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## LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BORDER

Story by Cassidy Ulery

Dozens of people gathered at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) at Salinas City Center to discuss immigration and living life in border towns. The crowd consisted of CSUMB students and local community members.

During the presentation led by Dr. Judith Flores Carmona and Dr. Cynthia Bejarano, both CSUMB alumna, issues such as violence, kidnappings and advocacy for migrant families were highlighted. Dr. Flores Carmona and Dr. Bejarano lecture at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and they hope to inspire people to continue researching border town issues and promote awareness of human rights negligence seen living in or near border towns often not reported by the news.

Carmona, a first-generation college student, migrated to the United States from Veracruz, Mexico when she was 11. Having been admitted to CSUMB with the help of Cecilia Burciaga, she was able to pursue her passions of becoming a college-educated Latina. While at CSUMB, she took HCOM's Latina Life Stories course which she described as life-changing, giving her relatable reading material concentrating on Latina issues never before seen in literature or taught throughout her academic career.

Carmona credits "Telling to Live: Latina Feminist Testimonios" by Celia Alvarez and "Borderlands/ La Frontera" by Gloria Anzaldúa as influential, inspirational and necessary to understanding cultures outside of our own. In fact, Carmona has established a Latina feminism class at New Mexico State that showcases Latina testimonials and continues to allow other Latina womxn to access higher grounds of personal and academic achievements through sharing their testimonials.

Since leaving CSUMB, she has published three books and dozens of articles referencing Latina feminism and advocates equality. She brought up the important message of

"Everyone can teach you something, everyone can learn something. You are not the only one with knowledge."

Bejarano, a fourth-generation Mexican-American, grew up living in border towns her whole life. With 20 years of teaching experience at New Mexico State, she fights for human rights policies for migrant families, farmers, and works extensively on providing justice for missing and murdered girls in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.

During her presentation, she displayed images of displaced migrant families in Juarez and Tijuana, Mexico due to the border wall being built under the presidency of Donald Trump. The families, not being able to access their homelands now, have created what are known as "tent cities" and get little to no recognition by the news media. Bejarano talked about the price to build a small portion of the wall: \$13 million of taxpayer money. Her presentation demonstrated constitution free zones which allow border patrol agents to demand papers from any immigrant and raid their homes without warrants or permissions. Many do not know that Monterey County and its surrounding cities fall into the constitution-free zone.

Bejarano's work surrounds the murders of Maria Sagrario Gonzalez Flores and Isabel Cabanillas de la Torre, including thousands of other women, supported by the help of "Amigos de las Mujeres de Juarez," an organization that fights to bring justice to the victim's families. With the iron being used on the border wall, and the constant presence of the U.S National Guard, she invites the public to remember that border towns "should not be romanticized, but are full of beautiful deserts and not all violence."

"Immigration will take decades to resolve. History repeats itself, and I think that is what we are seeing," Bejarano said. "The perpetuation of racialized violence that

translates into justification for further security, and border security is inflated with United States National Guard, everything builds on one another to create a rhetoric and argument for further enforcement towards people of color, particularly immigrants."

When talking about issues facing border towns, many people had not heard about the Walmart shooting in El Paso, Texas that happened on Aug. 3, 2019 - a domestic terrorist attack orchestrated by Patrick Crusius that killed 22 Mexicans and injured 24 others.

With constant debates on immigration issues, and Trump's declarations of deportations, it is not hard to imagine why the visit was not welcomed. All of the images shown during Bejarano's presentation were taken three days after the Walmart shooting and depict the perseverance of the Mexican people and community.

"I would like people to learn what is going on in the borderlands region, and the purpose of the rhetoric that surrounds the immigration issues and the people who are affected," Carmona said. "Coming from the borderlands region of El Paso, Las Cruces, and Juarez, we realize there are a lot of stereotypes that are circulating our region, especially after the mass shooting, and I think people are unaware of the consequences from the discourse that has been acting as an approval for white supremacists."

Talking about the border and border town issues helps immigrants and communities fight against unjust racism, allows for the discussion of equality, shows contradictions exposed at the border, and forms allegiances to replace hate. The United States-Mexico border is one of resilience, honor and beauty - not all violence.

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# What do you know about the CoronaVirus?

Otter Chatter By Gloria Greenstein



## Amanda Happach

Marine biology  
Second-year

"Nothing really. I thought it was based off of mosquitoes, but I guess it's based off of smoking."



## Colin Dyson

Biology  
Second-year

"Oh boy, here we go. What do I know? I know the infection rate is mostly in China, so we should be alert, but not panic. The death tolls are not as bad as people and the media portray it to be. The most deaths have come from past cases of pre-existing medical illnesses cancer, stuff like that. I think over two thousand people have been discharged from the hospitals already in China, but I don't know if that's true and if it is, it could be a worldwide pandemic, but it's not an epidemic yet, so I would not be over-the-top concerned."



## Ulani Rouse-wells

Biology  
Second-year

"Nothing, pretty much. I know it affects men worse than it affects women in China because of their longer smoking habits. They get the worst part of it, like the pneumonia side of it because of their length of smoking versus the women."

