

## DR. LEE EXTENDS HIS PRESENCE AS CHANCELLOR EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM



Dr. Jerry C. Lee, who has served as Chancellor of the National University System since 2001, and who previously served as President of National University from 1989 to 2007, has agreed to the request of the System's Board of Trustees to lead the System as Chancellor Emeritus until June 30, 2014. Mr. Herb Meistrich, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced in a letter to University System Community in September.

"We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lee has agreed to

remain as Chancellor Emeritus with the power and authority to fulfill the responsibilities of Chancellor until June 30, 2014, or such time that we are successful in identifying his successor," said Mr. Meistrich. "Throughout his tenure as President of National University and Chancellor of the National University System, Dr. Lee has shown extraordinary commitment to the entire University System Community. We are extremely grateful that he has again placed the welfare and stability of the National

University System above his own personal needs and desires."

"I have always been and continue to remain grateful for the support of the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty, and the staff of the entire National University System Community," said Dr. Lee. "I am confident that we will continue to work together to foster an environment that focuses on providing quality and relevant educational opportunities for every student in the National University System."

As Chancellor, Dr. Lee oversees the six affiliates of the National University System, including: National University; John F. Kennedy University; National University International; the Division of Pre-College Programs, consisting of National University Virtual High School and National University Academy; Spectrum Pacific Learning; and WestMed College. Under Dr. Lee's direction, the combined worth of the affiliates of the National University System has been estimated as much as a billion dollars.

During his time as President, Dr. Lee oversaw the remarkable transformation of National University as it became the second-largest private, nonprofit institution of higher education in California and the 12th-largest in the United States. Under Dr. Lee, National University recorded an impressive list of accomplishments, including: preparing more teachers each year than any other single California institution for the past 12 years in a row; having the

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### "REMAIN TRUE TO OUR VALUES"

Each fall for the past 21 years, Dr. Jerry C. Lee has gathered the National University System Community for the Annual Assembly Luncheon. What started as an intimate gathering of loyal National University employees behind an old church in Mission Valley has blossomed into a heartfelt and inspirational presentation by Dr. Lee to nearly 1,000 trustees, faculty, administrators, and staff from the collective affiliates of the National University System.

With equal parts conviction, humility, and respect, Dr. Lee used this year's luncheon as a platform to simultaneously celebrate the accomplishments of the University System Community and to encourage it to remain committed to the values that have been at the center of National University's success over the past 41 years.

"As I look around this room, I am most proud of the way in which all of you have remained steadfast to National University's core values, now held by the National University System, through 21 years of this luncheon," said Dr. Lee. "Those

values are the foundation of what we have built here during the past two decades.

"Our values are what allow us to nurture deep connections to our students. Our values are what most distinguish us from other institutions. But you are the guardians of those values, and they will remain uncompromised only as long as you remain committed to preserving them."

"Tradition would have me remind you of the National University System's accomplishments, and they are impressive and diverse," continued Dr. Lee. "For example, we could discuss how we became the largest, private, non-profit system in higher education. But today I would prefer to look more toward the future and less to the past. It is in the way that they guide our future that values have meaning. As the foundation of our individual lives, they define our character. As the foundation of National University's institutional life, our core values define who we are and, more importantly, where we will go from here."

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### THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM SPIRIT

Every August, the leaders of the affiliates of the National University System gather at the annual planning retreat to discuss and develop the future strategic direction of the System. At the retreat, Chancellor Jerry C. Lee sets the tone by establishing a theme that will guide the actions of the men and women of the collective System community during the coming year. Past themes have included: quality; leadership; values; purpose and passion; One System; pride; and performance. This year, the theme established by Dr. Lee was spirit.

In his presentation, Dr. Lee touched on several different types of spirit, including family, school, team, religious, military, and patriotic. "To each of us, the word 'spirit' has many different meanings. We all have our own personal definitions of spirit in our daily lives," said Dr. Lee. "For many of us, the first place we learned

about spirit was at home. It came from our parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, our cousins. Of all of the definitions of spirit, family holds the deepest place in our hearts."

"When we were younger, we attended kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school, colleges, and universities," continued Dr. Lee. "At these places, we learned a new and interesting concept called school spirit. With school spirit, we take great pride in the successes of our alumni, fellow students, instructors, athletic teams, and even our school colors."

"Growing up, athletics and sports introduced us to team spirit, which meant putting the good of the team above ourselves," said Dr. Lee. "Team spirit taught us that the team can be only at its strongest when all of the teammates are working toward a collective goal."

"Our respective houses of worship and religions have also taught us definitions of spirit. We have heard of the Holy Spirit, Divine Spirit, and Eternal Spirit. We have been taught that spirit is an everlasting state, one that transcends our physical beings," added Dr. Lee.



"Some of us had the honor of serving in the military. That service helped mold us. We learned duty, honor, and courage. We learned that we are mentally and physically

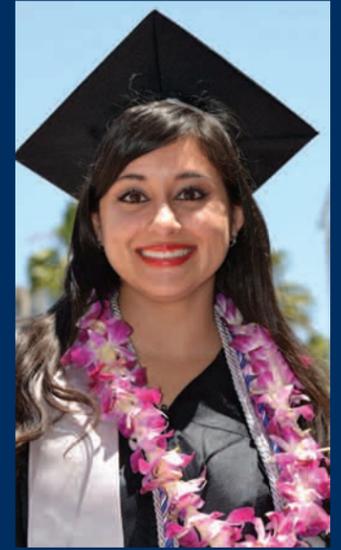
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Speaker Ben Stein addressed the graduates of 2012.



## CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2012

For the students and friends and family of the National University Class of 2012, May 14 was a day for celebrating and rejoicing with loved ones. More than 9,600 people, including nearly 1,600 graduates and more than 8,000 friends and family, amassed at the San Diego Convention Center to celebrate National University's 2012 Southern California Commencement Ceremony.

