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Students arrive, campus alive with activity

Move-in weekend, which began on Aug. 22, filled both Anacapa and Santa Cruz villages.



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Academic Technology Services to host open house

The campus community is invited to visit Academic Technology Services in its new location in the Broome Library, room 2675, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Meet the staff and learn about services and plans for the Learning Management Evaluation Project. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Judy Swanson, Manager of IT User Services, ext. 8924 or judy.swanson@csuci.edu.

Deer present on University Drive

There has been an increase in the number of deer recently sighted along University Drive. In an effort to keep the roadways safe for all users, motorists using University Drive should adhere to the 35 mph speed limit. University Police ask that everyone take extra precautions in areas where the yellow deer crossing signs are posted, and pay additional attention to the sides of the roadways. If there is a deer near the roadway, slow down, turn on your emergency flashers, and continue to drive slowly through the area until it is safe to return to the 35 mph speed limit. Avoid stopping in the roadway if possible as a driver of another vehicle approaching from behind may not expect a vehicle stopped in a location where vehicles are not typically stopped.

University Police can be reached by calling ext. 8444 from any campus phone, or dialing 805-437-8444 from a cellular phone. Calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone will not connect you to University Police dispatch.



President to deliver welcome message to staff Sept. 10

University President Richard R. Rush invites the University's staff members to join him for "Coffee with the President" on Wednesday, Sept. 10 in Malibu Hall 100. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. All University staff members are encouraged to attend and hear a special message from the President.

For more information contact the Office of the President at ext. 8410.

New OLLI classroom to be dedicated Sept. 10

There will be a dedication ceremony for the new Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classroom at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The classroom will be named the Richard Merkin Room and is room 2325 in the John Spoor Broome Library. A reception will follow in room 2320. The room is a gift from the Merkin Family Foundation and OLLI donors. The campus community is invited to attend. RSVPs are requested and can be made by calling ext. 8598 or by emailing amber.weir@csuci.edu. RSVPs must be made by Friday, Sept. 5.

University Advancement plans events for September

The campus community is invited to attend the Bell Tower East Courtyard Dedication at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. The event will take place in the courtyard and those who donated to the effort will be recognized and the courtyard will be dedicated for use.

On Thursday, Sept.18, the CSUCI Foundation will hold its annual Fall Foundation Breakfast at 9 a.m. in Malibu Hall 100. A hot breakfast will be served and the CSUCI Foundation will present its projects for the year. There will be prizes with the top prize being two tickets to the Oct. 4 President's Dinner.

For more information contact Marti DeLaO, Director of Advancement and Foundation Operations, at ext. 8919 or marti.delao@csuci.edu.

Author Paul Loeb on campus Sept. 17

Author Paul Rogat Loeb will visit campus and give a talk at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in Malibu Hall 100. His presentation is free of charge and is open to the campus community and the public.

Loeb is the author of The Impossible Will Take a Little While: A Citizen's Guide to Hope in a Time of Fear (Basic Books, 2004, and named the no. 3 political book of that year by the History Channel and the American Book Association); Soul of a Citizen: Living With Conviction in a Cynical Time (St Martin's Press 1999, with more than 95,000 copies in print); Generation at the Crossroads: Apathy and Action on the American Campus (Rutgers University Press, 1994); Nuclear Culture, and Hope in Hard Times. He has written on social involvement for several publications including The New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, and the International Herald Tribune. His January 2002 talk at the annual provost's conference of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities inspired what is now a 200-campus American Democracy Project.

For more information contact Pilar Pacheco, Assistant Director for the Center of Community Engagement, at ext. 8851 or pilar.pacheco@csuci.edu.

Dodger Night tickets sold out

Tickets for the fifth Annual Alumni & Friends Dodger Night scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20 are sold out.

For more information about this event contact Alumni Relations at ext. 8952 or tania.garcia@csuci.edu.

A Community Conversation with Jack O'Connell Sept. 29

The University will host "Reframing Accountability: A Community Conversation with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell," on campus at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29. The event will be held in Aliso Hall 150 and an RSVP is required.

O'Connell has vast experience in public education and is an observer of the trends and changes in schooling, including accountability. He will be addressing issues such as changing expectations for school accountability and performance standards, school drop out rates, and gaps in achievement between ethnic groups. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of his presentation.

To RSVP for this event, send an email including your name and the number of attendees to amber.weir@csuci.edu.



CSUCI student to travel to India for project

India! A land that manufactured rockets and satellites, but where eight out of 10 of its inhabitants have never traveled faster than oxen can pull their carts. A land where the sublime often stands side-by-side with the very worst this world can offer. Our fellow human beings are struggling; they need help to rise up from the grip of misfortune. Disappointingly, not everyone is willing to take action. Not everyone understands, not everyone thinks they're affected, so not everyone cares.

To help promote the education and cultural development of children in impoverished areas of India, an organization devoted to the Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere, P.A.C.E. Universal, is aiding in the development of the first prototype learning center in Calcutta, India. The center will combat poverty, illiteracy, and bring the opportunity of a better future for all those involved.

Volunteers from around the world have been aiding with this project. I am honored to be one of them. My name is Jaclyn Smith, and I am a sophomore at Cal State Channel Islands. It is through CSUCI Rotaract Club and Camarillo Noontime Rotary Club that this opportunity has been presented. I will be leaving in October for three weeks to learn more about Indian culture and to assist in classrooms where 130 young girls, who are likely to otherwise be sold into hostile conditions by their families, will instead be attending the Piyali Learning Center, P.A.C.E.'s prototype community school just outside Calcutta. I would like to thank my fellow club members as well as my classmates for their undivided support. What more could I ask for than to watch a dream of education, a dream of making a difference, a dream of change, turn from hopeless into reality. I smile because I know we can make a difference.

Provided by Christine Popok, Lecturer of English and Advisor for the CSUCI Rotaract Club, and Jaclyn Smith, student.

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If you have information you would like shared throughout the campus email it to **wavelength@csuci.edu**. Items should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday prior to the Friday publication date. We encourage your participation, input, and suggestions as we consider this your newsletter and invite you to share with your campus colleagues.



Several members of the business communities that surround CSUCI visited campus for "Conversation with the President" on Aug. 28.
University President Richard R. Rush spoke candidly about CSUCI's achievements and plans for the coming academic year.





CSUCI staff and faculty came together for the CSUCI Barbeque on Aug. 22. Excellent food, great company, and a Frisbee disc volley between a handful of staff and faculty members were highlights of the relaxed afternoon.