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Rachelle Escamilla

Awarded Philanthropist of the Year

Story by Malia Savella
Photo provided by Lisa Robinson

California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) Humanities and Communications Professor Rachelle Escamilla recently received the Philanthropist of the Year award from the Friends of the San Benito County Free Library (SBCFL). Her generous work in building a social media presence and website for the SBCFL has helped the library monumentally.

Escamilla, a long-time volunteer and attendee of the SBCFL, decided to step in upon noticing the library's lack of presence on the internet. "[SBCFL's] market was just limited to whoever came to the library, which was not very good," she said. "Any organization that doesn't have any media presence is going to suffer."

Past outreach and publication experience gave her the knowledge to broadcast the library's information to the public. By building a website, creating and managing social media accounts, and fixing up the library's informational brochure, the library has had greater public impact and bandwidth.

The Friends of SBCFL, a nonprofit meant to enhance the SBCFL's programs, recognized the impact of this assistance.

"With Rachelle's help with getting the website up and [increasing] our Facebook presence, our donations have increased," said Susan Logue, President of the Friends of SBCFL. The Philanthropist of the Year is awarded annually to community members who go above and beyond in continuing the Friends of SBCFL's vision.

Escamilla's work had much to do with giving back. "My mom was a teen mom," she said. "She wanted me to be educated. And in order to do that as a migrant farm labor mother, she took me to the library ... that's why I'm sitting here, it's books."

Thus, making sure the community is aware of the library's programs is vitally important for helping children like Escamilla. "She feels empathy with other women in our community who are young mothers trying to raise kids in low-income situations," said Friends of SBCFL member Mary Schneider.

Escamilla has also done work across the globe to make writing and reading poetry accessible, from founding the Poets and Writers Coalition at San Jose State University to co-founding the Center for Creative Writing at Sun Yat-sen University. "I do it because I'm brown and I want to read books about brown girls ... I want to read the struggles of girls who are coming up in the real world," Escamilla said.

"It was obviously her to be the one to be honored this time around because we just came from nothing," Logue said.

Escamilla's penchant for hard work and community engagement are greatly admired by the Friends of the SBCFL. In supporting her along the way, Escamilla cites her husband and family.

"Whenever a person is successful, it's because of the work of all the people around them who have supported them," she said. "I feel really grateful and thankful to the friends of the library for giving me the opportunity to work with them."

Photo: Portrait of Rachelle Escamilla

See you next year!

The Lutrinae will return from winter break on Jan. 23 with the first issue of the Spring 2020 semester.

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Otter Chatter by Arianna Nalbach



Haley Graham

Communication design
Freshman

“Cry, a lot. But seriously though — coffee.”



Christopher Santana

Human communications
Freshman

“I’m not really stressed because all my classes are general education right now. I only have two finals.”



Micah Iwata

Communication design
Junior

“Try to plan out your time, figure out how much you’re spending on each class and prioritize. Take a deep breath and find time for yourself.”

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Campus events before finals

Box Office December Special

The Box Office is celebrating December with a special offer of four movie tickets for only \$20. This offer will be available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room 109 in the Student Center on Dec. 6, as well as Dec. 13 and Dec. 20.

Open Mic Night

Residential Housing Association is hosting Open Mic Night on Dec. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Black Box Cabaret. Students can attend for free with their Otter ID. Don't miss the last Open Mic Night of the Fall 2019 semester!

Coffee and Donuts

The Alumni Association is providing students with free coffee and donuts from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 in the Library Cafe. The offer is while supplies last, so get there early to get some brain food and fuel your way through finals!

Hot Cocoa to Go Go

Free hot cocoa and apple cider will be distributed from noon to 2 p.m. on Dec. 11 in room 110 in the Student Center. The event is put on by the Otter Cross Cultural Center to help students warm up for finals!

Munch & Crunch

Students can find extra study space at the Cooperative Learning Center in room 2125 from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 16. Tutoring will not be taking place at that time, but there will be a librarian on duty if students have any questions.

Animal-friendly makeup brands

Story by Arianna Nalbach

E.l.f

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$

E.l.f is arguably the most affordable and accessible makeup brand out there. They have a wide range of products that are loved by professional makeup artists, beauty gurus and more casual makeup users.

Places to find it: Walmart, Target, Ulta, Walgreens, CVS, CSUMB bookstore and online

Cover FX

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$\$

Cover FX has high-performing, award-winning formulas that work great with all skin types. One of their bestsellers is their Power Play Foundation (\$44), which comes in 40 different shades to fit most skin tones.

