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### PRESIDENT'S DINNER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*20 years of student success*

This year has brought with it tremendous excitement for a milestone anniversary as we reflect on achieving 20 years of student success, building the University that Ventura County has dreamed of, and serving our region with purpose.

It is an honor to lead our campus into our third decade, and I am committed to starting this new chapter of CSUCI's history with three words as my intentions for our campus: steadiness, focus and coherence. These past few years have not been easy — the challenges our community has faced bring us now to this moment where we consider how far we have come, our collective resiliency, and our excitement for our future. Yet we must acknowledge that for years we have been living in crisis mode with conflict happening across the world.

Together, if we can keep these three intentions in mind and use our combined abilities to further our goals and objectives for CSUCI, we will succeed in our mission of student success and also achieve a more mindful state of being. That is the goal, to never waver in our mission and to remind ourselves that we have a community full of people willing to put in the work and continue to dream of how much we can achieve together.

I am so appreciative of our community, to all of our supporters — whether you've just joined us or you have been involved since before we welcomed our first students. Thank you for enabling us to establish a nationally recognized University that offers so many students transformational educational opportunities.

I owe so much to my predecessors and all who came before me. It was an honor to be together at my investiture and to see a physical reminder of just how large our CSUCI support system is. From elected officials to our education partners, to our faculty, staff, students, and community members, it meant a great deal that together we honored our past and recognized the work ahead to build our future.

Wishing you all steadiness, focus and coherence as we welcome the new year with anticipation for all we will accomplish together.

Sincerely,

Richard Yao, Ph.D.  
*President*

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# New Dean of Education inspired by her immigrant parents

by KIM LAMB GREGORY

A GRANT OPPORTUNITY THAT came up “about one minute after I arrived” has become a \$3 million reality for CSUCI’s School of Education during the six months that Elizabeth Orozco Reilly, Ph.D., has been its Dean.

The pace has been brisk for Orozco Reilly, whose first day on the job was June 1, 2022. She came from the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she served as chair and professor of educational leadership and administration.

Since she arrived, Orozco Reilly has been working on obtaining grants, raising funds for an Early Childhood Care & Education Center, presenting her work virtually to international audiences and putting out a biweekly newsletter, to name just a handful of her projects.

“Every two weeks as I draft the newsletter, I sit down and I think about what issues we are facing,” she said, “and what message I want to convey to our community about leadership and about myself.”

Under her leadership, CSUCI received the \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which will enable the University to offer a new Master of Science degree in Counseling — preparing students to serve as counselors and psychologists in pre-K-12 schools. The grant was earmarked for a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), so there will be an emphasis on recruiting Latinx students for the graduate program. It will provide a well-paying career option for the 1,100-plus Psychology majors at CSUCI.



Elizabeth Orozco Reilly, Ph.D.

**“My commitment comes to me from both of my parents who believed that education creates possibilities and opens doors for us.”**

**—Elizabeth Orozco Reilly**

As the daughter of immigrants who got her start in the San Joaquin Valley teaching the children of other immigrants, Orozco Reilly’s mission has always been to put education within reach for all people, especially those who are the first in their families to attend college.

“I saw what my mother experienced as an immigrant,” Orozco Reilly said. “She was encouraged to feel humiliation on being a second-language learner in an environment not welcoming of the ‘other,’ rather than being proud of

her developing bilingual capabilities. My commitment comes to me from both of my parents who believed that education creates possibilities and opens doors for us.”

Orozco Reilly’s quest to provide equal access to education has taken her to areas on five continents where women are struggling to gain equal rights, such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Costa Rica, China, Rwanda, and India.

Provost Mitch Avila, Ph.D., considers Orozco Reilly uniquely qualified for this position.

“She is passionate about education, brings years of experience, and is committed to advancing the region by working collaboratively with our P-12 partners. I couldn’t be more pleased than to have her join our decanal ranks, and I look forward to supporting her leadership in the School of Education.”



# Awards honor innovation and hard work

by KIM LAMB GREGORY

## STARTING THE FALL

semester on a high note at the President's Convocation, President Richard Yao recognized a faculty member, a staff member and a student for exceptional contributions during the 2021-22 academic year.

Recipients were Ekin Pehlivan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing; Megan Eberhardt-Alstot, Teaching & Learning Innovation (TLI)'s Learning Design Lead; and Sheradyn Ruef, Computer Science student.

## CARING LIKE FAMILY

Nominations for Pehlivan were numerous with one even describing her as "family."

"When you have someone who genuinely and consistently cares about your best interest and is not afraid to provide genuine feedback, there is no other word than 'family' for that," the nomination read.

As Yao presented her with the President's Teaching & Innovation Award, he praised Pehlivan's many achievements, with special emphasis on "CI Solutions" — previously known as the Micro-Internship Program. The student-run agency assists area businesses and nonprofits with specific tasks and projects.

"Over the years I have witnessed how learning by doing opens so many unforeseen doors, for there is nothing like a safe and supportive place to fail gracefully, then only to get back up and try again," Pehlivan said. "And no better place than a university to serve as this safe place for our students."



Megan Eberhardt-Alstot, Learning Design Lead

## LIFESAVING WORK

Receiving the 2022 President's Staff Award for Excellence was both a professional and a deeply personal highlight for Eberhardt-Alstot.

When she first entered CSUCI's master's program for Educational Leadership, she was newly married with no children. Seven years later, she was a single mom.

"My whole life fell apart personally. I found myself unemployed and moving back in with my parents and a 3-year-old," she said. "CSUCI saved my life." After teaching in the Pleasant Valley School District for a time, Eberhardt-Alstot accepted a job with CSUCI, which she describes as "winning the lottery."

Because of her own situation as a working single mother, Eberhardt-Alstot is passionate about online learning and the flexibility it provides non-traditional students like her. In fact, Eberhardt-Alstot is currently pursuing a Ph.D. online.

During the pandemic, Eberhardt-Alstot and the rest of the TLI team helped prepare 8,000 students for online learning through a program called Learning Online 101, which she helped develop in 2018.

She was reluctant to accept personal recognition without honoring

the contributions of the TLI team.

"It was overwhelming because we're such a team, and it's hard to accept this as an individual when you know it has everybody else's fingerprints on it," she said.

## 'GREAT ROLE MODEL'

The 2022 President's Award for Student Innovation caps off numerous honors Ruef has earned on campus, including being named a President's Scholar.

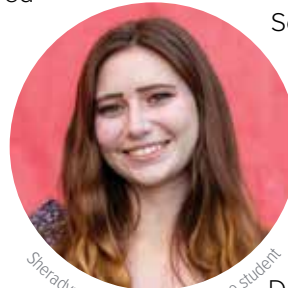
A nomination letter written by Professor and Chair of Computer Science Michael Soltys, Ph.D., spoke of her work as a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) tutor, a student research volunteer and a Data Student Analyst Student Assistant for Career Development & Alumni Engagement.

After Ruef interned with the Naval Air Systems Command, Soltys offered her a position at GBL Systems, where he is a principal scientist.

"It is difficult to overestimate Ms. Ruef's abilities; they are uncommon, and she serves as a great role model for the class," Soltys said in his nomination letter.

Ruef plans to become a cybersecurity professional and an advocate for women in STEM, a career trajectory she says she was able to forge because of CSUCI.

"I feel like I can make an impact here because every student matters at Channel Islands. I truly believe everyone has a place here, and I'm so glad I've found mine as part of the CSUCI family."



Sheradyn Ruef, Computer Science student



Ekin Pehlivan, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing

# Helping students succeed

New Vice President for Student Affairs spends her first semester getting acquainted, removing barriers



by KIM LAMB GREGORY

**HER FIRST SEMESTER AS CSUCI'S VICE PRESIDENT** for Student Affairs has been busy, yet productive, according to Eboni Ford Turnbow, Ph.D., who joined the campus community on September 12, 2022.

"I've already been working with my Basic Needs team on eliminating some barriers for students who need access to emergency needs funds," Ford Turnbow said. "We're also working on bringing emergency housing options back on campus and decreasing the transportation barrier here."

Ford Turnbow came to CSUCI from Cal Poly Humboldt, where she had served as associate vice president & dean of students since 2019 and as interim vice president of Enrollment Management & Student Success since June 2022.

