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## Academic achievements celebrated at Honors Convocation



Program and academic honors presented by faculty and administration were received by more than 190 students last week at Honors Convocation. The academic celebration continues at the University's Commencement ceremony, to be held Saturday, May 15, 2010, 9 a.m. in the South Quad.



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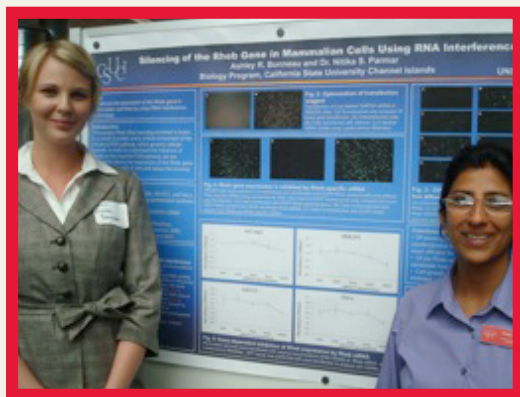
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## CI Student Selected to the CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP)



Jessica Layman, a Biology major at CI has been selected to the CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP). Her research mentor is Nitika Parmar, Assistant Professor of Biology, who served as her faculty sponsor for this program.

Established in 1987, the CSU CDIP is the largest program of its kind in the United States. As of July 2008, the program has loaned \$40 million to 1,682 doctoral students enrolled in universities throughout the nation, and 905 of these participants have successfully earned doctoral degrees. Among participants who have earned their doctoral degrees, 525 (58 percent) have subsequently obtained employment in CSU instructional faculty positions.

This program provides student loans to a limited number of individuals pursuing full-time doctoral degrees at accredited universities throughout the United States. After participants receive their doctoral degrees and obtain a qualifying instructional position in the CSU, a portion of their loan from this program will be forgiven every year.

Jessica will be joining UCLA this coming fall to pursue a Ph.D. in the field of molecular and cellular biology. While at CI, she was conducting research related to the silencing of genes involved in aging and cancer.

For more information contact Nitika Parmar, Assistant Professor of Biology, at [nitika.parmar@csuci.edu](mailto:nitika.parmar@csuci.edu).

## University Police to Participate in 2010 Summer Institute for Oxnard College students

University Police will be participating in the upcoming 2010 Summer Institute being held on the CI campus for students of Oxnard College and being funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Chief John Reid and Officer Sok Kyong will be working alongside Phil Hampton, Professor of Chemistry, in the forensics class scheduled to begin May 24. The students will investigate crime scenes set up on campus and then analyze the evidence they collected using forensic science instruments. Chief Reid and Officer Kyong will explain police procedures and help the students understand the responsibilities of the first responding police officer to a crime scene



For more information contact John Reid, Chief of Police, at ext. 8444 or [john.reid@csuci.edu](mailto:john.reid@csuci.edu).



## CI Students Attend CSU Student Research Competition

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Nine teams from CI attended the CSU Student Research Competition held at San Jose State University April 30 through May 1st. This system-wide event provides CSU students engaged in research to present their work in an interdisciplinary competition. CI student, Sameh Helmy, won a first place award in the Physical and Mathematical Sciences category—including a \$500 honorarium—for his “Novel Routes to the Synthesis and Purification of Water Soluble Curcumin Analogues.” Sameh’s research was mentored by Phil Hampton, Professor of Chemistry. As a graduating senior, Sameh will pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Winning a second place award in Social and Behavioral Science were Kaitlyn Hennesy and Melissa White for “Learning to Earmark: Seniority, Party, and the Politics of the Pork Barrel.” Kaitlyn and Melissa will be pursuing graduate studies and were mentored by Sean Kelly, Associate Professor of Political Science.

Taking second place honors in the Interdisciplinary category were Crista Scott, Michael Juarez, and Eric Perry for their study on the “Comparative Analyses of Flow Experiences Among Athletes, Artists and Academicians.” Crista, Michael and Eric were mentored by Christy Teranishi Martinez, Assistant Professor of Psychology. Eric will be graduating this spring and will begin his Master’s in Clinical Psychology at California Lutheran University in the fall. Crista, a junior, and Michael, a graduating senior, are applying for graduate school this year. Second place winners split a \$250 honorarium.