Places to find it: Walmart, Ulta, Sephora and online

Axiology

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$\$

For all the lipstick fiends, Axiology is a vegan brand that exclusively sells lip products. Axiology is a fairly new brand and just began selling in Sephoras. It originally started as an Etsy page and is now being sold in 90 stores worldwide.

Places to find it: Sephora and online

Kat Von D Beauty

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$\$

Kat Von D's makeup is arguably one of the most well-known vegan brands. One of her bestsellers is the award-winning Tattoo Liner (\$20). She is also well known for her Everlasting Liquid Lipstick (\$20), which currently comes in 51 different colors.

Places to find it: Sephora and online

EcoTools

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$

EcoTools offers a large variety of makeup brushes, sponges and applicators. Not only are they completely cruelty-free and vegan, EcoTools also pride themselves on their products being made from recycled aluminum and plastic. On top of this, their packaging is made from 100 percent tree-free paper, they instead use a mix of 20 percent cotton and 80 percent bamboo fibers.

Places to find it: Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Target, Ulta and online

NYX

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$

NYX is another vegan brand that is very easy to find and afford. While slightly more expensive than E.l.f, they also offer a large range of products that feel high-end without the high-end cost attached.

Places to find it: Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Target, Ulta, NYX stores and online

Æther Beauty

Cruelty-free and vegan
\$\$\$

Æther Beauty is a new brand that was founded in 2018 and has already won awards for their products. As the brand is still fairly new, it only has a few eyeshadow pallets that each come with 12 unique shadows and cost \$58. While these are definitely on the pricier side, Æther Beauty promises that a portion of all sales go to environmental charities.

Places to find it: Sephora, Urban Outfitters, Nordstrom and online

Covergirl

Cruelty-free
\$

As of November 2018, Covergirl has been a cruelty-free brand and no longer tests on animals. While not all of their products are vegan, Covergirl is the largest makeup brand to be completely cruelty-free.

Places to find it: Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Target, Ulta and online

Anastasia Beverly Hills

Cruelty-free
\$\$

While not all of the Anastasia Beverly Hills products are vegan, as they use animal-derived products such as beeswax, they are 100 percent cruelty-free. Anastasia Beverly Hills is best known for their brow products and luckily, all of those products are vegan.

Places to find it: Ulta, Sephora, Nordstrom, Macy's and online

Wet n Wild

Cruelty-free
\$

Wet n Wild is a fully cruelty-free brand and has an extensive lineup of vegan products. While they aren't completely vegan yet, they are working toward making all of their products vegan. Until their products are fully vegan, they offer a list on their website that shows all of their vegan products.

Places to find it: Walmart, Walgreens, CVS Target, Ulta and online

Too Faced

Cruelty-free
\$\$

Best known for their award-winning Better Than Sex Mascara (\$25), Too Faced offers a variety of different products. All Too Faced products are high-quality and well worth the price. Plus, they're always scented based on the name of the product. Their Sweet Peach Eyeshadow Pallet (\$49) really smells like peaches. While not everything is vegan, they have a list on their website to show which products are vegan.

Places to find it: Ulta, Sephora, Nordstrom, Macy's and online

Tarte

Cruelty-free
\$\$

Tarte is well known for their internet-breaking Shape Tape Contour Concealer (\$27). Tarte is America's #1 concealer brand and for good reason. While some of their products are on the more expensive side, Tarte offers high-quality makeup that definitely puts the money to good use. Not all of Tarte's products are vegan, but they also offer a list of which products are vegan on their website.

Places to find it: Ulta, Sephora, Macy's and online

Urban Decay

Cruelty-free
\$\$

Urban Decay's award-winning All Nighter Setting Spray (\$33) is another must-have for any makeup lover. Many of Urban Decay's products are vegan and they are continuing to find vegan alternatives for products that aren't vegan yet. They mark which of their products are vegan on their website and have a tab to shop just for their vegan products.

Places to find it: Ulta, Sephora, Macy's, Nordstrom, JCPenny and online

Becca

Cruelty-free
\$\$\$

Becca's #1 bestseller is their Ultimate Coverage 24 Hour Foundation (\$44). It currently comes in 42 shades. Their Shimmering Skin Perfector Pressed Highlighter (\$38) is another best-seller and winner of the 2018 Influencer Reviewers' Choice award.

