Dr. Jane Close Conoley is CSULB’s seventh president in the campus’ history. As a renowned scholar and educator, President Conoley’s focus is on quality education, affordability and student success.

PROMINENT RANKINGS

Time magazine ranked CSULB among the top 10 best value colleges and universities in the nation based on the Obama administration’s criteria for assessing schools.

CSULB has been ranked fifth best public regional university in the west by U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Colleges 2016. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine ranked CSULB 11th top affordable university in the nation for providing excellent academics, while keeping costs to a minimum.

CSULB was designated as one of the nation’s top 75 “Best Value” public universities and “Best in the West” by The Princeton Review’s “2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region” for its commitment to high-quality education, at an affordable cost.

Washington Monthly ranked CSULB 10th on its 2014 “America’s Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges” list based on the economic value students receive per dollar.

CSULB fees rank among the lowest of any four-year institution in California. According to U.S. News & World Report, CSULB recently ranked second in the west for having the lowest percentage of students graduating with debt.

Money magazine ranked CSULB among the “50 Best Public Colleges” in the country based on educational quality, affordability, and graduate earnings and among the “50 Colleges that Add the Most Value” for its value-added grades for graduation rates, earnings and student loan repayment.

For the sixth consecutive year, G.I. Jobs 2015 recognized CSULB as a Military Friendly School for its efforts in embracing America’s veterans as students.

U.S. News & World Report ranked CSULB in the top ten colleges in the nation for receiving the most freshmen applications out of 1,200 schools evaluated.

CSULB was one of two universities recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for student success and college completion. CSULB was also among eight universities to receive the association’s Excellence and Innovation Award.

DIVERSE & TALENTED STUDENT BODY

CSULB is a diverse university providing high-quality education—CSULB students come from 90 countries, 43 states and 56 California counties. Among students, there is no ethnic majority, over 50% are female and over 80% are undergraduates.

A CSULB College of Liberal Arts 2011 alum recently received the Rhodes Scholarship, the world’s most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB’s annual Pow Wow, an American Indian social celebration, is the largest spring event of its kind in Southern California. Celebrating its 46th year, the event focuses on displaying the university’s strong American Indian presence.

CSULB ranks 12th nationally in awarding bachelor’s degrees to minority students in Diverse Issues in Higher Education’s annual list of “Top 100 Degree Producers” and eighth in campus ethnic diversity among undergraduate institutions in the west by U.S. News & World Report.

CSULB is one of 266 institutions across the U.S. designated as “Hispanic-Serving” by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded CSULB a five-year, $4.4 million grant to promote Latino student success in STEM disciplines. CSULB has also received a five-year, $2.8 million grant to support the Hispanic Opportunities for Graduate Access and Retention program.

CSULB’s new Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center provides instructional materials for faculty and staff in an accessible format to assist students with disabilities.

GLOBAL IMPACT

CSULB has been recognized for being bicycle friendly by the League of American Bicyclists. In 2014, the university won the Gold Award in the Bicycle Friendly Business category, and the Silver Award in the Bicycle Friendly University category.

CSULB received the Overall Sustainable Design award for its Liberal Arts 234 Buildings Renovation Project during the 2015 California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. The university also received honorable mention awards for its science lab ventilation system and water conservation project.

The Division of Student Affairs oversees many of the campus’ student support programs and services, including the passport processing service, which only a few California universities offer.

Exceeding the national average of study abroad participation rates, CSULB ranked 4th nationally and 11th in the master’s institutions category for students participating in long-term study abroad programs in 37 countries across six continents.

CSULB was one of nine universities in the U.S. and Latin America awarded an innovation grant for study abroad and exchange programs under Obama’s “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative.
COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

CSULB's School of Art is the nation's largest, publicly-funded art department and 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 an M.F.A. in Dance.

The College of Business Administration is one of only 5% of schools worldwide accredited by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Business International and was named an Outstanding Business School in The Princeton Review's 2015 "Best 296 Business Schools" guidebook.

The College of Education is nationally recognized for its K–18 collaboration with the Long Beach Seamless Education Partnership, and also offers an Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) that allows students to earn both an undergraduate degree and a multiple subject teaching credential in four years.

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 Guide."

CSULB's School of Nursing has state-of-the-art technology, partnerships with local hospitals and an average 95% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam since 2010. The School of Nursing joined forces with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center/Miller Children's Hospital to form a $15 million nursing partnership, one of the largest nursing grants in the nation.

The College of Liberal Arts, the largest college on campus, offers 67 majors and minors, 22 departments and programs, innovative centers and over 300 dedicated faculty.

CSULB's Hall of Science, a $105 million state-of-the-art facility, promotes undergraduate research and education. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics has been ranked first in the country for producing physics master's graduates by the American Institute of Physics and recognized for its preeminent marine biology program.

CSULB received a $4.45 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund five years of its Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program, as well as a $22.7 million grant for the Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD), a research training program for underrepresented undergraduate students.

The College of Continuing & Professional Education helps more than 37,000 students strive to improve their lives and career opportunities through its 3,600 credit and professional courses and programs.

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

For the fifth year in a row, Long Beach State won the 2014-15 Big West Conference Commissioner's Cup, awarded annually to the school with the highest overall finish among all sports. The 49ers have won the cup six out of the last seven years.

The Beach won three Big West championships in 2014-15, capturing the women's volleyball, men's track and field and women's tennis titles. These wins mark the third straight championship for LBSU men's track and field and a return to the top for women's volleyball after going undefeated during the conference.

Long Beach State's athletics teams once again surpassed the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate (APR) minimum score, which indicates a university's success at retaining and graduating student-athletes. LBSU is the only university in the California State University system to exceed the minimum score in all sports over the last nine years.

Long Beach State had eight former student-athletes representing the U.S. and other nations at the 2012 London Olympics. CSULB has had at least one representative in every Summer Olympic Games since the founding of the university in 1949.

CSULB's Student Recreation & Wellness Center is a state-of-the-art facility that contains a three-court gym, indoor track, rock climbing wall, swimming pool, as well as fitness rooms and other resources.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Long Beach College Promise—an educational partnership between the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, CSULB and the City of Long Beach—guarantees admission for CSULB-eligible students from these schools who complete college preparatory and transfer requirements.

CSULB was listed on the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing institutions of higher learning for bettering their local communities through service.