

April 2025 Tidbits

What's Happening



Please Join Us



The CSUCI Retirees Association is having an informal social.

When: Thursday, April 24, 4 to 6 pm Where: Jerry Clifford's house 2215 Stacy Lane Camarillo, CA 93012 805-603-3609

What: Bring a snack and a drink



Invite a CSUCI friend to join the Retiree Association.



Where Are They Now?

Did you know Mike Morris while you were at CSUCI? If not, that may be because you didn't get into much trouble with the police. Mike joined the CI Police Department in 2006 and became the Chief of Police in 2017. The place where you also might see Mike and his family, as well as John Reid, his predecessor as Chief, was at the Camarillo Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings.

Mike is a California boy. His first job in 1992 was as a new police officer in Lemoore, just south of Fresno. Just after he became a Sgt. in 2000, Cal State Bakersfield was hiring, which was a M-F job with much better pay and benefits, including tuition support – which helped Mike get two degrees. Fortunately, his wife, Nicki, who was a court reporter, was also offered a better position in Kern County. Mike and Nicki immediately noticed a major change in Mike's attitude at CSUB. As a municipal cop dealing continually with people's problems, Mike was becoming cynical, which he didn't like. At CSU Bakersfield, Mike was able to focus on proactive project that



helped make the community safer and better. The whole family liked the new positive demeanor!

In 2006, Chief John Reid quickly hired Mike with a BA and a Masters from CSUB, to be a Lieutenant at CSUCI. Over the next eleven years, John taught Mike how to be a Chief, as they worked closely together on projects in the small department. When John moved to CSU Chico with Gayle Hutchison, Mike was appointed interim Chief and then permanent Chief at CSUCI. As CI grew, so did the PD. When Ray Porras retired, transportation and parking moved to PD, which had grown with the school. Mike led many campus programs during the era of "active shooter" to make the students, faculty, and staff safer – like classroom doors that could be locked manually from the inside.

Mike retired in 2021 with hopes to wear out his new 5th wheel camper. He wants to see all 50 states and the National Parks after Nicki retires in June as a Ventura County court reporter. He also has started a second career as a realtor. He said that buying or selling a home can be a critical event in a person's life -- fraught with problems or mistakes. Ultimately, Mike still likes to help people. When you see him, please also thank Mike for stepping in as our new Secretary for the CSUCI Retirement Association. Thanks, Mike!

Coming Soon

Admitted Dolphin Day: Toni DeBoni, AVP for Enrollment Management, is extend an invitation to us to help at Admitted Dolphin Day (ADD) on Saturday, April 12. Dan W. is currently working on the planning committee as a Retired Annuitant, Special Consultant in Enrollment Management.

ADD is a big day for the campus community, especially as we are focused on solving the issue of decreasing enrollment system wide. Many faculty will be doing presentations on the various program/schools. There will be a resource fair for student and academic services and lots of other opportunities for admitted students to learn more about CI.

If you would be interested in volunteering for various tasks to providing hospitality to our guests that day, or assisting staff/faculty, there is a signup at https://www.csuci.edu/visit-campus/prospective-events/admitted-dolphin-day/.

Parking on campus: If you plan to visit the Broome Library on a Saturday or Sunday during the semester you can obtain a free parking pass for the day at the library circulation desk. Free parking is available to people who are not currently enrolled in or employed at CSU Channel Islands during the academic year.

Ongoing Creativity and Scholarship Please submit recent scholarship or creative efforts to retirees@csuci.edu

- Michael Berman continues to perform live folk music across the country and will release a new folk music album titled Ghosts on 4/1 more information at https://mikebermanmusic.com/
- Joan Karp continues to create and exhibit art including weavings at the Moral Fiber exhibit at the 643 Project Space in Ventura. We wish Joan and Charlie well on their recent move to Austin Texas.
- Joan Peters recently authored Untangling: A Memoir of Psychoanalysis https://www.untanglingjoan.com/home
- Claudia Redder recently authored a book of poems titled Dizzying Words <u>https://mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/dizzying-words-claudia-m-reder/</u>
- Jack Reilly continues to make and exhibit his art, including the recent Palm Springs Modernism Show https://jackreilly.com/
- Mary Kay Rummel was recently honored as a "Poetry Hero" at the Ventura County Poetry Festival and also authored Little River of Amazements: New and Selected Poems https://marykayrummel.com/2024/06/12/little-river-of-amazements-new-and-selected-poems/
- Kevin Volkan recently co-authored a new book titled Human Aggression, War and Genocide: The Psychological Roots of Violence
- o https://www.everand.com/book/818565017/Human-Aggression-War-and-Genocide-The-Psychological-Roots-of-Violence

In Memoriam: Randall Mullenix – retired laboratory technician. Died on February 15, 2025.

Reduced Membership Fee for New Members: If you, or anyone you know, has been thinking about joining the Retiree Association, now is the time! Membership in the CI Retiree Association is linked to membership in the CSU Emeritus, Retired Faculty and Staff Association (CSU ERFSA). CSU ERFSA is offering a half price membership sale through June 30, 2025. Find out more at https://www.csuerfsa.org/index.php/membership. You can designate Channel Islands as your campus even if you worked at another campus after or before CI.