Places to find it: Ulta, Sephora, Nordstrom, Macy's

Creative Works

Photography - Jellyfish

by Arianna Nalbach



You said My Name

by Alaina Joleen

I looked at you from across the table
You spoke to the room
something about what you heard on the news
But I didn't hear more than that
I was so fixated on your face
The consistency of the neatly shaved hair of your beard
the outline of the shape of your jaw
You didn't catch my eye the day I first saw you
but something had changed since then
I couldn't tell you what it was

So I watched you for the weeks following
through the trimming of the hair living on your chin
and when you removed that same hair completely
I didn't recognize you
I continued to watch you when that same hair grew back
in the 2 weeks that followed
just as consistent as before
like it had never left
I can't remember most of the words you ever said to me
maybe because I didn't care
maybe because the look in your eyes
never matched the words that poured from your lips

And as I watched you and the weeks passed
I knew that you were watching me too
So I tried to do things better than I usually did
out of fear that you might see my flaws
I watched you when you weren't looking
and I watched you watching me
I did this for
months
until
you said my name

you said my name wrong

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A slump in sales effectively kills Cadillac's homemade Twin-Turbo V8

Story by Kristen Finley

Photo courtesy of Cadillac Newsroom

Not too long ago, Cadillac showed the automotive world they've still got what it takes to make low displacement, high output V8's with the Blackwing engine. In all it's 4.2 liter glory, the mighty American block churned up 550 horsepower and 627 foot pounds of torque with two turbos. In the land of high output V8's, it wasn't earth shattering news - what was so special about it was the Blackwing being a Cadillac family recipe. They designed it themselves, to perch beautifully underneath the hood of the 2020 CT6-V.

It was highly anticipated according to James Gilboy with The Drive and many purists were excited to see a manufacturer make their own engines, though not all that glitters is gold in the car world. After sales took a long dive in the deep end (again), Cadillac had to make the difficult choice of axing the Blackwing before it had much of a chance to take off. After next year's CT6-V, there will be Blackwings singing in the dead of night.

Back when Cadillac first held the Blackwing in high regards and was rightfully proud, there was promise the world would see the Blackwing in other models - maybe it would be in their smaller SUV, the XT6 or the CT6-V's little brother, the CT5. Though, they were hit hard with a bad case of sales slump and had to reconsider their dreams. Gilboy reported that Motor Trend had a source from GM claim that after facing the hard facts, they will definitely not use the Blackwing in any more Caddy's.

That still leaves a burning question in the wind: what about Cadillac's other performance models? Will they turn to turbo six's like everyone else does? Or a twin turbo four? Thankfully, no. Cadillac confirmed that they will still make a performance oriented Escalade, though instead of the Blackwing like originally planned, they'll implant the LT4 engine seen in the Camaro ZL1. Which, by the way, may not be a bad alternative since it makes more power anyway. Instead of having two turbos, it's a supercharged 6.2 liter V8 that makes 650 hp and 650 ft lbs of torque. It's a sad end to the Blackwing, but as Gilboy pointed out, it's probably for the better.

Maybe the early demise will be good for Cadillac. Having a more powerful and reliable engine might be exactly what Cadillac needs to get sales where they want them. Regardless, I'm happy to know that Cadillac is making the right choice in going with the LT4.

Photo: Take one last good look before it's gone - the Blackwing twin-turbo V8 that will live and die after being used in one model for one year.



A green holiday

iVerde!

By Jen Becker

After months of waiting, the holiday season is officially upon us - time to break out the Christmas socks and holiday cheer. I think Christmas time is the most wonderful time of the year, I love seeing all the lights and having all the fun gatherings.

On the uglier side of things, consumer purchases and waste skyrocket during this time. The hottest new toy or next internet trend is all everyone talks about. The number of fossil fuels that are sent into the air from all of those online orders and UPS drivers are insane. I want to share with you all some tips on how to have a truly "green" holiday with your loved ones.

Let's start with the big one: gifts. This one can be tricky, really think about if this item you want to buy for a friend or family member will actually use it. Do some research or even ask. Basically, have a conversation with someone about they want and how you can add value to their life.

Next will be wrapping them. Did you know that most wrapping paper isn't recyclable? After tearing through all of it, it's probably not reusable either. Try opting for fabric, paper bags you have lying around or newspaper.

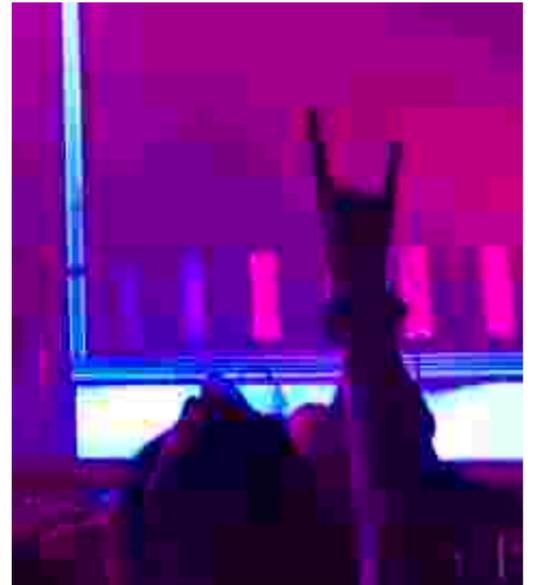
Lastly, the parties. All the cute decorations and party favors are great and all, but what happens to them after? They probably get thrown away, so start small! Try bringing your own cup or plate.