"Dr. Ford Turnbow's educational background, with graduate studies that included both student affairs

and academic affairs perspectives in higher education, has served her well as the enthusiastic, natural collaborator that she has the reputation for being," President Richard Yao said. "At Humboldt, that collaboration included support for and oversight of the university's cultural centers of academic excellence — experience that will serve CSUCI well as we grow into this arena."

Ford Turnbow hails from the Midwest, having earned her doctorate in sociology from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where she specialized in Gender and Work in Higher Education.

A tireless advocate for racial and social justice, Ford Turnbow is a published author with her most recent co-authored book chapter titled "When Intersections Collide: Young Black Women Combat Sexism, Racism, and Ageism in Higher Education."

**ABOVE** Vice President for Student Affairs Eboni Ford Turnbow, Ph.D., talks with students about their needs.



# one challenge at a time

Her doctoral work centered on the impact of gender and other social categories that may create overlapping systems of disadvantage and/or discrimination in the workplace.

As an academic leader in student affairs, Ford Turnbow is committed to what she describes as “remembering why we’re here,” and “being centered on the student experience.”

During an interview with The CI View student newspaper, Ford Turnbow talked about why she has been involved with higher education ever since she was an undergraduate working toward her bachelor’s degree in secondary education & health studies from Wayne State University.

“We’re also working on bringing emergency housing options back on campus and decreasing the transportation barrier here.”  
—Eboni Ford Turnbow

“I found that with college-aged students, I could make the most impact. I never looked back,” Ford Turnbow told The CI View. “I’m a big proponent of positively impacting higher education across our country and globally to ensure I’m doing my part for as many students as possible.”

Under Ford Turnbow’s leadership, the Division of Student Affairs is also working closely with Enrollment Management to make changes to the new student registration and orientation process.

“So many campus colleagues and students have been very welcoming since my arrival,” Ford Turnbow said. “There has also been lots of learning, growing and ideating on strategies to improve various aspects of the student experience. I am excited to be here. The campus is simply gorgeous, and I look forward to what’s ahead here at CSUCI.”



# Lifting up student voices

by PAMELA DEAN

## ASI government leaders focused on helping students and getting out the vote

### ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Ilien Tolteca (Chicana/o Studies, Studio Art) and Vice President Javier Garnica (Chicana/o Studies) are squarely focused on improving the experience of CSUCI's undocumented students.

"Our team wants to create spaces and increase support for undocumented students on campus, or at least keep the conversation going for future administrations to continue," said Garnica. "We hope people do not forget that there are undocumented students who are often left out from accessing opportunities that are crucial for their success."

"We want to increase paid educational opportunities for these students," added Tolteca. "We have been meeting with administrators, faculty, students, and local partners on ways to continue this work and improve how we serve this student population."

The two elected officials work closely with a team of five executive members, five senators, four interns, University leaders, CSU constituents, and California state officials to advance a wide array of priorities that include everything from educational access and affordability to student health and welfare.

Because 2022 was an election year, the ASI student leadership team concentrated on convincing fellow Dolphins to register to vote and participate in the midterm elections.

The team was involved in the California University and College Ballot Bowl, which invites all colleges and universities across the state to compete to register the most students to vote. The ASI leaders spent a month reaching out to students around campus, giving away pizza, bagels



ASI Student Government President Ilien Tolteca and Vice President Javier Garnica talk to students about making change happen.

and student government merchandise in an effort to encourage students to register.

"We wanted to show the other CSU campuses that although we may be a smaller campus, Dolphins have the power to make noise against bigger student bodies and care about being civically engaged," Tolteca said. "In 2018, CSUCI was named the CSU campus with the largest percentage of its student body registered to vote. We're striving to do the same this year."

CSUCI placed first in the category of "Most Creative Approach to Register Students to Vote." Tolteca is particularly proud of the Civic Engagement Carnival the team held in November. Close to 200 participants stopped by to enjoy carnival games and food trucks while also picking up information on voter registration and the propositions on the November ballot.

As ASI President, Tolteca was also able to participate in the first in-person CSUnity event, a gathering of all 23 CSU ASI Student Governments hosted by the California State Student Association.

"I was able to meet, network and connect with other student presidents and get a big-picture perspective of the student experience across California," said Tolteca. "It was uplifting to see the amount of care and dedication my fellow presidents have for their fellow students and their commitment to their campus needs."

Tolteca and Garnica hope to increase student engagement both on and off campus, especially following the return to campus after the pandemic forced two years of remote instruction.

"I want my peers to not only be aware of the issues, but to be a part of the conversation and change that is possible," Tolteca said.



# The curtain opens on new major

by KIM LAMB GREGORY

AS ONE OF THE FIRST TO TAKE advantage of the Dance Studies major that launched in Fall 2022 at CSUCI, Kortni Godsey has so far been thrilled with her choice.

The semester included guest lecturers such as pioneering break dancer Ken Swift, choreographers, a talent agent, and Navajo dancer Little Hawk. They also saw a live taping of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

"It was so fun," Godsey said. "To see the show live — it was crazy to see all the cameras. The dance was definitely more emotional than I thought it would be."

CSUCI's program is not your typical college Dance Studies major, according to Associate Professor of Performing Arts Heather

Castillo, M.F.A., who has been a champion for the program along with Performing Arts/Dance Lecturers MiRi Park and Bonnie Lavin-Hughes.

"The degree is a global look at dance and how dance has always been a way to communicate and pass down our culture from generation to generation with the stories in our bodies," Castillo said.

The Dance Studies major will provide students with the athletic training and technique necessary for dance performance but will also provide a

broader look at how dance is integral to the human experience.

"The dances we want to honor in our program all have developed in North America," Castillo said. "For example, we have jazz because of the African people forced to migrate here. When you look at forced migration along with the oppression of First

lyn. It's just as vigorous as any other dance style, and it has shifted my perspective from 'you got to pay to play' to 'if you want to get in it, you gotta get down'."

Castillo said the "Dancing with the Stars" experience was to expose the students to "commercial" dancing, where dance is used as part of the

product or used to sell a product such as a reality show.

"We exposed them to live commercial dance with all the bodies and the energy and the wild number of 15 cameras," Castillo said. "These sorts of things you just can't get when watching it on TV."

Students are also being introduced to other career options open to those with a degree in dance by hearing from

CSUCI alumni. For example, Alyssa Zepeda '12 uses dance in her social work. Miesha Goetz '14 is a dance agent at Clear Talent Agency. Also, students are learning from choreographers like Alison Faulk, who is touring with the Broadway production of "Magic Mike," and the associate choreographer for "Moulin Rouge," Camden Gonzales.

"Most people enter into a dance degree believing it is limited to being a dancer," Castillo said. "But you can do so much with this degree."



LEFT TO RIGHT Alumna Melina Ortega and students Isabella Roberts, Stephanie Oregel, Gabriella Perry and Andrea Lopez dance during President Yao's Investiture.

Nations people through the lens of dance, it creates an embodied connection to our history."

Through Park's connections in the New York hip-hop community, she was able to get Swift to guest lecture. Swift is widely considered "the epitome of the B-Boy," pioneering movements and terminology for the dance form that is now recognized worldwide.

"I have a background as a B-Girl and a hip-hop dancer," Park said. "I learned for free in the park in Brook-



# CSUCI invests in President Yao

*Ceremony highlights diversity and the importance of connections*

by KARIN GRENNAN

**S**tudent Government President Ilien Tolteca took the podium during President Richard Yao's Investiture and described having met him as a first-year student. Yao, then Vice President for Student Affairs, encouraged Tolteca's pursuit of a double major. He expressed his confidence, provided his business card, and said to contact him if ever the need arose.

"This moment has stayed with me since then, and I believe it is reflective of who President Yao is as an individual — someone who is willing to connect with the CI student body and who goes above and beyond for the CI community," Tolteca said.

While the September 23 ceremony's purpose was for the California State University Board of Trustees to formally invest in Yao the authority of his position, the broader idea of connections took center stage throughout the event. Chumash leaders tethered the ceremony to the land on

which it took place, their ancestral home in this region. The participation of CSU Channel Islands' three former presidents and video messages from previous student government leaders bridged the past with the present. The attendance of CSUCI Foundation Board members, elected officials and community members underscored the University's ties with and service to the region. And multiple speakers remarked on Yao's efforts to connect with people.

