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READY OR NOT...

CSUCI Launches *Readiness Program* for Local High School Students

This Summer, high school students from Simi Valley, Ventura and Santa Paula will have the opportunity to test their readiness for college in English and math. The CSU Channel Islands CSU Readiness Program will draw upon faculty resources from throughout the CSU system. If test results indicate that a student's proficiency in either or both areas requires additional support, an intensive week of college readiness activities, both live and online, will be provided at the new CSU Channel Islands campus.

"We are planning ahead so Ventura County students can be college ready for the CSU of their choice. In the future, we hope that choice will be CSU Channel Islands," says Dr. Barbara Thorpe, Associate Academic Vice President for CSU Channel Islands.

Two generous donations are making this innovative program possible for area high school students this year.

Pacific Bell has granted \$15,000 to CSU Channel Islands to help students from Simi Valley and Ventura participate in the new college readiness program "The CSU Readiness Program is a tremendous opportunity for college-bound students to prepare for CSU entrance exams," adds Michael Carney, Director of External Affairs for Pacific Bell. "Ultimately, this program will have positive, far-reaching effects on economic development strategies for the county."

In addition, Leavens Ranches recently announced a \$10,000 gift to support the participation of Santa Paula High School students in the CSUCI Readiness Summer Institute at CSU Channel Islands. As graduates of Santa Paula High School, Mary Leavens Schwabauer, Paul Leavens, Dorothy Leavens Carlson, and Sarah Leavens Gilmour, are making it possible for students from their alma mater to aspire towards a Bachelor's degree from CSU Channel Islands.

Bell Tower

ringing With Renovations

The bell tower building is a flurry of activity with an average of 51 workers on site each day, including Saturdays, to stay on schedule. The demolition of the interior walls is complete and many of the new walls are being framed.

When you walk through the building, you are struck by the quality and craftsmanship of the construction, which could not be duplicated today. Not a stick of wood can be found anywhere. The floors, walls, and ceilings are 12 to 18-inch thick reinforced concrete that was poured in place during the original construction in 1934.

On the second floor of the bell tower building, where the five largest classrooms are located, you are immediately taken aback by the huge steel beam needed to support the ceiling when interior columns were removed. When construction is complete, the exposed vaulted ceilings on the second floor will provide a dramatic touch to the new classrooms.

Because of the age of the building, virtually all of the mechanical systems had to be removed. All new wiring is being installed for telecommunications, electrical, security and fire alarms. All new ventilation and plumbing systems are also being installed.

When the renovation is complete in late July, the bell tower building will look like a lovely, Monterey mission, but the inside will be as high tech and modern as any new building, boasting a student lounge, bookstore, computer labs, library, distance learning and smart classrooms, a technology center, and faculty offices.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When asked to describe the benefits I believe the University will bring to the region, I usually discuss the educational opportunities for our children, the cultural and recreational opportunities that our presence will offer, and our affect upon the quality of regional life. However, I have come to realize that my crystal ball, even with all my enthusiasm, is inadequate to truly describe what our enterprise will foster in the many years to come. The fact is we are actually creating something that will grow and evolve over our lifetimes rather than days, months, or even years. It is indeed a rare opportunity that we all share.

You may recall that the CSU Trustees required this campus to raise the funding required to convert the former hospital facility to a fully equipped university campus. To do this, we have been through an involved planning process with various governmental agencies and the general public to create a plan of which we can all be proud.

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Overseeing this effort is our unique government structure: California State University Channel Islands Site Authority. In response, a development plan is being designed that produces the revenues we need to convert the existing facility while providing an opportunity to house our faculty, staff, and students, and to create employment opportunities.

Protecting our environmentally sensitive site with its valuable flora and fauna will be a top priority as we look toward breaking ground on the new development early next year. Particularly gratifying is the financial support that is beginning to come to our University. You will read of our commitment to the concept of "the green campus" and the financial help we have received to convert our fleet to non-polluting vehicles. We have received a number of private gifts to help us start our University and these funds are now building a scholarship endowment as well as funding our unique academic enterprises such as the CSUCI/CSU Readiness project at Santa Paula High School. Naturally, we are anxious to accommodate our local students when we finally open our doors and, to that end, are presently conducting a pilot program with the Santa Paula Union High School District to prepare these future students. Our aim is to ensure our students' readiness for college and specifically ensure their competence in math and English. It is our desire to expand the CSU-sponsored program across the region in the next school year, working with our superintendents and principals and our local community colleges to ensure that all of our local students are given the opportunity to experience an uninterrupted education.