Kaitlyn Hennesy (left) and Melissa White (right) present their award-winning research at the CSU Student Research Competition. Altogether 16 students presented their research at the event. CI took home three awards from the event.

*For more information contact Sean Kelly, Associate Professor of Political Science at ext. 3309 or email [sean.kelly@csuci.edu](mailto:sean.kelly@csuci.edu).*

## Hispanic-Serving Institution Announcement

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As was recently announced by President Rush, CI has achieved the status of an Hispanic Serving Institution, (HSI), realized when a university meets the diversity threshold of having at least a 25 percent Hispanic student population. Today, CI’s Hispanic student population is 25.58 percent.

In addition to achieving HSI status, the U.S. Department of Education also approved CI’s eligibility for Department of Education Title V grants targeted for expanding the University’s capacity to serve all students better.

Special thanks go to the HSI Steering Committee, Amanda Quintero, Marie Francois, Damien Pena, Celina Zacarias and others on campus, who have been working diligently to help the University achieve this designation since 2009.

A news article and letter from President Rush appeared in the Ventura County Star and may be accessed here: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/30/csu-channel-islands-earns-hispanic-serving-title/?partner=RSS>. President Rush letter: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/may/01/universitys-latest-milestone-simply-a-reflection/>.

## Island View Orientation Leaders for 2010 Announced

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Island View Orientation Leaders for 2010 have recently been announced. These outstanding student leaders will assist incoming freshman with a successful transition into CI by providing an orientation that runs as smooth and seamless as in years past. It would be hard to find a more talented group than this; and we are looking forward to an amazing summer!

- Franchesca Brown
- Laura Celic
- Elysse Farnell
- Margo Hardin
- Dana Lockwood (Senior Orientation Leader)
- Aya Moshe
- Veronica Palafox
- Elizabeth Quigley
- Rachel Velez
- Tanya Yancheson

The dates for Island View Orientation are listed below as a reminder. Please mark your calendars and look for additional information soon, including reserving space at the University Marketplace and adding upcoming program information to the orientation flash drive. Access, Orientation and Transition Programs looks forward to another successful campus-wide collaborative!

### **Freshman Orientation Dates**

- June 22-23
- June 25-26
- June 29-30
- July 7-8

### **Alternative Date/Transfer Orientation**

- August 13

*For more information, contact Kirsten Moss-Frye, Associate Director of Access, Orientation and Transition Programs at ext. 3156 or [kirsten.moss@csuci.edu](mailto:kirsten.moss@csuci.edu).*

## Campus Video Tour Now Available Online

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A six-minute campus video tour was recently completed and is available for viewing at <http://www.csuci.edu/about/video/>.

The video was created in response to research survey data received from prospective students and parents requesting a campus video tour. The video was created in collaboration with Youniversitytv.com, Admissions & Recruitment, and Communication & Marketing.

*For more information contact Nancy Covarrubias Gill, Director of Communication & Marketing, at ext. 8456 or [nancy.gill@csuci.edu](mailto:nancy.gill@csuci.edu).*

## 2nd Annual Faculty-Student Research Forum to be held May 8

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The 2nd Annual Faculty Student Research Forum will be held Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast and presentations. The event is free and open to the public.

The Faculty Student Research Forum is a showcase of research, scholarship, creative activities, and grants featuring faculty-student collaborative presentations, faculty research presentations, and student research/capstone presentations. The event is sponsored by SAGE Publications and the Division of Academic Affairs.

The forum was designed in response to the University's need to strengthen research activities as part of its academic foundation and to increase the number of faculty and student research activities through inspiring creativity and innovation as well as encouraging community partnerships that will enhance research projects through resources, information, and education. This is accomplished by recognizing, encouraging, and promoting student and faculty research and scholarly projects – activities which are integral to the University mission and student learning.