Interim CSU Chancellor Jolene Koester, Ph.D., said Yao often starts his day with a pre-dawn run through campus, stopping to chat with groundskeepers and express appreciation for their important work in positively impacting the entire CSUCI community. Koester told the story of how Yao introduced himself as the Interim President to a boat crewmember on a return trip from the University's Santa Rosa Island Research Station after he learned the young





man had left CSUCI before graduating. Yao listened to his story, offered support and invited him to meet again so that Yao could help him find a way to complete his degree.

“Making meaningful personal connections isn’t just part of Rich’s daily work,” Koester said. “He’s imbued the practice into the campus culture. He challenges faculty and staff to make a difference every day by showing that they care about Channel Islands students, care about them as human beings, so that students feel welcomed, valued, respected and inspired to successes that they might never have imagined possible.”

Wenda Fong, Chair of the CSU Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee that led to Yao’s permanent appointment, said, “He stood alone as the best fit for Channel Islands — the right person at the right time.”

Speakers noted Yao’s commitment to giving everyone a voice through shared governance. Annie Block-Weiss, chair of the CI Staff Council and Associated Students Inc. (ASI) Programs Coordinator, recalled Yao contacting her during his first day as Interim President.

“In already the short time that (he) has been our president, the voice of staff has not only been amplified, but truly listened to,” Block-Weiss said.

CSUCI’s diversity of voices, identities and cultures was

highlighted throughout the ceremony in music, dance and spoken word performances featuring students, alumni and community members. A video featured welcome messages from Grounds Worker Guillermo Gallegos Lopez in Spanish; Lecturer Silvia Ventura Luna in Mixteco; Assistant Professor of Mathematics Alona Kryshenko, Ph.D., in Ukrainian; Academic Programs and Planning Analyst Andrea Skinner, J.D., in Portuguese; Director of International Programs Mayumi Kowta in Japanese; Lecturer in Sociology Sunghee Nam, Ph.D., in Korean; Professor of Education and Political Science Tiina Itkonen, Ph.D., in Finnish; Yao’s father, George Yao, M.D., in Chinese; Yao’s mother, Concepción DyReyes Yao, M.D., in Tagalog; and CSUCI alumnus and President of the Black Alumni Chapter Jeffery Alexander Jr. ’09, Ed.D., speaking in English.

Yao thanked those who shared their cultures during the ceremony and called on everyone to unite around the goal of student success. He asked that people value dissent, let data guide decisions, remain open to change, and continually reevaluate practices.

“We need to be forward-looking, working now to be the CSUCI that we envision for those who will be learning and working here in 2042,” he said.

**ABOVE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT** President Yao wears the President’s Medallion; President Yao poses with Chumash representatives Matthew Vestuto, Eleanor Fishburn and Raudel J. Bañuelos Jr.; The People’s Trio (Ben Yao, Gabriel Kline and Jackson Roberg) provides pre-ceremony music; students Maddy Hitchcock and Avantika Kannan participate in the “Tapestry of Dance”; Doll A\$\$ign was among the alumni who performed; student Kortni Godsey dances; and members of the Oxnard High School Air Force Junior ROTC provide the Presentation of Colors.



# Inaugural exhibition depicts voices in social justice

by KARIN GRENNAN

WHEN CARRICK DEHART STEPS OUTSIDE his office, he is surrounded by diverse faces of the struggle for equity and inclusion in the United States. Photos of a Navajo man at a Senate hearing, transgender activist Christine Jorgensen, and feminist anthropologist Margaret Mead line one side of the hallway. Olympic champion Jesse Owens and the Rev. Jesse Jackson are on the other.

"I love it because it's a mixture. I look at it like a palette of colors, just a palette of people who make us unique," said DeHart, Director of Major Gifts and Co-Chair of CSUCI's Black Faculty & Staff Association. "It represents the possible."

"The Long Struggles for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Icons, Moments, and Voices" features the work of acclaimed photojournalist Santi Visalli. It is the inaugural exhibition of the President's Gallery, established by President Richard Yao in celebration of the University's 20th Anniversary and located in Richard R. Rush Hall.

"I want the President's Gallery to showcase the University's many collections in ways that promote reflection and discussion on the historical, physical, social, and cultural realities of the world," Yao said.

The exhibit of Visalli's black-and-white photographs opened Sept. 19 with a series of receptions and continues through June.

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Professor of Art History Irina D. Costache, Ph.D., curated the 27 images. She worked with Monica Pereira, Head of Collections & Resource Management in the John Spoor Broome Library, to select them from almost 190,000 negatives that the 90-year-old photographer donated to CSUCI.

Visalli, a Santa Barbara resident whose career spanned more than six decades, took most of the exhibition's photos in the 1960s and 1970s. Prominent figures including Martin Luther King Jr., Robert Kennedy, and Ella Fitzgerald fill the "Icons" section in the lobby. Down one hallway is the "Voices" section, with additional political and cultural figures who helped advance racial and social justice. The "Moments" wing features unsung heroes during important moments including celebrations and protests.

The pictures "are a solemn reminder and powerful commemoration of seen and unseen events, silent and loud voices, and known and unknown heroes of the period," Costache wrote in the exhibition program.

Art History major Oscar Rios, who heard Visalli speak in one of his classes at CSUCI, spent part of the Fall 2022 semester creating the digital archive for the exhibition and researching the events depicted as part of his capstone project under the guidance of Costache and Art Professor Matthew Furmanski, M.F.A. Knowing the story behind the photos of a 1969 Mexican Centennial celebration, he was particularly drawn to them. They feature a Guanajuato student group that typically performed in the streets to raise money for college. That day, the group performed by invitation.

"They are showcasing their culture, my culture, in New York," said Rios, who was born in Mexico and came to the U.S. in 2006. "It's pretty powerful."

ABOVE Exhibition photographs include Robert Kennedy applauding Ella Fitzgerald, Olympic Champion Jesse Owens, and the Mexican Centennial.

LEFT Staff and faculty examine photos during an opening reception.





## Leah Lacayo honored for longtime support

by KARIN GRENNAN

THE 2022 ROBERT J. LAGO-MARSINO AWARD recipient, Leah Lacayo, has volunteered countless hours and donated thousands of dollars to help students graduate from CSUCI and achieve professional success because she is passionate about the University's mission.

"CI is so important to this agricultural region. We have so many underserved populations — farm-worker families and a very large Mixteco population that speaks its own language," the Newbury Park resident said. "Everyone deserves the opportunity to attend a four-year public university."

Lacayo never attended college and wasn't encouraged to do so. Instead of pursuing a career, she threw herself into volunteering.

She met her late husband, Hank, when they were working on a campaign, and she supported his efforts as a national labor leader and advocate for California seniors until he died in 2017. She has volunteered for many community organizations, frequently in leadership roles.

"I have been a volunteer for most of my life. It is what I do," Lacayo said. "I believe that intergenerational experience and community involvement are key to a satisfying and happy life."

The Lacayos lobbied for the establishment of CSUCI. In 2005, when there were few graduates, Lacayo joined the Alumni & Friends Association Board, and she is now on her second eight-year term. She served as president in 2009 and co-president in 2018. She used her connections to expand membership, spearheaded the first fundraiser, and helped organize Dodger Days.



President Richard Yao presents Leah Lacayo with the 2022 Robert J. Lagomarsino award.

She also helped launch the Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo Institute for Workforce & Community Studies in 2010 and got involved in its internship program.

Lacayo has donated to the University every year since 1999 and belongs to the President's Circle, which recognizes donors who annually give \$1,000 or more.

"Leah has been incredibly generous not only with her time, but also her resources," said 2019 Lagomarsino Award winner Neil Kreisel as he introduced her as the 2022 recipient

in October. One of the University's highest tributes, the award honors those who have contributed to and supported CSUCI.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Leah," President Richard Yao said. "We are honored to have her as a generous supporter and member of our CI family."

"The return on my involvement with CI is so much greater than what I give," Lacayo said. "It makes my heart happy to walk into a doctor's office or a hospital and have a nurse be a CI graduate."

# Early Childhood Care and Education Center site selected

by KARIN GRENNAN

A SITE HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR A CSU Channel Islands center designed to address the dire need for affordable, high-quality care and education for the young children of students, employees, farmworkers, and other community members.

After gathering input from the campus community, President Richard Yao decided that buildings along the west side of Camarillo Street, south of Santa Barbara Avenue, will be renovated to house the Early Childhood Care and Education Center (ECCEC), pending a successful fundraising campaign.

