



Focal Point

2002 CalABA Western Regional Conference Working Together

Linda Hayes, Ph.D., Conference Chair
Ramona Houmanfar, Ph.D., Conference Co-Chair
Michele Wallace, Ph.D., Conference Co-Chair

Behavior analysis is an unusual discipline. Unlike most other psychological perspectives, behavior analysis is distinguished by a well-developed, somewhat unconventional philosophical position, and a unique methodology which permits not only prediction of behavior under particular circumstances, but also its control. No other psychological formulation can boast of these features. More than this, though, is the extraordinary power of its technology in bringing about learning and behavior change more generally. It is the power of its technology that has led to the adoption of behavior analytic strategies in a great number of different fields from autism to organizational behavior management. Behavior analysis is, as such, a great many people working together, with a common theoretical and methodological orientation, toward the enhancement of life quality and the betterment of society.

This year at the CAL-ABA conference we celebrate our joint efforts in this regard. Featured applied researchers and practitioners, whose aim it is to bring to light new findings and to provide training in the most effective behavior change technologies, include: Brian Iwata and Michele Wallace on functional analytic methodology; Gina Green, Pat Ghezzi, and Joe Morrow on autism and developmental disabilities, Tim Volmer, John Lutzker, and Roy Mayer on family safety and violence prevention; Kent Johnson, Mark Sundberg, and Jim Partington on language acquisition; and Bill Ahern and Meeta Patel on pediatric medicine -- to name only a few. We have also added a number of the best known scholars and practitioners in the field of organizational behavior change and occupational safety, including: Judy Agnew, Maria Malott, Bill Redmon, Leslie Braksick, and Mark Alavosius. Finally, we are pleased to have with us some of the field's most influential basic scientists and theoreticians, including: Bill Baum, Phil Himeline, and Jack Marr.



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We believe that by WORKING TOGETHER -- the theme of this year's conference -- we can make a significant difference in the lives of countless individuals, foster the growth and development of our discipline, and contribute to the well being of our society. Join us at the CAL-ABA conference this year as many hands are needed to accomplish this goal.

President's Message **Greg Wagner, Ph.D.**

I have both the privilege and the challenge of serving as CalABA President this year. I'm privileged to serve with a very strong, committed Board that makes my job much easier; and I'm privileged to serve an illustrious association representing the field of behavior analysis and its devotees.

I'm challenged to follow in the footsteps of exceptionally competent past-Presidents of our newly established statewide association: Randy Keyworth, Roy Mayer, and Mary Ann Powers, respectively; and I'm challenged with multiple and sometimes divergent Association priorities.

Each July, the first Board Meeting of the year takes place. New members begin their terms, goals and budgets are discussed, and priorities for the coming year(s) are established. At the Board Meeting this July, the Board agreed to continue as a professional, statewide, self-sustaining Association with priorities which include the annual conference, certification involvement, a newsletter, and legislative presence.

To continue as a self-sustaining, statewide Association requires substantial commitments of time and energy (pro bono) by the Board, and financial support from donations and membership fees. The costs associated with hosting a large conference and contracting with a professional association management agency increase over time.

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Legislative Report

Randy Keyworth, Ph.D., BCBA
Legislative and Public Policy Chair

The Legislature has adjourned from the first half of this two-year legislative session. They will reconvene in January and begin the process of introducing new legislation as well as continuing their work to gain passage of those bills that did not make it through the process during the last session. The Governor had thirty days from the Legislature's adjournment date in which to consider bills for action. Sunday, October 14th was his deadline to sign, veto or allow bills to become law without his signature. Several hundred measures received his approval and will become law on January 1st.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE - Of particular importance to Cal-ABA, the Governor signed Assembly Bill 379, a measure introduced by Assemblyman Lou Papan, which eliminated the sunset date for California's Special Education laws. Strongly supported by Cal-ABA, this measure passed despite the concerted efforts of many public educators and staffers at the Department of Finance to dismantle the current special education mandate (PART 30).

Cal-ABA was the first organization to identify the threat to California's Special Education law and its companion regulations, sound the alarm with parents and advocates, and mobilize support to challenge the threat! These laws and regulations provide the student rights, funding, and mandates that fuel all of our organizations. While the battle isn't over, Cal-ABA's early warning has helped turn the tide and to make sure that children with special needs continue to receive services.