Interim President of National University Patricia Potter had the honor of addressing the graduates on their special day: "Members of the National University 2012 graduating class, I am so pleased to greet you on this milestone day! I want to congratulate each of you on your hard work and accomplishment. You are here today because you accepted a

challenge and chose to change your life. I'm sure there were many times when you wished you'd said 'No Thank You' to the challenge! When you wished you'd taken an easier route – one that didn't involve late nights and work-filled weekends. But if you had taken the easy route, and turned down the challenge, you wouldn't be here today."

During the ceremony, Mr. Herb Meistrich, Chair of the National University System Board of Trustees, had the privilege of making two important announcements regarding Dr. Jerry C. Lee, Chancellor of the National University System.

"The foundations Dr. Lee has set so firmly in place at the National University System are

his legacy," said Mr. Meistrich. "Because of Dr. Lee, the System has the opportunity to move from statewide and national leadership to international prominence over the next decade, adding value and prestige to every diploma and credential granted. To ensure that his name lives on with his legacy, on January 1, 2013, the National University Library will become the Dr. Jerry C. Lee library."

Mr. Meistrich continued, "Dr. Lee, it is my privilege and honor to recognize the extraordinary contributions that you have made to our System and to higher education. Therefore, by the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to confer upon you the title of Chancellor Emeritus of the National

University System with all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereto appertaining."

The ceremony included a speech from keynote speaker Mr. Ben Stein, a well-known writer, actor, economist, comedian, and lawyer. Mr. Stein encouraged the assembled graduates to remain motivated in everything they do in life, just like they were motivated to earn their degrees from National University. In recognition of his extraordinary leadership and commitment to community service, Mr. Stein was presented with an honorary doctorate degree from National University by Interim President Potter. During the ceremony, Ms. Potter bestowed the Distinguished

Teaching Award upon Dr. Janet Richards, an Associate Professor in the Department of Teacher Education in the School of Education.

The combined National University Class of 2012 was comprised of 4,794 graduates statewide, with 65 percent receiving master's degrees, 32 percent receiving bachelor's degrees, nearly three percent earning associate's degrees, and another 2,621 earning earned credentials. Forty percent earned degrees from the School of Education, 31 percent from the College of Letters and Sciences, 17 percent from the School of Business and Management, seven percent from the School of Health and Human Services, and roughly five percent from the School of Engineering, Technology and Media. ■



## SACRAMENTO COMMENCEMENT ATTRACTS 3,000 FRIENDS & FAMILY

A cheerful gathering of more than 3,000 friends and family amassed at the Sacramento Convention Center on Sunday, April 22 to celebrate the accomplishments of the more than 300 2012 graduates from National University's campuses from throughout Northern California.

Interim President Patricia Potter saluted the assembled graduates and their families, saying, "The diploma you receive from National today represents your ability to overcome challenges and embrace change. Most of you have pursued your degrees while working full- or part-time. Most of you also support children and other family members. All of you have had

to work hard and focus on your goals. I think it's time to give yourselves a big hand!"

Martha Barnette, a co-host of the public-radio show *A Way with Words*, served as the ceremony's commencement speaker. Ms. Barnette, a longtime journalist who's passionate about language and lifelong learning, praised the graduates for their commitment to education. Following her address to the graduates, Ms. Potter bestowed the Distinguished Leadership Award from National University upon Ms. Barnette.

"Ms. Barnette, thank you for addressing the National University class of 2012. We are honored to have you as

our commencement speaker this afternoon. Your commitment to education and lifelong learning is an inspiration to us all. Your willingness to share your passion for language not only helps us gain a better understanding of the world around us, but also deserves our deep admiration and respect," said President Potter. "Ideally, your accomplishments will encourage others to apply their education and abilities toward achieving the same remarkable levels of success you have enjoyed in your personal and professional endeavors."

Approximately 300 students participated in the

commencement in Sacramento, with 69 percent receiving master's degrees and 31 percent earning bachelor's degrees. The majority of the students (44 percent) were from the School of Education, with the College of Letters and Sciences close behind at 38 percent. Another

13 percent participated from the School of Business and Management, followed by three percent from the School of Health and Human Services, and two percent from the School of Engineering, Technology and Media. ■



Interim President Patricia Potter salutes the graduates of 2012.

# National University Provides Operational and Fiscal Oversight to Mountain Pacific Troops to Teachers Program

National University and the Colorado Department of Education signed a Memorandum of Agreement earlier this year that secured National's participation in the Mountain Pacific Troops to Teachers (MPTTT) program, an entity of the Department of Education and Department of Defense National Troops to Teachers program as authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Under the terms of the agreement, National now provides operational and fiscal oversight in support of MPTTT operations. National was selected because of its long history of offering educational opportunities to active duty military personnel, both on-base and online, and also because the University is located in a region with a large

population of retired and active duty military.

The Mountain Pacific region of the Troops to Teachers program includes Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"National University has a long and distinguished history of making educational opportunities available to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces," said Patricia Potter, Interim President of National University. "Combined with our commitment to the military, and



National University was selected to oversee the Troops to Teachers Program because of its long history of offering educational opportunities to military personnel.

as the leading institution in California in preparing credentialed teachers in each of the past 12 years in a row,

National University is proud to participate in the Mountain Pacific Troops to Teachers program."

Joe Morgan, Colonel (Ret) USA, Regional Director of the Mountain Pacific Troops to Teacher program said the program is one of the largest and most successful programs in the nation. "Military veterans have the highest unemployment rate in the nation and are in need of transition programs that assist with career

development and employment for life after the military," he said. "Troops to Teachers helps to fill this need and has

placed more than 16,000 veterans into teaching positions nationwide. The partnership with National University will ensure that we continue to build on this success."

The primary objective of the Troops to Teachers program is to assist eligible members of the Armed Forces in obtaining certification or licensing as highly-qualified elementary, secondary, or vocational and technical teachers, and to facilitate the employment of such members by local education agencies or public charter schools. The program offers up to \$10,000 in financial assistance for eligible military members willing to teach in low-income public schools.