The University plans to build the center with public and private funds and has nearly reached the halfway mark in its fundraising efforts. The estimated planning, infrastructure and construction costs total \$46.69 million, and CSUCI has raised \$22.83 million so far. The County of Ventura provided \$5 million, and the California legislature allocated \$7 million. The University committed \$10 million, which includes \$1.5 million from real estate investment company Kennedy Wilson.

“With additional financial support that we are seeking in both public and private realms, we can build this vitally needed center to benefit our students as well as families and employers throughout the region,” Yao said.

This center has been in the planning stages since before CSUCI opened its doors. Of the 23 CSU campuses, CSUCI is one of only three without child care facilities for students. This is particularly significant for CSUCI’s student-parent population since 40% earn less than \$24,000 a year, and child care — particularly high-quality care and education — can be prohibitively expensive.

As planned, the center will serve children aged 6 weeks through 5 years and possibly provide evening care for up to 8-year-olds. It will follow a Balanced Dual Language Model to meet the needs of children who are dual language learners in Ventura County, with most having

Spanish as a heritage language. Supporting bilingual/multilingual development is critical since 60% of California children under 5 years old are dual language learners. The ECCEC will play a critical role not only in CSUCI’s Early Childhood Studies teacher preparation program but also in professional development experiences that it can help make possible for early childhood providers throughout the region. The center will be open to children of all abilities, specifically those with special needs.



CSUCI’s Early Childhood Studies majors will conduct field work, including student teaching, at the center. It also will be a clinical practice experience site for California’s proposed pre-K-3 Early Childhood Specialist Credential.

The center will provide opportunities for service learning and interdisciplinary research as well as valuable experiences for students and faculty in other disciplines, such as Nursing, Psychology, Sociology, Art, and Chicana/o Studies.

Plans for the first phase of construction include 10 classrooms, two outdoor play areas, a medical office, a multi-purpose room/art studio, kitchen, and laundry room. A proposed second floor would house a family resource area as well as college classrooms and faculty offices. To learn more, please visit the ECCEC webpage at: [go.csuci.edu/eccec](http://go.csuci.edu/eccec).

ABOVE Architectural renderings show how buildings will be renovated to house the center.



*Yolanda Benitez and Dave Rodriguez*

# OPENING THE DOOR OF POSSIBILITY WITH A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

by PAMELA DEAN

**T**HE PASSION THAT LONGTIME CSUCI supporters Yolanda Benitez and Dave Rodriguez have for community service and helping others to get ahead stems from their own humble beginnings.

Benitez was a first-generation college student who grew up living in her aunt's El Monte garage with her mother and brother. Her mother worked picking strawberries and lemons in Ventura County in the summer and cleaned houses in Los Angeles the rest of the year.

After graduating from college, Benitez began her career as an English and English-as-a-second-language high school teacher and worked her way up to superintendent of the Rio School District. She finished her career as the chief academic officer for the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Rodriguez has spent almost 40 years in various leadership positions with the League of United Latin American Citizens. Through that association, he became an advocate for CSUCI during its early days, often traveling to Sacramento with former President Richard Rush to lobby for increased funding for the CSU.

The Camarillo couple recently decided to make a generous planned gift to CSUCI for scholarships benefiting first-generation college students with ties to working in the agricultural fields.

"We both knew that with all that we have gone through, we wanted to give young people a helping hand," Benitez said. "College was the door out of poverty for me and my family. It opened up the world of possibility and I knew it could do the same for others. The scholarships we have established will open that door for other young people who can help better the world."

The scholarships can be used for any education-related expense. They can be used for tuition, housing, books, gas, babysitting, food, or for any other financial need that students are experiencing. Benitez and Rodriguez feel strongly that the recipients should decide how the funds can best help them.

"If we can help them with that, then we've done what we wanted to do in this world," Benitez added.

Although they could donate to other universities or institu-



tions, Benitez and Rodriguez are enthusiastic about supporting CSUCI, in particular.

"We felt that this was our University and these are our kids. A lot of students that I have known as an administrator will come through this system," Benitez said. "What better way to give a helping hand than to give to this University and to these young people who are part of our community? It's making the full circle."

**RIGHT** Yolanda Benitez and Dave Rodriguez sit outside their Camarillo home.





The first Indigenous Americans Social of the academic year was held on Nov. 9, 2022, at the Central Mall. The Social featured an opening blessing by Eleanor Fishburn (nee Arellanes) and craft stations that included making bracelets, coloring pages and more. This event was part of CSUCI's Inclusive Student Services Heritage Month Social Series organized by Natalie Johnson and numerous committee members. Food, campus resources and limited-edition giveaways were also provided to attendees.





## University Hall renamed in honor of President Emeritus Richard R. Rush

by KARIN GRENNAN

### CSUCI'S ADMINISTRATION

building containing the Office of the President now bears the name of the person who led the University for 15 years of its existence.

"I hope this testament to all you have accomplished will remain a symbol of our appreciation for all you have done for our campus here at CSU Channel Islands and the broader community," CSUCI President Richard Yao said during the dedication of Richard R. Rush Hall on Oct. 12. "I look forward to working every day in a building commemorating your work."

President Emeritus Rush, who began serving one year before the first students arrived, insisted that everyone who worked with him, particularly during the early years, deserved to share in the honor of a renamed University Hall.

"I accept this recognition in the name of all the faculty, the staff, the students, and indeed the broader community who have linked arms to make this dream a reality," Rush said. "This is your University. This name represents you, not me."

Speakers at the renaming ceremony explained that the building of those partnerships that moved the

University forward, whether with public officials or private donors, was one of Rush's most valuable contributions. State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin recalled Rush

"I found a great, great partner in Dr. Rush," said U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley. "His efforts were critical in bringing an educational epicenter to Ventura County."

Rush hired more than 800 employees, led efforts to achieve initial accreditation and re-accreditation, and developed long-term strategic, academic and physical plans. He helped launch innovative programs, including the Santa Rosa Island Research Station operated in collaboration with Channel Islands National Park. In addition, he generously donated to support student scholarships, the renovation of the campus' Central Mall and other needs.

"Dr. Richard Rush dreams big, but more important than that, he delivers even bigger," said Bill Kearney, a member of the University's Foundation Board of Directors since 2003.

The renaming, which was supported by \$1 million in donations, is not a signal that Rush's

work for the University is done.

"It's just a small token of our gratitude and appreciation for the work and partnership ahead," Yao said. "He continues to be an inspiring leader who leads with a passion for our mission."



**ABOVE** CSUCI President Emeritus Richard Rush (left) and President Richard Yao stand before Richard R. Rush Hall.



## THEY WERE THERE AT THE START

### *34 employees from the founding of CSUCI*

**FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT** Nancy Covarrubias Gill, Toni DeBoni, Martha Reyes, Evelyn Taylor, Irina Costache, Rosario Cuevas, Frank Barajas, Diana Enos, Jeanne Grier, Anthony Mestas, and Gustavo P. Gonzalez.

**MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT** Loren Fleming, Maria Elena Zendejas, Wendy Olson, Leticia Romero, David Carlson, Tim Berndston, Jesse Lucero, and Jon Brooks.

**BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT** Dale Velador, Martin Tapia, Dawn Smith, Phil Hampton, Hai Le, Judilyn Le, Tim Allen, Tom Emens, and Robert Inglis.

**NOT PICTURED** Nancy Mozingo, Scott Shubb, and Kevin Volkan.

**HEADSHOTS, ADJOINING PAGE, LEFT TO RIGHT** Rainer Buschmann, Ivona Grzegorzcyk, and Bobby Perez.

**RIGHT** A University highway sign is unveiled in 1999 by then President J. Handel Evans, State Assemblymember Nao Takasugi, and State Senator Jack O'Connell.







# CSUCI *celebrates* 20 years

*Milestone met by 'Honoring  
Our Past — Building  
The Future'*

*by* KARIN GRENNAN

**G**ROWING UP IN OXNARD WITH VERY traditional Hispanic parents who wouldn't let her move away to attend college, Nancy Covarrubias Gill kept hoping that a public university would open in Ventura County. Then, in 1999, when she had a family of her own, she read a story about the work J. Handel Evans and others were doing to make it happen. Inspired, Gill applied for a job on the small team.

