

# DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



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# CHAIR'S LETTER



**DR. KIMBERLY KELLY**

As we bring this year to an end, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude reflecting on the journey we've shared this academic year in the Human Development Department. It's hard to believe that it's been nearly a year since I stepped into the role of Department Chair, and what a remarkable year it has been!

One of this year's highlights has been witnessing the incredible achievements of our HDEV faculty. From numerous research publications to prestigious University awards and millions of dollars in grants, our faculty have continued to push the boundaries of knowledge in their respective fields, making HDEV proud. Their dedication to scholarship and teaching innovation has not only elevated the reputation of our department but has also inspired our students to pursue excellence in their academic pursuits.

Speaking of our students, I am continually amazed by their accomplishments both inside and outside the classroom. Whether gaining acceptance to prestigious graduate programs, participating in internships, or building community for current and future students,

HDEV students consistently demonstrate a commitment to excellence and a passion for making a positive impact on local and global communities. It's truly inspiring to see their growth and development throughout their time with us.

In addition to celebrating faculty and student successes, this year has been marked by a number of exciting events and initiatives within our department. From guest lectures by renowned scholars to workshops and collaborations, HDEV has contributed to the vibrant intellectual community at CSULB. These events not only enrich the academic experience of our students but also provide valuable community-building opportunities for faculty and staff. As a result, more and more students are joining HDEV!

Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the future of our department. Together, we have achieved so much in the past year, and I have no doubt that we will continue to build upon this momentum in the years to come.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our students, faculty, and staff for their hard work, dedication, and passion. It is your collective efforts that make our department truly special, and I am honored to serve as your Chair. Here's to another year of success, growth, and collaboration!

Warmly,

Kimberly R. Kelly, Department Chair



# Event Recap

2023

Aug 30 ○ Week of Welcome

Oct 17 ○ CLA Day

Oct 23 ○ HDEV Career Panel

Nov 3 ○ HDEV Alumni Panel

2024

Jan 30 ○ Week of Welcome

Mar 22 ○ College Counselors Open House

Mar 26 ○ HDEV Social: Pizza Party

Mar 29 ○ Internship Fair

Apr 13 ○ Day at the Beach

May 3 ○ Research & Internship Showcase

May 17 ○ 2023-2024 Grad Reception

May 21 ○ Commencement

FALL 23'



AUGUST 30

## WEEK OF WELCOME - Fall!



Recognizing the efforts of all those who dedicated their time to table for HDEV: Ann, Kristy, Claudia, Wendy, and Minerva. Special thanks to our exceptional lecturers, Leona, and Rachna, as well as our enthusiastic PR team: Bianca and Briana, and the Social Media team: Saidee, Rebecca and Nancy for their valuable contributions during WoW!

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In November, the Social Media team took the initiative to create content and promote the Human Development career path seminar.

The Human Development Social Media team Saidee Gamez and Rebecca Hernandez planned and hosted the Occupational Therapy Panel Event featuring HDEV Alum: Jessica Contreras, a current entry-level doctorate graduate student at the University of Southern California (USC).

This event proved to be a success, drawing over 50 attendees. Among them were HDEV students, faculty, and a handful of HDEV-curious students. We thank Saidee Gamez and Rebecca Hernandez for planning and executing a great event!



**Interested in learning about Occupational Therapy?**

Meet with second-year entry-level doctoral occupational therapy students from the University of Southern California (USC)

**Friday, November 3rd**  
to learn more about USC's E-OTD program, and more!

Read caption below for details




Participants listed in the Zoom grid:

- Feltonna Gentry
- Emily Salazar
- Iara shHub
- Karla Vibeck
- Carmela Caballero
- Summer Hill
- Roselyn Barrios
- emily boynton
- Bianca Beltran
- Lesly Contreras
- Isabella Luciano
- Ariana Taccan
- Reyna Torres






## WEEK OF WELCOME - Spring!

A huge congrats and thank you to the volunteers at Week of Welcome on January 30th and the 31st. We had two beautiful and sunny days, and our efforts resulted in recruiting 42 more students who are interested in learning more about HDEV!