REGULATORY GAINS - In addition to protecting current services through our legislative activities, Cal-ABA has had tremendous success this year in gaining recognition for the Behavior Analysis Profession and services. Specifically CAL-ABA worked with the Department of Developmental Services to support the creation of a Behavior Analysis Vendor category in the Title 17 Regulations.

With Cal-ABA's support, the Department succeeded in gaining the legal recognition of the Behavior Analyst profession by changing the DDS Title 17 regulations to include Behavior Analysis as a separate "vendor category", and Behavior Analyst as a separate profession. It also included recognition of the new Behavior Analyst Certification Board process as one way to gain recognition as a Behavior Analyst. This accomplishment represents another major success in our efforts to gain full legal recognition of our profession and services! Many thanks to Cal-ABA members who took the time to attend and testify at the public hearings to support this huge effort.

VISIT THE Cal-ABA WEB SITE - Cal-ABA has taken positions on numerous bills introduced this session dealing with issues such as Special Education funding, local plan areas, laws and due process hearings; developmental services and contracts; pupil behavioral problems; nonpublic schools and agencies and other issues important to our membership. You can view our

Legislative Report by going to "sacadvocracy.com" and clicking on "Client Only Services." Once there, click on "Legislative Report" for a full report.

A CALL FOR SUPPORT - These public policy gains come at a cost. Cal-ABA has spent thousands of hours and tens of thousands of dollars on behalf of our consumers, organizations, and profession. In order to continue our advocacy efforts, we are in dire need of financial assistance from organizations, associations, and individuals that have an interest in protecting behavior analysis services. As the Executive Director of a nonpublic school, I am aware that funding is always tight. However, I am also aware that without the ongoing representation of Cal-ABA in Sacramento, NPS/NPA services might cease to exist. This is not hyperbole! As a result, Spectrum Center has given generously in terms of time and money to this effort. I am asking you to do the same. As your financial year ends, please consider making a donation to Cal-ABA. As you build your budget for next year, please include funds for a further donation. Consider it an insurance policy to protect your services.

Cal-ABA's successes or failures in the public policy arena will have a direct impact on your organization's abilities to continue providing Behavior Analysis services in the community. We need your support to keep the momentum going. Please fill out the following form and make a pledge today. All donations are tax deductible. Please share this request with others who might help. Thanks for your consideration. Please give me a call at (510) 845-1321 if I can provide any additional information.

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RCEB Awarded DDS Wellness Grant

Weihe Huang, Ph.D., BCBA
Regional Center of the East Bay

Regional Center of the East Bay (RCEB) has recently been awarded one of the 2001-2002 Wellness Grants by Department of Developmental Services (DDS). The project, entitled "Multidisciplinary Approach to Optimizing Diagnosis, Intervention and Treatment for Consumers Receiving Excessive Psychotropic Medications," is intended to reduce excessive psychotropic medications administered to consumers with developmental disabilities in group homes. The goal of this project is two-fold: (a) it will focus on a reduction of targeted consumers' medications by providing medical and behavioral assistance to selected group homes in the East Bay Area; and (b) it will focus on the development of a model with a training protocol for service providers in the RCEB service area and other regional centers. The specific objectives of this project are to:

1. Identify 50 consumers who are on excessive medications for behavioral issues in 10 group homes in the RCEB service area.
2. Adjust medications to an optimal level based on multidisciplinary assessments and provide behavioral supports to these consumers.
3. Develop a model (Behavior and Medication Intervention System) for a multidisciplinary approach to addressing the widely existing problem.
4. Disseminate this protocol to a broad audience of service providers who are potential users.

The Project Coordinator is Dr. Weihe Huang, BCBA, the Behavior Analyst at RCEB. Many professionals in the field, including Dr. Mary Ann Powers and Dr. Robert Vreeland contributed to the idea and proposal development of the project. ●

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CalABA is a nationally recognized, highly regarded state organization. A very well-known presenter at last year's conference commented to me that of the numerous ABA affiliate conferences he has attended around the country, ours was by far the most impressive. Those of you who received the recent Call for Papers for the 2002 conference may have noted the phrase, "A Western Regional Conference." Thanks to Linda Hayes (Conference Chair), Michelle Wallace, Ramona Homanfar and Joe Rodrigues at the University of Nevada-Reno, we're expanding our conference horizons.

