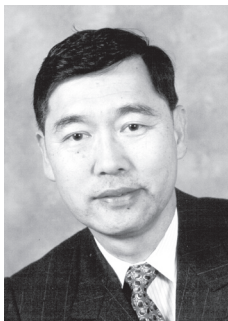




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2008



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**S**TANLEY WANG is founder, president and CEO of Pantronix Corporation of Fremont, California. The company, founded in 1974, provides Semiconductor Manufacturing Service for the aerospace, medical (including life support), military, communications, automotive, and computer markets.

In 1989, Mr. Wang founded Amertron Inc., a manufacturing facility in the Philippines, to complement the U.S. plant. He continued the global growth of the company with the opening of Amertron China in Kunshan, China, in 2001.

Born in China, Mr. Wang holds a bachelor's degree in business/management from the National Taiwan University (1967) and an MBA from Temple University in Philadelphia (1970).

Appointed by the governor of California, Mr. Wang served as a highly regarded active member of the CSU Board of Trustees from 1994 until March 2002. He also served on the board of directors of the Asian American Manufacturers Association. In addition, he is an advisor for the Chinese American Semiconductor Professional Association and the Chinese Institute of Engineers; was founder of the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association; and is also a member of the prestigious Committee of 100, which includes such members as Yo Yo Ma and I.M. Pei.



DR. STELLA TING-TOOMEY  
California State University, Fullerton  
*Visual and Performing Arts and Letters*



**D**R. STELLA TING-TOOMEY is an internationally renowned expert in intercultural communications, conflict management, and intercultural competence. Having joined the CSU Fullerton faculty in 1989, Dr. Ting-Toomey previously served on the faculty of Arizona State University and Rutgers University. She earned a Ph.D. at the University of Washington.

Dr. Ting-Toomey is a prolific author of books and articles, and her book, *Communicating Across Cultures*, is considered essential reading for interculturalists around the world. She has volunteered her expertise in South Africa, Germany, Portugal, Japan, and China—all the while promoting the reputation of CSU Fullerton. Dr. Ting-Toomey routinely shares authoring and editing credits of her many publications with her students, which has launched their academic careers.

A faculty member at the University of New Mexico writes, “Dr. Ting-Toomey has been a mentor to countless scholars and colleagues. I am one of her mentees ... She encouraged me to take on a challenging class project and at its completion encouraged me to submit it to a journal for publication. That was my first significant publication, and her encouragement and feedback was critical for giving me confidence as a scholar.”

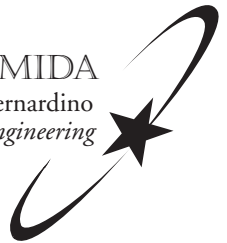
Dr. Ting-Toomey has served as a dissertation advisor and thesis supervisor at Rutgers, Arizona State, and CSU Fullerton to many students who have become scholar-practitioners in intercultural communications and education worldwide. Her scholarship impacts such fields as international diplomacy, hostage negotiation, and international management.

She has been the recipient of awards for teaching, scholarship, and publications at CSU Fullerton. Professor Ting-Toomey has been an invited speaker at universities and events in California, nationally, and internationally. At the same time, she has been involved in departmental, college, and university-wide service.

College of Communications Dean Rick Pullen says, “Dr. Ting-Toomey exemplifies the perfect professor ... a consummate scholar, an excellent classroom teacher who gives back to her department, college, university, and the community.”



DR. STUART S. SUMIDA  
California State University, San Bernardino  
*Natural Sciences, Mathematical and Computer Sciences and Engineering*



**D**R. STUART S. SUMIDA is professor of biology at California State University, San Bernardino, where he joined the faculty in 1992 after completing a Ph.D. in biology at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is an internationally respected instructor and paleontological researcher, and a research associate at the Field Museum in Chicago and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Sumida has published three books and over 60 journal articles—many with students, introducing them to the process of research and publication in refereed journals. He is recognized internationally for his research on biological transformations that took place as backboneed animals became adapted to life on land and as dinosaurs transformed into birds millions of years ago.

Acknowledged as the world's leading expert as an anatomical specialist for animation and digital special effects, Dr. Sumida has more than 30 feature-length film projects to his credit, working with such studios as Disney, DreamWorks, Pixar, and Sony Pictures.

Whether his audience is 250 undergraduates or a small graduate class section, Dr. Sumida is a demanding classroom instructor. Institutions such as the Claremont Colleges and the University of California, Berkeley have adopted his laboratory manuals. Dr. Sumida was the driving force in securing an agreement whereby six CSUSB biology majors per year are admitted to classes at the Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona.

Dr. Sumida was selected in 1997 to lead the California State University's partnership with the Field Museum, Disney, and McDonald's Corporation to prepare the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, known as Sue, for public display. Under his direction, the CSU graduate and undergraduates were the only students in the world to handle this famous specimen.

Through his personal efforts, thousands of Pleistocene-age fossils have been donated to CSU San Bernardino's new Natural History Museum. He also secured the donated services of local craftsmen to build display and storage cases for the specimens. Dr. Sumida's students are constructing fully articulated skeletons of saber-tooth cats, camels, bison, dire wolves, and others for public display in the campus museum.



DR. JANE S. LOPUS  
California State University, East Bay  
*Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Service*



**D**R. JANE S. LOPUS is a nationally known leader and researcher in economics education, an accomplished classroom instructor, and an active participant in campus governance. She served as president of the National Association of Economic Educators for 2006-2007, a testament to her national reputation and impact.

