

# CSUMB taps new leader

*University sets course for its second decade*

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As California State University, Monterey Bay, moves into its second decade of existence, it will do so with a new leader at its helm.

On March 15, Dianne Harrison, a Florida State University administrator, became the second president in CSUMB's 11-year history, following a vote by the CSU Board of Trustees.

Former President Peter Smith, who steered the school for its first 10 years, accepted a job in June 2005 with UNESCO in France. Since then, Diane Cordero de Noriega has served as interim president. She may return to her former position as provost on Harrison's arrival in the summer.

Harrison's presidency ushers in a period of growth both in student population

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and facilities for the 1,387-acre Seaside campus, which was established in 1994 following the closure of the Fort Ord military base.

About 3,770 students are now enrolled, and the student population is expected to grow to more than 8,000 in the next 20 years.

The Seaside school now has a centrally located main campus with several renovated buildings surrounded by older military buildings. Faculty and student housing communities are northeast of the main campus.

As part of its planned expansion, CSUMB is gearing up to build a second phase of faculty and staff housing.

The plan calls for about 490 single-family homes, bungalows and townhomes on the northern part of campus. Construction is expected to begin by this fall, with some residences available by the 2007-08 school year.

Campus officials say the project will go a long way in retaining and recruiting faculty and staff members who are put off by the high-priced real estate market in Monterey County.

Harrison said she realizes the importance of improving facilities. Another project under way is the Tanimura & Antle Family Memorial Library.

Also key to CSUMB's growth, Harrison said, is maintaining diversity in the faculty and student populations.

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Dianne Harrison, the new president of California State University, Monterey Bay, speaks during a March 7 visit to the campus. About a week later, the CSU Board of Trustees voted for her to become the second president in the school's history, succeeding Peter Smith who accepted a position with the United Nations in June of 2005.

ly warm and inviting to all as possible," she said.

Communication with CSUMB faculty is also a priority, Harrison said, adding that she plans to address issues of faculty pay and shared governance.

"One of the jobs of the president is to establish and maintain trust and respect from the faculty," she said. "I think it's important to voice the concerns of the entire campus community."

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### CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY

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n Telephone: New students, 582-3738; returning students, 582-5100, option 3  
n Online: [www.csumb.edu](http://www.csumb.edu)  
n Enrollment: 3,773  
n Cost: undergraduate \$1,089.75 to \$1,701.75 per semester; graduate \$1,140.75 to \$1,791.75 per semester.

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n Degrees awarded: Bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of arts, master of sciences and teaching credentials.

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