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## East Campus

# Development Begins



In January, the California State University Channel Islands Site Authority approved the schematic plans for Phase I of the East Campus Residential Development. The goal is to provide affordable housing to incoming faculty and staff while generating an income stream to renovate and equip buildings and facilities in the academic core of the campus. The University's Faculty and Staff Residential Development Plan is based on projected market demand and will play a major role in the University's recruitment and retention efforts.

Phase I of the project totals 208 residential units comprised of:

- 100 rental apartment units
- 48 attached alley loaded cluster and attached courtyard cluster units for rent
- 24 attached loaded cluster and attached courtyard cluster units for sale
- 36 detached alley loaded single family units for sale

The East Campus residential design has been crafted to respect and extend the look and feel of the existing campus. Courtyard elements are used extensively to establish a hierarchy of neighborhood, semi-private and private areas. Building designs extend the Colonial-Monterey architecture of the main campus.

Work has already begun on creating the essential "backbone" infrastructure for the entire 150-acre development site including the major access roads, sewer, water, electrical, gas, and storm drains. Public landscape areas, streets, sidewalks, trails, street lighting, and improvement of streambeds and related open space are also planned. Community recreation facilities and local parks will also be constructed. Existing drainage swales and riparian habitat will be improved by utilizing native vegetation and retention ponds, enhancing the biological and educational resources at the site.



*Jack Broome (left) and his son John Broome (right) welcome Lord Norman Foster (center) to CSU Channel Islands.*

## CSU Channel Islands Unveils Future Library Designed By Lord Norman Foster

World-renowned architect Lord Norman Foster personally presented the model for the John Spoor Broome Library and Media Center at CSU Channel Islands on June 5, 2001. J. Handel Evans hosted his former college classmate at a fund-raising dinner where the community heard about plans for the 260,000 square foot library complex. Among Foster's acclaimed architectural projects are the Reichstag for the German Parliament, Oxford University's Library, and the Hong Kong International Airport. In 1999 he was awarded the Pritzker Prize. The \$31 million project at CSU Channel Islands will incorporate a stunning two-story building with a glass facade into the original building's Spanish Mission-style design, and includes an outdoor piazza and a central conference room. Construction is slated to begin in 2003.

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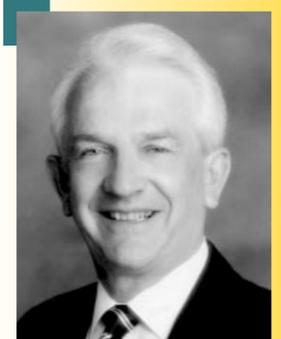
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### NEW CSUCI PRESIDENT



Richard R. Rush  
Appointed new President of CSU Channel Islands – 2001

The CSU Trustees announced the appointment of Dr. Richard R. Rush as president of CSU Channel Islands on March 6. For the past eight years, Dr. Rush has served as president of Minnesota State University at Mankato. He takes office at CSUCI on June 18. Full coverage of Dr. Rush's arrival at CSUCI will be featured in the next issue of *Current*.



J. Handel Evans  
President, CSU Channel Islands – 1996-2001

J. Handel Evans steps down as President of CSU Channel Islands on June 30 after a distinguished 34-year career with the California State University system. Under his leadership, Ventura County's 30-year quest for a public university became a reality. His final President's Message appears inside.

The search for six staff members, including two outreach workers, an event planner and three administrative and budget support personnel, has successfully concluded. Faculty recruitment is proceeding extremely well and appointments should be in place by mid-June. New faculty will be introduced with relevant disciplinary and biographical information in the next issue of *Current*.

Positions are open for the university librarian, director of admissions and records and director of financial aid. Applicants are invited to apply online at the University's Web site: [www.csuci.edu](http://www.csuci.edu).

CSU Channel Islands is pleased to welcome all 18 CSU Northridge at Channel Islands staff members who successfully transferred to CSU Channel Islands effective February 15. The staff will continue to serve CSUN students and gradually add responsibility for CSUCI students in fall 2002.

## STAFF HONES SERVICE SKILLS

It's the little things that make CSUCI a student- and visitor-friendly place, such as making sure the information given on the telephone is correct, creating a climate of trust and support among employees, and not sending students from office to office to get a question answered.

To master these little things, a group of Channel Islands staff members recently participated in an Advanced Connections workshop. Developed by Noel Levitz, a higher education consulting firm, Advanced Connections seeks to train-the-trainers to excel in customer service. Thirteen staff representatives from across the Channel Islands campus trained in the three modules on improving service: how to avoid giving visitors the campus run-around, how to be effective in communications, and how to correct the problem when service breaks down.

Sue Saunders, coordinator of outreach and student recruitment, reported, "Now that a core group has gone through the training, we are equipped internally to direct workshops for new employees in many areas; including new faculty members, building and grounds, parking, and administration workers."