As you read on, I hope we can share some of the excitement my colleagues and I experience as we plan our new University. We thank you all for your support, for it is a daunting, but particularly rewarding task. We look forward to the Fall, for our efforts will take on new meaning as we welcome the first students to our site, which, after all, is why we're doing what we are doing, isn't it?

J. Handel Evans
PRESIDENT

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

CSU Channel Islands Co-Curricular and Extended Learning Planning Update

A group of K-14 public education representatives have been assisting in the planning and coordination of educational programs of interest to CSU Channel Islands such as early outreach, math and English preparation, articulation with high schools and colleges, academic program development, and teacher education. Meetings are held twice a year with 21 Ventura County Superintendents and six Community College Vice Presidents.

- Two thousand surveys were sent to members of the agriculture community to gauge interest in various academic programs; 302 were returned and analyzed. The business of agriculture was strongly supported, along with specific course offerings not necessarily leading to a degree. A focus group of twenty growers who helped construct the survey convened on February 22, 1999 facilitated by Dr. Tim Stearns of CSU Fresno to examine implications for program planning.
- CSUCI and the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey have entered into a partnership to offer eight prerequisite courses to the Masters in Management for Navy pilots. Civilians and dependents may also enroll, provided they have a bachelor's degree. The courses will be offered on a quarter system over a period of twelve months on the new campus site for a group of 25 students. Courses are planned to start in Summer 1999.
- CSUCI is part of a L.A. Basin consortium of CSU campuses to develop CalStateTeach, a distance learning curriculum for a fast-track, 18-month multiple subjects teaching credential. With more than 500 teachers working with "emergency" permits in Ventura County schools, and over 25,000 statewide, this program helps address the growing demand for fully qualified instructors.
- An accredited CSU Masters of Social Work program from CSULB in partnership with CSUCI, has been delivered to 21 students as part of a four campus pilot program offered via interactive television. The three-year program involves a wide range of field activities with children, families, and youth of Ventura County.
- A coordinator has been hired to recruit "a few good men and women"—25 navy professionals, to be exact—who wish to re-educate themselves for secondary education. The transition from the Military to the Teaching Profession Program (TMTP) will be delivered via distance learning beginning Fall 1999, and launched with CSUN. The initial three courses are being designed by CSUN faculty for Fall 1999 broadcast along with web-enabled instruction.

Innovative Partnership In Biotechnology Education Launched At CSU Channel Islands

Students from Moorpark College have an extraordinary opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the latest biotechnology processes and manufacturing techniques in a newly renovated 8,000 square foot laboratory facility at CSU Channel Islands.

Generous donations of high-tech laboratory equipment from Amgen Inc. and Baxter Healthcare Inc. have made possible this innovative public-private partnership between our region's biotechnology giants and the University and the Community College District. The eleven students enrolled in this program are taking the first formal academic class to be held on the CSUCI campus.

"The program offers eight modules in such areas as plant design and cell culture," explains Moorpark Professor Maureen Harrigan, who directs the Biotechnology Program. "Students are gaining valuable experience in the techniques used to produce therapeutic proteins. These proteins, made by Amgen and Baxter, are used to treat hemophiliacs and patients with kidney diseases."

