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Entry Road Celebration

On Nov. 19, a ceremonial balloon arch marked the approximate area where CI's future entry road will connect to the main campus. Campus and community members gathered to mark the groundbreaking ceremony and the project is scheduled for completion by summer of 2012.



Guests viewed an animated preview of the new entry road, which is also available online at <http://www.csuci.edu/opc/videos/ci-entrance/entrance-road.htm>



Dig line participants included (l to r) Joanne Coville, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dawn Neuman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Charles Rasmussen, President, C.A. Rasmussen; Peter Foy, Supervisor, Ventura County Board of Supervisors - District 4; President Richard Rush; Michael Ip, Senior Engineer, AECOM; Elizabeth Hartung, Chair, Academic Senate and Professor of Sociology; Dave Chakraborty, Interim Associate Vice President for Operations, Planning & Construction (OPC); Elizabeth Bingham, Vice President, Student Government; Alan Paul, Associate Architect & Project Manager, OPC.

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Biology students selected as 2011 Nagel Undergraduate Research Award finalists

Two CI biology undergraduate students have been selected as two of eight finalists in the 2011 Nagel Undergraduate Research Award competition at the 23rd Annual CSU Biotechnology Symposium to be held in January. Seniors Ashley Bonneau and Paramjit Singh were nominated for this award by Nitika Parmar, Assistant Professor of Biology, who serves as their research mentor. Ashley and Paramjit have been conducting research for the past two years. Ashley's research focuses on investigating proteins involved in cancer while Paramjit conducts research on bioplastic producing bacteria.

The Glenn Nagel Undergraduate Research Award fosters excellence in undergraduate student research throughout the California State University (CSU) system in biotechnology-related research, covering a broad range of topics in cellular, molecular, chemical and physical studies of the life sciences. The award honors Dean Glenn Nagel (CSU Long Beach), who held his students to a high level of integrity in research. Ashley and Paramjit will be presenting posters at the symposium where the 2011 Nagel Award recipient will be announced.

For additional information contact Nitika Parmar, Assistant Professor of Biology, at ext. 8873 or nitika.parmar@csuci.edu.

Students, faculty attend So. California Conference for Undergraduate Research



Sixty-nine students and ten faculty mentors from CI attended the 18th Annual Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research (SCCUR) at Pepperdine University in Malibu on Nov. 20. Faculty supported undergraduate CI students in their research, scholarship and creative endeavors. Some students were sponsored by Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) funds.

SCCUR is an annual conference hosted by colleges and universities in Southern California. More than 1,110 people attended the conference this year with 360 students who gave oral presentations and 300 presented posters. Participants were able to gain experience in a professional setting

and had the opportunity to interact with students and faculty from other campuses and a variety of disciplines. CI anticipates hosting the 20th SCURR conference in 2012.

For additional information contact Virgil Adams, Associate Professor of Psychology, at ext. 2767 or virgil.adams@csuci.edu.



HRE student leaders attend annual Southern Residential Activities & Programming Conference

Student leaders from Housing & Residential Education attended the annual Southern RAP (Residential Activities & Programming, also SRAP) conference at UC Riverside. The conference offered personal and professional development opportunities for students who work in residential education/life, such as resident assistants, desk assistants, and program assistants. The theme was ‘SRAP 2010: School of Programming and Wizardry.’ Two of the CI student leaders, Spencer Keaster and Aleesa Huber were selected as the conference keynote speakers.

The Southern RAP conference had over 100 program proposals submitted, and only 44 were accepted. Of those, CI was represented by 4 RA’s who presented 2 programs at the event: Claire Langeveldt and Antony Bernardo presented ‘Let’s Mix’, a program on safe sex and alcohol. Britney Summerville and Kelsey Chavez presented ‘DIY Nights’, a program that Britney holds weekly at CI that recycles old belongings into something new (such as a t-shirt into a purse). Both presentations had high attendance and great reviews with Britney and Kelsey winning a Top 10 Program Award!

CI also presented a video led and produced by RA Ryan Hunnewell. The HRE staff made a Harry Potter ‘trailer’ which won the SRAP 2010 Best Video award! It can be viewed at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_C9HBbsTmQ.

For additional information contact Liz Miller, Associate Director of Residential Education, at ext. 3235 or elizabeth.miller@csuci.edu.

CI partners with VC Community College District to implement eTranscript California

Under the leadership of Academic & Information Technology’s Application Solutions Group and Enrollment Services Student Systems team, CI launched eTranscript California on Sept. 21. eTranscript California allows for electronic transcript interchange between participating California Community Colleges and their trading partners. Our top three feeders, Ventura County Community College District schools, are all members of this system and served as our test partners. To date, the campus has received over 400 electronic transcripts from five schools. Twenty-four percent of transcripts received from applicants for fall 2011 were electronic.

