

B&TP mixer takes trip to Mars with JPL scientist

JPL's Mark Schwochert provides members of the Business & Technology Partnership a 3-D look at the surface of Mars during his presentation at the sixth-annual B&TP Holiday Mixer on Dec. 4



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On the move

Due to scheduled infrastructure work within University Hall, several offices will be temporarily relocated to other locations on campus the week of Dec 15. The temporary offices will remain at least through the next 3-6 months. Those moving include:

- President's Office and Office of the Vice President for Finance & Administration will move to Lindero Hall located at the south end of the campus near University Drive.
- Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Alumni Affairs, Development, and Communication & Marketing will move to Solano Hall located in the North Quad near Ventura Avenue.
- Human Resources staff will also move to Solano Hall
- Access to the Training Room and all other conference rooms located within UH will be unavailable during this time.
- The Emergency Operations Center will be relocated to the Police Department in Placer Hall.

Payroll and Procurement staff respectively will remain in the West and East Towers, on the second floors of University Hall.

New policies approved

The administrative policies listed below have been approved by the President following recommendation from the President's Council.

- AA.04.006 Policy on Clearinghouse for Institutional Research
- AA.04.007 Policy on Coordination of Data Collection for Purposes of Institutional Research
- AA.11.003 Policy on Principal Investigator
- AA.11.004 Policy on Intellectual Property
- CM.02.003 Policy on Tobacco Sales and Sponsorship on Campus
- FA.32.002 Policy on Risk Management
- FA.60.002 Policy on Procurement
- FA.83.003 Policy on Use of Facilities
- SA.02.012 Policy on Issuing Official Transcripts
- SA.02.013 Policy on Submission of Official Transcripts
- SA.02.014 Policy on Application Roll-Over
- SA.07.008 Policy on Communication with Students
- SA.10.010 Policy on Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress
- SA.10.011 Policy on State University Grant Awarding
- SA.10.012 Policy on Return to Title IV Funds
- SA.11.003 Policy on Judicial Affairs
- SA.16.003 Policy on FERPA
- SA.21.002 Policy on Eligibility Requirement for Membership in Student Clubs and Organizations

These policies will be posted on the Administrative Policy Website at <http://policy.csuci.edu/> prior to the holiday break. If you have immediate need of a copy of a newly approved policy, please contact Melissa Remotti, Executive Analyst to the President, at ext. 8410.

OLLI enrollment opens for winter classes

Enrollment for the winter 2009 session of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is now open, and continues until Friday, Jan. 9. Early enrollment is encouraged since classes fill quickly. OLLI offers six to eight-week classes (meeting once a week for two or two and a half hours) for those over the age of 50. Classes are intended for intellectual stimulation without grades, tests, or college credit. The winter session will be held Saturday, Jan. 10 through March 23, with most classes at the CSU Channel Islands campus. There are also Monday classes in Ventura, a Saturday class in Thousand Oaks, Wednesday afternoon and evening classes in Simi Valley, and Friday classes in Ojai. Winter courses are diverse: Greek Philosophers, Film Scores, American History 1954-63, Chemistry of the Kitchen, Health Psychology, Politics, Poetry, Novels, Detective Fiction, and much more.

For enrollment or information, contact ext. 2748, or visit www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm. Employees' parents are especially invited. There is a fee for enrollment, discounted for CSU Channel Islands employees over the age of 50.

Program in place to help employees this holiday season

The CSUCI 2008 Brighter Holiday Program has been created to provide assistance to employees who may be in need during this difficult economic time. The program may help with food, other necessities and/or gifts for members of employee households. Assistance will generally be in the form of gift cards.

Employees can contact HR for information or to get an application. Applications will also be available at the University Reception Desk.

Award decisions will be made by a small committee of CSUCI employees and CSUCI Foundation board members. Every effort will be made to keep all recipients anonymous.

Available funds are limited. Applications must be received at either HR or the University Reception desk by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund is encouraged to do so by contacting Marti DeLaO, Director of Development, Donor Relations/Annual Fund, at ext. 8919 or marti.delao@csuci.edu.

Students take top honors at UN event in Las Vegas

Fifteen CSU Channel Islands students from various majors competed at the annual America West Model United Nations in Las Vegas, Nev., on Nov. 22 through 25. The entire team performed beyond expectations, and three of the University's delegates won awards:

Megan Adams, portraying Italy in the General Assembly, won the Distinguished Delegate award; **Kevin Schallert**, portraying Turkey in the General Assembly, won the Outstanding Delegate award; and **Chelsee Bente**, portraying Belize in the Organization of American States, won the Research Award.