## ACADEMIC PLANNING

### *Educational Initiatives To Benefit Children*

*CSU Channel Islands spearheaded a proposal, collaborating with CSU Northridge, Oxnard College, Moorpark College, Ventura College and Child Development Resources, to obtain a "Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Development" on campus.*

The center proposes to work with the Ventura County Children and Families First Commission to connect parents, agencies, neighborhoods for learning, schools, community members, colleges, and healthcare providers with the people and services necessary for training, resources, capacity building, partnerships, special needs studies and program evaluation for early childhood care and education.

A pre-kindergarten through eighth grade Charter Professional Development School proposal was funded by the State Department of Education for \$35,000 to develop a charter school. Six subcommittees and a steering committee of more than 40 members have been working to develop a charter to be submitted to the Pleasant Valley School District in late September. The district board has approved a temporary location at the El Rancho School in Camarillo, and an operating memorandum of understanding is in development.

### *Board To Review Science Building Plans In July*

A daylong faculty, staff and technical users group workshop was held on March 14 to review the new \$10 million science building program and function plans. Architects from Bobrow Thomas and Associates reviewed the program, which includes eight laboratories comprised of biology, chemistry, physical sciences, computer/information science, and mathematics. Optimal bench layouts, fume hood ratios, support space, telecommunications, faculty office, conference space and a 100-seat lecture hall were discussed. Participants included Bill Krohmer of CSU Northridge, Dick Williams and Sam Wiley of CSU Dominguez Hills, Mike Shea of CSU Sacramento, Maureen Harrigan and Floyd Martin of Moorpark College and Vic Belinski of the Ventura Community College system. Staff members of CSUCI academic and facilities, planning and operations engaged in lively dialogue with the architects. The working drawings will go before the CSU Board of Trustees in July, pending state budget approval including the proposed capital outlay expenditure.

## *Community Colleges Lay Groundwork for Smooth Transfers*



*President Evans and executives from community colleges celebrate the signing of the Transfer Admissions Agreement*

*"We need to remember that Channel Islands' first students are now finishing their freshman year. We want to lay the groundwork now for a smooth transfer."*

Nearly 60 community college administrators and faculty assembled on campus in April for a preview of the initial CSU Channel Islands degree programs, which will open to transfer students in fall of 2002.

In addition to attendees from Ventura College, Oxnard College, and Moorpark College, representatives from as far away as Antelope Valley College in Lancaster, Pierce College in Woodland Hills and Santa Monica College also attended.

"The purpose was to preview the first Channel Islands undergraduate programs, including degrees in business management, liberal studies, environmental sciences, computer science, and languages and culture," reported Stephen Lefevre, director of the CSUN Off-Campus Center. "We need to remember that Channel Islands' first students are now finishing their freshman year. We want to lay the groundwork now for a smooth transfer."

Barbara Thorpe, associate academic vice president, and Lynne Cook, chair of the Faculty Council, opened the meeting with an outline of the University's academic master plan, which was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees in February. The master plan provides a five-year blueprint of undergraduate majors and graduate degree programs. CSUCI will admit its first freshmen in fall of 2003.

During separate breakout sessions, the community college and CSUCI representatives began the detailed discussion of the lower division preparation work students ought to satisfy before transferring. Called "articulation," the process of identifying equivalent courses that offer credit at another institution (such as Channel Islands) is an important part of facilitating the transfer process.

"The new CSUCI faculty arriving in August will lead the new program development. These sessions will help inform their planning efforts so they will be most effective when they arrive," said Dr. Thorpe.

Degree programs at the CSU Northridge Off-Campus Center will continue to be available in 2002 and thereafter in those disciplines that CSUCI does not offer.

# CSU Channel Islands Foundation

*Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell President and CEO Ray Wilkins Jr. was the featured speaker at the University's Corporate Council Luncheon on April 3.*

## University Hosts Pacific Bell Chief Executive

**M**ore than 150 business owners and corporate executives from the Ventura County region gathered to hear Wilkins speak on "The Changing Face of Telecommunications."

He is responsible for all of Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell business and consumer market sales, marketing, customer service, network services as well as external affairs. Wilkins was named one of the "Top 50 African Americans" by Black Enterprise magazine in 1999. He serves on the Board of H&R Block, and is past chairman of the Kansas City Area Development Council.



*Left to Right: Mike Morgan, Mayor of Camarillo; Ray Wilkins, President of Pacific Bell and Nevada Bell; Daniel Del Campo, Mayor of Thousand Oaks; Lora K. Watts, President, Pacific Bell, Los Angeles*

## Getty Chief Speaks to President's Circle

**B**arry Munitz, president and chief executive of the J. Paul Getty Trust, addressed the University's President's Circle on April 12, 2001. Billed as "A Conversation with Barry Munitz," the event was a lively exchange of ideas about art and culture, education and community, and more than a few thoughts about the new university. Responding to a question from the audience of more than 100 guests, Dr. Munitz said that the biggest challenge facing CSUCI is to stay focused while seizing opportunities and achieving a level of growth that is comparable to the University's resources and abilities.



