On January 21, 2013, CalUMS President, Dr. Park, showed concern in getting to know students of this great institution. He had a one-on-one chat with a number of students. Throughout the hour, he emphasized the concept of “togetherness with differences.”

This meeting was a great opportunity for students to be heard, ask questions, and learn more about the school and its president.

Topics of the hour ranged from housing needs, internships, tuition payments, interesting programs and classes, and the Los Angeles campus. Dr. Park shared his vision about where CalUMS will be in the next five years and plans to expand the physical infrastructure of the school.

These meetings are held quarterly, and all are invited to attend.
Six Tips For New International Students  
(By Yamentou N. Lionnel)

Being a new student in a new country can be challenging, but it is a beautiful experience and quite rewarding. Having gone through this experience and looking back, there are a few lessons I would like to share. The lessons apply to both new and “not so new” students.

Before you leave your country to the USA:

∗ Ask CalUMS to give you the contact email and phone number of one of the Student Services Associates (SSAs). You will get invaluable and priceless information from these individuals. The SSAs are registered students working with the Director of Students Services to ensure the welfare of all students.

∗ Budget for your first six months of living in the United States and prepare accordingly. To be conservative, one should budget a minimum of $1,000 (U.S. Dollars) per month for the first three months of stay in the USA, excluding tuition fees.

∗ The health system in the United States is quite different than in other countries. If you have special medication needs, bring a supply of at least a few months.

When you get to the USA:

∗ Connect with as many existing students as you can, and never spend a dollar without finding out first if there is a way for you NOT to spend or spend less than what you are about to spend. Living in California is quite expensive. Be thrifty and delay every expense as long as possible.

∗ Focus exclusively on your studies throughout the entire first quarter of classes. After all, studying is the primary reason you are in the States. If you focus your energy and time on getting the best grades possible, the rest of the time you spend in school will be much easier.

∗ Take good measures to stay healthy. Curative healthcare is much more expensive than preventive healthcare in the U.S. A yearly gym membership will cost you less than $300, which is relatively the cost of health insurance for only one quarter. You get the picture; spending money to stay healthy will be much cheaper and easier than spending money to regain your health.

If you follow the tips above as they are relevant to your situation, you will have a smoother experience than those who don't. Your school's administration wants you to succeed and will do everything possible for you to be happy and get the best grades possible. Enjoy America!

KNOW YOUR SSA'S

♦ Suhaib Al Dasouqi  ♦ Hamzeh Ahmad Albashiti
♦ Alyona Martynenko  ♦ Akram Karmani
♦ Bilgehan Akbiyik  ♦ Deepak Baug
♦ Salome Ntiamoah  ♦ Yasemin Balaban
♦ Pavani Daram  ♦ Yamentou Lionnel
Our University is developing and constantly growing. One of the new programs that opened this year is Veterinary Medicine. If you want to make a project successful, what should you start with? The right leader, of course. A person to create and manage the project. CALUMS found this person in Rebecca Montoya. She is a wonderful life-loving woman that wins you over once you begin a conversation.

Mrs. Montoya’s story is amazing. She grew up in a family that loved pets, especially dogs, cats and tortoises. She had an idea in her mind and understood her life place from early childhood. Rebecca began her scientific life when she was ten, starting with an excellent foundation in school. Her mentor was Jane Godall - a primatologist, etiologist, and anthropologist, the world’s famous expert on chimpanzees. Rebecca excelled in biology and never felt nervous performing dissection. Instead she was fascinated by it.

When Mrs. Montoya graduated from high school, she volunteered and got exposed to working with small and large animals, including exotic, vivacious and rescued wild animals. She learned a lot about dairy cows and horses. The next step in her training was at an animal hospital where she worked 11 years under an old-fashioned specialist in breeding. She learned a lot about the breeding habits of many animals. The next 17 years were devoted to acupuncture and homeopathic medicine practices. She began to understand animal feelings and reactions toward procedures, such as anesthesia. She consoled many people who cared for their pets during medication. She has always conveyed the three most important things in caring for a pet: Empathy, Sympathy, and Intuition.