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# Community College Counselors Open House

HDEV hosted the first-ever community college counselors' open house on campus. The event provided valuable insights, and each counselor expressed strong support for directing students to HDEV in the future. We extend our gratitude to the PR Committee, PR interns, Wendy, and Minerva for their efforts in planning, preparing, and presenting. Special recognition goes to Heather, Christine, and Justin, along with HDEV students and alumni Mariana Villegas and Bryan Sanchez, for their support.



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SPRING 24'



MARCH 26

## STUDENT SOCIAL - PIZZA PARTY

The Spring PR interns, Elsa and Achilles, with the Social Media team proposed, planned, and hosted a social event for HDEV students and faculty in March. The first of its kind since the pandemic, the event provided a valuable opportunity for students to socialize outside of class.



The HDEV Student Social, a pizza party with a raffle drawing for a tote bag, proved to be a success, drawing over 30 attendees. Among them were HDEV students, faculty, and a handful of HDEV-curious students. A huge congratulations to Elsa and Achilles for planning and executing a great event!

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## Internship Fair

Dr. Ann Kim, HDEV internship coordinator and Sonal Bijitkar, our internship ambassador, hosted an internship fair with seven community organizations during the HDEV Spring Internship Bonaza. Future HDEV 470 students benefited greatly from the chance to talk with these orgs about their open internship positions.



### Participating Organizations:

- 1736 Family Crisis Center
- Advanced Behavioral Health
- Advances in Mental Health & Addictions Treatment Center
- Child Abuse Services Team (CAST)
- Career and Development Center (CDC)
- Ground Education
- Families of Good Health Department of St. Mary Medical Center



SPRING 24' ————— \* ————— APRIL 13

## DAY AT THE BEACH

The biggest recruitment day for our department, the College of Liberal Arts, and CSULB!

Many thanks to Kristy, Wendy, and Minerva for coordinating, and thanks to HDEV faculty, Shelley, Sandra, Beth, Emily, Claudia, and Rachna, for spending their Saturday tabling for HDEV!



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MAY 3

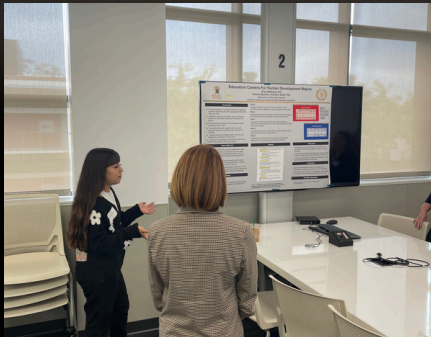
# STUDENT RESEARCH & INTERNSHIP SHOWCASE



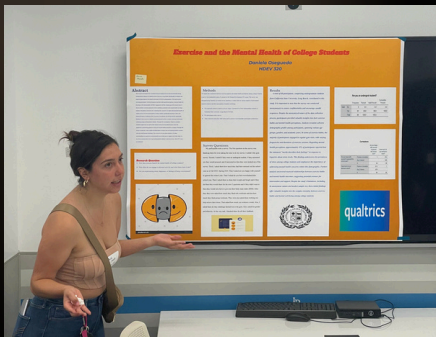
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undergraduate  
students present  
their research  
and internship  
projects.



College sleep quantity and quality and how it affects Academic Performance by Kenneth Chino Lumba Bailon



The Covid-19 Pandemic's Perceived Impact on College Student's Imagined Future: A Qualitative Study by Jacob Cabral



Education Careers For Human Development Majors by Brisa Balbuena



Exercise and the Mental Health of College Students by Daniela Osegueda

First-Generation College Students seeking help College Resources by Giselle Romero



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MAY 17

## 2023-24 AWARDS & GRAD RECEPTION



On May 17th, HDEV faculty and staff joined together to celebrate our distinguished award winners, honors recipients, and all HDEV graduates. Graduates, families, and friends enjoyed brunch at the Ngai Alumni Center and we celebrated another year of impressive HDEV graduates!