Other team members who participated were: Kyle Denes, Luis Echevarria, Eric Eichstaedt, Carlin Ewing, Amy Gorman, Kailynn Greeley, Margo Hardin, Nicole Hintlian, Sarah Houser, Dusty Russell, Casey Penn, and Alex See.

The CSU Channel Islands Model United Nations team formed in spring 2008 and competed in its inaugural event with 14 students at a three-day event in Anaheim. Model UN is a simulation of the UN's committees. Students step into the shoes of ambassadors from UN member states to research and debate current issues on the organization's agenda. While playing their roles as ambassadors, student "delegates" make speeches, prepare draft resolutions, negotiate with allies and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the Model UN conference rules of procedure - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect countries all over the world.

In Fall 2008, 15 students enrolled in Political Science 490: Special topics—Model UN and earned course credit for their studies, which supported competition in two events (Oct. 25, in Buena Park, and Nov. 22-25 in Las Vegas). The team is an initiative of the Center for Community Engagement and the Political Science and Communication programs. It has been funded thus far by IRA funds.

For more information contact Andrea Grove, Associate Professor of Political Science, at andrea.grove@csuci.edu, or Trudy Milburn, Associate Professor of Communication, at trudy.milburn@csuci.edu.

Programming Guru named



Nicholas Winters has been named the new 2008 CSU Channel Islands Programming Guru. Winters won the third annual CSU Channel Islands Programming Contest on Nov. 7, which is organized annually by Computer Science faculty members AJ Bieszczad, Associate Professor, and Anna Bieszczad, Lecturer, and the Computer Club presided by Shahab Lashkari. Lashkari was the reigning 2007 CSUCI Programming Guru.

In CSU Channel Islands Programming Contests, students are challenged with six programming problems, and the student who solves most problems in the least time is the winner. The events are a huge commitment for both faculty and the students. The judging is done automatically by an automated judge, but the organizers need to prepare the problems along with their solutions before the contest takes place as well as configure the computers and the network. The students spend 6 to 7 hours in the contest first participating in one-hour warm-up sessions and then five hours of the main contest.

The first runner-up was Maximilian Kaufmann, and the second runner-up was Jennifer Morrison.

Campus sends five teams to regional International Collegiate Programming Contest

CSU Channel Islands sent five teams to compete the regional competition of this year's Association for Computing Machinery's International Collegiate Programming Contest. The CSU Channel Islands teams competed with 71 teams from universities in Southern California and Nevada including Caltech, the University of California Los Angeles, the University of California San Diego, and Harvey Mudd College as well as CSU campuses and community colleges.

This regional contest is part of the largest programming event in the world that challenges students from nearly 2,000 universities from around the globe. Only one team from each regional contest qualifies for the world finals. Problems to solve are very challenging, so usually a third or more of the teams do not solve any of them. Owing to the hard work of the students and faculty, the CSU Channel Islands teams have been performing increasingly better over the years.



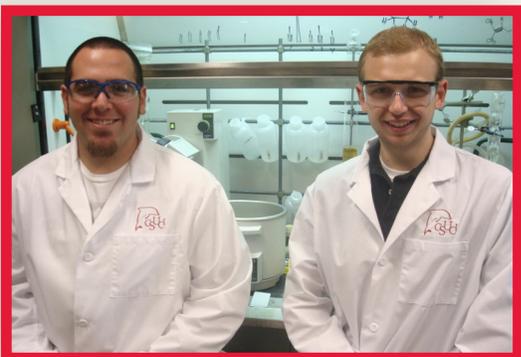
This year, two of the CSU Channel Islands senior teams placed above all of the other CSU and community college teams with the exception of one team from CalPoly SLO. CSUCI-1 and CSUCI-3 solved two problems (for the first time in history CSU Channel Islands broke the 2 problems threshold!) placing among (and above) teams from Caltech, UCLA, UCSB,

the University of California Irvine, and the University of Southern California. One of the CSU Channel Islands junior teams solved a problem and placed among the top CSU teams.

“The junior teams participate to learn, so we are well set for the next year!” said AJ Bieszczad, Associate Professor of Computer Science.