*Left to Right: J. Handel Evans, Carol Evans, Barry Munitz, Bruno Pozzi, Dr. Victoria Pozzi*

## CSUCI Foundation Selects New Chairperson

**A**t their annual meeting in November, the CSU Channel Islands Foundation Board elected Pat Richards as their new chairperson. Ms. Richards has been a member of the CSUCI Foundation Board for three years and has served as chair of the Development Committee. She joined City National Bank in 1989 and is currently vice president and senior relationship manager for Ventura County Commercial Banking Center.

"My goal for 2001 is to widen the circle of support to reflect all sectors of our region," said Ms. Richards. "The message we need to carry to our community is the need for private support. Providing the finest faculty, facilities and programs for our students requires more than the basic assistance provided by the State. We have waited more than thirty years for our University, and it is important that our community continues to demonstrate our commitment to establishing one of the finest universities in the CSU system."

One of the most active people in the local community, Pat Richards serves on the Board of Directors and is a Founding Member of Studio Channel Islands Art Center. She is also president of Pacific Agribusiness Alliance and serves on the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors.



*CSUCI Foundation Chairperson Pat Richards*

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DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS BOOST UNIVERSITY

*Gerald and Dorothy Scott and their children Andrea, Jerry and Mark have made a commitment of \$100,000 to establish the Scott Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. As the owners of Canteen Food and Vending of Coastal California, the Scott family wants to support students who demonstrate individual initiative and academic achievement but need financial assistance to attend college.*

*The University recently launched a Gift Annuity program and is pleased to announce two gifts from local residents. The first will provide a \$100,000 endowment to support library programs and services, and the second will provide \$46,000 to endow a scholarship fund. Gift annuities enable a donor to plan a generous gift to CSU Channel Islands while receiving a lifetime income. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Stacey, director of development, at (805) 437-8429.*

*Homes for Books II concluded its second successful fund drive with more than \$32,000 contributed to the University's library by Coldwell Banker Town & Country and this year's new partner, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. \$50 was donated to CSU Channel Islands each time a home was sold or a loan was funded over a three-month period. Personalized bookplates are placed in a library book with a copy going to clients as a keepsake.*

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## Mesa Day 2001 Combines Sports and Academics

California State University Channel Islands partnered with CSU Northridge in hosting approximately 150 students from the MESA program for a local math, engineering and science competition on March 16. These enthusiastic and highly motivated students representing eight high schools from the San Fernando Valley and Oxnard Union High School District participated in the daylong event. They competed in various activities such as the egg drop, balsa wood glider, mousetrap car, web design and speech events.



The MESA program is one of the country's oldest and best-known programs that assists students in becoming highly trained technological professionals. MESA, founded in 1970, serves educationally disadvantaged students and emphasizes participation by students from groups with low eligibility rates for four-year colleges. This program offers a rigorous, all-sided learning environment that includes academic advising, group study techniques, Academic Excellence Workshops and career exploration classes. The program boasts a 91% success rate for MESA high school graduates going on to college.

## International Studies Academy Opens

The Oxnard Union High School District spearheaded the opening of The International Studies Academy on the CSU Channel Islands campus on January 29, 2001. The academy is perhaps the first in the country to focus on international studies and business ties between local businesses and businesses in Asia. Twenty-seven high school students have enrolled in the academy, and this number is expected to increase in the near future.

Students who take the course will receive ten high school credits instead of the normal five for a social science elective. However, the more appealing aspect of the program is its focus on international culture and real business projects. Participating students are excited about solving real-world problems, not just hypothetical ones. They will work on actual business projects such as developing a tourism plan for the Chinese port city of Xinhui and creating ways to market citrus in China.

"We're thrilled to have students from the Oxnard Union High School District on our campus and hope to recruit them when CSU Channel Islands opens in 2002," exclaimed Dr. Barbara Thorpe, the University's associate academic vice president.

## Campus Fever

*After a major life change I found myself a single parent with limited skills for gainful employment. Encouraged by family and friends, I returned to school at age 41. The Oxnard College PACE Program was an answer to prayer. I enrolled in the program when it began and, just two years later, I am graduating with an A.A. degree. With the support of dedicated teachers and my family, I have reached the first phase of my goal. As I enter the next phase of my education, I am hopeful that CSU Channel Islands will offer me a comparable experience. The campus staff has been very welcoming and encouraging, and I look forward to the rest of this journey.*

– Golden Downing, Sophomore, Business Studies  
Oxnard College PACE Program based on the CSUCI Campus



*I graduated from Oxnard High School in 1984 and made the decision to return to school at age 32. Upon the advice of a friend, I enrolled in the Oxnard College PACE program when it began two years ago. I have just completed the two-year liberal arts program and have a few more courses to complete before I am ready to transfer. I hope to attend CSU Channel Islands next year and proceed toward earning a B.A. and teacher credential. I would like to teach elementary or high school students and my long-range goal is a career in politics. I enjoy working with people and finding ways to make their lives a little easier.*

– Greg Gittens, Sophomore, Liberal Studies  
Oxnard College PACE Program based on the CSUCI Campus



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