For more information, visit <http://www.mpttt.org/>. ■

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largest number of graduate students in California and the sixth-largest graduate program in the nation; and housing the largest master's degree program in special education in California and the second-largest in the nation.

National University also has been recognized for offering access to traditionally underserved learners. Today, National University ranks first in California in awarding master's degrees to Hispanics, African Americans, and women, and first in the nation in awarding master's degrees in education to Hispanics and African Americans.

Other notable accomplishments under Dr. Lee include: an alumni community of more than 130,000; endowment funds totaling more than \$400 million coupled with the fact that National University is debt-free; and National University being named to the 2010 "Best Colleges to Work For" Honor Roll by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

As a testament to Dr. Lee's leadership, the National University Faculty Senate has named its highest honor for service to the University the Jerry C. Lee Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Achievement.

As Chancellor, Dr. Lee established and oversees the Center for Integrative Health, the National University System Institute for Policy Research, National University Golf Academy, and the Center for Performance Psychology.

Under Dr. Lee's guidance, the Institute for Policy Research helps position the System as a higher education leader engaged in the major policy issues facing the regions the System serves. The Institute conducts high-quality economic, policy, and public opinion research to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments.

Dr. Lee's commitment to improving the lives of the men and women on the National University System and the communities it serves has taken many forms over the years, from the creation of the Center for Integrative Health, to numerous employee wellness initiatives, and to the programs available through the National University School of Health and Human Services. The most recent example of that commitment by Dr. Lee was the launch of Integrative Health Review, a free open-access online resource dedicated to gathering and disseminating the latest knowledge related to healthcare.

Most recently, Dr. Lee's mandate has resulted in the National University System and its affiliates working to repay the military's defense of our country by helping active duty military members and veterans build their future through accessible and affordable higher education opportunities. Recognizing the issue of homeless combat veterans to be of the utmost importance and critical urgency, Chancellor Lee called for the establishment of the National University Center for Veterans Support, which encompasses

the National University Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success, and the National University System Homeless Combat Veteran's Network.

In October 2011, the Board announced that Chancellor Lee would be stepping down on Dec. 31, 2012. But after a nationwide search conducted by an internationally renowned search firm as well as a local search firm over the past year was unable to identify a qualified candidate to serve as the next Chancellor, the Board of Trustees extended an invitation for Dr. Lee to remain as Chancellor Emeritus until 2014. The Board of Trustees will continue the nationwide search for the next Chancellor of the National University System. ■

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY NAMED MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL BY G.I. JOBS MAGAZINE

National University was once again selected by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a "Military-Friendly School" in 2012, placing National in the top 15 percent of all schools nationwide.

This year marked the third year in a row that National was honored for its commitment to the military. Previously, *G.I. Jobs* magazine and *Military Advanced Education* magazine both ranked National University among its "Military-Friendly Schools" and one of "America's Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities."

"National University is proud of its commitment to serving the needs of students from all branches of the military, and we

are honored to be named a military-friendly school," said Vernon Taylor, Associate Vice President of Military and Veterans Affairs Programs at National University. "National University believes in providing military students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in their careers in both the military and the private sector."

National University offers online courses at discounted rates to active duty military personnel and their dependents. On-base classes are offered for qualified students including active duty members, their spouse, and dependents, Department of Defense employees, military retirees and selective military reserve members. ■

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND SPG SOLAR COMPLETE MULTI-CARPORT AND ROOFTOP POWER SYSTEMS

National University and SPG Solar, a national solar energy company, completed an 852-kilowatt (kW) DC solar power project at two National University campuses in San Diego, California earlier this year. The two rooftop solar installations at the Spectrum Business Park Campus and a solar carport system spanning three parking locations at the Technology and Health Sciences Center in Kearny Mesa are a direct result of the University's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.

Mr. Richard Carter, Vice Chancellor of Business Operations for the National University System, said the new systems demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship. "In 2009, Chancellor Jerry C. Lee encouraged National University to incorporate sustainability practices in all facets of its operations," he said. "These systems will not only reduce the equivalent of approximately 1,000 tons of pollutants annually, but they also have supported the development of sustainability management curriculum in our School of Engineering, Technology and Media."

With over 3,000 solar panels, the optimized rooftop and carport systems will generate more than 1.4 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity annually – equivalent to producing enough electricity to power 127 average American homes. The energy produced from these systems will provide up to 85 percent of the electricity at the Technology and Health Sciences Center and 35 percent of the electricity at the Spectrum Business Park Campus. As an additional benefit, National University is expected to realize savings of more than \$1.6 million over the next 20 years. ■

# THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HOSTS WOUNDED WARRIORS AT ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



(From left to right: Michael Spivey, Cpl., USMC; Mandi Minville; Charlie Linville, Sgt., USMC; Malori Mitchell; KC Mitchell, Sgt., U.S. Army; Tony Perez, President/Founder, Operation Game On; Dr. Jerry C. Lee, Chancellor Emeritus, The National University System; Russ Moseley, Cpl., USMC.) Middle: Trophies and awards; Right: Some of the auction items

On Monday April 16 more than 175 members of the University System community, including trustees, administrators, faculty, volunteers, and friends of the System gathered at picturesque Rancho Bernardo Inn for the sixth annual National University System Golf Tournament.

This year's tournament was especially memorable, as several members of Operation Game On, military veterans who have been wounded while deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan, and their wives from the Wives of Warriors project joined the tournament, thanks to personalized invitations from Chancellor Emeritus Jerry C. Lee.

Tony Perez, President and Founder of Operation Game On and Wives of Warriors, also joined the tournament, playing in a foursome with Dr. Lee and the veterans. In all, four warriors and two of their wives, including Michael Spivey, Cpl., USMC; Mandi Minville; Charlie Linville, Sgt., USMC; Malori Mitchell; KC Mitchell, Sgt., U.S. Army; and Russ Moseley, Cpl., USMC; graced the tournament with their presence.

