Dear Landscape Architects/Designers,

As you may be aware, California State University Channel Islands is Ventura County’s first public, four-year University. If you have visited the campus, you are already aware of the beauty that surrounds us. We are located just minutes from the ocean, on 670 acres that are surrounded by lush agricultural fields.

The campus is home to magnificent Spanish Mission architecture and the grounds are maintained to the highest standards. However, there is one area of the campus that needs attention to bring it in line with the rest of this magnificent campus, and that is the courtyards. It is regarding an exciting opportunity to refurbish these courtyards that we write to you today.

Cal State Channel Islands is teaming up with Sunset Magazine to host a Courtyard Competition Project. The focus of the competition is to restore these great spaces to the grandeur they held in years past, while also giving each a life of its own, which will further enhance the atmosphere of this striking college campus.

We invite you to review the attached guidelines and sample rendering and encourage you to become involved in this competition. The University and Sunset Magazine are delighted to be working together and will present the winners of each courtyard competition with the Sunset Award. If selected, you will also see your plans implemented in what is quickly becoming one of the most recognizable universities in the state.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Rush
President
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Sunset Magazine’s Landscape Design Contest  
“Call for Entries”  
for the Courtyards of California State University Channel Islands

**CSUCI/SUNSET CONTEST OBJECTIVES**
The goal of the Sunset contest is to acquire a variety of landscape plans for the refurbishment of four campus courtyards. The plans should adhere to the CSUCI guidelines while creating appealing and unique spaces to enhance the experience of students, faculty and community visitors. The contest is open to all interested parties. A winner chosen for each courtyard will receive the Sunset Award plaque at a special reception, recognition in Sunset Magazine and other media outlets, a story in the University newsletter which reaches thousands of Ventura County area residents, and see their plans realized to enhance the newest CSU campus.

**CSUCI LANDSCAPE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**
- Enhance, embrace and preserve a strong sense of place exhibited by the existing campus.  
- Strive for sustainability in regards to maintenance, waste and water conservation.  
- Create simple yet bold plant palettes with a timeless design quality. Limit use of turf to high visibility and recreation areas.  
- Utilize plant materials compatible with the native coastal sage scrub ecosystem or riparian plant communities where appropriate; and reflecting the agricultural nature of the region and history of the site.  
- Design to address Path of Travel and Handicap Accessibility related to ADA.  
- Anticipate night lighting necessary to provide one candle foot of light for all traveled areas.  
- Anticipate access to accommodate small electric service vehicles, as indicated on plans.  
- Anticipate a high degree of use as a public space.  
- Consider that the plans and suggested materials be adaptable for use in courtyards as described in this contest, as well as residential areas.

**FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS**
- Submit a Letter of intent (no more than 500 words). **Deadline January 1, 2004**
- A colored landscape plan complete with identified shrubs, trees and ground cover. Hardscape and architectural features, including lighting, may also be included. Submissions should be in schematic design form. Thematic gardens (i.e. rose gardens) are welcome.  
- Entries must be in hard copy form. Submitted entries will become property of CSUCI.  
- Estimated landscape project cost including some estimation of projected maintenance costs.  
- A firm or individual designer may send in up to one submission per courtyard  
- **A walk through of the courtyards will be conducted on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 10 a.m.**

*** All applicants should be aware that their plans might be altered prior to execution for cost and other considerations.
COMMUNITY PLANT PALETTE
The landscape plan should keep in mind the native plant life and drought conditions of the region. A suggested list of plants is listed in the following plant palette, but entrants are in no way limited to only those listed.

Trees:
- Alnus rhombifolia / White Adler
- Platanus racemosa / California Sycamore
- Populus Fremontii / Fremont Cottonwood
- Quercus agrifolia / Coast Live Oak
- Quercus lobata / Valley Oak
- Salix lasiolepis / Arroyo Willow
- Schinus molle / California Pepper
- Cercidium floridum / Blue Palo Verde
- Pinus Coulteri / Coulter Pine
- Pinus torreyana / Torrey Pine

Shrubs:
- Baccharis spp. / Coyote Brush
- Ceanothus ‘Julia Phelps’ / Wild Lilac
- Cercis occidentalis / Western Red Bud
- Cistus spp. / Rockrose
- Muhlenbergia rigens / Deergrass
- Heteromeles arbutifolia / Toyon
- Prunus ilicifolia / Catalina Cherry
- Rhamnus californica / California Coffee Berry
- Rhus integrifolia / Lemonade Berry
- Ribes spp / Gooseberry

Ground Cover:
- Achillea spp. / Yarrow
- Arctostaphylos hookeri / Monterey Carpet
- Atriplex semibaccata / Creeping Saltbrush
- Ceanothus griseus horizontalis / Prostrate Wild Lilac
- Eschscholzia californica / California Poppy
- Helictotrichon sempervirens / Blue Oat Grass
- Lupinus spp. / Lupine
- Penstemon spp. / Beard Tongue
- Rosmarinus spp. / Rosemary

Plants to avoid:
- Iceplant
- Bamboo
- Other invasive plants
DEADLINE EXTENDED!
New deadline: February 13, 2004

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: JANUARY 1, 2004.
JUDGING WILL BE CONDUCTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM: SUNSET MAGAZINE, INDEPENDENT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS.