This kind woman’s family consists of a loving husband, two daughters, two grandchildren, five dogs, ten cats and two tortoises. She says her younger daughter is a mirror reflection of herself and carries the same love towards animals. We wish Rebecca well in this new life step. On behalf of the university...“Welcome!”

High School Trip

Rebecca Montoya, Veterinary Program Director, was elated to explain to students the benefits of CALUMS’s new veterinary program at Esperanza High School’s Career Day on January 30, 2013. She was excited to share information and details about her career to high school students. “It was an unforgettable experience,” expressed Mrs. Montoya.

A group of students from the Taekwondo program also attended the career day and participated in separate events. Ms. Velina, Andrew Choi, and other representatives of the school were present to observe and assist. Students were enthusiastic about the presentation, and many stepped forward to ask questions.

Students were very excited to see MeeShell (the tortoise) and Jake (the golden retriever). MeeShell and Jake seemed to enjoy the attention very much.

Mrs. Montoya said, “I am really obliged to CALUMS for giving me such an opportunity. I’m looking forward to participating in more high school trips in the future.”
Entertainment News!
The SSAs received multiple requests from students for a movie night on campus. Your voices were heard! After much deliberation, the first movie was chosen: “Hugo.” This light-hearted movie was very entertaining with students enjoying themselves in a relaxed and serene atmosphere. It was a great night with popcorn, candy, and variety of drinks.

Our special guests for the evening were Mrs. Laurin and her husband. It was all fun as they shared in our joy. Attendees expressed their excitement over the evening’s events and are looking forward to the next movie night. Is there a movie you would like to see? Let an SSA know soon!

Hurray……….Quarter-End Party…………..!

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy! After a busy quarter of tests, assignments, and presentations, students were invited to an awesome event. The SSAs started planning the activity months in advance…a bashing party in a fun environment: Golf N Stuff. The festivities were kicked off with lunch, which included pizza, ice cream and a variety of sodas. One student expressed that the lunch felt similar to those at his house with everyone sitting together at a large table.

Students had a choice of activities: miniature golf with interactive courses and challenging obstacles; go-carting in Lit'l Indy Raceway with a twisting and turning track; Disk 'O Thrill Ride with dual rocking and spinning motion; bumper boats where students bumped and dodged each other’s boats and waves; and a fun arcade.

Students participated in the activities multiple times over five hours. Breaks were taken to relax and socialize. Some students expressed their appreciation and wished for more of these programs in future quarters. They said the party was unique and provided an enjoyable way to relax.

It was a beautiful day outside in the warm sun. Attendance was good. Everyone was happy. Simply perfect!
Do You Have Ideas To Share?

Do you have suggestions, comments, questions, or requests for making our great school better? Suggestion boxes are available. Forms are attached to the side of the suggestion boxes for convenience. Fill out the form and drop it into the box. Two boxes are available: one on the first floor beside the sports room, and the other on the second floor inside the lunch room. Don’t let your ideas go to waste.

Let us welcome our new suggestion boxes with your great ideas…………!

The first suggestion was received on March 15, 2013:

“Please implement online registration.”

Status: Computer programming has begun. Online registration will become a reality in 2013.

A Journey From Student to Instructor

Once upon a time in the central part of South Korea, Konju, there was an eight year old child who had a great interest in Taekwondo and, hence, was taken to school to practice it.

In high school, being very good in athletics and fighting, he won an award as the state champion. In his college years, he joined the martial arts, part of Buddhism, and trained for self-defence, yoga, and meditation, which made him bow down 108 times every morning.

After graduating from college, he joined the National Taekwondo Demonstration Team and taught in the Korean Army as a Taekwondo instructor, which landed him the opportunity to come to America in 1994 for a Taekwondo show.

After presenting a nice show, he was given an offer by one master to teach Taekwondo in America, which was the beginning of his success story in the States. He moved from state to state teaching Taekwondo.

This mystery person went back home to Korea on health-related issues to get some rest. After gaining back his health, he decided to take his Masters in Sports Management and chose CalUMS, our great school. He is the first CalUMS alumnus to become an instructor. “I feel very honored and inspired to take up this responsibility; in everything, my students come first. It was hard for me to believe when students started calling me professor”. My hobbies are playing golf and going to temples...relaxing there with a peaceful mind. This mystery person is an inspiration to many students.