In all, more than 124 golfers made up 31 foursomes, which competed in a scramble-best ball format, while also participating in a pre-round putting contest and on-course long drive and closest to the pin contests. In addition, more than 70 individuals and companies contributed to

hole sponsorships. Dan Schreiber and JGD & Associates generously sponsored the 19th Hole. The reception and silent auction immediately followed the tournament, for the second year in a row.

One of the highlights of the event was the silent auction, featuring noteworthy items including: an electric guitar autographed by two-time Academy of Country Music Entertainer of the Year award winner Taylor Swift; autographed jerseys from NFL Pro Bowl quarterbacks Philip Rivers of the San Diego Chargers and Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints; an autographed jersey from Chargers All Pro safety Eric Weddle; a case of wine from Nuance Wines; two

TaylorMade Rocketballz 3 Woods; various hotel stays and golf outings; autographed sports memorabilia from the San Diego Chargers and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim; professional photography sessions; and tickets to sporting events and local tourist attractions.

As a result of everyone's generous support, the tournament raised more than \$73,000, which was matched by the University, resulting in more than \$146,000 being added to National University's endowment. Over the past five years, the National University System golf tournaments have collectively raised more than \$796,000 for the University's endowment. ■

## NATIONAL LEADS CALIFORNIA IN GRANTING MASTER'S DEGREES IN EDUCATION TO MINORITIES

National University conferred more master's degrees in education to minority students than any other college or university in California during the 2010-2011 academic year, according to figures released by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* magazine in its annual "Top 100" list. *Diverse's* rankings are based on analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education.

National University ranked first in the state in granting master's degrees in education to minorities, including Hispanics, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Native Americans. According to *Diverse's* "Top 100" report, National University also was first in California in granting master's degrees in psychology to Hispanics and African Americans.

National University awarded more master's degrees in all disciplines combined to African Americans than any other college or university in California. Overall, National was second in the state in granting master's degrees in all disciplines combined to minority students.

Nationally, National University was first in the nation in granting master's degrees in education to Hispanics and fourth in the United States in granting master's degrees in education to all minority students. Overall, National University was 14th in the nation in granting master's degrees in all disciplines combined to minority students.

To learn more about *Diverse Issues in Higher Education's* rankings, visit <http://diverseeducation.com/top100/>. ■

## NATIONAL LEADS CALIFORNIA IN PREPARING CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS FOR 12TH YEAR IN A ROW

National University has prepared more teachers for credentialing than any other single institution of higher education in California for the past 12 years dating back to the 2000-2001 academic year, according to figures released by the Commission on Teaching Credentialing (CTC).

Between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2011, 1,399 teachers earned their single-subject, multiple-subject, and education specialist teaching credentials through National University, according to the 14th annual report on state teacher supply issued by the CTC in April 2012. Students completing their teaching credentials at National University accounted for nine percent of the statewide grand total during that time period.

Graduates and those obtaining their teaching credentials from the National University School of Education are

recognized as some of the best educators in California, based upon assessments by the National Blue Ribbon School competition, the California Distinguished School Program, and various Teacher of the Year competitions.

In 2008, three of the five California Teachers of the Year were National University alumni, including Lewis Chappellelear,



who teaches engineering design at James Monroe High School in North Hills (Los Angeles County); Gregory McFall, an eighth grade

teacher at Johnson Middle School in Westminster (Orange County); and Tamara Reina, who teaches English and U.S. History at the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility in Otay Mesa (San Diego County). Mr. Chappellelear, Mr. McFall, and Ms. Reina are on a distinguished list of National University alumni who have been named California Teacher of the Year, joining Ms. Sandra McBrayer (1994),

Ms. Jan Mongoven (2000), and Mr. Alan Sitomer (2007).

In the past, National University alumni have also earned such honors as National Teacher of the Year (1994); California Principal of the Year (2003); Los Angeles Unified School District Teacher of the Year (2002); and Sacramento County Teacher of the Year (2003).

To review CTC data on teacher credentialing online, visit: [www.ctc.ca.gov/reports/TSR\\_2010\\_11\\_Full\\_Report\\_Final\\_15March2012.pdf](http://www.ctc.ca.gov/reports/TSR_2010_11_Full_Report_Final_15March2012.pdf).

The source of credentialled teachers by university begins on page 18 of the report. ■

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY EXPANDS WITH NEW CAMPUSES AND ONLINE INFORMATION CENTERS

In keeping up with market demand and the need to continually serve the needs of its students, both in the classroom and online, National University opened several new campuses and Online Information Centers over the past year.

In 2012, the University opened new state-of-the-art campuses in Rancho Cordova, Woodland Hills, and Oxnard, California. National has had a presence in all of those regions for years, including campuses in Sacramento, Sherman Oaks, and Camarillo, respectively.



“National University’s academic centers are unparalleled in their design in support of student learning,” said Dr. Jerry C. Lee, Chancellor of the National University System. “When an opportunity comes along to improve and upgrade the location and learning environment of a center, National University has not hesitated to do so. Our new campuses are a direct example of our commitment to student success.”

The campuses feature classrooms, science and dry labs, computer labs, student lounges, conference rooms, and faculty and administrative offices.

In support of its online programs, National also opened three new Online Information Centers during the past year in Arcadia and San Francisco, California; and in Seattle, Washington. The Online Information Center in San Francisco is located downtown in the Metreon shopping center and the Center in Seattle is located at the Westfield Southcenter Mall.

Visitors to the Online Information Centers have the opportunity to experience online courses through an interactive self-guided tour or by viewing an actual online class. Enrollment counselors are on-site to discuss prospective students’ educational goals, financial aid options, and get them started on the right online degree or certificate program that suits their unique educational needs. ■

## OUTSTANDING STAFF RECOGNIZED WITH PRESIDENT’S PLAYER AWARDS

Annually, outstanding staff members who have exhibited extraordinary service to National University, its students and the community are nominated by their peers, colleagues, deans, and vice presidents for the President’s Player Awards. The 2012 recipients represented a wide range of responsibilities throughout the University community.

