

## V. B. Zaninovich Establishes Table Grape Endowment

May 2012

**D**r. Jim Kennedy, chair of the Department of Viticulture and Enology, is pleased to announce that the **Vincent B. Zaninovich & Sons Endowment Fund** has recently been established through the California State University, Fresno Foundation by Vincent B. Zaninovich, president of VBZ & Sons of Delano.

The purpose of this gift is to provide financial support to Fresno State's table grape program within the Department of Viticulture and Enology. Earnings may be used to support faculty salary, travel, teaching activities, and research and scholarly activities in the area of table grape production.

Sonet van Zyl, is especially excited about what this endowment means to the Department's table grape program. As the newest faculty member, she is responsible for teaching table grape production courses and for conducting research that will benefit the table grape industry.

"This industry support from Zaninovich & Sons



Ryan Zaninovich (1996), from V. B. Zaninovich & Sons, with Jim Kennedy, Chair

will provide us with a foundation so we can enhance our commitment to table grape education and research at Fresno State," said van Zyl.

The Vincent Zaninovich family has a history of providing support to the viticulture program at Fresno State, including educational visits to their table grape operations for our students and special programs. Ryan Zaninovich also serves on our Viticulture and Enology Industry Advisory Board.

## Our Class of 2012 Enters the Grape & Wine Industry!

On May 17, our Department recognized its "Class of 2012" at their annual end-of-year dinner at Fresno State's viticulture and enology lawn. Over 125 graduates, family members and industry friends attended this celebratory event, co-sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Winemakers, the Viticulture and Enology Alumni Association, and Pardini's Catering of Fresno.

Additional support for the dinner was also received from

the Wine Group, Delicato Vineyards, Linda and Bob Glassman, O'Neill Vintners, E & J Gallo Winery, L&B Vintners, Rich Barsanti and a few of our own faculty members.



Each graduate who attended received a complimentary dinner and a gift of appreciation from the Department of Viticulture and Enology.

This year's graduating class was comprised of **twenty-one students** — three Master of Science students, thirteen Bachelor of Science students, and five Certificate of Special Study.

Fresno State is proud to have prepared our students for the real-world.

See page 4 for a list of our 2012 graduates!

### FAST FACTS

- THE UNIVERSITY REPORTS THAT 10 NEW FRESHMEN AND 26 TRANSFER STUDENTS HAVE REGISTERED IN VITICULTURE OR ENOLOGY FOR THE FALL 2012
- FACULTY SONET VAN ZYL RECENTLY PUBLISHED HER WORK ON NEMATODES IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF ENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE VOL. 33, NO. 1, 2012
- SINCE THE V. E. PETRUCCI LIBRARY RE-OPENED IN FEBRUARY, AN AVERAGE OF 140 STUDENTS USE THE LIBRARY AND ITS RESOURCES PER WEEK

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# Viticulture and Enology

“GRAPE DAY IS AN INFORMAL EVENT FOR GRAPE GROWERS AND WINEMAKERS TO LEARN ABOUT PRACTICAL RESEARCH AND CURRENT ISSUES FACING THE INDUSTRY.”

— JIM KENNEDY

## Grape Day Coming to Fresno State on August 14

On Tuesday, August 14, grape growers, PCA's, and winery personnel from all over the valley and state will come to Fresno State to learn more about the work that is being done at Fresno State's Viticulture and Enology Department.

Grape Day is held every other year on campus and is designed to disseminate information to the grape and wine industry and to showcase the viticulture and enology research and educational programs.



Indoor, and vineyard poster



ty, staff, and students on various grape and wine topics, including the latest research findings from industry funded projects. This half-day program will begin at 7:30 am and is expected to conclude by 1:00 pm. Registration is only \$20 per person in advance and will open on June 14. Please visit our web site or call 559 278-2089 for more information. Save the date! See you there!

presentations will be given by facul-

## International Visiting Research Scientist, Mu-Ming Cao

A visiting research scientist from the Viticulture and Wine Research Institute at Guangxi Academy of Agricultural Sciences in China, joined Dr. Sanliang Gu's research team in February 2012 for a one-year assignment. Dr. Mu-Ming Cao received her M.S. degree in 2006 and her Ph.D. in horticulture in 2010 and is an accomplished viticulture researcher. "Mu-Ming's research experience in double cropping of grapevines will greatly benefit our research effort in crop forcing to improve fruit and wine quality in warmer regions by shifting fruit ripening from July-August to October-November," said Gu. Cao is participating in all research projects within Gu's group, is interacting with faculty, staff and students, and is also touring the major grape production areas in California and attending professional meetings. "The current and future exchange and collaboration between Fresno State and her institute will be a great asset to both our programs," added Gu. Welcome, Mu-Ming!



