

IN THE LOOP

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**STAFF
COUNCIL**
CHANNEL
ISLANDS

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WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE



Staff Spotlight

**New Staff
Welcome**



**Happenings on
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**Staff Council
Corner**

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

We hope you are looking forward to starting a new academic year later this month! As we begin this exciting chapter, we're energized by the opportunity to reconnect, collaborate, and continue building a vibrant and inclusive campus community. Your dedication, creativity, and resilience are the foundation of our university's success, and we look forward to all we will accomplish together in the months ahead. Let's embrace the year with enthusiasm, a renewed sense of purpose, and a shared commitment to supporting our students and each other.

Nominate Staff to be Spotlighted

Know a colleague who deserves a shout-out? Sing their praises [here](#) so they can be featured in an upcoming newsletter! We'd love to highlight their amazing contributions and let everyone know how fantastic they are.



The Pet Gazette



Francesca

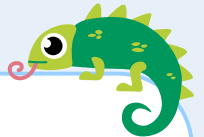
Pawrent: Michelle Dietz (Univ. Advancement)

Likes: Relocating every single toy from her toy box to the yard, burrowing under the coziest blanket she can find, and mastering the art of the side-eye

Dislikes: The rain!

**Submit your
pet's info for
next month's
issue!**

Meet the furry (and feathery!) coworkers who keep us going. We're celebrating the beloved pets of our staff — the real MVPs behind the scenes who make every day a little brighter.



Peach

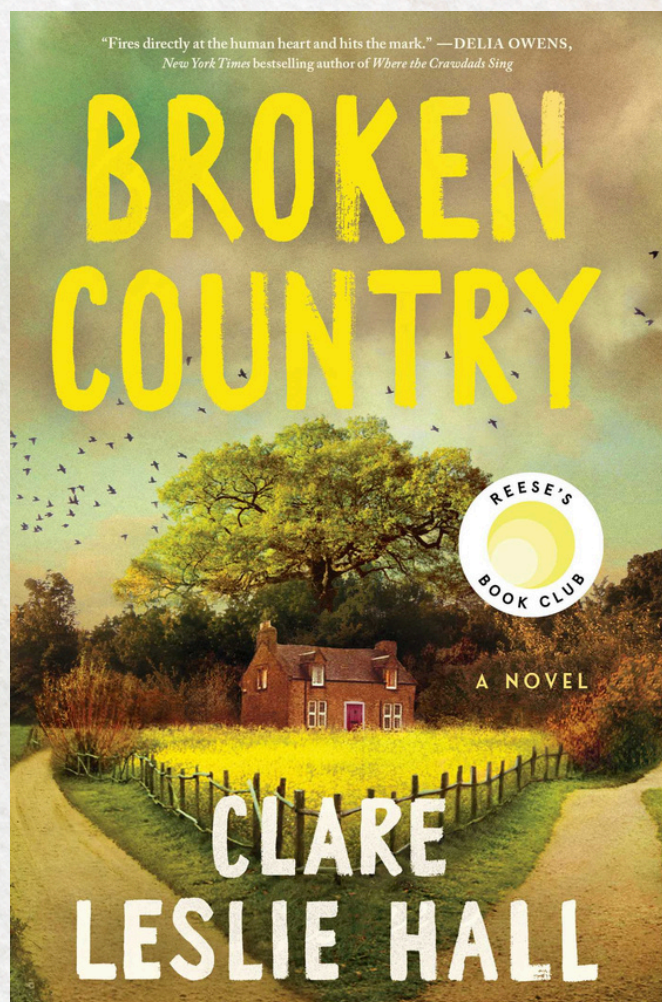
Pawrent: Ariana Wilroy (Academic Affairs)

Likes: Going on walks, chasing squirrels

Dislikes: Going to the vet, nail trims

Favorite Treats: Blueberries, popcorn, peanut butter, Wood Ranch barbecue sauce

CI Staff Book Club



Get ready for a powerful read filled with resilience, reflection, and rich storytelling.



Club Details

- Meetings are once a month at lunch
- Variety of genres (most popular have been thriller, mystery, historical fiction)
- Connect with colleagues across departments
- No stress!

Interested in joining? Fill out this [form](#)!

Sports



We Asked ChatGPT to Predict the Super Bowl LX Winners

For the upcoming 2025-26 NFL Football Season, we asked ChatGPT to predict next year's super bowl matchup and winners. The Prediction?



ChatGPT has the Buffalo Bills and the Philadelphia Eagles facing off in next year's Super Bowl LX, with the Eagles winning the crown! Agree? Disagree? Follow the QR Code below to submit your favorites to win it all, and we will share the winner in next month's issue!



Don't Forget to Purchase Your Tickets to Dodger Day Before They Sell Out!

Join us for

Dodger Day

DODGERS VS GIANTS

CELEBRATE, CONNECT, AND CHEER WITH FELLOW ALUMNI

SEPT 21 2025

GAME BEGINS 1:10PM

AT DODGER STADIUM

Free gift with a ticket purchase by August 30th.

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Follow the QR Code for info on how to purchase your tickets!