**The 15 men and women who were the 2012 President’s Player Award winners included:**

Ms. Ileana Angulo, Financial Aid Counselor I  
 Ms. Karen Goldman, Staffing & Faculty Hiring Coordinator  
 Mr. Alan Guerra, Technical Resource Coordinator  
 Mr. Dave Hokstad, Building Services Manager  
 Mr. Leck Intharath, Instructional Support Specialist  
 Mr. Cesar Lopez, Student Accounts & Financial Aid Advisor  
 Ms. Julie Losa, Student Accounts Officer & Financial Aid Advisor  
 Ms. Dayse Macias, Student Support Advisor I  
 Ms. Erika Macias, Director of Student Services  
 Ms. Nicole McGarry, Admissions Advisor II  
 Ms. Tiffany Moore, Finance System Analyst  
 Ms. Jill Sasaki, Nursing Clinical Placement Coordinator  
 Ms. Jessica Valdovinos, Manager, Office of ASCS  
 Mr. Robert Washburn, Senior IT Support Service Technician  
 Mr. Curtis Williams, Judicial Affairs Officer

“This year’s President’s Player Award winners went above and beyond in their service to our entire University community, including in their support of our students, faculty, and staff,” said Interim President Patricia Potter. “They all should be commended for their dedication to the core values that make National University a unique and special place to work.” ■



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY AWARDED GRANT OF \$1,967,265 BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Earlier this year, National University received a grant for its School of Education from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of English Language Acquisition in the amount of \$1,967,265 over the next five years.

The purpose of the grant, titled “Project Moving Forward,” is to provide professional development for teachers so that they can improve their instruction of students with limited English proficiency. The grant also will allow National University’s School of Education to assist Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education personnel who work with

students with limited English skills in meeting the new Common Core State Standards adopted by California.

Dr. Linda Ventriglia-Navarette of National University’s Department of Teacher Education will serve as the Project Director. Dr. Ventriglia-Navarette and National University are working with seven California school districts to provide professional development opportunities for their teachers and administrators, including: Esparto Unified, Hemet Unified, Moreno Valley Unified, Roseville Joint Union High School District, San Bernardino City Unified,

Woodland Joint Unified, and the Yolo County Office of Education.

The goal of the project is to improve the effectiveness of teachers and administrators who provide leadership at program improvement schools with 40 percent or more of English learners through the attainment of a Certificate in Best Practices with a specialization in Accelerated Academic English Learning. The project also will seek to improve the effectiveness of content area instruction for all teachers serving English learners, including those teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). ■

## PREMIER FACULTY RECOGNIZED WITH PRESIDENT’S PROFESSORIAL AWARDS

Each year, exceptional faculty members at National University are nominated by their peers, colleagues, and deans for the distinguished President’s Professorial Award. This year, the recipients represented the true excellence of the University’s educators.

**The 2012 President’s Professorial Award recipients were:**

Dr. Carl Boggs, Professor, College of Letters and Sciences  
 Dr. Mohammad Bsat, Associate Professor, School of Business and Management  
 Dr. Bruce Buchowicz, Department Chair, School of Business and Management  
 Dr. George Drops, Professor, School of Business and Management  
 Dr. Kenneth Goldberg, Associate Professor, School of Professional Studies  
 Mr. Victor Lewis, J.D., Associate Professor, School of Professional Studies  
 Dr. Huda Makhluף, Associate Professor, College of Letters and Sciences  
 Dr. Vicki Martineau-Gilliam, Associate Professor, College of Letters and Sciences  
 Dr. Judith Menoher, Associate Professor, School of Education  
 Dr. Cathy Pohan, Professor, School of Education  
 Dr. Franz Potter, Assistant Professor, College of Letters and Sciences  
 Dr. Patric Schiltz, Department Chair, School of Health and Human Services  
 Dr. Joan Sebastian, Professor, School of Education  
 Dr. Susan Silverstone, Associate Professor, School of Business and Management  
 Dr. Igor Subbottin, Professor, College of Letters and Sciences

Said Interim President Patricia Potter, “Please join me in congratulating these outstanding members of our faculty. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication these dedicated individuals exhibited this year on behalf of our entire University community.” ■

## IACBE REAFFIRMS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT’S ACCREDITATION

The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) awarded certificates of first-time accreditation and reaffirmation of accreditation to 18 academic business units in the United States and abroad at its annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri last April.

The Board of Commissioners of the IACBE announced that the School of Business and Management (SOBM) at National University was recognized for achieving reaffirmation of accreditation.

SOBM has undertaken a rigorous self-evaluation; has undergone a comprehensive, independent peer review; and has demonstrated compliance with the following Accreditation Principles of the IACBE: Outcomes Assessment; Strategic Planning; Curriculum; Faculty; Scholarly and Professional Activities; Resources; Internal and External Relationships; International Business Education; and Educational Innovation.

In addition, SOBM has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, excellence in business education, and advancing academic quality.

The IACBE was founded in 1997 and is the leader in mission-driven and outcomes-based programmatic accreditation in business for student-centered colleges and universities throughout the world. The IACBE’s mission is to promote and recognize excellence in business education in institutions of higher education worldwide, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, through specialized accreditation of business programs. For more information, visit [www.iacbe.org](http://www.iacbe.org). ■

# DR. JANET RICHARDS RECEIVES 2012 PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Interim President of National University Patricia Potter bestowed the 2012 President's Distinguished Teaching Award upon **Dr. Janet Richards**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Teacher Education in the School of Education, during this year's San Diego Commencement Ceremony.



President Patricia Potter presents Dr. Janet Richards with the President's Distinguished Teaching Award.

The Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes faculty who demonstrate National University's commitment to the highest quality of instruction and to highlight full-time faculty who display excellence in their teaching.

"Through the excellence of your teaching, Dr. Richards, you set the standard of accomplishment for our entire faculty and re-confirm the University's dedication to teaching as its highest priority," said President Potter.