The continued success, viability, and expanding horizons of CalABA ultimately depend on its membership. It's your Association. Encourage your friends and colleagues to attend the conference and to join as members. Donate even a little money. Help market CalABA by circulating and posting information. Sample a Board Meeting. Finally, let the Board know what CalABA is or isn't doing regarding your preferences by e-mailing Sacramento Advocacy at lobbyst@ns.net.

Thanks for the privilege and challenge of serving as President.

Our Community. . .

Jane Howard, Ph.D., BCBA
California State University, Stanislaus

We report with great sadness the sudden death of Glenn Latham, Ed.D. on July 10, 2001. Glenn received his B.S. and M.S. in Education from the University of Utah and his Ed.D. in Special Education from Utah State University. Later he joined the faculty of both institutions as well as that of the University of Oregon. In addition, Glenn was the founder and director of Columbus Community Center. At the time of his death, he was the Principal Director of the Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center. Glenn was a consultant and trainer who found a great demand for his services and writings at the national and international levels.

Glenn was a very accomplished behavior analyst and educator, but he excelled as a communicator. He was a mainstay presenter at Cal-ABA and his invited luncheon address at the 1998 Cal-ABA conference hit a high mark that will be difficult to surpass. He inspired all who met him with his passion for behavior analysis and the way in which he infused it in his personal life. We will miss Glenn's humor and the way in which he used it to bring the audience along to his point of view. Lastly, we will miss Glenn's dedication to improving the quality of life of parents, children, and teachers around the world. However, we are grateful for the writings he left behind, for the time that we had with him, and for the repertoires that he changed.

SABA International Development Award

The Society for the Advancement of Behavior Analysis (SABA) awarded three International Development Awards in 2001. These small grants were established to promote the advancement of behavior analysis internationally. Dr. Weihe

Huang, who submitted a proposal to conduct a workshop about behavior analysis and autism in China, was awarded one of the grants. Weihe has been an active member of CalABA for many years and currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Join us in congratulating him on this wonderful achievement! ●

An Update from the Professional Standards Committee

Siri Ming, M.A., BCBA
Professional Standards Chair

Our Ranks are Swelling...

Following the spring BACB exam administrations, the numbers of BCBA and BCABAs in California topped the one hundred mark—congratulations to all of you! With the growth in numbers and exposure due to other legislative efforts, we will all begin to get more questions about certification and its benefits. As always, the BACB website is an excellent place to direct people for more information, but I hope we can also all consider ourselves ambassadors for certification as well as behavior analysis in general, and work to fulfill the growing need for education, mentoring and supervision opportunities.

Questions about continuing education, certification, and behavior analysis as a profession continue to come my way, and I have been happy to help as much as I can. To develop a more coordinated effort, the Professional Standards Committee (now consisting of Siri Ming, Mary Ann Powers, Jose Rios, and Terry Tibbitts) will be working on developing a pool of information to place on the CalABA website, and you are all invited to add your knowledge to our effort on the following topics (or any others that you think would be helpful):

- Educational opportunities in California or online that meet the BACB certification eligibility requirements
- Opportunities in California for supervised or mentored experience by a BCBA
- Agencies that actively support certification, and/or who are recruiting for certified individuals
- Information on vendorization in the Regional Center system for BCBAAs
- Ongoing continuing education opportunities

BACB Examination Administrations

The next exam will be held November 17 in San Francisco and Los Angeles as well as other locations across the country and in the UK; applications are no longer accepted for this administration. The next exams will be held on May 18, 2002 nationwide (or worldwide!), and at the ABA International conference in Toronto. Check the BACB website for updated information on application deadlines and requirements (www.bacb.com).

Continuing Education at CalABA 2002

The CalABA conference will again be an excellent source for getting your BACB-required CEUs. The Professional Standards Committee will be working diligently to refine the monitoring system so that we can continue to offer CEUs at all presentations. If you have any suggestions, please send them our way! Full information on CEUs at the conference will be sent out in advance to all California BCBAAs and BCABAs. Please make sure that the BACB has your correct contact information.

Continuing Education Provider Approvals

CalABA continues to approve providers and courses for CEUs, while the BACB process is finalized. The BACB will be the body to approve providers in the near future, and Siri is diligently working on the BACB "continuing education work group" to help draft their CE policy and procedures. We anticipate that this information will be available prior to the February conference, and will prove to be a simple, straightforward, and cost-effective process for the BACB, CE providers, and all of us who need CEUs. We'll keep you posted on any further developments!

