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TODAY: University to recognize \$300,000 donation for creation of public art

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. - James Watson, president of Watson and Associates, will help launch a partnership with Cal State San Bernardino and the city of San Bernardino that will benefit CSUSB art students and create public art at designated sites near the university and in the city of San Bernardino.

Watson and his partners will present a check for \$300,000 during a recognition ceremony at 4 p.m. today Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the courtyard of the university's Visual Arts Building. The event is free and open to the public.

To highlight the event, a rendering of one of the pieces of public art, a water sculpture created by CSUSB alumna Elizabeth Newton, will be on display. When complete, the sculpture will be located near the intersection of University Parkway and Northpark Boulevard.

The work will be created by CSUSB's art students, faculty and alumni. A committee comprised of art faculty, university officials, Watson and Associates, and the city of San Bernardino will select the artwork that will be installed for public display.

Previously, Watson supported "ArtStop," a public art project that placed a dozen painted concrete spheres at various locations in downtown San Bernardino. The spheres were painted with designs by CSUSB art students, bringing new color and art to the area.

Delivering remarks will be CSUSB President Albert K. Karnig; Eri Yasuhara, dean of the College of Arts and Letters; professor Sant Khalsa, chair of the art department; San Bernardino Mayor Patrick Morris; and officials from Watson and Associates.

Watson, along with his wife Judy and partners Charles Shumaker, Chuck Diamond, Brian Weinhart and William Steckbauer, is developing homes and a retail center along Northpark Boulevard across from the Cal State San Bernardino campus. The company has pledged to help fund the project that will enhance the area around the university and revitalize downtown San Bernardino.

For more information about the event, contact Sarah Eberhardt, director of development for the College of Arts and Letters and the university's Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, at (909) 537-5740 or e-mail her at seberhar@csusb.edu.

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