“CONSUMER PURCHASES AND WASTE SKYROCKET DURING THIS TIME.”

Upcoming concerts

Music Maven



Photos: The 1975 performs at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco on April 23.

Story and photos by Jenna Ethridge

Give the gift of concert tickets this holiday season! If you are staying on campus over winter break and are without plans, get into the spirit with these artists touring the Bay Area this month.

Angel Olsen

will be performing in Oakland at the Fox Theater on Dec. 7 in support of her new album, "All Mirrors," released on Oct. 4.

The 1975, Mumford & Sons, The Raconteurs, and Of Monsters and Men

will be performing at the SAP Center in San Jose during ALT 105.3's Not So Silent Night.

DIIV and Froth

are performing in Santa Cruz at The Catalyst on Dec. 7 and San Francisco at The Fillmore on Dec. 8. Their new album, "Deceiver," was released on Oct. 4.

The Aquadolls

will be playing at The Catalyst in Santa Cruz on Dec. 11.

Omni

will be in Santa Cruz at The Catalyst on Dec. 12 and San Francisco at the Rickshaw Stop in San Francisco in support of their latest album, "Networker," released on Nov. 1.

Grateful Shred

will be performing on Dec. 19 at Felton Music Hall in Felton, as well as Dec. 20 and Dec. 21 at The Independent in San Francisco.

Portugal. The Man & Chicano Batman

are ringing in the New Year at the Fox Theater in Oakland on Dec. 30 and Dec. 31.

Tickets for all of the shows mentioned are available on Ticketmaster, Stubhub and the artists' websites.

This day in history: Dec. 5

1776

The first U.S. fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, is formed at the College of William & Mary in Virginia.

1848

Former President James K. Polk confirms the discovery of gold in California, triggering the Gold Rush of 1849.

1933

The 21st amendment is ratified, repealing the 18th amendment and ending prohibition in the U.S.

1955

Rosa Parks begins the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama that lasted 381 days.

1957

New York City is the first U.S. city to legislate against racial and religious discrimination in the housing market with the Fair Housing Practices Law.

1968

The Rolling Stones release "Beggar's Banquet," featuring "Sympathy for the Devil."

1973

Paul McCartney and Wings release "Band on the Run" in the U.S.

1974

The Seattle Seahawks football team forms, joining the NFL.

2012

A magnitude 5.6 earthquake strikes South Korea, killing eight people and injuring 12.

2018

CO2 emissions increase by 2.7 percent, reaching an all-time high, as reported by the Global Carbon Project.

Tatted Otters: David Ledesma

Story by Arianna Nalbach
Photos courtesy of David Ledesma

Freshman David Ledesma has just recently begun his tattoo journey. He got his first tattoo on Oct. 22 of this year. Ledesma's tattoo is fairly simple in style, but it holds a much deeper meaning to him.

"I have a silhouette of a redwood tree on my inner arm. Redwood forests were a happy place of mine during an otherwise unhappy period of time," he said.

Before getting his tattoo, Ledesma made sure to spend plenty of time researching different shops and artists so he was sure to be happy with his results.

"I thought about one for a while and I did a bunch of research on shops in the area. When I found the right place, I just had to have it done," he said.

Obviously, getting tattooed isn't the most comfortable experience. Depending on where someone is getting tattooed and

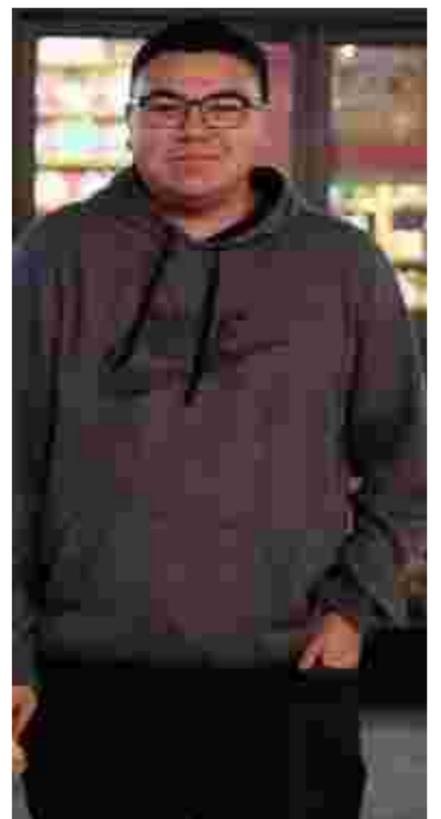
how high their pain tolerance is, it can just be a bit uncomfortable or it can be really painful.