Contacting the Professional Standards Committee

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions about continuing education, certification, mentoring, or any other related topic, please let us know:

Siri Ming, Professional Standards Chair
siriming@home.com
 (707) 445-0893 ext 315

CSULA OFFERING FREE CEUs

California State University, Los Angeles anticipates offering three symposiums that can be used for continuing ABA Board Certification (CEUs). Each symposium is 3 hours (3 CEUs each), and will be held at CSULA in King Hall C-1066 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To receive the 3 CEUs, you must attend the entire presentation. The symposiums, presenters, and dates are:

1/25/02

Use of Behavior Analysis and Opportunities in Regional Centers

Presenters:

John Youngbauer, *North Los Angeles County Regional Center*
 Edna Zinar, *Regional Center of Orange County*
 Margarite Phillips, *Harbor Regional Center*

3/1/02

Comprehensive Functional Assessment

Presenters:

Gary LaVigna, *Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis*

5/17/02

Violence Prevention: An ABA and CDC Perspective

Presenter:

Randy Campbell, *CSULA and Center for Disease Control*

AGENCIES ENDORSE CERTIFICATION

The following agencies have endorsed the certification process for behavior analysts and associate behavior analysts. They support and encourage current and prospective employees to become certified. If you know other agencies or private practice vendors that endorse certification, please ask them to contact the CalABA office for a free listing on the website and in the newsletter.

ANOVA – Santa Rosa
 Applied Behavior Consultants – Sacramento
 Behavior Analysts/STARS School – Pleasant Hill
 Behavior Counseling and Research Center – San Rafael
 Behavior Consultants Association – Los Angeles
 B*E*T*A: Behavior Education Training Associates – San Francisco
 Institute for Applied Behavior Analysis – Los Angeles
 On Our Own – Santa Rosa
 Holdsambeck & Associates – throughout Central California
 Spectrum Center – Berkeley
 Tucci Educational Solutions – Aptos

APPROVED CEU PROVIDERS

The following agencies are currently approved providers of CEUs. Contact them for information regarding their schedules of approved courses:

Applied Behavior Consultants: www.abcreal.com
 The Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT):
ASAT@autism-treatment.org
 Behavior Analysts, Inc: www.behavioranalysts.com
 (925)9370, ext 100
 California State University, Los Angeles, Charter School of Education, Division of Administration and Counseling:
 (213) 323-4250 or 323-4253
 Holdsambeck and Associates: Robert Holdsambeck
rhone@impulse.net
 Regional Center for the East Bay: whuang@rceb.org
 Mark Sundberg, Ph.D: marksundberg@astound.net

Continuing education units will also be available at the CalABA Conference 2002 in San Francisco in February.

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Pass the CBA Exam!!!

Those of us who had the advantage of using your modules feel we were more prepared because of them. We couldn't talk enough about how you helped us.
 — Denise McKee

It doesn't take that long to go through the modules to get to 100% proficiency, and it's a fun way to review the material because it requires an active response.
 — Mareile Koenig

I found it very helpful that I had studied module 2 before the exam - there were several questions on the test which covered that material and I got (most of them!) right - which I'm not sure I would have done had I not had study module 2.
 — Maggie Hancock

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ■

Spectrum Center

*Career Opportunities
in Applied Behavior Analysis*

Spectrum Center is one of the top Behavior Analyst Organizations in the country. Our philosophy emphasizes non-aversive applied behavior analysis, research based practices, data-guided teaching and decision-making, and client advocacy. We operate a public school consultation and training project; five special education schools; several research projects; and an educational product development division in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Spectrum Center's personnel philosophy reflects a commitment to high levels of staff reinforcement, excellent opportunities for professional development, competitive compensation packages, and a behavioral organizational culture.

Spectrum Center currently has "senior" and "entry" level openings in its public school consultation project and special education schools. These positions range from clinical services to organization management (Masters and Ph.D. level).

We have career opportunities in the following areas:

- **Senior Behavior Analyst** (Special Education Schools)
- **Education Consultant** (Public School Consultation Program)
- **Program Coordinator** (Special Education School)
- **Special Education Teacher** (Special Education School)

Employment at Spectrum Center includes an excellent benefit package and generous vacation benefits. Applicants should have strong backgrounds and interest in applied behavior analysis in human service settings.