SUMMER

SPIRIT DAYS



JUNE 11TH: Western Roundup

JUNE 18TH: Bring 1 stuffed animal

JUNE 25TH: Crazy Hair Day

JULY 2ND: Star Wars/Galaxy Day

JULY 9TH: Tropical/Beach Day

JULY 16TH: Disney Day

JULY 23RD: Floral Day

JULY 30: Sports Day

AUG 6TH: Superhero Day

AUG 13TH: Decades Day

AUG 20TH: Crazy Socks



ISLANDS CAFE

open for summer



Welcome CHEF Brian to CSUCI!
Look for TASTY additions to the
catering menu.

TEXT Chartwells for compliments
and suggestions (805) 413-4686.
Let them know your thoughts about
Islands Cafe & Echo Cafe.



Breakfast	7:00a - 10:00a
Lunch	11:00a - 3:00p
Dinner	5:00p - 8:00p

Message from **NEW** Chef Bryan



It is both an honor and a joy to have the opportunity to be a part of CSUCI culinary team.

We're always striving to create an experience that feels both personal and memorable. If there's anything we can do to make your visit even more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to ask.

Every dish we prepare is made with the freshest ingredients, attention to detail, and a deep respect for flavor and tradition. Whether you're here for a special occasion or simply a good meal, we hope each bite reflects our passion for great food and hospitality.

From our kitchen to your table—thank you,
Chef Bryan McArthur



INTRODUCING COASTAL CUP!

We're excited to announce the opening of Coastal Cup, your new go-to campus café located inside Gateway Hall



This location will offer a We Proudly Brew Starbucks® menu, plus fresh pastries, grab-and-go sandwiches, salads, and sushi!

**Join us for the Gateway Ribbon Cutting
Friday, August 22, at 11:00 AM**

Hours:

Mon–Thurs: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

DOLPHIN PANTRY

Summer Hours

MAY 19 - AUGUST 20

MONDAY:....1 PM - 4 PM

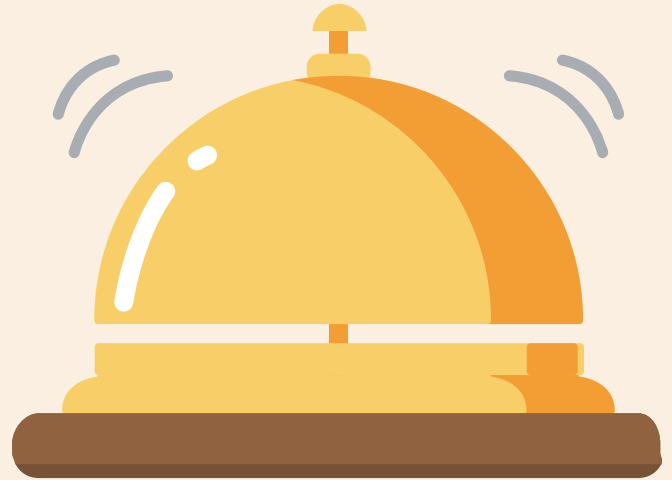
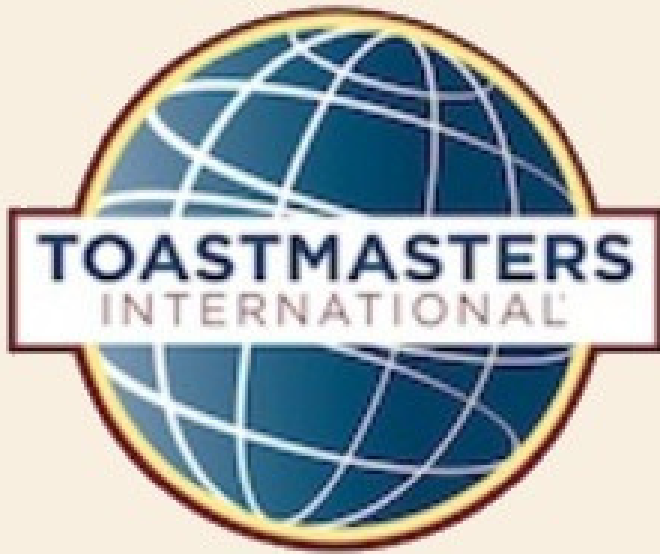
TUESDAY:....1 PM - 4 PM

WEDNESDAY:....1 PM - 4 PM

APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY
EMAILING BASICNEEDS@CSUCI.EDU



Calling All Staff!



Join us on our paths to develop our public speaking skills.

Guest Drop-Ins Are Welcome

CSUCI's Bell Ringers club is part of Toastmaster's International.

Our meetings over the summer will be held from 12:00-1:00 PM in Solano Hall Room 2210 on the following dates:

- June 10, 2025
- June 24, 2025
- July 8, 2025
- July 22 2025
- August 5, 2025
- August 19, 2025

Questions? Contact: [Melissa Bergem](#) or [Grace Durst](#)

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For more information and to register, visit
[AI Tools for Higher Ed Professionals and
Administrators](#) online.

COMMUNITY

Events

Ventura County Fair

July 30 - August 10



Wings Over Camarillo Air Show

August 16 -17



Imaginarium Light Show

August 15 - October 12



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THE LOOP' ABOUT ALL THINGS STAFF IN
BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS?

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THE STAFF COUNCIL  FERRY

AND RECEIVE REGULAR
STAFF COUNCIL UPDATES



HOP ON BOARD!

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