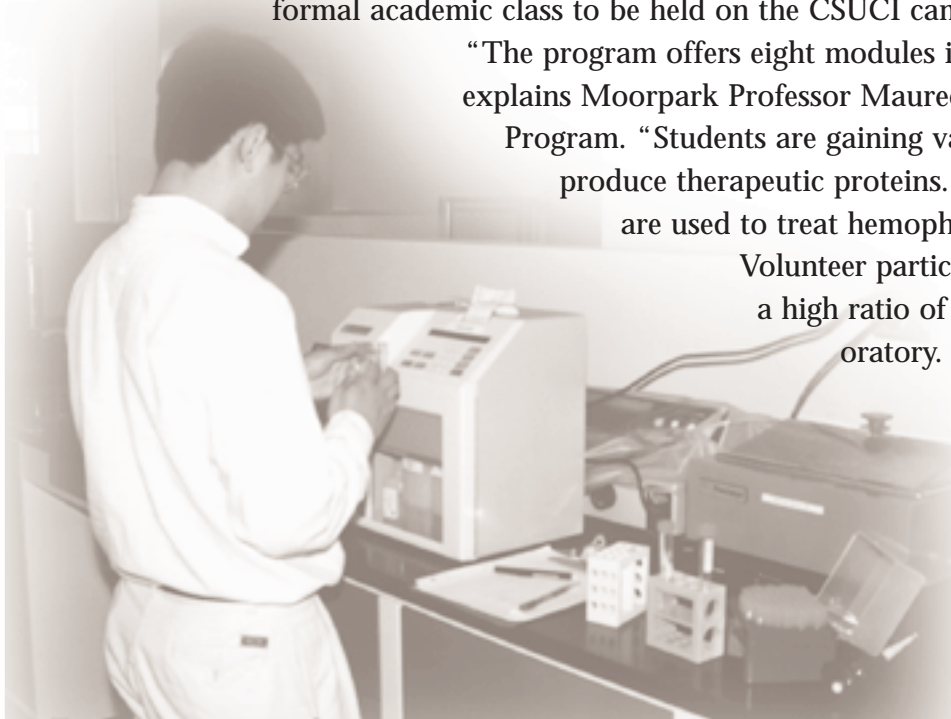
Volunteer participation by Amgen and Baxter scientists provides a high ratio of instructors to students in lectures and in the laboratory. About half the students already have a degree in a scientific field and are taking this opportunity to gain a credential in biotechnology. Other students will earn an A.S. degree before transferring to a four-year university, such as CSUCI, to complete their education.

Student Matt Jeng using a glucose analyzer

Public/ Private Partnership At Work

In August of 1998, Rieger and Milliken Corporation became one of the Channel Islands' first tenants by occupying 3,800 square feet of space in the Science and Technology Building. Rieger and Milliken is a systems integrator and a custom designer of computer software and hardware. Their primary customer base is the airline industry, medical equipment manufacturers, and banking. "This is an ideal environment for R & D and new product companies," says Ron Rieger. "We strongly believe there's an advantage to being in on the ground floor of the development of the new Channel Islands campus."

For information on leasing property at CSU Channel Islands, please contact George Dutra at (805) 383-8422.



New Name
and
Logo
Coming
For The
Off-Campus
Center



CALIFORNIA STATE
UNIVERSITY
NORTHRIDGE AT
CHANNEL ISLANDS

As the CSU Northridge off-campus center makes its move to Channel Islands this Summer, it will be adding a new look and name.

"We've agreed to call ourselves CSU Northridge at Channel Islands," says Steve Lefevre, Director. "The name calls attention to our new location at CSUCI, but also lets everyone know that our programs and students remain with CSU Northridge." The campus will start using the new name in July.

"Students will immediately notice the improved student services and activities we'll be able to offer," says George Morten, Coordinator of Student Services at the Center. "We'll be better able to support the academic side with financial aid, counseling, career and disabilities services, wellness, and student life programs."

The 13,000 square foot library will be the final element of Phase I construction to be completed. The library should be ready for occupancy in October or November. "We'll box up our library and keep it in storage until the new building is ready," says Lefevre. In the meantime, the campus will set up temporary services for electronic retrieval of materials and inter-library loans for books and articles.

CSUCI Foundation

Supports New University

The California State University Channel Islands Foundation was established for the purpose of encouraging and accepting private gifts to the University. The CSUCI Foundation is a 501(C)3 tax exempt organization.

Tom Malley,
Chairman
CSU Channel Islands
Foundation



The CSUCI Foundation is pleased to have Tom Malley serve as its first volunteer Chairman.

Mr. Malley is an attorney in Camarillo where his law firm specializes in land use regulation and development law. A resident of Ojai, Mr. Malley is also a Board Member of the Center for Earth Concerns and a member of the Advisory Board of KCLU-FM. He has been active with the Boys and Girls Club of Camarillo and the Ventura Unified School District. He is a past Commissioner of the Ventura County Planning Commission. Mr. Malley is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's College and received his law degree from Hastings College of Law at the University of California.

The CSUCI Foundation's Development Committee is spearheading an effort to recruit the first 100 Founding Members of the President's Circle. Donors who make a gift of \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a specially-designed tile inscribed with their name and placed beside the fountain in the new President's Garden. More than 30 individuals have already made a gift or a pledge to be among the Founders of the President's Circle.

The Giles W. and Elise G. Mead Foundation recently made a grant towards underwriting a workshop on "Growing a Green Campus" to be held at CSU Channel Islands. The program will invite individuals representing the perspectives of business, transportation, agriculture, government, and environmental organizations and foundations to meet with CSUCI's planning team. Catellus Residential Group has agreed to co-sponsor the workshop.