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

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DEPARTMENT AWARDEES

**OUTSTANDING GRADUATES**

SAIDEE C. GAMEZ

MARIANA L. VILLEGAS

**ALICE HURST VISIONARY AWARD**

CHARDAYNAE BRAME

ASHLYNN SNGIEM

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

KAYLEE G. BRUBAKER

LESLY COVARRUBIAS

**ALUMNI AWARD**

HOLLY HERNANDEZ - ULTRAGENYX

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# **HDEV HONORS RECIPIENTS**

RECIPIENTS EARNED A 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER

Karla Arizaga  
Brisa Balbuena  
Chardaynae Brame  
Kaylee G. Brubaker  
Sabrina Sue Cable  
Samantha Mabel Cedillo  
Emily Lauren Chan  
Lesly Covarrubias  
Allan Cuellar  
Audrey L. Davis  
Grace Doyle  
Saidee Gamez  
Sabija Haxhicani  
Marissa Hernandez-Gomez  
Queenie Hua  
Rachel Jacobsen

Vanessa A. Kanistanaux  
Christin Locke  
Elsa Julianna McFadden  
Ashley Thao My Nguyen  
Tess Nguyen  
Diane Nguyen  
Elizabeth Noel  
Kathryn Roa  
Joshua Sanchez  
Robin Schneiderhan  
Jessica Vazquez  
Nicole Lauren Vega  
Haley Villalpando  
Mariana L. Villegas  
Karyn Wasef  
Yanette Zepeda

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**8+**  
**articles**  
**published**



**2**  
**books**  
**published**

**8**  
**external grants**  
**submitted**

## FACULTY RESEARCH

**2**  
**fellowships**

**\$2.43 million**  
**in grants**





## WELCOME NEW LECTURER: **JUSTIN LUUGA**

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST LECTURER, JUSTIN LUUGA. JUSTIN IS AN HDEV ALUM AND COMES TO US HAVING COMPLETED THE MASTER'S PROGRAM IN GERONTOLOGY WITH A CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES AT CSULB. HE ALSO SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY AND BRINGS A WEALTH OF RESEARCH AND LIVED EXPERIENCE TO THE CLASSROOM. WELCOME, JUSTIN!

- KIMBERLY R. KELLY, P.H.D.





# SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT

**SAIDEE GAMEZ**  
**HDEV OUTSTANDING GRADUATE**

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**GUADALUPE  
MICHELL  
MORALES  
GARFIAS**



**REBECCA HERNANDEZ**

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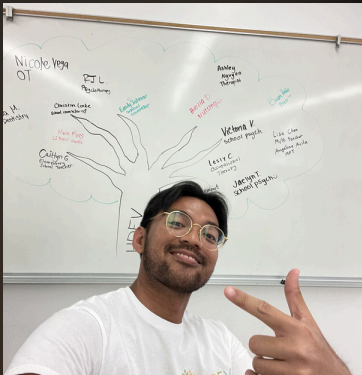




## PR INTERNS - SPRING

### ELSA MCFADDEN

"In my role as a Public Relations Intern for Human Development, I've not only helped organize and execute impactful events, but I've also gained skills in creating flyers and using social media for effective outreach. This internship has given me a newfound confidence that I can carry forward into my future endeavors."



### ACHILLES PERALTA

"My favorite part in interning for the HDEV department has been interacting with all sorts of people, from students to faculty members, in person and without the pressures of the classroom setting."

### FALL PR INTERNS

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### BIANCA RANGEL GARCIA & BRIANA LASCANO





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# HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION



**MEMBERS THROWBACK!**

*You could become the next  
HDSA officers!*

Email [HRE@csulb.edu](mailto:HRE@csulb.edu) for more details

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
GETTING INVOLVED?**

**SIGN UP IN FALL!**



**SEE YOU**

**IN**

**2024-2025!**

**GO BEACH!**



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