Mu-Ming Cao is a visiting research scientist from China, working with Dr. Sanliang Gu, Ricchiuti Chair of Viticulture

## New DiBuduo Family Endowed Assistantship for Students

Years ago, the viticulture and enology program began to create many viticulture and enology endowed student assistantships with industry donations. Today the number of assistantships continues to grow due to the generosity of our industry partners. One of the most recent funds created through the Department of Viticulture and Enology is the Ag One—DiBuduo Family Endowed Assistantship Fund for students with interest in wine or table grapes.

This fund was originally created by the DiBuduo family and friends in 2003 to honor their father, Nat'ale DiBuduo, Sr., and his commitment to the San Joaquin Valley's table and wine grape industries. In 2011, Nat'ale's sons Jerry and Nat DiBuduo, Jr. combined these proceeds to create the new DiBuduo Family Fund for the purpose of supporting

student assistantships within the Department of Viticulture and Enology on an annual basis. Nat and Jerry are both Fresno State graduates and supporters. Jerry has served on the Ag One Board of Directors and the Department of Viticulture and Enology's Vineyard Evaluation Team. Nat serves on our Viticulture and Enology Industry Advisory Board, and is an original member of the Ag One Board of Directors.

"The interest earned on our endowed assistantship funds supports positions for our undergraduate and graduate students each year," said Jim Kennedy, department chair. "Thanks to our history of industry support, over \$25,000 will be available in the coming year to support assistantships within our program."

“THE DIBUDUO FAMILY ASSISTANTSHIP WILL ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HANDS -ON TRAINING TO OUR STUDENTS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PROGRAM.”

— JIM KENNEDY

## Meet our 2012 Outstanding Student Achievers

The Department of Viticulture and Enology is proud to introduce you to our 2012 Outstanding Student Achievers. These awards are selected on the basis of meritorious service, leadership and achievement related to the fields of viticulture and enology.

### Joseph Geller—M.S. Viticulture and Enology

Joe came to Fresno State in June of 2010 from Blythe-wood, South Carolina to earn a Master's degree in viticulture and enology and begin working for Dr. Kaan Kurtural as a graduate student with a research focus in mechanical vineyard management. Joe had received his undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of South Carolina, but had developed an interest in viticulture and enology after visiting his grandparents in the Napa Valley. As Joe will tell you, he has always loved the classic quote, "go west young man," so he came to Fresno! His time at Fresno State has been an amazing experience, he says. "I've grown as a professional,

had the opportunity to work on one of the top research projects in our field, developed invaluable relationships with friends that will no doubt last a lifetime, and managed to have some fun along the way." Joe will work for



Maclain and Joe on May 18

Treasury Estates as a viticulturist in the central and north coast regions of California.

### Maclain Atkinson, B.S. Enology

Maclain grew up in the Southern California Wine Country in Temecula, CA where he graduated from high school in 2002 before moving to Tempe, AZ to enroll at Arizona State University. While at ASU he was a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity and participated in a number of other

clubs. He graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in History and Business, and then moved to London, England where he took an internship working for a British American Business. It was here that he realized sitting in an office all day was not for him. When he returned to Temecula, he took a job at Wilson Creek Winery where he had his first experience in the wine industry and fell in love with it. After talking with Wilson Creek's winemaker (a Fresno State grad) Maclain decided to pursue a second bachelors degree in Enology and in 2009, he started his academic career at Fresno State. As a student, he participated in the Enology Society and worked at BevMo learning as much as he could about wine.

In the last year of his studies he worked with Drs. Susan Rodriguez and Roy Thornton researching Grape Rot Quantification and Wine Microbial Identification with the use of Raman Spectroscopy. Upon graduation from Fresno State, Maclain will work for Trinchero Family Estates as an intern, doing something he loves!

*"The Viticulture and Enology program is unique and unlike any other department on campus.*

*Students come from all over the world to follow a common passion, and it will always have a special place in my heart!"*

— Joe Geller

*"While at Fresno State I have had the opportunity to learn from some of the most respected professors and instructors in the wine industry and made friends with students who will become great winemakers one day. I have been very fortunate to study at Fresno State these past three years and will cherish everything that I have learned here."*

— Maclain Atkinson

## Fresno State Winery Names Greg Nelson as New Intern

The Fresno State Winery is proud to announce that **Greg Nelson** will be the next winery intern for the 2012-2013 year. Greg will fill this full-time paid position this summer, after completing his certificate of special study from Fresno State in enology in May 2012.