Our participation in eTranscript California helps our students and staff in the following ways:

- Transcripts are received in a secure and cost efficient electronic manner
- Student transcripts received from other institutions are loaded directly into CI Records and Hershey (CI’s document imaging system) within a few days, not weeks
- There is less mail to process because we receive the transcripts electronically
- Students’ data is more accurate since there is less data entry to complete
- Applicants to CI will know that we received their transcripts much sooner via DolphinVIP than with paper processing

For additional information on eTranscript California, visit the California Community Colleges Chancellors Office page at <http://etranscriptca.org/>. If you have questions about the project, please contact Ana Rosa Durán, Interim Associate Director for Student Systems, at ext. 3259 or ana.duran@csuci.edu.

Cove Bookstore's Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event on Dec. 2

The Cove Bookstore will be hosting their annual Faculty & Staff Appreciation Event on Thursday, Dec. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with a 20% discount on select in-store merchandise. Refreshments will be served and a drawing will be held for door prizes and gift cards. Don't miss out on the best sale of the year!

For additional information contact the Cove Bookstore at 482-5456.

Former LA Times executive to speak on Dec 3

The Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics will host the final speaker for their fall speaker series. Jeffrey S. Klein, chairman and former CEO of 101 Communications, will be featured on Friday, Dec. 3, from 12 to 2 p.m. in Malibu Hall. Klein's presentation will offer a unique and historical perspective from a media entrepreneur and former LA Times senior executive. The free program is open to the public and includes lunch.

The programs are sponsored by the MVS School of Business & Economics and the MVS Business Advisory Council. Please RSVP by visiting: <https://csuci.wufoo.com/forms/fall-2010-speaker-series/>



For additional information contact Merissa Stith, Academic Events Coordinator, at ext. 8548 or merissa.stith@csuci.edu.

Mid-Year Island View Orientation Returns Jan. 21

New Student, Orientation & Transition Programs is proud to announce the return of the mid-year Island View Orientation (MYO). The one-day event will be held on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, from 1-5 p.m., and is offered to all incoming spring transfer students.

Although it is not required, students are strongly encouraged to attend orientation as a valuable resource for successfully navigating the CI campus.

At Island View Orientation, transfer students will:

- Meet University staff, fellow classmates and student leaders
- Learn about the programs and services available
- Find out how to get involved and maximize their CI experience

Faculty and staff are invited to engage our future CI students during check-in when transfer students will have an opportunity to acquire information from the various programs on campus.



Programs or areas that normally partake during the Marketplace are encouraged to attend.

For more information regarding Mid-Year Island View Orientation and to reserve a table, please contact Kirsten Moss-Frye, Associate Director of Access, Orientation & Transition Programs, at ext. 3156 or email kirsten.moss@csuci.edu.

Student Government Holds Gift Drive for Casa Pacifica

Student Government is organizing a holiday gift drive to benefit the residents at Casa Pacifica. Casa Pacifica is a group home located just east of the CI campus that serves abused, neglected, and severely emotional disturbed children and adolescents from the Tri-County area of Southern California. Casa Pacifica works hard all year long to support these children and their families and Student Government would like to support Casa Pacifica towards their efforts.

The campus community is invited to participate by locating Dove Trees situated throughout the campus with Dove Tree ornaments. Each Dove Tree ornament has a specific gift-wish written by a Casa Pacifica child. There are two ways to participate:

1. Select a Dove Tree ornament, purchase the gift noted (typical gift value is \$5-\$50), and drop the gift off at any drop box location as listed below.
2. Monetary donations can be made at any of the drop box locations noted below and Student Government will purchase gifts for the children.

Dove Tree Locations: Student Union, Broome Library, Sage Hall, Bell Tower Mission Lounge, Career Development office, and Anacapa or Santa Cruz Village offices.

Drop Box Locations: Student Union 2nd floor, Police & Parking Services, Career Development office, or Anacapa Village or Santa Cruz Village offices.

Student Government thanks everyone in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

For additional information contact Katrina Newcomb, Student Government Senator, at katrina.newcomb892@csuci.edu.

PacifiCare Behavioral Health Wellness Monthly

After the Pile of Gifts: a Pile of Debt? Get Your Finances Back on Track after the Holidays

It's easy to get caught up in the bright lights and tinsel, and go overboard shopping for the holidays. Unless we plan carefully, holiday cards are followed by holiday bills. Many people end up with extra credit card debt after the holidays. Here are some tips for paying down credit card debt.

View Health Wellness Monthly at: http://www.csuci.edu/news/healthcare/Pacificare_December10.pdf

For more information contact Diana Enos, Benefits Coordinator at ext. 8426 or diana.enos@csuci.edu.