*For additional information about the Forum contact Ashish Vaidya, Dean of Faculty at ext. 8967 or [ashish.vaidya@csuci.edu](mailto:ashish.vaidya@csuci.edu). For event information contact Amber Weir, Events Coordinator, at ext. 8548 or [amber.weir@csuci.edu](mailto:amber.weir@csuci.edu).*

## Commencement Volunteers Still Needed for May 15

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Over 9,800 guests are anticipated for this year's ceremony and volunteers from the campus community are needed. Many tasks and assignments are completed behind the scenes by the Commencement Committee but additional volunteers are needed to help 2-3 hours the morning of the event.

Please consider volunteering and experience the excitement and joy of seeing our students graduate!

*If you, family, friends, or neighbors are interested in volunteering, please contact the Commencement Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Macdonald at ext. 8892 or [lori.macdonald@csuci.edu](mailto:lori.macdonald@csuci.edu).*

## Literacy Awards to CI Librarians and Faculty Member

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The Ventura County Reading Association will honor this month Elnora Tayag and Janet Pinkley from our Library and Claudia Reder, a lecturer in English, with a Celebrate Literacy Award for their outstanding efforts in promoting early childhood literacy during the 5th Annual Children's Reading Celebration and Young Author's Fair. The Broome Library and English program are proud to be recognized as dedicated partners making an impact on literacy throughout Ventura County.

For more information contact Ellie Tayag, Library Lecturer, at ext. 3140 or [elnora.tayag@csuci.edu](mailto:elnora.tayag@csuci.edu).

## 2010 Student Leadership Award Recipients

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Each year the Division of Student Affairs conducts the Student Leadership Awards to recognize outstanding CI students, faculty, staff, mentors/advisors, student sponsored events, programs and activities, groups and clubs and organizations. Through these awards, the Division is able to recognize student leaders' contributions to the co-curricular life in our community. The 2010 award recipients include:

### Event Awards

Outstanding Collaborative Event: "Bash at the Beach," coordinated by Housing & Residential Education, Student Programming Board, and Campus Recreation

Outstanding Co-Curricular Event: "Dolphin Dollars," coordinated by Anthony Bernardo and Doramarie Hernandez

Outstanding Service Project: "Camarillo Boys & Girls Club Carnival," coordinated by CSU Channel Islands Rotaract Club

### Mentor Awards

Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor: Russell Winans

Outstanding Mentor: Deanne Ellison

### Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) Most Valuable Leader Awards

Student Government Most Valuable Leader: Christine Wamba

Student Programming Board Most Valuable Leader: Veronica Palafox

CI View Most Valuable Leader: Tristan Cassel

The Nautical Most Valuable Leader: Elysse Farnell

### Housing & Residential Education (HRE) Awards

Resident Assistant of the Year: Santa Cruz Village – Doramarie Hernandez

Resident of the Year: Santa Cruz Village – Kayte Bataille

Resident Assistant of the Year: Anacapa Village - Jeremy Booker

Resident of the Year: Anacapa Village – Courtney Ellis

### Group Awards

Outstanding Group: Leaders in Education Awareness Program (LEAP)

Outstanding Club/Organization: Zeta Pi Omega

Most Promising Group: Ambassadors

Most Promising Club/Organization: Adelante Mujer

### Student Leader of the Year Awards

First Year Leader of the Year: Spencer Keaster

Sophomore Leader of the Year: Veronica Palafox

Junior Leader of the Year: Dana Lockwood and Rebecca Torres

Senior Leader of the Year: Eva Klein

Student Leadership Programs is also pleased to announce the 2010 Outstanding Senior Student Leadership Award winners that were recognized at Honors Convocation. This award recognizes exemplary student leadership, scholarship and service by outstanding seniors. These individuals have demonstrated collaborative, inclusive and continuous leadership that forward the values and mission of our University.

- Eva Klein
- Bianca Villalobos
- Jonathan Lopez
- Joseph Massimini
- Thomas Ramirez
- Cristina Nette
- Jeremy Booker
- Sergio Juarez
- Tristan Cassel

Additionally, we congratulate Jeremy Booker for being honored as this year's Silver Dolphin award recipient. The Silver Dolphin is awarded to a student leader who has contributed significantly to the quality of life at CI and embraces the core values of the University's mission pillars. This individual not only demonstrates the highest level of leadership among students but also has the respect of the entire CI Community.