"I'll never forget that at the end of the interview President Evans said that he wanted to hire me, but I would need to make one promise to him — to earn my bachelor's degree. On that day, I made a promise to President Evans and to myself," Gill said.

Over the next 23 years, she attended all the biggest events in CSU Channel Islands history and organized many of them including the opening ceremony, the first presidential inauguration and Commencement ceremonies, and several President's Dinners. But one stands high above the rest for her — 2005 Commencement, the day she graduated with her bachelor's degree.

"I tear up with prideful emotion thinking about that day and having President Emeritus Evans, who was seated on the stage, greet and congratulate me as I crossed," said Gill, M.P.A., now CSUCI's Associate Vice President for Communication & Public Relations. "I'm sure this same emotional feeling is experienced by many first-generation



*“The teamwork, collaboration and commitment to the project reminded me of what makes CSUCI so special.”*

— JANET PINKLEY

students from this region who may not have an opportunity to leave their home to attend a college or university but can now earn a bachelor's degree at a public university in Ventura County.”

Charged with serving students from this previously underserved region, CSUCI officially came to life during an opening ceremony on Aug. 16, 2002. Twenty years later, the University celebrates its 20th anniversary under the banner of “Honoring Our Past — Building The Future.”

An ongoing highlight for the year-long commemoration is an exhibit in the John Spoor Broome Library. There are yearbooks and magazines, a display tracking the evolution of Ekho the Dolphin, and a list of movies filmed on campus. Representative items from the library's expansive Archives & Special Collections are displayed. Faculty research and creative activities fill several shelves.

Head of Access Services Librarian Janet Pinkley worked with people from across campus to bring the exhibit to fruition.

“The teamwork, collaboration and commitment to the project reminded me of what makes CSUCI so special,” said Pinkley, who joined the University in 2007. “There was a culture cultivated from the beginning that we were building a university together. The entire campus embraced this idea and believed in it. We still do.”

Weaving throughout the displays is a photo-packed timeline showing the development of the University from 1965, when a state bill calling for the establishment of a four-year college in Ventura County was drafted, through 2022, when Richard Yao became the fourth president.

One of the most significant points on the timeline is Aug. 24, 2002, the day the first CSUCI students began

**TOP LEFT** Nancy Covarrubias Gill prepares to graduate with a B.A. in Liberal Studies at the 2005 Commencement ceremony.

**TOP RIGHT** The first group of CSUCI administrators from Fall 1999.

**MIDDLE RIGHT** A large rock provided by the Broome family commemorates the Conveyance ceremony in October 1998 transferring the property from Camarillo State Hospital to the California State University.





classes. By that time, Dale Velador had been part of the nascent University's Information Technology Services team for almost three years. On his way to interview for the job in 1999 he thought he had taken a wrong turn because it seemed like he was in the middle of nowhere. Now there were students and new faculty and staff members in the buildings he had helped wire.

"Before that, it was an idea," Velador said. "Watching it actually happen was great. ... It was exciting."

May 17, 2007, is another day of great joy featured on the timeline. That is when CSUCI received its accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on the earliest possible date — and on the very day that the first class of first-year, full-time students graduated. Becoming WASC-accredited signaled to prospective students and their families, graduate schools, employers, and others the high quality and integrity of CSUCI's programs and services.

"Many students will go through their entire college experience and never encounter the word accreditation or the significance of it, but for students who were some of the first to complete their degrees at CSUCI, that des-

ignation meant a lot," said Toni DeBoni, J.D., who like Gill and Velador is among 34 current employees who have been working at the University since 2002 or before.

"It was truly an all-campus achievement with extensive participation from all University divisions," said Dennis Muraoka, Ph.D., who chaired the campus's first WASC committee. Muraoka was one of the original 13 planning faculty members who arrived in 2001, four of whom are still at CSUCI — Frank Barajas, Ph.D., Professor of History; Ivona Grzegorzczuk, Ph.D., Professor of Math; Phil Hampton, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences; and Kevin Volkan, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology.

Rosali Banola of Camarillo was a member of the inaugural class that graduated the day CSUCI earned accreditation. Her strongest memory from those years is how much CSUCI felt like home, even though she had never set foot on the campus before enrolling.

"It was a small community that felt like a second family. I had the most incredible professors who invested so much to ensure I learned the material and succeeded as a student," said Banola, who majored in Cell and Molecular Biology and minored in Chemistry. She returned to earn

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ABOVE Students and staff formed a tight-knit community in 2002.



# CHANNEL ISLANDS TIME



**2002**

**March 12**  
CSU Board of Trustees approve CSU Channel Islands Academic Master Plan.

**March**  
Robert J. Morris Laparoscopic donate \$5 million to the library establishing the Robert J. Laparoscopic Archives and Special Collections.

**July**  
CSUCI holds its first Island View Orientation for new incoming students.

**August 16**  
The opening ceremony is held for the University with various dignitaries from across the state including Governor Gray Davis, Chancellor Charles Reed, and many others.

**August 16**  
The first official day of CSUCI classes for the fall semester with approximately 800 transfer students.

**2003**

**May 15**  
Inaugural Commencement Ceremony for CSUCI is held on the campus with two transfer students recognized as the first to graduate from CSU Channel Islands. The first class of CSUCI at CI students also graduates.

**September 1**  
The grand opening ceremony is held for the new Science Building. Also held.

**2004**

**August 19**  
The first on-campus student housing, Anacapa Village, opens for 400 students.

**2005**

**January 14**  
A dedication ceremony was held for a dolphin fountain and sculpture installed at the Kline Hall Plaza. "Aspirations" was designed by Santa Barbara artist Bud Bokros.

**2006**

**January**  
The Morris V. and Marjorie E. Smith Foundation donates \$5 million for the development of the Morris V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making and to fund additional academic programs within the Morris V. Smith School of Business & Economics.

**2007**

**May 17**  
Inaugural Freshman class CSUCI grand WASC visit for seven years.

**August 16**  
A grand opening ceremony of student housing opened and is able to accommodate freshmen students.



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## "HONORING OUR PAST—BUILDING THE FUTURE"

The 20th Anniversary exhibit features a historical timeline spread across the north wing of the Library (one of four panels shown above) with an accompanying photo gallery to highlight the milestones since the University started, including inaugural groundbreaking ceremonies. There are additional display areas that feature faculty research and creative activities, as well as collections and images from the Broome Library's Archives & Special Collections.

Drop in to see displays that highlight 20 years of CSUCI history now through August 2023.

Visit online at [go.csuci.edu/20years](https://go.csuci.edu/20years) to explore timeline details.



- 1 A panel of the large timeline display at Broome Library.
- 2 Visitors examine CSUCI historical memorabilia.
- 3 CSUCI's 10th anniversary logo.
- 4 The Broome Library 20th Anniversary timeline wall.
- 5 The published works of past and present faculty at the Broome Library.
- 6 Transfer students at the first student orientation in 2002.
- 7 President Rush opens Aliso Hall, the science building.
- 8 CSUCI's variety of student sports clubs shown. Other student organizations including academic, cultural, faith-based, honor societies, political, sorority/fraternity, service and social justice and special interest groups also established on the campus.
- 9 2003 faculty orientation.
- 10 CSUCI's fifth anniversary logo.
- 11 President Yao, students and staff celebrate 20 years of CSUCI at the 2022 Camarillo Christmas Parade.





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an MBA and a Master of Science in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics from CSUCI. “Pursuing a degree in science is challenging, and the ability to have access to our professors and small classroom sizes was a key differentiator and what enabled my success as a science student. As years have passed and I meet my colleagues who went to other universities, I realize the experience I had was really unique.”

DeBoni, who was hired as the Coordinator of Orientation & Student Development and went on to serve in multiple Student Affairs roles over the next 20 years, said strong bonds formed within majors the first few years, creating opportunities for students and faculty to join forces in events like the Battle of the Majors.

“Finding ways to build community and add fun to their experiences was essential,” said DeBoni, now Associate Vice President for Organizational Effectiveness and Special Assistant to the President. “A sense of belonging has remained an important value.”

Staff, students and faculty collaborated in the beginning to host events, some of which — like the Welcome Celebration and Women’s History Recognition Ceremony — have become signature events that continue to this day.

Maria Elena Zendejas, who began working at the campus in 1998, recalls everyone wearing a lot of hats and performing many functions in the early years.

“Without formal structure, it allowed individuals to share their innovative skills. It forced people out of their comfort zones,” said Zendejas, now Assistant Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships. “Seeing what was started and where it is now is incredible.”