Dr. Richards holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Azusa Pacific University, and she earned a Master of Arts in Education with honors from Chapman University. She has been with National University since 2002. Her other professional experience includes positions with Liberty University, Chapman University, and Azusa Pacific. She has taught at every level from first grade to university-level, including teaching grades one through eight for 20 years in school districts across California.

Dr. Richards also has been widely published in numerous education-focused outlets. Previously, she was named a President's Professoriate Award at National University as well as the 1996 Teacher of the Year for the Downey Unified School District. ■

## THREE NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS



**Dr. Clifford Russell**

Three distinguished and long-time members of National University's full-time faculty, including **Dr. Clifford Russell**, Professor in the School of Education, **Mr. Donald Schwartz**, Professor in the School of Business and Management, and **Dr. John Carta-Falsa**, Professor in the School of Education, were honored with the title of Professor Emeritus at this year's San Diego commencement ceremony.

Said Interim President Patricia Potter, "It is my honor to formally acknowledge your dedication, service, and contributions to National University by bestowing upon you the title of Professor Emeritus."

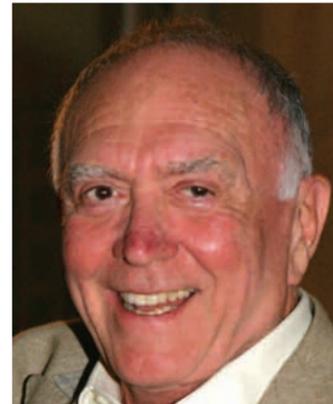
After originally joining National University in 1992, Dr. Russell spent the next 20 years in a variety of positions for National, including professor, chair of the Teacher Education Department, associate dean, and chair of the Faculty Senate. Prior to becoming an educator, Dr. Russell had a distinguished 20-year career in the United States Navy. During one four-year stint at the Pentagon, he completed a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and received his teacher's certificate. He later received his



**Professor Donald Schwartz**

master's in language arts from Utah State University. He earned a second master's in K-9 math and science from Michigan State University and his doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Dr. Russell passed away on May 28, 2012, fourteen days after being named Professor Emeritus.

Mr. Schwartz received his accounting degree from Columbia University along with a law degree from New York University. Initially a CPA in the State of New York, Mr. Schwartz originally came to San Diego in 1979 and holds a California CPA license. He has enjoyed three different accounting careers: first as a CPA practitioner on the staff of Deloitte & Touche LLP. He then became one of the early pioneers in computer accounting services for CPAs, before in-house PCs became popular. Several of his articles on the subject were published in the *Journal of Accountancy* and in *The CPA Journal*. Mr. Schwartz's third accounting career – teaching accounting – started in 1981 as adjunct faculty for National University. In 1989, he joined the full-time faculty at National as head of its accounting program. In March 2004, he was appointed Department Chair of the



**Dr. John Carta-Falsa**

Finance, Accounting and Economics Department in the School of Business and Management.

Dr. Carta-Falsa has been with National University for more than 20 years. He has served as a professor in both the School of Education and in the College of Letters and Sciences. He holds two doctoral degrees, including a Ph.D. in Communicative Disorders from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. in Professional Psychology from United States International University. In addition to being named Professor Emeritus, he has earned several important recognitions during his tenure at National University, including the President's Professoriate Award in 2004, 2005, and 2006, as well as the Jerry C. Lee Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Achievement (1993). He has also served as the Chair for the Faculty Senate and Undergraduate Council, as well as Vice Chair of the Graduate Council, all at National University. He also widely published and has numerous professional affiliations. ■

## DR. LORNA ZUKAS RECEIVES JERRY C. LEE FACULTY SENATE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

**Dr. Lorna Zukas**, a Professor in the Department of Social Sciences in the National University College of Letters and Sciences, was the recipient of the 2012 Jerry C. Lee Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Achievement.

The Jerry C. Lee Faculty Senate Award was established in 1992 to recognize and reward faculty service. Faculty nominates and votes for recipients annually.

Dr. Zukas has been with National University since 1996. During her time at National, she has held several positions, including professor, associate professor, assistant professor, Director of the Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies, visiting professor, associate faculty, and adjunct faculty. She also has taught at the Union Institute, the University of California, San Diego, and California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Dr. Zukas holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, San Diego. She earned her master's in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a bachelor's in sociology from California State University, Long Beach.

In 2011, Dr. Zukas also earned the President's Distinguished Teaching Award at National University.

### The recipients of the Jerry C. Lee Faculty Senate Award

- 1990 – Dr. Jerry C. Lee
- 1992 – Dr. Lee Meihls
- 1993 – Dr. John Carta-Falsa
- 1994 – Dr. Alice Flores
- 1995 – Dr. Helene Mandell
- 1996 – Dr. Jerrilyn Sims
- 1997 – Dr. Susan Harris
- 1998 – Dr. Amjad Abdullat
- 1999 – Professor Donald A. Schwartz
- 2000 – Dr. Clifford Russell
- 2001 – Dr. Octavia Davis
- 2002 – Dr. Gary Hoban
- 2003 – Dr. Farhang Mossavar-Rahmani
- 2004 – Dr. Leonid Preiser
- 2005 – Dr. John Nicoll  
Dr. Jan Parker
- 2006 – Dr. Kenneth Goldberg
- 2007 – Dr. Brenda Shook
- 2008 – Dr. E. George Beckwith
- 2009 – Dr. Carol M. Shepherd
- 2010 – Dr. Thomas Gatton
- 2011 – Dr. Deborah LeBlanc
- 2012 – Dr. Lorna Zukas ■

# SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LAUNCHES INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

National University's School of Health and Human Services (SHHS) launched several new innovative programs over the past year, including the University's first doctoral program.

In July, the School announced that it will be launching an online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program in early 2013. The program began accepting applicants in September, with the first cohort of 12 students projected to start in March of 2013.

The DNP program is geared toward nurses who have a greater interest in patient care and related systems than traditional research.