Who is he??????  Andrew Incheol Choi
Did You Meet Them?

It was all fun and excitement when our school welcomed a group of 28 students from Korea for an internship to undertake one month of intensive ESL. Our news team met with two of the students for a chat: Laura Choi, a Bachelor of Arts degree student, and Peter Kim, an environmental engineering student. Laura expressed her appreciation to the lecturers of CalUMS and the whole student body for the wonderful educational environment and good communication opportunities. She appreciated the instructors’ style of teaching, and because of them she gained confidence in speaking English.

Even though the program length was very short, she realized her English had greatly improved. She recommended that students from Korea be given the chance to come and experience what is going on at CalUMS and learn about American culture.

Peter shared that through the internship program, he experienced a substantial improvement in his reading, writing, speaking, and pronunciation skills. He wished that next time, when other students from Korea are given the same opportunity, they should be given the chance to interact with CalUMS students in other programs to facilitate learning. Both students concluded that studying in Korea is tougher than America in terms of scheduling work and memorizing material. They mentioned that CalUMS has good lecturers, kind and friendly students, a nice facility, and a sound learning environment. They really enjoyed their time at CalUMS. Their mission was accomplished!

Success Story! It’s All About Toastmasters!

Once every year Toastmasters International organizes a world speech contest, where speakers from all over the world compete in order to become the best in the world. Sounds ambitious, doesn’t it?

Every member of a Toastmasters club in all parts of the world can take part in a contest at the club level. Each member of All Nations Toastmasters club, which meets every Saturday at CalUMS, had the opportunity to compete.

This year's competition took place on campus March 2, 2013. The winners of the club contest, Mohammad M. Jarrar, Daniyar Seisenov, and Lionnel Yamentou, advanced to the district-level competition.

Mohammad and Daniyar earned certificates at the E-6 competition in Buena Park. Lionnel earned a trophy at the E-1 competition in Irvine. Both events took place on March 9, 2013. It was great to have three officers from All Nations Toastmasters representing the club that day. The members were so proud!

Do you want to improve your speaking and leadership skills? Visit All Nations Toastmasters any Saturday at 12:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Club website: www.allnationsclub.org
An Aunt’s Inspiration

Life is a journey of ups and downs. The journey is made exciting with challenges. It is always a learning curve, and everyone needs a mentor for proper planning, seeking advice, and excelling in a positive way. A mentor is an inspiration to their mentee; this was the experience of Instructor Ed Nuno. Let us hear in his words:

Instructor Fernando Eduardo Nuno spent his childhood in Mexico City and grew up in different places like Chicago, Los Angeles, and Whittier. He earned a Bachelor of Art degree and later attained a Master’s in Latin American studies and an MBA.

Ed Nuno’s inspiration was his aunt, Maruca Loureiro-Vega (his mother’s elder sister). Maruca completed her engineering degree in the late 1940s. After her service, she worked with the Mexico City government to get the sidewalks, lighting and many more things done. Ed Nuno’s mind was always filled with the help done by Maruca to society, and Mr. Nuno wanted to follow her path. He was not only interested in teaching, but with Maruca’s inspiration, he became a managing editor for Unión Hispania newspaper.

Ed Nuno worked with several companies in management and analyst positions and travelled to different parts of the world. He is very thankful to his Aunt Maruca for the example she set for him. He hopes to set a good example for others the way his aunt did for him.

If you see Instructor Nuno in the library or on the second floor, stop by and say “Hello..."

Bowling Is A Blast!

Excitement...this was the state of 30 students on January 28, 2013, when the group met for bowling night at Linbrook Bowling Center. Students were eager to roll the balls by 5:00 p.m.

Students ran inside to get their bowling shoes on, and everyone lined up to their lanes with their teammates. There was lot of competitiveness among all.

As soon as the game started, there were many strikes and spares. Everyone was seen jumping, dancing, and helping each other out. Pizzas and sodas were served to regain the enthusiasm and energy in between games. The event offered a complete entertainment experience for students.