Spectrum Center has been a major supporter and employer of Behavior Analysts for over 25 years. Come and join an innovative organization where your training and skills can best be practiced.

Visit our web site at www.spectrumcenter.org



Send your resume/letter of interest to:

Spectrum Center
Attn: Janet Medina
2855 Telegraph Ave. Suite 312
Berkeley, CA 94705
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Fax (510) 845-7841

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• One year experience
• Coursework in applied behavior analysis

Behavior Specialist II \$3864.00 to \$4436.00/month
• Master's degree in a human service field
• Two years of experience
• Coursework in applied behavior analysis

Openings available in the following locations:

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Canyon Springs (Cathedral City/Palm Springs)	(760) 770-6260
Fairview Developmental Center (Costa Mesa)	(714) 957-5131
Lanterman Developmental Center (Pomona)	(909) 444-7226
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FFYC-BA, 3800 Coolidge Ave. Oakland, CA 94602,
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES ■

STARS SCHOOL BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS, INC. POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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In the lives of young children with language delays*

We are currently seeking experienced and enthusiastic behavior analysts in our small but growing non-public school and agency for children with severe language delays.

Instructional Assistants: Working within our classrooms at STARS School, the instructional assistant is responsible for implementing intensive individualized teaching programs using discrete trials in both structured and naturalistic settings. Considerable training is provided to instructors and this is an opportunity for an entry-level position within our agency. BCABA or eligible preferred; supervised experience available to meet BCABA and BCAB eligibility criteria.

Interns: Working within both our Integrated Sites Division, as well as STARS School, interns have the opportunity to participate in a variety of services, including direct teaching and assessment. Interns have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of workshops and inservices, and to learn our system from the ground up. Working towards BCBA preferred; supervised experience available to meet BCBA eligibility criteria.

Educational Consultants: Working within our Integrated Sites Division, the educational consultant assesses students' language and learning skills, develops IEPs and educational programming and provides an ongoing analysis of students' educational programs by working with the student, parents, school and other program staff. Some travel may be involved. BCBA or eligible preferred; supervised experience available to meet BCBA eligibility criteria.

We are located in Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek, California. Please see our web site: www.behavioranalysts.com for full position details, or contact Mary Ann Powers, Ph.D. at powers@behavioranalysts.com or Sarah Santopadre at 925-210-9370 x 100 for further information.

Lead Tutor/Consultant Wanted

Seeking F/T or P/T Lead Tutor/Consultant to lead/manage Lovaas Early Intervention Program for 7-year old son in Sacramento area. He is bright, verbal, affectionate, & a joy to work with...no aggressive behaviors.

Duties: implement DTT program; work with/train other tutors, act as school aide, make program changes as child progresses (w/ sup. from Central Valley Autism Project), facilitate peer play dates, go on community outings to maintain & generalize learned skills. Prefer BA &/or MA. Lovaas, ABA, & DTT exp. req'd. Need someone dependable, energetic, creative, organized. Some Saturdays req'd. Salary commensurate w/ education, experience, & talent. Start ASAP.

Please call Laura at 916.791.5302

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Student Corner

Anki Sjolund Paul

California State University, Los Angeles

Deborah Brown

California State University, Stanislaus

Editor's Note: Earlier this year, CalABA announced the addition of Student Representatives to the Board. Anki Sjolund Paul was chosen as the Southern California Student Representative. Anki is a graduate student in the Applied Behavior Analysis program at California State University, Los Angeles. Deborah Brown was chosen as the Northern California Student Representative. Deb is a graduate student in the Behavior Analysis program at California State University, Stanislaus. With help from Anki and Deb, CalABA looks forward to an active student membership. The new addition of a Student Corner in the newsletter is the first of their many ideas to get students more involved in the organization.

In this first issue of "Student Corner," we want to introduce ourselves and tell you about our role as Student Representatives. Our job is to represent the CalABA student membership by making sure that the organization's leaders hear and respond to the needs and interests of its student members. CalABA recognizes that as today's students, we will be tomorrow's leaders in the field. CalABA wants us to be involved in advancing the field of behavior analysis. This is our organization too!