"This DNP program is designed to take students to a high level of preparation for advanced Nursing Administration and Nursing Informatics practice," said Mary McHugh, Ph.D, RN, Director and Chair of National University's Department of Nursing. "We believe this leading edge curriculum will delight graduates and their employers because they will be so well prepared to make advanced contributions to the nursing practice."

Graduates of the DNP program will help fill the gap in the number of doctorally-prepared practitioners who can teach the next generation of nurses.

Early this year, SHHS also introduced a new Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy, with the next cohort of students scheduled to begin in April 2013. The program will be offered on-site at National

University's Costa Mesa campus and will be broadcast via video and teleconferencing technology for real-time interaction with students enrolled at the University's state-of-the-art Technology and Health Sciences Center in Kearny Mesa at the new

Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) program at the Fresno campus. The MHA is a graduate professional degree designed to enhance the practice of healthcare administration and management by preparing students for entry level and

Development Coordinator for the Central Valley. "Our faculty members come from a variety of backgrounds but are united by a common commitment to solving problems and developing innovations related to the access, cost, and quality of healthcare."

In April, the School also launched a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia (MSNA) degree program in Fresno. The MSNA program is designed to accommodate critical care nurses who are interested in becoming Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). Heightened interest in this area stems from the growing need throughout the nation to improve access to care and safe anesthesia delivery. The program will facilitate the demand for CRNAs, many of whom currently act as the sole anesthesia providers in two-thirds of all rural hospitals and who are the main providers of anesthesia to expectant mothers.

"We are looking for candidates who are motivated to advance their careers as CRNAs," said Dr. Bryan Tune, CRNA, DNP, MSNA Program Director at National. "We have made every effort to ensure that our program effectively educates students in the current science, practice, and technology utilized in anesthesia care delivery that is essential for success in this highly-respected area." ■



*The School of Health and Human Services recently launched several new degree programs, including a Doctor of Nursing Practice, a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy, a Master of Healthcare Administration, and a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia.*

Rancho Cordova campus near Sacramento. "It is estimated that nearly two million men and women in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer in 2012," said Mellonie F. Brown, M.E.T., CMD, R.T. (T.), Assistant Professor and Program Director of the Radiation Therapy Program at National. "The radiation therapy professional is an integral part of the healthcare team responsible for delivery of precise radiation treatments to patients diagnosed with cancer and other diseases."

In May, SHHS launched a

middle management roles in healthcare organizations. Healthcare management involves the organization, financing, and delivery of services to prevent and treat illness and disease, including programs that serve the public and private sectors at the local, state, and federal levels.

"National University pays close attention to the ramifications of the unique people-dependent focus of the healthcare profession," says Robert Clegg, School of Health and Human Services Program

## SYSTEM SPIRIT

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stronger than we ever thought we could be. In the military, you are ingrained with a deep sense of 'Esprit de corps,' where commitment to your fellow soldiers, comrades, unit, company, branch of service, and to your country, are all noble and courageous callings."

"Whether you are at a fireworks display on the 4th of July, a parade on Veteran's Day, a ballgame listening to the National Anthem, or a simple backyard Memorial Day barbecue, we have each experienced our own levels of patriotic spirit," continued Dr. Lee. "America has served as a beacon, as a land of opportunity, as a place for a fresh start, a new beginning. I can think of another institution that offers people hope, opportunity, and a new beginning."

"Today, National University is 41 years old, and the National University System is 11 years old."

"Never has our spirit been stronger. Spirit uplifts us. Spirit allows us to celebrate in time of success. Spirit allows us to stay strong and committed to our values in challenging times."

"And every day, our spirit drives us. It empowers us. I encourage you all to remain committed to the spirit of the National University System," Dr. Lee said. ■

## FIRST COHORT OF CYBER WARRIORS GRADUATES

The first cohort of Information Assurance Professionals, a.k.a. "Cyber Warriors," graduated this year from National University's Master of Science in Cyber Security and Information Assurance program.

The first cohort from the program included members of the U.S. Navy, including a Navy Seal, a corpsman, and several Chief Warrant Officers, as well as an IRS agent. In addition, a graduate of the program said he increased his security skills and proficiency, which landed him his "dream position" at Qualcomm in cyber security.

The career opportunities in cyber security and information assurance are among the best in the computer field. Together, the public and private sectors in the United States are projected to need nearly 60,000 cyber security workers in the next five years, according to Alan Greenberg, Technical Director of Cyber and Information Solutions at Boeing. Security jobs are included under network systems and data communications analysts that are projected to increase by 53 percent by 2018, placing them among the fastest growing areas of all occupations. Between the same timeframe, approximately 287,000 new jobs will be added for network, systems, and database administrators, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"San Diego has rapidly become one of the leading cyber-security centers in the world," said Mark Cafferty, President & CEO of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation. "We have witnessed a convergence of world-class capabilities from our existing military, biometrics, and software analytics communities that will allow San Diego to compete for jobs and investment in this new environment. The graduation of the first cohort from National University's program is a testament to our region's unique local

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY GOLF ACADEMY GARNERS WIDESPREAD MEDIA COVERAGE

Since its inception, the National University Golf Academy has gained extensive local, regional, and national media attention for its innovative programs, and the past year has seen that trend continue.

From the initial media mention of the Golf Academy in *The Wall Street Journal* highlighting the Academy's unique swing lab in August 2009, the academy has now been featured in various print, electronic, and online media outlets more than 80 times, including 30 television interviews, 24 newspaper articles, 13 magazine features, 10 radio, and three website interviews.

Over the past year, the Golf Academy has been featured in such newspapers as the *UT San Diego* and *Los Angeles Times*. On television, Ted Norby, the Director of Instruction for the Golf Academy, has become a regular expert contributor on KUSI-TV's Paul Rudy sports on "Ted's Take" as well as on "SportsWrap" with Jim Laslavic on KNSD-TV. Norby offered expert analysis during four major tournaments this year, including the Master's, U.S. Open, British Open, and PGA Championship. Norby even correctly predicted the winner of this year's Farmer's Insurance Open, Brandt Snedeker, two days before the end of the tournament.

