Hooray for CSD’s ASHA re-accreditation, the passage of Prop 30 and our two new faculty! 😊

From the Chair’s Desk

I hope you have had a rejuvenating summer and welcome you back to a new academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on this past year and express my deep appreciation for your smiles, strong support, collaboration, and candid feedback in my first year as Department Chair. Thank you for validating what is working well and for drawing my attention to important tasks. I am committed to put our program in Speech-Language Pathology on the map and make it the best that it can be. The last year was an incredible year for CSD and I hope you will take pride in our collective, distinguished achievements this past year. Read on!

Nidhi Mahendra
Associate Professor & Department Chair

Save the Date
Fall 2013

New and Returning Student Welcome
On Tuesday, September 24th, 2013, at the Music and Business Building. Welcome all!

First Day of Classes
Return to the action as classes begin on Wednesday, September 25th, 2013.
2012-13: Year In Review

**ASHA Re-Accreditation**
Our Speech-Language Pathology program is now re-accredited by ASHA until 2020! Heartfelt thanks to Drs. Patricia Lohman and to Marilyn Silva.

**New Faculty on the Block**
CSD welcomed two new Assistant Professors- Dr. Elena Dukhovny in Fall 2012 (expertise in AAC) and Dr. Kai Greene (expertise in Bilingualism) in Winter 2013.

**Conversation Club Started**
Speech-Language Hearing Clinic launches Conversation Club- a group intervention for CSUEB students on the autism spectrum (led by Dr. Shubha Kashinath).

**ATP’s Historic Collaboration with Yosemite Conservancy**
ATP participates in historic collaboration with Yosemite Conservancy to design an aphasia-friendly guide to Yosemite – the first such guide in the National Park Services. Guides released on June 5th, 2013 with the Aphasia Tones performing live at Yosemite National Park.

**Funding from The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF)**
Drs. Mahendra and Kashinath were awarded a 3-year training grant from TCWF, which supported 12 CSD majors in 2012-13 and will support 14 CSD majors in 2013-14 providing these students with mentoring, leadership development, and research training.

**CSUEB Launches Center for Student Research (CSR)**
Two CSD students were named CSR fellows in 2012-13; 8 more CD students were named CSR fellows in 2013-14. Congratulations to all our budding scholars!

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2012-13 NSSLHA Officers Miguel Ramirez and Julie Spicer

**CSUEB NSSLHA Hosts Regional Summit**
Our CSUEB NSSLHA chapter hosted a first-ever NorCal regional summit of multiple NSSLHA chapters to enhance student collaboration across sister schools.

**CSD Funded by Kaiser Permanente to offer CE training**
CSD offered two continuing education workshops- on autism interventions (in September 2012) and on management of aphasia and dementia (in June 2013).

**CSD Followed the Money Trail!**
CSD faculty collectively earned $20,000+ in internal research grants; $12,000 in instructional materials; $50,000 in equipment upgrades and new acquisitions for the Speech Science and AAC labs, Neuroanatomy instruction and ipads for therapeutic use. An additional $90,000+ grant was submitted for new equipment to enhance clinical instruction in 2013-14.