Greg Nelson and Jim Kennedy

Greg will be responsible for assisting winemaker John Giannini with all of the winery's production responsibilities, including the busy crush season.

Greg was selected by the winery because as a student, he demonstrated an eagerness to learn, said Giannini.

Prior to attending Fresno State, Greg worked as a research scientist in San Diego. He chose Fresno State primarily because of the opportunity to gain practical experience in the winery. He is excited to be selected as the winery intern and looks forward to an edifying, action-packed year of winemaking!

Rory Baldwin completed his 2011-2012 winery internship this month and will be working in Portugal and Spain in the coming year.

**"I AM EXCITED TO BE SELECTED AS THE WINERY INTERN AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN EDIFYING, ACTION-PACKED YEAR OF WINEMAKING!"**

— GREG NELSON

# Viticulture and Enology

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH WORKING TOGETHER

## 2012

**June 2**— Founder's Dinner honoring V. E. Petrucci at Borba's Rancho Vista del Rio to support V.E. Petrucci Library. Visit [shop.celebrationofwine.com](http://shop.celebrationofwine.com) or call 559 244-5741

**June 3**—"A Celebration of Wine" wine tasting to fund V. E. Petrucci Library [www.acelebrationofwine.com](http://www.acelebrationofwine.com)

**June 18-22**—ASEV National Conference, Portland, OR

**August 14**— Fresno State Grape Day— Viticulture & Enology facilities

**August 23**— DVE Welcome Back BBQ—Viticulture &

Enology Alumni & friends welcome, Fresno State

**October 18**—Grape Grower Workshop (Part III). Berry Sensory Analysis, Fresno State

**November tba**—Viticulture Club Fall Harvest Dinner & Fundraiser. Contact 559 278-7151

**November 7**— American Vineyard Grape, Raisin, Nut Expo, Fresno

**November 9**— American Vineyard Central Coast Grape Expo, Paso Robles

**November 13**—American Vineyard Tree & Vine Expo, Turlock

**November 15**—Le Vin Nouveau wine tasting—Fresno State Winery

## 2013

**January 29-31**—Unified Wine & Grape Symposium

**January 30**—Fresno State Viticulture & Enology Alumni & Friends Reunion— Sacramento

**February 2**— FFA Vine Pruning Contest, Fresno State

**February tba**—Viticulture and Enology Career Fair, Fresno State

## ALUMNI AND FRIENDS—

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*Just **join our E-List** on the*

*Department's web site to*

*receive occasional e-notices*

*about upcoming events.*

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# FRESNO STATE

## Viticulture and Enology

Fresno State has a new look!

### Congratulations to our Class of 2012

#### Master of Science Degree

Joseph Geller, M.S.

Jorge Ramirez-Perez, M.S.

Lydia Wessner, M.S.

#### Bachelor of Science Degree

Maclain Atkinson, B.S.

Emily Eisenbaum, B.S.

Erik Ettner, B.S.

Erik Grahn B.S.

Ryan Hessler, B.S.

Adam Ivor, B.S.

Isaac Jenkins, B.S.

Jeremy Ligon, B.S.

Ricardo Mendoza, B.S.

Melaina Moustakis, B.S.

Nicolas Prieto, B.S.

Mario Salinas, B.S.

Bryce Willingham, B.S.

#### Certificate Students

Mark Boehler, Enology

Michael Costley, Enology

Anthony Hernandez, Enology

Spencer Kelly, Enology

Greg Nelson, Enology



### New Board Member

We are pleased to announce that **Cathy Ference**, Director of Bulk Wine at Treasury Wine Estates in St. Helena, will be joining our Viticulture and Enology Industry Advisory Board, comprised of industry leaders.

Cathy has been at Treasury Wine Estates for five years and in the wine industry for twenty-three years. Her expertise will bring valuable contributions to the board, and will help guide the Department's academic and research programs. We look forward to working with her.