Everyone agreed that bowling is a favorite activity, and we must do it again!
A Day of Hearts and Flowers

Every year on February 14, the United States celebrates a wonderful tradition, Valentine’s Day. The day is also celebrated in other countries around the world. On this day, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged in the name of St. Valentines.

Isn’t it heart warming to see a woman get a gift of affection from an anonymous admirer? Wouldn’t it bring a smile to your face to watch a man’s reaction to receiving a card from a person he is thinking of? These small gestures make life pleasant and fulfilling. This is what Valentine’s Day is all about.

Valentine’s Day is not only for love-birds. It is an opportunity to express respect or gratitude to a person you care about.

Valentine’s week at CalUMS was a special time. Every student, faculty, and staff member could buy a small card with candy to send to a person at school. The initiative was more successful than expected. Many cards were purchased, and the SSAs made the special deliveries.

Cupcakes and punch were given out to everyone entering the building. This was an added special surprise.

Cards and candy continued to be delivered throughout Valentine’s week. Unsuspecting students and faculty received a special delivery during class. Even if only one person received a card, the entire class was excited and applauded. The holiday was most memorable. Everyone hopes it will grow into a wonderful tradition for CalUMS in future years.

Important Upcoming Events….

National Library Week
When: April 15th - April 19th 2013
Where: CalUMS Library
Address: 721 N.Euclid St. Anaheim, CA

Class of 2013 Graduation
When: May 18th 2013
Where: Sa-Rang Community Church
Address: 1111 N. Brookhurst, Anaheim, CA
The new CalUMS sports room is almost ready. Plan your time to play....

Tournaments!
Coming Soon......
CalUMS Warmly Welcomes New Students

BULGARIA
HRISTOVA, MIROSŁAV

ETHIOPIA
WOLLE, MULU

INDIA
DOURE, SAVITHA
KATUKURI, PRATHIMA
KARRI, SINDHU
VELKURI, YESHWANT
MADDULA, RAVIKIRAN
URAGONDA, PAVANI
NEELAKANTAM, AVANI

JORDAN
AL-BATARSEH, SAMI
ODEH, WA’EL
JADALLA, KOLOOD
ABU REZEQ, AMER
ALRAHAFIE, MOHAMMED
AL-FARRAYEH, OSAMA
ENNAB, EDRIS

AL-ZIHILI, HAITHAM
ABU MEIZER, ALA’ WA’EL
ALKHATATBE, RASHA
ALOMARI, BARA
MADAIN, LAITH
KHASAWNEH, BISHER
HAMEH, ZAID ISAM
MUSTAFA, NADER
QUNEES, ZEYAD

KAZAKHSTAN
BREKESHEVA, AINUR

KENYA
MUTISO, MOSES

MONGOLIA
BYAMBARAGCHAA, BAT-TULGA
TSEDENSODNOM, TUVSHI-BAT
CHULUUN, OYUNSUREN
SUNGIIDORJ, Dagiimaa
BATSAIKHAN, BUYANDELGER

NIGERIA
DUROSARO, TITILOLA
OKELARIN, OLAPERJU
ABAYOMI, OLAREJU

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CHUNG, YON TAE
LEE, SO HWAN
RYU, SEUNGHoon
PARK, JUNG RAN
KIM, HOYONG
YOON, SEON MI
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SUH, CHIWON
MIN, HYEMIN
LEE, DONG HA
KYOUNG, JU HYUN

TURKEY
AKSOY, MUSTAFA
MOLLAALIOGLU, TAYYAR
UYANIK, MEHMET
ELBISTAN, HASAN

USA
HAJABED, SALAH ISSA
THALJI, AHMED
HONG, SIMON

VIETNAM
LE, HAI XUAN

KIM, CHANG GYU
KIM, KYUNG YEON
KIM, CHANG YANG
JUN, JONG HO
KWONG, YUNGAE
Hip! Hip! Hooray! Congratulations to CalUMS Awardees!

The Fall 2013 Quarterly Award Ceremony was held on February 15, 2013. Students were awarded scholarships and certificates of recognition for academic excellence. Congratulations to all recipients!
# Important Dates for Spring Quarter 2013

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Attend/Visit the Toastmasters club every Saturday 12:45 PM at CalUMS


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