April 2010 was another pivotal moment, when the U.S. Department of Education designated CSUCI a Hispanic-Serving Institution. This designation was achieved because at least 25% of the University’s students at that time were Hispanic and at least half qualified for federal Pell Grants based on exceptional financial need. This made CSUCI eligible to compete for grants to help it better serve students. To date, the University has received \$42 million in competitive HSI grants. This funding has enabled the campus to implement programs including initiatives to support a college-going culture in Ventura County, peer and faculty mentorship to help students graduate and development activities to improve teaching and learning practices and foster relationships with community-college partners.

“These funds have been a significant investment in our institution, which propelled CSUCI to be a regional and national leader for student success and to cultivate best practices in teaching and learning,” said Michelle Hasendonckx, Ed.D. ’19, Assistant Vice President for Student Academic Success & Equity Initiatives.

In 2019, CSUCI became the first institution of higher education in California to earn the Seal of Excelencia, signifying a high level of commitment and effort to serve Latina/o students. The University earned recertification in Fall 2022.

In 2021, CSUCI received \$15 million from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott in recognition of the University’s commitment to the social mobility of students, equity and inclusion, and the greater good of the region and nation. That ended up being the year of large gifts. Six months

ABOVE LEFT Student volunteers show off a Biology experiment to curious onlookers at CSUCI’s Science Carnival.

ABOVE Nursing students work with a saline drip.





later, the Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Foundation became the single largest donor in CSUCI's history by giving \$10.5 million, bringing the family's total donations since 1999 to more than \$19 million.

Students themselves have played an integral role in expanding services. They advocated for what in 2017 became known as the Multicultural Dream Center, DeBoni said. The MDC brought Underrepresented Student Initiatives and Intercultural Services together in the Bell Tower and provided a popular gathering spot.

*“CSUCI has grown so much over the past 20 years and has continued to place students at the center of everything.”*

— ROSALI BANOLA

And, in 2018, thanks to several attempts and persistent student leadership, CSUCI's Basic Needs Program began providing food, clothing and emergency housing assistance to those in need.

Student interest and regional workforce needs have shaped curriculum development through the years. Early innovations included the award-winning Master of Science in Biotechnology and MBA dual-degree program. CSUCI added bachelor's degrees in Health Science in 2014, Global

Studies in 2016, and Dance Studies in 2022. Mechatronics Engineering, which launched in 2018, is now an impacted program along with Nursing — meaning that there are more student applications to these programs than there is room available. CSUCI began offering a master's degree in Nursing in 2020.

Government and community partnerships forged throughout the years supported the development of new programs as well as other valuable and unique opportunities for students. In 2012, CSUCI partnered with the National Park Service to open the Santa Rosa Island Research Station, where students and faculty from many programs and disciplines have engaged in cultural and natural research and education. The next year, CSUCI launched the Channel Islands Boating Center in Oxnard with the help of several public and private partners to provide educational and recreational opportunities for students and the community.

A signature community event that Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences Phil Hampton launched, the Science Carnival, reconnected Biology graduate Banola with her former organic chemistry professor and alma mater in 2017. A senior manager at Amgen, she took science experiments Hampton had developed into middle and high schools and helped recruit co-workers to participate in the annual crowd-drawing fair.

“CSUCI has become an integral part of our community in Ventura County and will continue to make a significant impact on our students and their future,” Banola said. “CSUCI has grown so much over the past 20 years and has continued to place students at the center of everything.”

*Kim Lamb Gregory contributed to this story.*

# THROUGH THE EYES

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LEFT TO RIGHT Richard R. Rush, Richard Yao, Erika D. Beck, and J. Handel Evans

*Together, the four presidents who have led CSU Channel Islands have a great vantage point from which to view the entire history of the University. Here are their takes on the significant challenges and successes the University has faced through the years, as well as smaller moments they will never forget.*

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# OF CSUCI PRESIDENTS

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President Emeritus J. Handel Evans and Carol Evans attend President Yao's Investiture ceremony.

## J. Handel Evans

Planning President 1996-2001

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### **What are you most proud of from your time as Planning President?**

I am most proud of the fact that the University even exists. With the work of a small but devoted team, the planning and construction of a new university in Ventura County (the "Ventura Project") began with a public announcement by the CSU Chancellor on Jan. 19, 1996. Approximately five years later our students were attending classes.

### **What were the biggest challenges you faced as President, and how did you address them?**

A CSU campus in Ventura County was often in doubt. Sites were chosen, but a lack of funding to develop them resulted repeatedly, creating community disbelief it would ever happen. Making that a trusted reality was always a most important focus for me.

### **What was community support needed for during your tenure? What was your approach to getting that support?**

Growing out of the checkered history of the "CSU Ventura Project" with its many setbacks and false promises, the CSU and the state were faced with an enormous credibility gap. Closing this gap became essential to our survival. Subsequently, avenues were established allowing joint participation by many diverse parties interested in our development. Typical of these were The Site Authority with membership

drawn from the CSU, cities and the county that oversaw development of the total property, specifically the private housing program including impacts such as transportation. A University Foundation with membership from the business community and other local supporters accepted contributions and later sponsored academic initiatives. In addition, a most important Advisory Board with membership from the community chosen according to their interests and University needs was formed. All this cooperation resulted in our campus becoming one of the top private fundraisers in the CSU system, in

retrospect a remarkable reflection of community goodwill considering it was done without benefit of students, faculty and an established academic program.

### **What is your favorite memory from your presidency?**

Occasionally, we had some light relief in our working day. We had been warned on occupying the site that the facility was in many respects comparable to a prison in that every door had the probability of being lockable, most from both sides thereby needing two distinct keys. On arrival we began to explore

our environs, especially our Director of Facilities, who spent much of his “free time” wandering the facility with his cell phone and notebook. One day I was informed that he had gone missing in the proximity of the hospital, now the library. At first, we were not alarmed, but we started search parties just in case. Over two hours later the mystery was solved, and he was found locked in a hospital lab without the correct keys in an area we discovered could not receive radio or cell messages. From then on, the directions were to take appropriate keys and at least two people. We didn’t lose anyone after that!



President Richard Rush is surrounded by students at Honors Convocation in 2011.

## **Richard R. Rush**

President 2001-2016

### **What are you most proud of from your time as President?**

There are so many things to be proud of: commencements at which the dream of Ventura County was made tangible in the graduates’ success (I never made it through with dry eyes); the faculty and staff, particularly those who came at or near the creation because of the risks they took and the tremendous achievements they brought forth; and the enthusiastic response from the community, which embraced the campus as their own. These stand out, but there is a myriad more.

### **What were the biggest challenges you faced as President, and how did you address them?**

The biggest challenges we faced pertained to funding. We were always underfunded. I was given



the directive that CSUCI had to help pay its own way because there was reluctance among those who held the purse strings to invest in another campus (even though Ventura County had the largest underserved population in the state) or to reduce funding from other campuses to establish CSUCI. So, we turned directly to public-private partnerships as a significant method to bring the campus to life.

**What was community support needed for during your tenure? What was your approach to getting that support?**

Community support initially took different approaches. Because we

had so little funding and less than a year to open for students, we focused resources on developing the academic programs so they would be intact when students arrived. Then we turned to the community to assist us in developing the campus. Over time, the response was incredibly gratifying. Some community members came to campus to plant gardens and courtyards. Others funded the creation of new areas. One industrious person brought a Bobcat, drove it down the halls of the administration building into the interior garden and cleaned it out. Labor unions sent journeymen and apprentices to work on hardscape and irrigation. A contractor who was working on a road project sent his crew to dig up the

crumbling Central Mall pavement and establish pathways. Another community member built the fountain in the mall, and so on. How did we get that support? We asked for it! In some cases, it was a win-win arrangement. In others, it was simply a generous response to a request.

**What is your favorite memory from your presidency?**

I have too many favorite memories to cite one. However, the tears in some students' eyes when they realized they had achieved a university degree after often insuperable odds and even decades of trying stand out. One woman nearly tackled me as she collapsed into my arms sobbing in her joy.



In 2019, President Erika Beck cuts the ribbon for the Michele Serros Collection located in Richard R. Rush Hall.