Caption for above photo

From left: Randy Alderson, Cole Rieger, Jason Hibbard, Shahab Lashkari (2007 CSUCI Programming GURU), Anderson Hanchett, Nicholas Rakoczy, Maximilian Kaufmann, Brian Gilreath, Prof. AJ Bieszczad (Coach), Nicholas Winters (2008 CSUCI Programming GURU), Nicholas Peters, Peter Sylvester, Douglas Whitesell, Brian Laird.



Scholarship winners announced

The Channel Islands Alzheimer's Institute and the CSU Channel Islands Chemistry and Biology programs have announced Justin Hilf (at left) and Andrew Yaeger as recipients of this year's Alzheimer's Research Scholarships.

Around Campus

Alumni and students learn career skills first hand

More than 40 CSU Channel Islands alumni, students, and community mentors attended the third annual Alumni Mentorship & Networking Event on Dec. 4 at the John Spoor Broome Library to learn about the intricacies of building relationships, getting involved in the community, and taking leadership roles. Alumni and students were each paired with a community mentor for one-on-one mentoring and for listening to panelists Dan Anderson, Senior Vice President & Wealth Managing Director with Wells Fargo; Pedro Chavez, Campaign Division Director with United Way and Young Leaders Society; and Sandra Walker, Director of Operations with the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce. The Alumni & Friends Association hosts this event each year to assist students and alumni in their career transitions. The A&FA offers a special thanks to the United Way Young Leaders Society for its sponsorship. The Alumni & Friends recognizes the following mentors for volunteering their time and giving their support to this event:

Dan Anderson, Wells Fargo

Joshua Best, Nordman, Cormany,
Hair & Compton

Patty Brown, Patty Brown
Public Relations

Pedro Chavez, United Way Young
Leaders Society

Holly Cole, Verizon

Miguel Cortez, Build Your Image

Dennis Gaiser, Gaiser Tools, Inc.

Greg Hayward, Over the Net

Jacqui Irwin, City of Thousand Oaks

Fiona Kilner, Many Mansions

Linda O'Hirok, CSU Los Angeles

Damien Pena, CSU Channel Islands

John Ridgway, Via Novocom

Don Rodriguez, CSU Channel Islands

Karen Schmidt, SOAR

Mel Sheeler, Sheeler Moving
& Storage, Inc.

Timur Taluy, File Your Taxes

Jeff Walker, J.J. Brewsky's

Sandra Walker, Camarillo Chamber
of Commerce

Celina Zacarias, CSU Channel Islands



The Business & Technology Partnership held its sixth-annual Holiday Mixer on Dec. 4. The event began with a reception and continued with a feature presentation entitled, "Robotics: The Mars Exploration Rover Mission" by Mark A. Schwochert, a member of the Instruments and Science Data Systems Division Staff at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

Employees presented service awards at Holiday Breakfast



Five Year



Ten Year



Twenty Year

At each Holiday Breakfast, the University presents its annual service awards recognizing those employees who have worked for the California State University system for five, 10, or more years.

The following individuals were recognized for five years of service: Leah Alvarado, Ofelia Alvarez, Curtis Baker, Damon Blue, Richard Castro, Marti De La O, Raquel De Los Santos, Emily Deakin, Gina Farrar, Judy Frazier, Tania Garcia, Ivan Grooms, Andreas Gruenig, Catherine Hutchinson, Missy Jarnagin, Peter Mosinskis, Randall Mullenix, Joanna Murphy, Kathryn Musashi, Theresa Olivo, Betty Ortiz, Valerie Patscheck, Yasi Paulson, Lisa Power, Lisa Racine, Melissa Remotti, Rosa Rodriguez, Beatriz Ruetters, Mitchel Sloan, Judith Swanson, Daniel Virissimo, Charlotte Wakenhut, James Walsh, and Jose Zaragoza.

The following individuals were recognized for 10 years of service: Timothy Allen, Guadalupe Arciniega, Richard Arias, Raudel Banuelos, Tim Berndtson, Romulo Calica, Linda Covarrubias, Richard Ellis, Dannie Fox, John Mahnken, Michael Middleton, Richard Paulson, Anna Pavin, Ray Porras, Cipriano 'Soupy' Santana, Scott Shubb, Michael Shuler, Robert Sturgeon, and Maria Zendejas.

Dan Wakelee was recognized for 20 years of service.

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