CI Police join “Avoid the 14” winter campaign

CI’s Police Department will join other law enforcement agencies in Ventura County to crackdown on drunk drivers during a 17-day “Avoid the 14” campaign set to begin Friday, Dec. 17. This is the fifth year for “Avoid the 14,” named after the number of Ventura County police agencies participating and funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The campaign will run sobriety checkpoints, field DUI road saturation patrols, emphasize enforcement of drunk-driving laws with officers on regular patrol beats, schedule warrants sweeps and court stings. The CI Police Department will join many of the enforcement operations.

Last year’s winter holiday crackdown, which was also 17 days, brought in a total of 352 DUI arrests. One person died as a result of a DUI crash. The number of DUI suspects going to jail during the winter crackdown nearly doubles on average as compared to the rest of the year.

Remember to have a designated driver when you attend a holiday event, make sure all vehicle occupants are wearing their seatbelts, and safely pull over and dial 9-1-1 from your cell phone if you see a dangerous driver on the road.

For more information contact Cpl. Kevin Medley, Crime Prevention Coordinator CI Police Department, at kevin.medley@csuci.edu.

Helping Hand Program available to employees

The University’s Helping Hand Program is active once again for the 2010 holiday season. This program provides assistance to employees who may be in need during this difficult economic time and may help with food, clothing, or other necessities for members of employee households.

Employees can contact Human Resources in Solano Hall for information or to get an application. Applications will also be available at the University Reception Desk in Lindero Hall, or by clicking on the following link: <http://www.csuci.edu/hr/index.htm>.

Award decisions are made by a small committee of University employees and Foundation board members. Every effort is made to keep all applicants anonymous.

Available funds are limited. Applications should be placed in envelopes and dropped in the boxes available at Human Resources or at the University Reception desk. There is no deadline and applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund is encouraged to do so by contacting Nichole Ipach, Assistant Vice President for University Development, at ext. 8893 or nichole.ipach@csuci.edu.

Around Campus

Charitable Campaign and Spooktacular Event

The Charitable Campaign and Spooktacular Event for staff was held Thursday, Oct. 28th in Salon A. The event serves two purposes: first, as the kickoff of the California State Employees Charitable Campaign Pledges and second, to encourage a bit of healthy, competitive fun amongst campus colleagues during the “Spooktacular” portion of the event.

The Charitable campaign speakers were Tiffany Lopez with the Oxnard Boys & Girls Club and Dave Julias with “Because we Can, Because we Care” a Horse Therapy Academy. The campaign provides staff the opportunity to make donations to a variety of non-profit organizations of their choice and it reminds all of us that we can help make a difference in our communities. During the “Spooktacular” presentations, judges presented department awards and individual awards to staff in categories of “Most Humorous”, “Most Creative”, “Scariest” and a new department category for “Best Newbie”.

Many raffle prizes were awarded and a new opportunity was provided for staff to win prizes by handing in their “Halloween Spirit Passport” after visiting all of the decorated departments on campus. The Campus Event Committee did a fabulous job creating a wonderful environment for staff to have an afternoon of spirited fun.



“Operation Gratitude” connects students with overseas military troops



During the week of Veterans Day the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society chapter at CI planned, organized and hosted “Operation Gratitude” aimed at connecting University students to military troops overseas.

Students from all majors and backgrounds were encouraged to create thank you and holiday cards expressing their gratitude for the sacrifices made by soldiers and their families to protect our nation’s freedoms. Because the morale in troops stationed overseas tends to decrease dramatically during the holiday season, members of Gamma Beta Phi thought it was important to extend their thanks, encouragement, and holiday spirit to military troops in a personalized and creative manner.

Hundreds of students flocked to the “Operation Gratitude” tables and took advantage of the art supplies provided to produce over 350 handmade thank you cards. Although many students wrote personalized messages of hope and praise, some wrote song lyrics, holiday poems, and lighthearted riddles to entertain the recipients of these cards. In addition, numerous donation items were collected to be distributed among various military personnel. Overall, the event was an enormous success and reflected the propensity of CI students to selflessly support our service men and women.

For additional information contact Jean Remonida, GBP President, at jean.remonida@csuci.edu.

Thanks and Giving

Despite challenging economic times, CI students in the Scientific & Professional Ethics class and the CI Business Club collaborated to give thanks for what they have and give what they could afford by donating their own money to feed families in need who otherwise wouldn’t have a Thanksgiving dinner. Professor Rudolph Estrada motivated students to take action and continue a tradition by personally matching every dollar the students raised towards the project.



Students met on Thanksgiving and provided dinners for over 121 people in Ventura County. Families were provided a full course meal including cooked turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, juice, and pumpkin pie.

For additional information contact Rudolph Estrada, Adjunct Professor of Business & Management, at ext. 8983 or rudolph.estrada@csuci.edu.

The Communication & Marketing staff wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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