Dr. Lopus earned a Ph.D. in economics at the University of California, Davis. Joining the CSU East Bay faculty in 1979, Dr. Lopus is a professor of economics. She is the recipient of the CSU East Bay Outstanding Professor Award for the 2006-2007 academic year.

As director of the Center for Economics Education, Dr. Lopus conducts programs, develops materials, and provides research and evaluation studies to promote the teaching and learning of economics. Her work with area teachers results in their students having an interest in attending CSU East Bay.

Dr. Lopus trains secondary school teachers in market-based Western economic principles in California as well as teachers in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In addition, she has trained economics teachers in South Africa, Egypt, Paraguay, and Mexico. Professor Lopus developed a stock market simulation that involves over 5,000 middle and secondary school participants; through the simulation students learn responsible investing practices and basic economic principles as well as current events.

Instructional materials developed by Dr. Lopus have been translated into French, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic by the International Monetary Fund. Her reputation as a leader in economics education has led to student research opportunities with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

A CSU East Bay student writes, "Professor Lopus has made the most influential and meaningful impact on my education. Nurturing my growth from the basics of supply and demand analysis to monetary theory, her extraordinary insights allowed me to build a solid foundation on meaningful principles."





DR. ZVI DREZNER  
California State University, Fullerton  
*Education, and Professional and Applied Sciences*



**D**R. ZVI DREZNER is professor of information systems and decision sciences at California State University, Fullerton, where he joined the faculty in 1985. Previously, he was a faculty member at the University of Michigan and the University of Central Michigan. He earned a Ph.D. in computer science from The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology.

Dr. Drezner is considered one of the world's leading and most active researchers and scientists in his field of location theory and analysis. It is a subfield of operations research that uses mathematical modeling to analyze complex situations and provide business and government executives with better insights to make decisions. Dr. Drezner's body of work provides the methods to determine which airline hub combinations are optimal for individual and merged airlines. His methods and models support optimization of facility locations, essential both to efficient shipping and to competitive supply chains.

His teaching includes undergraduate statistics and management and graduate level statistics and business modeling. As an inspirational instructor who energizes and engages students by using real-life situations, he has a reputation for breaking down complex content into smaller, understandable pieces. Student evaluations of his classes consistently are among the highest in the department. During summers, Dr. Drezner has taught as a visiting professor at institutions such as McMaster University in Canada and the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Dr. Drezner edited two books and authored/co-authored 226 articles in top refereed journals. Peers around the globe praise his contributions. A professor at The Ohio State University comments, "I have seen Zvi's contributions to the field flow almost continuously for over two decades. Zvi has, without doubt, established himself as one of the finest researchers in location research in the world." "He is without doubt one of the world's leaders in location theory. His record of contributions to the literature is unprecedented," conveys a professor at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Recipient of the 2006-07 Outstanding Professor Award at Cal State Fullerton, Dr. Drezner is an outstanding teacher, researcher, and faculty role model.



DR. WM. GREGORY SAWYER  
California State University, Channel Islands  
*Administrator*



**D**R. WM. GREGORY SAWYER is vice president for student affairs at California State University, Channel Islands, a position he has held since January 2002. Dr. Sawyer is an awe-inspiring administrator, classroom teacher, counselor, and mentor.

Dr. Sawyer performs at a passionate and visionary level for the students and faculty at CSU Channel Islands. In addition to his administrative duties, he also teaches public speaking and leadership courses at a stellar level. He is a highly valued member of the CSUCI community. A faculty member states, “Greg has built an outstanding Division of Student Affairs. His charisma and knowledge of how to organize a Division of Student Affairs has resulted in what I believe is the best Student Affairs division in the entire CSU system.”

Vice President Sawyer leads by example to define and support the student-centered mission and culture of CSU Channel Islands. Dr. Sawyer gives strong encouragement to staff members to pursue a higher education and advanced degrees. He is a trailblazer for student affairs program assessment at the national level. Dr. Sawyer is a frequent speaker at civic and community events where he champions the value of university education and promotes access to higher education for underrepresented members of society.

Dr. Sawyer touches hundreds of lives: student leaders, students in class, students in trouble, at-risk youth, families who desire a higher education for their children, faculty members, aspiring student affairs professionals, and community members. A local school board president observes, “The community knows CSUCI as the place where Dr. Sawyer works and inspires students.”

After completing a Ph.D. in higher education administration at the University of North Texas, Dr. Sawyer served in several student affairs management posts at the University of North Texas before being appointed dean of students. Following his appointment as founding dean of student services at Florida Gulf Coast University, he was selected as the founding vice president for student affairs at California State University, Channel Islands.

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The Wang Family Excellence Award was established in 1998 by Stanley T. Wang and family. The purpose of the award is to recognize and celebrate those faculty who, through extraordinary commitment and dedication, have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines. Mr. Wang's pledge of a \$1 million gift to the California State University is being awarded in the amount of \$100,000 each year for 10 years. During the gift years, four faculty members and one administrator are honored, and each honoree receives \$20,000.

“We are absolutely thrilled to recognize our very best faculty members and administrators through the generous gift provided by Stanley Wang and his family. These award recipients are truly remarkable and awe-inspiring.”

*Roberta Achtenberg, Chair, CSU Board of Trustees*

“The Wang award recognizes the achievements of the CSU's most distinguished and highest-achieving faculty and administrators—those who are making extraordinary efforts to serve the learning community and the public good.”

*Chancellor Charles B. Reed*

*Dedicated in memory of 2000 Wang Excellence Awardee Steven Wickler  
of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*

