high school and community college students interested in earning a bachelor's degree in physics, chemistry, geology or mathematics.

Long Beach State is home to championship teams, including women's tennis, which has won eight of the last 10 Big West tournaments, and CSULB's roller hockey club team, which recently captured the Division I National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association championship for the first time in school history. In the 2011–12 season, the 49ers captured conference titles in men's basketball, women's softball, tennis and volleyball, while winning league tournaments in men's basketball, women's soccer and tennis.

CSULB's Division I athletic teams again surpassed the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) minimum score, which indicates a university's success at retaining and graduating student athletes. The university is the only school in the CSU system to exceed the minimum score for six consecutive years.

Long Beach State was represented at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games by former student athletes, including Misty May-Treanor. She and her beach volleyball partner completed an unprecedented run, winning a third-straight Olympic gold medal.