◀ Pictured left to right: Eva Klein (Senior Leader of the Year) and Rebecca Torres (Junior Leader of the Year)



▶ Jeremy Booker receiving Silver Dolphin award at Honors Convocation.

To learn more about the Student Leadership Awards, please visit [http://www.csuci.edu/studentleadership/Student\\_Leadership\\_Awards.htm](http://www.csuci.edu/studentleadership/Student_Leadership_Awards.htm) or contact Student Leadership Programs at ext.3356 or [studentleadership@csuci.edu](mailto:studentleadership@csuci.edu).

# Other News

## Cove Bookstore Book Buyback Starts May 6

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Spring book buybacks starts on Thursday, May 6. Get Cash for Your Books at the Cove bookstore on May 6 and 7 and also on Saturday, May 8. The bookstore will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be an extra location inside the Students Union from Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Cove Bookstore will also be present at the Commencement ceremony to serve graduating students and their families on May 15.

*For more information contact The Cove Bookstore at 482-5456.*

## PacifiCare Behavioral Health Wellness Monthly

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“I Think You Might Need Professional Help.”

How to Refer a Friend to a Professional

When a friend is facing trouble, they may turn to you for help. But sometimes the support you can give is not enough. If a friend is suffering from severe depression, low self esteem, an eating disorder or substance abuse, it's best to recommend professional counseling. But how do you make such a suggestion without offending him or her?

View Health Wellness Monthly at: [http://www.csuci.edu/news/healthcare/Pacificare\\_May10.pdf](http://www.csuci.edu/news/healthcare/Pacificare_May10.pdf)

*For more information contact Diana Enos, Benefits Coordinator, at ext. 8426. or email [diana.enos@csuci.edu](mailto:diana.enos@csuci.edu).*



## CI Rally to “Defend the CSU Budget” Successful Thanks to Students, Faculty and Staff

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Students, faculty, and staff gathered at the Broome Library Plaza on Tuesday, May 4th for the Rally to Defend the CSU Budget to encourage the State Legislature to “Keep the \$305M Alive!” Over 250 petition signatures were obtained and will be sent to local legislators urging them to restore the \$305M in funds taken away from the CSU.

Speakers included AVP for Academic Affairs Renny Christopher, CFA Chapter President John Yudelson, CSUEU Chapter President Joseph Dobzynski, Jr., APC Chapter President Tina Torres, and SETC Chief Steward Michael Middleton.

Sponsored by CFA, CSUEU, APC, SETC, and SUPA, speakers called for an equitable “May Budget Revise” that funds all public services, a showing of solidarity with all CSU campuses in the face of budget cuts and layoffs, and greater voter turnout at the polls for the June primary and November general elections. A listing of all legislators who represent the CI campus was also made available to rally attendees.

Video highlights from the rally can be viewed at: <http://sharing.theflip.com/session/985374679d3593f3fda7c31da03b9b98/video/13523527>.

*For more information contact Jennifer Schweisinger, CSUEU Chapter 324 - Vice President, at ext. 3281. or email [jennifer.schweisinger@csuci.edu](mailto:jennifer.schweisinger@csuci.edu).*

# Around Campus

## Campus BBQ



*CI President's Cabinet members served lunch to faculty and staff at the annual campus BBQ/picnic. "OPCito" provided live music and awards were presented for employee teams that participated in Walk Across America.*

## Business & Technology Partnership 2010 Leadership Dinner



*The sixth-annual CSU Channel Islands Business & Technology Partnership Leadership Dinner presented scholarships to students (left to right) Brandon Dittmar, Eric Pham, Bianca Terminello, Jean Remonida and Kerri Macias, shown here with President Richard Rush. Awards were also presented to (top to bottom) Carl F. Wesely, Wesely Thomas Enterprises, Inc. for Business & Community Leader of the Year; Peter Wollons, Airborne Technologies for Technologist of the Year; and Dr. Paul A. Rivera, CI Associate Professor of Economics for Faculty Leader of the Year.*



*This is the last issue of Wavelength for the spring 2010 semester.*

Communication & Marketing would like to thank you for your submissions and will send out a reminder message to submit information for upcoming events when Wavelength goes back into publication at the start of the fall semester.