To learn more about the Golf Academy's press coverage or to view the news segments, visit <http://www.nugolfacademy.org/About/Press-Room.html>. ■



## CHANCELLOR LEE: REMAIN TRUE TO OUR VALUES

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After outlining clear-cut examples of the University System's six core values – access, quality, relevance, accelerated pace, affordability, and community – Dr. Lee shared some deep, personal memories of his time at National.

"One of my favorite songs is Bruce Springsteen's 'Glory Days' about an athlete who spends time thinking about the past. Like many athletes, I viewed my time in sports as the highlight of my life, especially one sport; a time I would always look back on with a fondness and pride that I doubted could ever be duplicated. The sense of teamwork and mutual achievement that I felt during those years seemed irreplaceable, which I suppose is why the song struck such a chord with me."

"As things have turned out, I was mistaken," added Dr. Lee. "Far more than those youthful glory days, my 23 years at National University have been

some of the most rewarding of my life. To be part of what all of you have created; to witness your whole-hearted commitment to the core values which form the pillars of our National University System; to realize that those values will endure quite nicely without me – that makes these years shine far more brightly than my passion for sports. These have truly been my glory days."

Moving forward, Dr. Lee implored the members of the National University System Community to remain true to the University's ongoing commitment to its most important constituency; its students.

"As I look to the future, I urge you to accept the following responsibilities: to pledge yourselves to carrying forward the values and aspirations that have made the National University System an example of what higher education can be in the 21st Century."

"First, and foremost, I urge you to be the guardians of our values," stated Dr. Lee. "Cherish them, and protect them from fading through neglect. Our values constantly need to be nurtured. They will not remain relevant without your commitment."

"Second, remain focused on our students – their needs, their hopes, their struggles, and their successes," added Dr. Lee. "They have blessed us by choosing to spend precious time with us, and we owe them our most focused and caring attention. They have high hopes for a future, which they may only perceive dimly, but which they passionately seek. They are not with us for long, but their time with us is a sacrifice of present comfort for a brighter future. Do not disappoint them."

"Third, embrace your responsibilities to each other. The System can remain a genuine community only so long as each of you feels the sense of

mutuality that has characterized us for these past decades," continued Dr. Lee. "Reach out to one another in good times and in bad. Be sensitive to your colleagues' needs and receptive to their offers of help. Recognize both your shared values and your legitimate differences in perspective. Engage in robust dissent and debate when confusing circumstances lead to difficult decisions. An organization of shared values is not a decision-making machine that yields obvious answers to important questions. Instead, it is a safe environment in which all viewpoints can be respected, argued, and resolved with civility."

"I wish to express my profound thanks to you, those not here this afternoon, and those who are no longer with us," said Dr. Lee in closing. "You are important to the continued success of our System, and you are important to me." ■

## CYBER WARRIORS

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assets and competitive advantages in this area."

The training offered in National University's Cyber Security and Information Assurance program targets the higher salary and growth areas of Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) in government, healthcare, financial, and technology sectors of the economy. This is a professional degree for those who endeavor through technical and managerial measures to ensure the security, confidentiality, integrity, authenticity, control, availability, and utility of the world's computing and information systems infrastructures.

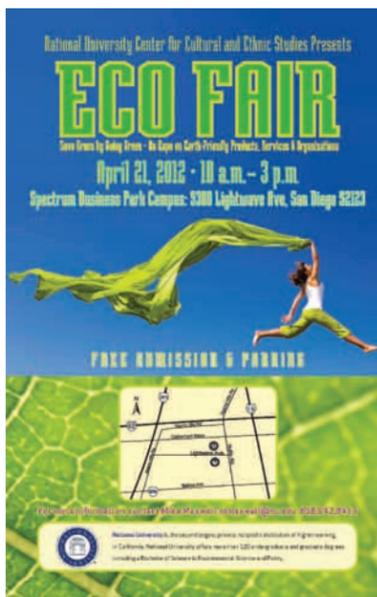
The Master of Science in Cyber Security and Information Assurance program is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) for on-campus and online courses. The program is taught at National University's Technology and Health Sciences Center in Kearny Mesa. ■

## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HOSTS FOURTH ANNUAL ECO FAIR

National University and the Center for Cultural and Ethnic Studies hosted the fourth annual Eco Fair at the University's Spectrum

Business Park Campus earlier this year. More than 200 people attended the event, where admission and parking were free.

Eco Fair is part of National's community outreach efforts to educate and demonstrate concepts about environmental and economic sustainability and stewardship. This year's theme was "Save Green by Going Green," which promoted household solutions that are earth-friendly and ultimately wallet-friendly.



Eco Fair featured informational booths and demonstrations from local companies, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, plus environmentally friendly activities for families and children.

Information about National University's environmentally focused degree programs, specifically the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences, the Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, and the Master of Science in Sustainability Management, was also available at the Eco Fair. ■

## PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION HONORS COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The National University System's Communications Group has built an impressive array of awards for specially produced marketing pieces that have creatively and effectively presented the offerings of the System's affiliates.

The Communications Group was the recipient of eight awards in seven categories over the last year, including a Gold award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) District VII Awards of Excellence for National University's "Back to School" advertising campaign.

Competition for advertising and communication awards is intense, with each contest attracting entries from thousands of organizations from around the world. In addition to winning the CASE District VII Gold, other recent awards garnered by the Communications Group include:

**Print Industries of America's Premier Print Awards**  
A Benny for the *National University System Annual Report*  
Certificate of Merit for the 2012 *National University Vision Magazine*

**CASE District VII Awards of Excellence**  
Gold for the National University Back to School Campaign  
Silver for the *National University Brochure*  
Bronze (in two categories) for the *National University System Annual Report*  
Bronze for the 2012 *National University Vision Magazine*  
Bronze for the *National University Viewbook*  
Bronze for the *Guide to National University*