Our first task is to get to know you and to learn about your needs and interests. We are currently distributing a survey to students in behavior analysis programs throughout the Western Region to do just that. We are interested in obtaining this information so that we can further assist you in becoming an active member of CalABA and in advancing the field of behavior analysis. If you do not receive a survey soon, feel free to email either of us at the addresses below. Look for the results of our survey in the next *Focal Point*.

Starting with this issue of the *Focal Point*, a section of each newsletter will be solely dedicated to students. We encourage you to contribute to the newsletter. If you are interested in writing a few paragraphs about an area of behavior analysis that interests you, let us know. If you have had successful experiences in the field that you'd like to share, let us know. If you would like to share your thesis or dissertation works with your fellow student members, this is the place to do so.

Look through the rest of the newsletter and see what's in it for you. If you haven't done so already, be sure to save the dates for the 2002 Conference in San Francisco. Be sure to read about the Julie Vargas Award. Maybe you should apply. If you are looking for a job in the field, don't miss the job opportunities listed. If you are studying for the BCABA or BCBA exam, or if you need CEUs, don't miss the Professional Standards Update.

We are your CalABA Student Representatives! We're here for you! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please email us. If you're in Southern California, email Anki at ankipaul@hotmail.com. If you're in Northern California, email Deb at dbrown@scoe.stan-co.k12.ca.us. See you at the conference! ●

CalABA Wants You!

Mary Ann Powers, Ph.D., BCBA

STARS School/Behavior Analysts, Inc.

The annual conference is the cornerstone of CalABA. Conference planning is a year round process. The actual 3-day conference requires the assistance of our conference support team and conference volunteers. But the conference is just one of the ongoing activities of CalABA. Our association is also actively dedicated to furthering the field of behavior analysis by advocating for behavior analysis services and the profession, supporting the national certification process, promoting quality assurance in behavior analysis and providing resources and information related to behavior analysis.

Members are encouraged to take an active part in supporting behavior analysis. At the January 31, 2002 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors will be nominating individuals to serve on the board. The following positions are expiring and open for nomination: Treasurer; ABA Liaison; Legislative and Public Policy; Northern CA Liaison to the Board; and Southern CA Liaison to the Board. Additionally, a President-Elect, to serve as President in 2003-2004, will also be nominated.

Board Meetings are open and members are encouraged to attend so they can learn more about the Board's activities. Serving as a Board Member is not the only way to become involved in CalABA. There are also ongoing activities related to fulfilling the mission of CalABA. Board Members welcome interested individuals to become involved in subcommittee activities. Individuals interested in serving on the Board or in becoming more involved in other activities are encouraged to talk to a Board Member or come to Board Meetings.

The Student Liaisons to the Board, Anki Paul and Deb Brown, should be commended for their efforts in getting students in CalABA. A survey is currently being distributed to students regarding CalABA activities that would be helpful to them. Students are encouraged to complete the survey. Let us know how we can help you to be more involved. If you are a student member of CalABA, but do not receive the survey, please contact the CalABA office. Let us know how we can help you to be more involved.

There has been interest in re-establishing the affiliate chapters of CalABA. If you are interested in helping to establish an affiliate chapter or want to be associated with an affiliate chapter, please contact the CalABA office. Look for more specific information regarding the affiliate chapters at the CalABA Conference and in the next newsletter.

CalABA is our association! Let's all get involved and help shape the future of behavior analysis in California. ●

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Call for Submissions for the 2002 Julie Vargas Award

Deadline: December 3, 2001

The Julie Vargas Award was created by Dr. Julie Vargas of West Virginia University to promote student research in the field of behavior analysis. This competitive award is presented to a student for conducting original research in Behavior Analysis. All current student members of CalABA are eligible. An abstract of the research will be printed in the CalABA Spring 2002 Newsletter. A \$250 check and award certificate will be presented at the CalABA conference in February 2002.

To apply, mail a 100 word abstract with relevant figures and a vita by December 3, 2001 to: CalABA: Julie Vargas Award, Department of Psychology/296, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557. ●

Behavior Analysis is Expanding at California State University, Los Angeles

G. Roy Mayer, Ed.D., BCBA

**Division of Administration and Counseling
Charter College of Education**

The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), Inc. has approved a course sequence at CSULA that meets the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination. This course sequence is contained in the:

- Joint Master of Science Degree program between Psychology and Counseling in ABA
- Behavior Intervention Case Management (BICM) M.S. program in School Counseling
- Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis in Educational Settings
- Facilitating Behavior Change, M.A. program in Special Education with appropriate elective
- Autism M.A. program in Special Education with appropriate elective
- School Psychology M.S. program with appropriate elective

The joint master's program is accredited by the Association for Behavior Analysis. It is the most in-depth ABA program offered at CSULA, and can be obtained either through the Psychology Department or the Division of Administration and Counseling. The Certificate program consists of 18-quarter-units and may be taken by graduates as a stand-alone program or as part of one of the master's degrees listed above. The BICM program includes the Certificate and Pupil Personnel Credentials in School Counseling and Child Welfare and Attendance. The School

California Strikes Gold Again!