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## Upcoming Events

### Feb. 13

#### "BlacKkKlansman"

The Otter Student Union (OSU) is hosting a screening of "BlacKkKlansman" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Black Box Cabaret before the All Black Gala this weekend.

### Feb. 13

#### Resume Building

Career Advisors and the Cooperative Learning Center (CLC) staff are offering resume building in the CLC at the library from 9 to 11 a.m. to help students create, update and personalize their resumes.

### Feb. 14

#### "Paint a Heart"

Associated Students (AS) are hosting "Paint a Heart" in the Student Center from 2 to 4 p.m. with painting supplies and free food. Contact Juan Guzman at juanguzman2@csumb.edu with any questions.

### Feb. 16

#### All Black Gala

The OSU's All Black Gala is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. This year's theme is "Still I Rise: Reclaiming Our Stories & Seizing Our Futures," featuring keynote speaker Kevin Willmott.

### Feb. 19

#### AS Food Pantry

AS are holding another Food Pantry event in the Student Center, providing students with a bag of non-perishable food and goods. The two distributions will take place from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

## “Roll With It” rolls students into new semester



Story and photos by Malia Savella

“Roll With It” was an Otter Student Union (OSU) roller skating and blading event, hosted at Water City Sports and Roller Hockey in Marina. It took place on Friday, Feb. 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Students in attendance were on the rink for a night of early 2000’s music and fun.

The event honored skaters of all levels by providing a barriered practice area for those wanting to practice their abilities. Some attempted tricks like skating backwards or forming conga lines. The highlight of first year Abigail Marcotte’s experience was “trying to skate backwards and almost falling.”

While most of the event involved regular skating and blading, there were also larger group activities. Water City staff led students through both the hokey pokey and limbo. The latter had three tiers, and participants struggled to skate under the lowering bar.

“It’s a really big event... the turnout was really good, and it seems like everyone was having fun,” said second-year and OSU employee Jiya Day. A walking group set out from the student center at 5:30 p.m. and the line into the rink stretched along the

side of the building. Select sizes ran out quickly as students filtered in. The first 60 students got in for free, and those who RSVP’d were rewarded with a free mug. Day added: “Everyone, even if they’re afraid, likes roller skating.”

Water City Sports and Roller Hockey is a small local rink that hosts roller hockey events, lessons, birthday parties, and public skating hours. Many students were unaware that Water City was so close to campus, or that it held public events. “I’ll definitely be coming back,” said Marcotte. They open to the public on weekends, and admission is \$7.

“I really wanted to spend some time with my friends, and we hadn’t gone out in a while. I thought skating was a really good way to bond, but also have a good time,” said Marcotte.

Some found joy in skating, while others had fun watching others. First year Thomas Fortunak said, “People who’ve never skated before fell a lot. It was kind of funny to make fun of them in my head.”

Although this was the first year OSU had hosted an event at Water City Sports and Roller Hockey, it won’t be the last. “Nobody’s hurt, everyone’s smiling ... that’s all that matters to me,” said Day.

Photos: “Roll With It” participants skate at Water City Sports and Roller Hockey



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# Tatted Otters: Ashleigh Adams

Story by Arianna Nalbach  
Photos courtesy of Ashleigh Adams

Some people get tattoos that hold significant meaning to them, while others like to get silly ones just for fun. However, this doesn't mean people with tattoos have to commit to just getting meaningful ones or just silly ones. Plenty of people get a mix of both.

Junior Ashleigh Adams has two more meaningful tattoos and one just for fun. She first started getting tattooed when she was 19 and able to afford it.

"Once I found a good local tattoo artist - if I want them, and I have money, I get them," Adams said.

For Adams, she always liked tattoos and wanted one of her own because of her love of art.

"I've always wanted them because I've always loved art and the idea of having art with you forever," Adams said.

She has three tattoos at the moment, one of which is an iconic meme.

"[I have a] stingray on my right shoulder, my dog's paw print on my left forearm, [and] Smudge the Table Cat on my left hip," she said. "[The] paw print is for my dead dog who meant a lot to me, [the] stingray is because I like stingrays, Smudge was for fun."



# Practicing self love on Valentine's Day

By Sydney Brown  
Bottom photo courtesy of  
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Feb. 14 marks the highly criticized, yet deeply cherished holiday set aside to celebrate love. On that fateful day, many wait in supermarket lines that seem to stretch on forever to purchase bouquets of roses and cheesy balloons. Couples go to fancy restaurants to try lobster for the first time, dressed in red stilettos and black ties. Those who don't have someone to get lobster with pretend they don't care that they aren't getting any lobster - some frozen fish sticks will do just fine.

Besides all the cliches, Valentine's Day can be dedicated to all kinds of love. It's also the day that kids pass out assorted lollipops to their whole class while they learn about the holiday's Roman heritage. It's a day single ladies hang out together and remember to care for one another. It's the day a father buys daisies and a teddy bear for his 3-year-old girl. And, it's a day where you can focus on loving you!

Many forget they're allowed to love themselves too; that it's fun to be alone, where you can learn about all the things in life that really make you smile. So, if you happen to be alone on Valentine's Day, enjoy it! Don't feel ashamed to go out and buy yourself a bag of candy, because you're treating yourself.