If you would like to find out more about making a gift to California State University Channel Islands, please contact Elizabeth S. Stacey, Director of Development at (805) 383-8429 or e-mail: estacey@csuci.edu.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

California State University Channel Islands would like to thank the friends and supporters who have made generous gifts to the University to date. These gifts made during the first two years of our young University's life demonstrate the strong commitment these donors have to helping Ventura County achieve its long-held dream of a public four-year university to educate and serve the people of this region.

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Members of the President's Circle are individual donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the University.

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- Feb-May 27** CSUN Ventura Campus, in cooperation with the World Affairs Council, offers Political Science 429, a unique series of eight lectures given by visiting scholars at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Amgen Headquarters in Thousand Oaks and at the CSU Channel Islands campus in Camarillo. For more information, please call the World Affairs Council at (805) 449-9953.
- March 6-June 5** CSUCI/CSU Readiness Program at Santa Paula High School.
- April 28** Instant Admission for Fall quarter at CSUN at Channel Islands 2-6 p.m. at CSUCI Campus. Call (805) 654-4575 for information.
- May 13** CALSTART is hosting an Open House, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in their courtyard at CSU Channel Islands. For more information, call (626) 744-5600.
- May 28** CSUN Ventura Commencement Ceremony. 10:00 a.m. at the CSU Channel Islands campus.
- June 21-June 25** CSUCI/CSU Readiness Summer Institute to be held at CSU Channel Islands.
- July 30** CSU Channel Islands will occupy the renovated Bell Tower and Technology Center.
- August 30** Classes begin for CSU Northridge at Channel Islands on the new campus.

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In The News

On October 1, 1998, over a hundred friends and supporters gathered at CSU Channel Islands to witness the State of California convey the property to the CSU Trustees. It was enthusiastically accepted by CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. This was an emotional moment for many who have been part of the 30-year effort to bring a public university to Ventura County.

- State Senator Jack O'Connell, whose unflagging support in the state legislature for the creation of California State University Channel Islands brought the dream to fruition, was honored by the CSU Channel Islands Steering Committee and the CSUCI Foundation Board on December 10, 1998.
- The CSUCI Site Authority, a unique public-private partnership, must raise \$150 million dollars needed to convert the Camarillo State Hospital site into a full-fledged University. Ventura County will forego its share of local tax dollars generated at the campus for thirty years, and additional revenues will be raised from leasing space at the University property to private enterprises whose mission is compatible with the university as well as providing housing to students, staff, and faculty.
- In a boost towards creating an environmentally friendly campus, the University was awarded \$2.7 million in federal money and \$13 million in Ventura County Transportation Commission monies. In addition to widening Lewis Road, the funds will help pay for a shuttle bus service, electric bicycles and four natural gas buses as a part of the university's plan for a "green campus." This brings the total support from government agencies to over \$17 million.
- A recent agreement with university officials and the Los Angeles-based location-scouting firm, Unreel Locations, will bring revenues to the University from movie, television and commercial production.
- Organizers of the non-profit "Studio Channel Islands" are leasing a 13,400 square foot campus space, dubbed the Studio Channel Islands Art Center, with visions for a countywide cultural center for the arts, exhibit space for local artists, workshops, and special events. For further information call: (805) 383-1368.

Campus Fever



"Never did I think I would actually attend a university - let alone CSU Channel Islands. I've attended CSUN-Ventura Campus for convenience, but often wondered if I'm missing out on a university campus environment. As of Fall 1999, I will wonder no more. My excitement for attending such a university for my last year is overwhelming, especially after a recent tour of the new CSU Channel Islands campus. I am excited by images of going to classes in buildings so beautiful, the thought of the library and cafeteria filled with students, and even just sitting in the grass under the many tall trees reading a book. I can't wait! Just think, I can tell my daughter, I was among the first to attend the CSUCI campus."

-Adela Cortinas, Junior, Sociology/Counseling

"I'm very excited about being part of this new chapter in the life of Ventura County. The pastoral setting of the school is breathtaking with the mountains in the background, massive old oaks and wild flowers. Unlike many universities that are in the hub of a city, we will be able to reflect on our studies, away from the craziness of freeways, malls and other city distractions. It is going to be a milestone year as we enter the 21st century in our new facility that will grow to become California State University Channel Islands."

-Joan Cressman, Senior, Sociology



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