### Scholarship Awards

The Department of Viticulture and Enology recently awarded **\$19,550** in scholarships to viticulture and enology students for the 2012-2013 academic year. Due to the generosity of many industry supporters, there are many scholarships available to students studying viticulture and/or enology through the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

Students are encouraged to apply through the university's online system each spring. Awards begin in April and usually conclude by August. Visit [www.fresnostate.edu/scholarships](http://www.fresnostate.edu/scholarships) for details.

# From the V.E. Petrucci Library

Every spring, the American Library Association celebrates National Library Week. Observed the second week of April, this event is meant to mark the significance and promote the contributions libraries make to their communities, their campuses, and their customers. This year National Library Week held particular meaning for the V.E. Petrucci Library, as it marked the second month the library is again open and available to serve patrons and their information needs. In coming newsletters, this space will be used to share the research generated by the California State University, Fresno Department of Viticulture and Enology, technical innovations, and information resources relevant to the grape, wine, and raisin industries. Following this spring of revitalization, and looking towards a summer of renovation and renewal, we would like to re-acquaint you with (or perhaps introduce you to) the V.E. Petrucci Library.

The V.E. Petrucci Library has existed in some manifestation since the development of the viticulture and enology program at California State University, Fresno. The scrapbooks of Professor Vincent E. Petrucci picture him with student librarian assistants and librarians past. What viticulture and enology gained in Professor Petrucci, librarianship lost; these labeled and collated documents, newspaper clippings, and photographs chronicle the history of the program, and highlight the importance of the department in its contributions to the education, understanding, and industrial innovations in these disciplines. This historical collection is open to the public, and all are welcome to view the archive.

Currently supported by an endowment founded by the Fresno State Viticulture and Enology Alumni Association in 1996, the V.E. Petrucci library collection also consists of historic and contemporary periodicals, books, conference proceedings, pamphlets and brochures, research reports, and theses. These cover the topics of viticulture and enology, as well as general agriculture, ag business and marketing, soil science, molecular biology, chemistry, pest management, and sustainable and organic farming. The collection is currently non-circulating, but students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome to use these resources to support their interest and investment in these subjects.



Following the trend of libraries across the nation and around the globe, the V.E. Petrucci

Library will develop several digital resources and collections in this new phase of service and outreach. A newly-designed website will be unveiled later this year, and will serve as an access point for the wealth of information available through the library.

*From Professor Petrucci's scrapbooks: "Besides studying for a masters in viticulture, Penny Sue Adams, 22, is Viticulture department librarian. She plans a winery in her native Texas."*



*Librarian Britt Foster, hired February 2012*

The hiring of a new librarian will also support the development of and innovation in the library. Britt Foster is a graduate of the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at University of California, Los Angeles, with a Masters of Library and Information Science. Foster grew up amongst acres of Thompson grapes in Kerman, California, and is excited for the opportunity to support the industry so vital to her native region.

With the creation of new resources, and the support of a history of service, outreach, and development, the V.E. Petrucci Library continues its mission of endorsing and extending the Department of Viticulture and Enology, providing information instruction and information literacy services to the students of the program, and assisting with reference and research for the industry and the community.

The V.E. Petrucci Library is open from 8:30a– 2p, with a half-hour closure for lunch from 11:30a– 12n. To contact librarian Britt Foster, please visit the library during open hours, call at (559) 278-5388, or email at [brfoster@csufresno.edu](mailto:brfoster@csufresno.edu).

# Collections

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## Periodicals

Over 40 popular, trade, and scholarly periodicals from the 1800s to contemporary releases

## Viticulture and Enology Collection

Reference and research titles in viticulture, enology, and related subjects

## Reference Collection

A collection of titles to support the understanding of the discipline, this collection features wine encyclopedias, regional and international terroir atlases, and international language dictionaries

## Proceedings

Proceedings from annual conferences, commissions, associations, and organizations

## Theses

Theses from the 1980s to present generated from the Department of Viticulture and Enology Master of Science in Viticulture and Enology degree

## Pamphlets and Brochures

Historical and contemporary brochures, circulars, and pamphlets relating to viticulture and enology and the supporting industries

*New collections are currently in development. Portions of the above collections are also available online; please contact the librarian for assistance in accessing and finding materials.*

# Services

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## Reference

General questions and assistance in locating and interpreting information related to viticulture and enology

## Research

Bibliographies, annotated bibliographies, literature reviews, and information resources management

## Instruction

One-on-one and group instruction in information resources and access

*A variety of services customized to patron needs are also available. Please contact the librarian for more information. 559.278.5388 or brfoster@csufresno.edu*

*Come explore the V. E. Petrucci Library...*