Whatever your plans are for Valentine's Day, no matter who you're with, don't forget to remember all the things that make you, you.



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## How Bernie Sanders is rocking the vote Music Maven



By Jenna Ethridge  
 Photo by Gage Skidmore  
 Illustration by Arianna Nalbach

Music has always been political, encouraging artists to use their platforms to educate their audience on global political situations. With the 2020 presidential election fast approaching, Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders is turning to the indie music community for help.

As of July 2018, indie/alternative rock was most popular among 16 to 44 year olds in the United States, according to Statista. Vox reported most of Sanders' support comes from 18 to 44 year olds, with 59 percent of 18 to 24 year olds favoring him over other candidates.

Bon Iver is among those who have performed alongside Sanders, most recently on Jan. 31 in Iowa. Vampire Weekend also joined Sanders in Iowa on Feb. 1 to perform an acoustic set.

Portugal. The Man, whose hit song "Feel It Still" was inspired by Sanders and his 2016 campaign, performed to a crowd of 2,000 at another rally in Iowa on Jan. 25. The Alaskan rock band are known political activists, asking Native Americans from every city they tour for permission to perform on their land.

The Strokes performed at Sanders' Get Out The Vote Concert Rally in New Hampshire on Feb. 10. Despite being one of indie's biggest acts of the 2000's, The Strokes have been in the news recently due to the announcement of their first project since 2013, "The New Abnormal."

"As the only truly non-corporate candidate, Bernie Sanders represents our only chance to overthrow corporate power and help return America to democracy. This is why we support him," said lead-singer Julian Casablancas.

Sanders has also received public endorsements from the likes of Best Coast, Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Local Natives and Young the Giant. (Sandy) Alex G also donated \$500 to Sanders' campaign recently, encouraging his fans to do the same.

Regardless of party: get educated, get inspired and get to the voting booths this November.

## Slow Down iVerde!



CSUMB Students enjoying the ocean view at Garrapata State Park

By Jen Becker  
 Photo by Mikko Mananghaya

2020 is a big year for the world. A lot of good things have happened, as well as the bad. Spring is an exciting time, especially for seniors like me. I graduate this spring and move on to the next chapter of my life and honestly, that is scary.

Through my daily scrolls on Pinterest, I have come across the topic of "Slow Living." For those of you who know me, my life is pretty crazy and I am constantly on the go. I don't know how I do it sometimes. Slow Living is being able to tell yourself each morning that there is enough time in the day.

When that voice tells you that you don't have time for lunch, remind yourself that in fact, you do. At the end of the day, take the time to write down one good thing that happened that day or that you are grateful for.

Same principle with all of the items we have accumulated in our lives. Do you need to buy that cute dumpling light from Urban Outfitters that you have been seeing plastered across your social media? Or that T-shirt you got from a basketball tournament five thousand years ago?

Start thinking about what things and activities truly make you happy and how they can better your life, rather than stress you out.

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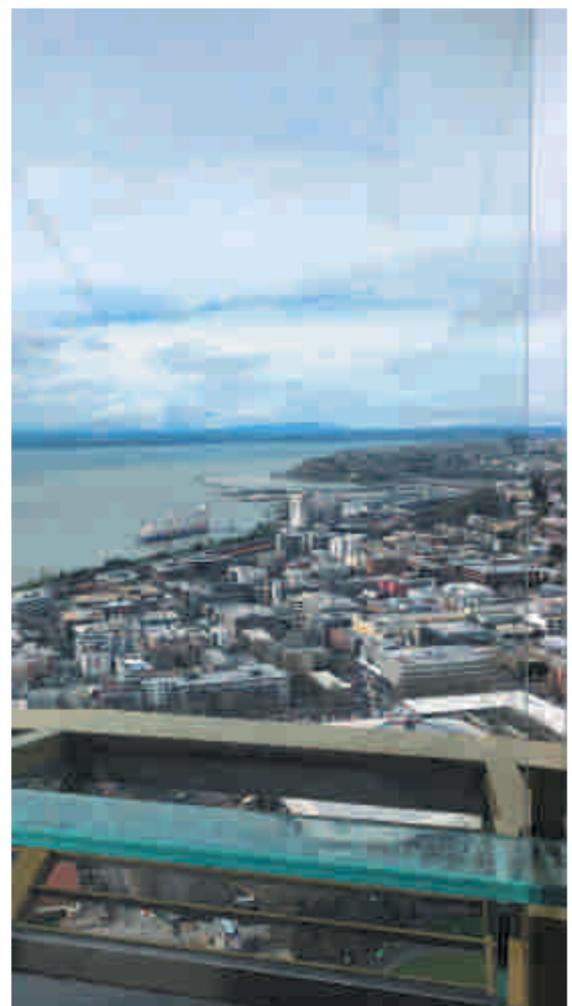


# Seattle Creative Works

By Sydney Brown

If everyone packed up  
Pieces of their soul  
Wrapped in tulips, and  
Sealed with hope

You'd find them in Seattle



Can you unscramble these words to reveal their anagrams of different animals?

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