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**Outstanding Organization of 2016, Acasola A Cappella  
to Represent CSUN this Year at Back-to-Back Competitions**

Northridge- California State University, Northridge's (CSUN) premiere a cappella group, Acasola, is back after an eventful 2016 and has been hard at work during their busiest competition season yet. As recipients of the "Outstanding Organization of the Year" award last year and champions of the 2016 Los Angeles A Cappella Festival (LAAF) Competition, Acasola is gearing up to once again make CSUN proud at the 2017 LAAF Competition on Friday, Feb. 3 and, for the first time in two years, at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) on Saturday, Feb. 11.

"We were extremely proud to take home first place for CSUN at LAAF last year and we are grateful to be given the chance to do it again this year," said Acasola President, Gabrielle Maestas. "We are also so honored to get the chance to return to ICCA. The thrill of competing brings our group such a drive to achieve great things and make a name for CSUN in the a cappella community."

Acasola has dedicated their free time during winter break to prepare for these back-to-back competitions next month. Last year, the group agreed to only compete in LAAF and won against five other exceptionally talented a cappella groups from all over California.

When they were not competing, Acasola kept busy during 2016, appearing on multiple television shows including ABC's "Castle" and EstrellaTV's "Tengo Talento, Mucho Talento", performing at Disney's California Adventures and pledging to be advocates against sexual assault on the CSUN campus with the It's On Us campaign. Although the group has shifted their focus to competition this year, they still hope to take on new performance opportunities with CSUN and beyond. Acasola's annual springtime concert, Sol Train, will be held in May at CSUN. They also hope to release a single this year.

In addition to competition preparation, Acasola is always looking for new fundraising opportunities in hopes of funding their potential travels to the ICCA Finals at New York's Beacon Theatre. They have their own GoFundMe and offer a great deal of performances as incentive for donations of \$100 or more.

Acasola cannot wait to show the a cappella world what CSUN is really made of this year! Please visit [acasola.org](http://acasola.org) or contact the group directly at [contact@acasola.org](mailto:contact@acasola.org) for more information. Visit [la-af.com](http://la-af.com) for more information on LAAF and [varsityvocals.com](http://varsityvocals.com) for more information on ICCA.

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*Acasola is California State University, Northridge's (CSUN) premiere A Cappella group. This is a diverse group of students who aim to deliver a unique musical experience to the CSUN community through the art of A Cappella music. To learn more, please visit [www.acasola.org](http://www.acasola.org).*