CSU Presidents Receive Honors

- San José State President Mo Qayoumi was recently appointed to the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, a group of academic leaders that advises Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on issues relating to international students, recent graduate recruitment, homeland security academic programs and academic research. Qayoumi will be chairman of the council's new subcommittee on cyber security, as San José State is preparing to launch a cyber security center. More information.

- CSU San Marcos President Karen S. Haynes and CSU Fullerton President Mildred García were recently honored for their commitment to advancing women in higher education. President Haynes was presented the 2013 Donna Shavlik Award by the American Council on Education for transforming CSUSM into a model environment for women. The California Legislative Women’s Caucus commended President García—the first Latina president at a CSU campus—during the recent “Breaking the Glass Ceiling” awards.

Long Beach President Takes Post at Louisiana State

CSU Long Beach President F. King Alexander has been appointed the system president of Louisiana State University and chancellor of Louisiana State University A&M (LSU). CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White commended Alexander as an exceptional leader who has "earned the respect of faculty, staff and students at his campus, from his peers across the California State University and from leaders of higher education throughout the nation." Alexander was appointed president of CSU Long Beach in 2005 and will serve through June. More information.

Teacher of the Year Credits CSU for Success

Heralding her student experience as key to her success, National Teacher of the Year 2012 Rebecca Mielwocki said the CSU helped “turn me into the teacher I am today.” An alumna of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and CSU Northridge, Mielwocki spoke to the Board of Trustees recently saying she was “taught by the best” and expressed her commitment to California's public education system. A seventh grade English teacher at Luther Burbank Middle School, Mielwocki has spent the year speaking about how she prepares students to think creatively and critically in order to compete in the world. The National Teacher of the Year program is an honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching. Read more about Mielwocki at Working for California.

CSU Compiles Information on Faculty Work Assignments

At the request of the Little Hoover Commission, an independent state oversight agency, the California State University recently compiled data regarding faculty, faculty workload and instruction, among other areas. The information is the first comprehensive analysis of faculty work at the CSU in many years. The topic areas include the number of classes, types of classes (lower division, upper division, graduate) and the percentage of classes taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty and others; the number of professors granted tenure; the CSU’s policy on sabbaticals and the percentage taken; class size; and time spent on instruction and related activities. More information.