



**Media Contact: Mike Singer**  
760.341.2883, ext. 78107  
[msinger@csusb.edu](mailto:msinger@csusb.edu)



**Jesse Valcazar**



**Cynthia Bradley**

## **Two outstanding graduates named at Cal State's Palm Desert Campus**

PALM DESERT, Calif. (June 8, 2009) – The Palm Desert Campus of Cal State San Bernardino has named Jesse Valcazar its 2009 Outstanding **Undergraduate** student and Cynthia Bradley its

2009 Outstanding **Graduate** student. Both will speak at the campus's June 21<sup>st</sup> commencement ceremony at the McCallum Theatre.

**Jesse Valcazar** is a San Diego native who moved to the Coachella Valley in 1995. She graduated in 2007 with Highest Honors from College of the Desert with an Associate's degree in Liberal Studies. She currently works full-time at Sun World International as an International Intellectual Property Manager.

She is an advocate for cancer research, participating in several annual events such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

She is president of the Desert Storm Softball Association, an advocate for teen mothers, and a member of various honor societies, including Golden Key International, Alpha Phi Sigma, and Phi Kappa Phi, which accepts only the top 7.5 percent of seniors.

She is a Criminal Justice major who will graduate with a 3.96 GPA. Her plans are to attend the UC Davis School of Law and eventually join the DA's office.

**Cynthia Bradley** was born and raised in Texas. She graduated in 1990 from the Dan Rather School of Communications at Sam Houston State University with a degree in Mass Communication. She then moved to Houston and worked in Sales and Marketing Management for 10 years.

Bradley relocated to Palm Desert with her family and decided to pursue a life-long dream of becoming a teacher and making a difference in children's lives. She is currently a first grade teacher and grade-level leader at Peter Pendleton Elementary School in Coachella, where she has been honored this year as teacher of the year. She is currently Vice- President of the Desert Reading Council and has written about herself as a teacher, "For the last four years, twenty beautiful faces stare up at me with love, admiration, and hope every September. They inspire me to challenge myself, learn more, and set high expectations."

Bradley will graduate with a 3.97 GPA in her Graduate Education program with a concentration in Reading/Language Arts.

For more information, contact Mike Singer in the campus's Office of Public Affairs at 760.341.2883, ext. 78107.