Announcing of Awards (mid February)
SEND ENTRIES TO:
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** A job walk to view the courtyards will be held Wednesday, November 5, at 10 a.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Peggy Hinz.
1: President’s Courtyard

Estimated cost w/o landscape plan: $125,000
Naming Opportunity: $500,000

Existing Condition: A new handicap ramp is being installed from the President’s Loggia into the courtyard. The existing evergreen at the center of the courtyard should be preserved. The remaining foliage is showing age and is not mandated to be preserved. The courtyard walkways are bricks laid in concrete. These walks should be preserved/restored.

Use: Primarily Administration Building traffic. Courtyard should be a more quiet reflective courtyard. Visitors to the Administration Building will also use this courtyard. This courtyard is visible from much of the new Administration Building and should be designed with key views from within the building in mind.
Courtyard ‘M’ (New Admin. Building West)

Estimated cost:

Naming Opportunity:

Existing Condition: There are a number of existing sycamore trees, avocado trees and other established plant materials in the courtyard that should be preserved. There are asphalt walkways throughout the courtyard that have no historic value. Vehicular access is available from the southeast corner of the site between the new Administration Building and the future Smith School of Business. This access should be maintained to a certain degree.

Use: In the immediate future, there will be limited traffic, primarily from the new Administration Building. As the Smith School of Business Building is renovated for classroom use, the courtyard use will grow to a much higher level with use by students, faculty, and administration staff. This courtyard will also serve as a pedestrian access from the Admin. and Business Buildings to the North Quad via the breezeway at the northwestern corner of the courtyard.
Breezeway to North Quad

President's Offices

Future Smith School of Business

Service Entry

Location: Bounded by Unit 44 on the North Admin Bldg. on East Business Bldg. on South Unit 55 on the West

Area: +/- 26,700 sq. ft.

Current Condition:
New ramp at East entry to President's Offices. Asphalt in need of repair or replacement. Established tree canopy should remain.

Users:
- Students
- Faculty
- Administration

Scale: 1" = 40'-0"
3: Courtyard ‘X’ (Bell Tower West)

Estimated cost: 
Naming Opportunity: 

Existing Condition: There are a large number of established trees throughout this courtyard. There are several meandering asphalt paths throughout this courtyard. Many of them are located in locations that do not facilitate access through the courtyard. These may be removed as necessary. A new path has been installed from the adjacent Faculty Office Building to the south and the handicap ramp to the west. This walk should be maintained or replaced with a path similar in size/location.

Use: This courtyard promises to be one of the most heavily used courtyards on campus. There is direct access from the Library on the north side as well as the new Faculty Office Building on the south. In addition, there is access on the west side through the existing gate. With the new Science Building to the west, through-traffic to and from the Bell Tower should give this courtyard a very active nature.
Courtyard Design Competition

Courtyard: 'X'

Location: Bounded by
Library on the North Court 'Y' on the East
Unit 18 on the South
Ventura St. on the West

Area: +/- 33,000 sq. ft.

Current Condition:
Partial walk renovation
between Unit 18 and
Court 'Y'. Established
tree canopy and lawn.
Asphalt walks in
disrepair. Recent ramp
renovation from Library
into courtyard.

Users: Students
Faculty

Scale: 1" = 40'-0"
4: South Quad Courtyard

Estimated cost: 

Naming Opportunity:

Existing Condition: This ‘courtyard’ is defined by the south edge of the Bell Tower Building. While not a traditional courtyard in its design, this space is very important to the campus. The current space is primarily a very well manicured grass lawn with limited plantings against the Bell Tower Building. There is a future plan for a seating terrace in the western most corner of this space with direct access into the D Wing labs.

Use: This courtyard has a very heavy traffic load from students, faculty and visitors. It is visible from all of the South Quad, where most major events (festivals, graduation, etc.) are held. Users of this space will be accessing it from the Bell Tower as well as both the west and east side driveways.
Courtyard: South Quad
Location: Bounded by Belltower on the North Unit 12 on the East Vehicle drive on South Unit 18 on the West
Area: +/- 25,000 sq. ft.
Current Condition: Large trees above. Well-established lawn. Proposed reading terrace at west corner of site. Very high profile space. Minimal ground level landscaping against buildings.
Users: Students Faculty
Scale: 1" = 60'-0"