**Erika D. Beck, Ph.D.**  
President 2016-2021

**What are you most proud of from your time as President?**

It was an incredible honor to serve alongside such an inspiring and talented community of scholars and educators dedicated to equity, inclusion and the advancement of knowledge in service of the public good. Together, we became the first university in California to earn the Seal of Excelencia for our success in authentically serving Latinx students, we launched the Road to Restoring Sat'wiwa, created the President's Advisory Council on Inclusive Excellence, and we created

a seven-point framework for realizing racial justice.

**What were the biggest challenges you faced as President, and how did you address them?**

During my time as a Dolphin, we faced a series of devastating physical life and safety emergencies from wildfires and mudslides, the unfathomable mass shooting at Borderline Grill where more than 50 of our students were present, and a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic that transformed our campus into a virtual university almost overnight. While each was painfully challenging, our campus community responded to each crisis with compassion, innovation and resilience that still inspires me today.

**What was community support needed for during your**

**tenure? What was your approach to getting that support?**

Ventura County is a wonderfully welcoming and gracious community that invested three decades into establishing Cal State Channel Islands and serves as an unwavering source of support for the future of the campus and the students it so proudly serves. From elected officials to business, industry and community leaders, there is a Dolphin champion in every corner of the county. I was incredibly grateful for the commitment and support of the Foundation Board and the Advancement team who garnered tremendous enthusiasm and record fundraising by expanding awareness of the University's positive impact on not just Ventura County but also Santa Barbara and other communities along the California coast.

**What is your favorite memory from your presidency?**

My favorite memories are all rooted in CSUCI's intentionality around equity and inclusion. One is the ribbon-cutting for the mural I commissioned in honor of the late Ventura County native Michele Serros, a nationally renowned Chicana writer, poet, and social commentator. Another is of the deeply meaningful gift I received from the Chumash elders — a necklace to hold the presidential medalion, signifying the enduring bond between the University and the Chumash people. And, of course, the pride and joy of every graduate who crossed the commencement stage to a life that is forever transformed as they become the leaders we need to realize a brighter and more equitable future for us all.

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## Richard Yao

Interim President 2021-2022; President 2022-present

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**What are you most proud of from your time as President?**

I am very proud of our ability to safely navigate the effects of the pandemic on our campus and to transition back from primarily virtual to primarily in-person learning. The logistical and psychological challenges of that physical repopula-

tion of the campus were enormous. Difficult decisions had to be made while ensuring that transparency was included in the decision-making process. My team and I worked hard at informing everyone about how we came to decisions, and how data, safety, the well-being of our community members, and their input were always considered.

**What are the biggest challenges you have faced as President, and how did you address them?**

Facing a pandemic has been one of the greatest challenges of my career, and in tandem with this are the effects we are now facing because of the pandemic — namely, enrollment decline, social instability, students' social, emo-





**FRONT ROW** President Yao, center, with (left to right) President's Scholars Caleigh Tupy, Martha Maldonado-Arias, Addy Piper, and Sheradyn Ruef.  
**BACK ROW** Faculty Advisor Luis Sánchez, Advisor Sunshine Garcia, and Faculty Advisor Kimmy Kee-Rose.

tional, mental, and financial well-being, and people debating the value of a college degree. What keeps me grounded always, though, is to utilize good data effectively, especially during challenging times. In these times, the data are overwhelmingly convincing that a bachelor's degree remains the primary driving force that promotes social mobility — and we know that it has transformative power at individual, collective and societal levels. I am confident in our mission of serving our student body, most of whom come from underrepresented and underserved groups and are the first in their family to attend college. At CSUCI, we do this in ways that facilitate academic and psychosocial development that will provide the foundation for success before and after graduation,

when our students will serve as leaders in their communities and careers.

**What has community support been needed for during your tenure? What was your approach to getting that support?**

The support has truly been overwhelming, and connecting with so many elected officials, community leaders, educational partners, and other friends of CSUCI has been one of the aspects I've enjoyed most. During arguably the most challenging time in our University's history, the confidence and support from all aspects of our community were never greater, as evidenced by record-breaking philanthropy in 2021 and again in 2022. This has reinforced our collabo-

rative efforts in meeting our regional needs on varying levels.

**What is your favorite memory from your presidency?**

One is the outpouring of support I experienced during my investiture. I am grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make it so beautiful and meaningful. I was fortunate to celebrate that day with my family, students, faculty, staff, community leaders, and colleagues from across the CSU and beyond. With all the challenges that life is sure to bring us, I always say we must make a point to truly celebrate the special moments. This was a beautiful reminder to me of how important it is for us to come together as a community, to celebrate, and to express our gratitude for one another and the region we serve.

# FORMER STUDENT LEADERS REFLECT

## REBECCA GLAZIER, PH.D.

'04 B.A. Liberal Studies

FIRST ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT, 2003-2004

**Current Role:** Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock



### What do you feel was your biggest accomplishment as a student government leader?

Starting the Multicultural Center and doing our best to begin building a student culture on campus are things I remember working on with my fellow students and the great staff at CSUCI.

### How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?

Neither of my parents have a college degree, and it was a professor at CSUCI who asked me one day, "Have you ever considered graduate school?" I literally responded, "What's graduate school?" When I learned that I could keep going to school, I was thrilled! I started my Ph.D. in political science at UC Santa Barbara three months after graduating from CSUCI. I love that I have been able to build a career in higher education, thanks to CSUCI.



## SARA RUIZ

'20 B.A. Political Science, B.A. Performing Arts

ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT, 2019-2020

**Current Role:** District Representative for U.S. Rep. Julia Brownley

### What do you feel was your biggest accomplishment as a student government leader?

My biggest accomplishment was getting students outside of student government involved in activities like Lobby Corps. Lobby Corps is a team of students who travel to Sacramento to lobby for student needs and issues with our state legislators. It is a wonderful and enriching experience, and we wanted to

make students outside of student government aware of it. Our tabling and outreach efforts resulted in half the applications coming from students at large, and our final team was made up of equal parts student government members and students at large!

### How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?

Attending CSUCI allowed me the space to grow and try new things. My sophomore year I joined the Model U.N. team and learned so much about policy and the inner workings of governmental organizations. Additionally, I met former student leader Atticus Reyes, who encouraged me to join student government. Though I was originally apprehensive, I decided to serve as the senator of social justice, and it sent me down the path toward student advocacy and eventually the presidency. Without the numerous opportunities CSUCI has given me, I would not be the person I am today.



# UPON THEIR TIME AT CSUCI



## ATTICUS REYES

'19 B.A. History, Political Science Minor

ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT, 2018-2019

**Current Role:** Field Representative for Assemblymember Steve Bennett; Trustee, Ojai Unified School Board

### What do you feel was your biggest accomplishment as a student government leader?

I am extremely proud that we registered the highest percentage of students in the CSU to vote in the 2018 midterm elections. CSUCI was officially recognized as a winner of the 2018 Ballot Bowl organized by then Secretary of State Alex Padilla. We also raised over \$6,000 on campus for students facing food insecurity and planted over 20 trees for CSUCI's first-ever Earth Week.

### How did CSUCI make a difference in your life?

My time at CSUCI absolutely changed my life. I came in as a commuter student who simply wanted to go to class and then leave. I had no plans other than getting my degree. However, I was completely surprised by how much opportunity was available. I had the privilege of being a teaching assistant, participating in the Panetta Congressional Internship Program in Washington, D.C., competing on the Model United Nations team, and ultimately serving as ASI Student Government President. There is no way I would be where I am today, doing the things I have the privilege of doing, if I had not had those opportunities and experiences.

## SOPHIE NGUYEN

'21 B.A. Sociology, Minor Chicana/o Studies

ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT, 2020-2021

**Current Role:** Commercial actor; full-time student pursuing a certification in Music Technology, Moorpark College



### What do you feel was your biggest accomplishment as a student government leader?

The executive team and I served as the first 100% virtual administration. We successfully passed the credit/no credit resolution that students needed during this time. We lobbied our state representatives to secure funding for the CSU, and in solidarity, we raised awareness for the Black Lives Matter movement and Asian American & Pacific Islander community. Specifically, the unity and action that sparked following our AAPI solidarity initiative were extremely rewarding and special to me. Seeing an AAPI Faculty and Staff Association come into existence at CSUCI felt like a huge step forward and a catalyst for positive change and unity within our campus community and beyond.