Jane Howard, Ph.D., BCBA, California State University, Stanislaus

We are pleased to report that Dr. Gina Green is moving to California. She has accepted the position of Director of Research and Professional Training at the Institute for Effective Education (TIEE) in San Diego, California. Until recently, Gina was the Director of Research at the New England Center for Children in Massachusetts. Dr. Green is a past president of the Association for Behavior Analysis and the co-author of two recent books on autism: *Behavioral Intervention for Young Children with Autism* and *Making a Difference*. Her hundreds of research publications and presentations constitute significant contributions to both basic and applied behavior analysis. In 2000, she was selected as *Psychology Today's* "Mental Health Professional of the Year." Even prior to accepting the position at TIEE, Gina was a supporting member of Cal-ABA. When interviewed, Gina noted that one of the attractions for moving to California was the strong presence of Cal-ABA and its leadership role in promoting behavior analysis. Welcome Gina when you see her at the Cal-ABA conference in February. We'll let her get situated a bit before we talk to her about serving on the board. Feeling settled, Gina?

Psychology program, when the additional ABA class is taken, also includes the Certificate in Educational Settings and the Pupil Personnel Credentials in School Psychology and Child Welfare and Attendance.

CSULA also offers grants (\$8,000/yr.) funded by the U.S. Office of Education, for 14 students, who are Bilingual in either Spanish or an Asian language, and who seek to major in School Psychology with an emphasis in ABA. For more information, or a brochure detailing the grant program, call 323-343-4768. The application deadline for the Fall 2002 is March 1, 2002.

We are also in the process of developing an ABA student interest group (The Student Association of Applied Behavior Analysis – SAABA). The purpose of this interest group is:

- The advancement of behavior analysis
- The dissemination of information
- Professional presentations by the association for CEU units
- Helping members (students and graduates) prepare for the Board Certification Examination
- Networking and job listings

CSULA will have an information table at the "Job Fair/University Programs" and will be hosting a social/reunion at the Cal-ABA 2002 Conference. We hope to see you at the Conference! ●

California Association for Behavior Analysis

2002 Membership Application

Personal Information (PLEASE PRINT):

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Affiliation _____
Address _____

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Position Title: Please check the one box that most closely describes your job title:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Consultant/Staff Trainer | <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Professor/Academic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Psychologist/Therapist | <input type="checkbox"/> 06 Researcher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Social Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> 08 Speech/Language Pathologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 09 School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> 00 Other |

Primary Activity: Please check the one box that most closely describes how you spend the majority of your time at work:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 01 Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> 02 Clinical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Consulting/Staff Training | <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Research |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 09 Other | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 03 Educational Psychologist | <input type="checkbox"/> 04 Clinical Psychologist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 05 Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> 06 LCSW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07 Speech & Language Pathologist | <input type="checkbox"/> 00 Other |

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- President-Elect to serve as President in 2003-2004
- Treasurer
- ABA Liaison
- Legislative and Public Policy Chair
- Northern CA Liaison
- Southern CA Liaison

Please consider serving on the Board or nominating someone who you think would be an asset to the organization. If you cannot attend the January 31, 2002 Board Meeting, please contact the CalABA Office with your nomination.

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2001 International Conference
November 28-30, 2001
Venice, Italy

2002 International Conference
May 24-28, 2002
Toronto, Canada

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Attend CalABA Board Meetings

Save the dates and get involved! Members are always welcome!

January 31, 2002 at 7pm at the San Francisco Airport Marriott (the night before conference begins)

We'll be scheduling the other 2002 Board Meetings at this meeting.

Save the Date
20th Annual Cal-ABA Conference
Friday, Saturday and Sunday • February 1 – 3, 2002
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Go to www.calaba.org for more conference information!

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