"The tattoo process was super fun and extremely painful," Ledesma said. "It was interesting because I watched the tattoo be done, as I really wanted to see it. It was weird and amazing to see the needle moving on your skin and leave behind a piece of art. Overall, I'm very pleased and happy with it."

Even though it was a painful experience, it was definitely worth it for Ledesma, as he left the studio with something he was happy with. The pain that comes with getting tattooed is only temporary, while the art you get lasts a lifetime.

Ledesma isn't done with getting tattooed yet. He plans on getting at least one more tattoo in the future.

"I plan on getting an ocean related tattoo on my other arm," he said.



December brings changes for the zodiac

By Malia Savella

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

A sudden drive for fun and success may possess you this December. This confidence will push you into foreign territories, lean into it. You'll also find that your relationships are improving. Although this is a time for prosperity, it can quickly be ruined by your habit of spreading yourself thin. Learning to develop a structure and hone your focus will do you well this month.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Your dreams may be big this month, Taurus. You're open to new experiences and might feel new business or romantic opportunities calling to you. While luck will be on your side in terms of opportunities, feelings of instability and inadequacy might shirk your confidence. Don't be afraid to promote yourself anyways and internal peace will follow naturally.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

It may feel like you've been putting in more than you get out. While this frustration is completely warranted, it's important to not let it get to your head. Avoid conflict if possible. By the end of the month, certain loose ends that might've plagued you before will resolve themselves. Until then, remember to keep your cool.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

The pressure's on, Cancer. You may be pulled between an extra-heavy workload and an especially strong craving for pleasure. This commotion could easily result in turmoil if you don't make an effort to understand what you want. Take time to think about your goals this month. By asserting yourself and your desires, you can make December feel less intimidating.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leo, you're in the perfect position to make the negotiations that have been on your mind. Opportunity is waiting for you if you reach out. Although others will be eager to hear what you have to say, keep your ideas and demands realistic. You may also feel impatient with your love life. December will be important for finding an emotional outlet or working through relationship issues.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

This December will feel hectic. Your routine may be under fire due to unlucky circumstances, which may ruin your mood. With your attention pulled in all different directions, finding peace and joy can be especially difficult. Look for them in the gaps of your schedule. You're in the position to fall in love with the little things, so long as you have the patience to spend time focusing on it.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You're under a creative spell this month, Libra. You have a newfound eye for growth opportunities in your career and relationships. However, this may be suppressed by an influx of social conflict or pressure from authority figures. You may not have the language to explain yourself, but remain faithful to your intuition and it'll blow over.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

The world may be moving too fast for you this December. Surprising changes are happening at what feels like the worst times. Your inclination to plant your feet and close yourself off won't do you any good this month. You'll end up feeling better by keeping an open mind. There will be some good in the confusion, so long as you're willing to accept it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Happy birthday, Sagittarius! There will be an emphasis on family this December, which may bring up mixed feelings for you. A big decision will have to be made by the end of the month, one that you know is coming. Finding a place in your home, or understanding what home means to you, will provide you reprieve in this rocky time. On the other side of your decision is prosperity, so make sure not to overthink it.

Capricorn (Dec. - Jan. 18)

Now is the time for self expression. Your goals are clear and your sense of self is as stable as it's ever been. Feel free to capitalize on these feelings through creative explorations and in new social groups. You're ready to move into a new way of being, but it'll require you to shed the parts of your past still clinging to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 19 - Feb. 18)

Something unbearably negative is taking up your energy right now. You can't change what's happening, but you can do something about it. Coincidentally, your social skills may be particularly good this month; consider leveraging them for personal gain. Learning to work through your struggles will get you closer to success in the future.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

A positive change is coming your way, but this doesn't necessarily require your initiative. In fact, overaggressiveness and hasty decisions could make something surprisingly positive into something burdensome. It's time to focus on your sensations. All you need to do is feel out your environment to reap the benefits of what's coming.

Can you unscramble these words to reveal their anagrams of words associated with winter?

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clod

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smitten

forts

reheat

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frost, cool, boots,
cold, mittens,
heater, overcast