### How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?

CSUCI was such a meaningful source of community belonging and empowerment for me. It helped me gain confidence in myself as an advocate and leader within my own life while holding close the values of social justice and equity at the forefront of any path I take from here on.

# Catching up with alumni



## **NAUSHEEN AHMED**

*'14 M.S. Mathematics*

**CURRENT ROLE:** SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION DIRECTOR, CEDARS SINAI

### **How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?**

My time at CSUCI reinforced the value of building and maintaining relationships, working collaboratively and helping others succeed. I was able to return to the campus after graduation and interact with students in the Data Science Club prior to COVID, and to speak on the use of mathematics in supply chain analyses at a seminar during COVID. The personalized instruction I received at CSUCI opened career opportunities, without which I wouldn't be where I am today.

### **What is your fondest memory of CSUCI?**

Having the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Ivona Grzegorczyk (Mathematics) on my thesis project. She took the time to review the work of a stay-at-home mom, me, when I first started writing children's math books.

## **OLIVIA TAYLOR**

*'20 B.S. Biology,  
Minor Psychology*

**CURRENT ROLE:** BEEKEEPER, REITER AFFILIATED COMPANIES

### **How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?**

My team visits various ranches within Ventura County and Santa Barbara County to feed, manage and grow our 1,600 hives to support the demand for pollination for berries in the agricultural fields. I gained the opportunity to train and learn how to be a commercial beekeeper through the CSUCI apiary program. If it wasn't for studying in Dr. Ruben Alarcon's class, which sparked my interest in the fascinating eusocial complexities of honeybees, I don't think I'd be where I am today.

### **What is your fondest memory of CSUCI?**

I am forever grateful for all the experiences I've had in my courses, leading me to these continual, unexpected opportunities. I never expected to start my career path as beekeeper, but I wouldn't change anything about the path I've been on.



## **SHIRLEY WILLIAMS**

*'19 B.S. Biology*

**CURRENT ROLE:** BIOLOGIST/INSPECTOR, VENTURA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, PEST EXCLUSION DIVISION.

### **How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?**

CSUCI gave me the opportunity to find what I was passionate about. I knew I wanted to do something regarding nature and animals, and CSUCI helped me focus my skills. Being in the first cohort of the Apiculture and Bee Biology course with Dr. Ruben Alarcón changed my life.

### **What is your fondest memory of CSUCI?**

Every moment of the Bee Program. From taking the class to assisting Dr. Alarcón with the subsequent cohorts. I volunteered through the summers just so I could learn and experience as much as I could.





## CLAIRA CASTILLO

'16 B.S. Biology

CURRENT ROLE: ENTOMOLOGY AND ACAROLOGY  
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE II, DRISCOLL'S

### How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?

I was able to learn so many soft skills that come in handy in my day-to-day work, and I made friendships that have continued to support me throughout life's ups and downs. By working with one of the CSUCI professors, I was able to land a part-time job at Driscoll's, which later turned into a full-time job after I graduated.

### What is your fondest memory of CSUCI?

When I was working as a tutor at the STEM Center, the campus internet went down for the day — but we still did our normal tutor shifts to help students who were still on campus. In between tutoring sessions, our group played the Google Dinosaur Game and logged our scores on the whiteboard. Sometimes students were too shy to ask for help with their homework, but the Dinosaur Game acted as a fun icebreaker. We ended up getting lots of student visits for tutoring that day even though many students had left campus to get internet service.



## DEV CHAHIL

'04 B.S. Cell and Molecular Biology, Chemistry minor

'07 M.S. Bioinformatics and Biotechnology

'08 M.A. Business

CURRENT ROLE: GLOBAL EXTERNAL INNOVATION AND STRATEGY  
LEAD, BAYER CROP SCIENCE

### How did your time at CSUCI make a difference in your life?

I was exposed to real-world cases, helping to draw the parallel between learnings and assignments, and industry application. Professors with industry experience and others who encouraged internships at local firms provided a window into industry and options for the future after graduation.

### What is your fondest memory of CSUCI?

At the end of Island View orientation in 2002 I followed signs through the maze of hallways in the Bell Tower toward registration. When I turned the corner into the registration office, I was greeted with flashbulbs from a local newspaper photographer and cheers as I had inadvertently become the first student to ever register for classes at CSUCI. This was the start to my many years of engagement with CSUCI as a student, volunteer, donor, industry partner, and Alumni & Friends Association Board member. My fondest memory is of the people who made the University what it is and the community of students and faculty I was able to spend days and nights with, learning and growing. It's perhaps not a specific moment or memory but a feeling and experience that leaves an imprint on your life.

# Foundation Annual Report

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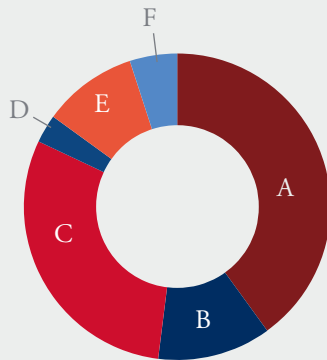
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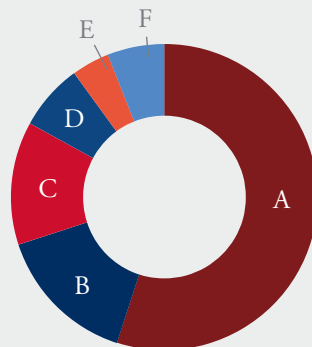
—CSU Channel Islands Foundation Board Chair Dr. Mark Lisagor



## DONOR IMPACT

A Academic Programs	\$7,502,770
B Student Financial Aid	\$1,959,807
C Capital Improvements	\$4,972,000
D Research	\$1,188
E Other Restricted	\$1,581,530
F Unrestricted	\$440,440

**TOTAL: \$16,457,735**



## DONOR GROUPS

A Foundations	\$11,316,626
B Other Individuals	\$3,112,394
C Corporations	\$1,726,351
D Other Organizations	\$284,008
E Parents	\$7,810
F Alumni	\$10,546

**TOTAL: \$16,457,735**



ENDOWMENT  
GROWTH



# Foundation Board celebrates 20 years of endowment growth

AS THE UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY, the CSU Channel Islands Foundation celebrates the successful and continuing growth of its endowment.

“The endowment started from scratch a little over 20 years ago,” said Foundation Board Chair Dr. Mark Lisagor. “It’s now over \$32.5 million and growing. We have much to celebrate. We are so grateful to CSUCI’s many supporters who continue to believe in the role the University plays in improving the lives of students and our community through higher education, and who, through gifts both great and small, made this growth happen.”

The Foundation had another successful fundraising year in 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). Several multimillion-dollar gifts helped meet fundraising targets for the year.

The largest gift came from the family of former Ventura County philanthropist and real estate developer Martin V. “Bud” Smith, who generously donated \$10.5 million to his namesake — the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics (MVS School). A portion of the gift, about \$3.5 million, is being used to finish construction on the MVS School’s new facility. The remaining \$7 million is being used to establish a new endowment to support the MVS School.

## A LOOK AT THE ENDOWMENT

ENDOWMENT VALUE ON JUNE 30

**\$32.5 M**

THE FOUNDATION manages CSUCI’s endowment funds with the intent of generating additional income from the philanthropic gifts given to the University. As of June 30, 2022, the Foundation’s endowment had a value of \$32.5 million. The endowment paid out \$796,271 in 2021-2022, directly supporting academic initiatives such as the Peer Mentor Ambassador program and student research.

SUPPORT OF ACADEMIC INITIATIVES

**\$796,271**

{ 20 YEARS OF CSUCI }

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**OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR INCLUDE:**

- Gifts from Kennedy Wilson Investments to support the future construction of an Early Childhood Care & Education Center on campus.
- Two gifts from the Jeff T. Green Family Foundation to help fund student scholarships and peer-to-peer mentor support.
- A planned gift for scholarships from Yolanda M. Benitez and Dave Rodriguez for student scholarships.
- A gift from Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Foundation for continued support of the CSUCI Nursing program.
- A gift from the Pozzi family in honor of the late Bruno Pozzi to support student scholarships and the Disability Accommodation & Support Services program.
- A gift from the TOLD Foundation to support student internships.

## On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, we gratefully acknowledge the following donors:

These charitable gifts in support of CSU Channel Islands were made from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, with the exception of Legacy Giving and Alumni & Friends Lifetime memberships. Every gift makes a difference and every donor is appreciated. *Thank you!*

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