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STAFF COUNCIL
CHANNEL ISLANDS

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FRESH START FEBRUARY



A new semester brings fresh opportunities, and while change is in the air, it's also a chance for growth and renewal. Whether you're settling back into your routine or embracing something new, we're excited for what's ahead!

Recent events, like the fire on Round Mountain, are a reminder to stay informed. If you haven't already, be sure to sign up for CI Alert to receive real-time campus safety updates. You can register at CSUCI Emergency Notification System.

Here's to a great semester filled with new connections, achievements, and smooth sailing ahead!

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Sage 2030 and via Zoom. Visit our [Staff Council webpage](#) for the Zoom link and more details.



Nominate Staff to be Spotlighted

Know a colleague who deserves a shout-out? Nominate them [here](#) to be in the next newsletter! We'd love to highlight their amazing contributions and let everyone know how fantastic they are.

STAFF

SPOTLIGHT



Elsa Zendejas

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT

Elsa is the glue that holds the Registrar's Office together. She manages the front counter in the Enrollment Center, fielding emails, phone calls, and in-person inquiries. Additionally, she oversees all Registrar's Office student assistants. Friendly, selfless, and always willing to help, Elsa is just the person to represent the Registrar's Office to anyone who visits Sage Hall.



Amariza Almaguer

Career Counselor Trainee
Career Development
& Alumni Engagement

Ali Pamir Yalkin

Out-of-State & International
Student Admissions Counselor
Admissions and Recruitment

Nathan Revard

Admissions CRM Analyst
Student Systems

Sabrina Henderson

Writing and Multiliteracy
Professional
WMC

Sheryl Nelson

Special Populations
Coordinator
Academic Advising

Patrick Cermenio

Channel Islands Police
Department

Thomas Chavira

Coordinator of Foster
Youth Programs



INTERESTING FACTS

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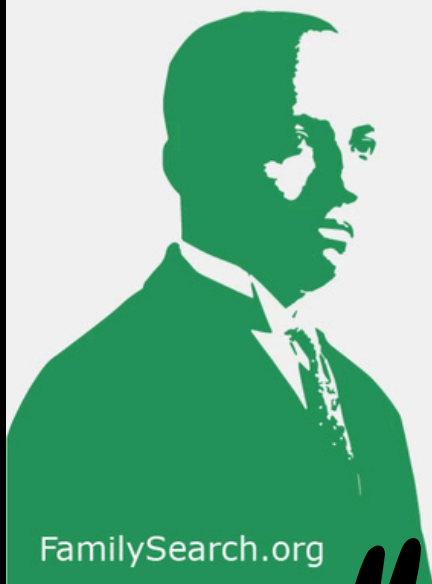
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Originally focused on reaching **Black students** in public schools.



Started on February 7, 1926, as **Negro History Week**.

Launched by **Dr. Carter G. Woodson**.



FamilySearch.org

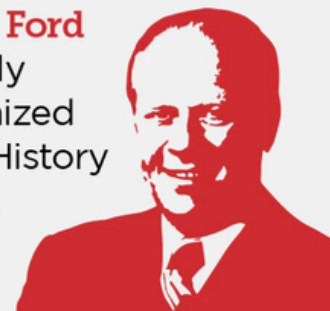


Celebrated in **the US, the UK, Canada, Germany, Netherlands, and the Republic of Ireland**.

KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY

Kent State successfully promoted Black History Month in 1970.

In 1976, **President Gerald Ford** officially recognized Black History Month.





Black History Month Events at the **Black Cultural Center** BELL TOWER 1518

**WMC Zine Workshop:
Black Joy**

Tuesday, February 4th
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Harambee Social:
Black Affinity Space**
Thursday, February 6th
Noon - 2:00 PM



**Brotherhood Alliance:
Black Men Affinity Space**
Thursday, February 13th
Noon - 2:00 PM

Black Love Picnic
Friday, February 14th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Black Banjo
Reclamation**

Tuesday, February 11th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Women of Power:
Black Women
Affinity Space**
Thursday, February 20th
Noon - 2:00 PM

**BSU Ebony Ball
In Petite Salon**
Friday, February 21st
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM



**African Fabric
Heart Making**

Tuesday, February 25th
Noon - 2:00 PM

**Clay Crafting
With the CSUCI Art Dept.**
Tuesday, February 25th
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Pride and Comfort:
Black LGBTQ+
Affinity Space**
Thursday, February 27th
Noon - 2:00 PM



**House Dance Class and
Party with Cricket**
Friday, February 25th
Class: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Dance: 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

THE UNIVERSITY ENCOURAGES PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. IF YOU ANTICIPATE NEEDING ANY TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION, OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PHYSICAL ACCESS PROVIDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE AREA BELOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT/ACTIVITY: CSUCI STUDENTS: accommodations@csuci.edu; CSUCI EMPLOYEES: angela.portillo@csuci.edu; MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: titleix@csuci.edu.



**INCLUSIVE
STUDENT
SERVICES**

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CSUCI has opened a new lactation room to support nursing parents returning to work, school, or campus. This new location is in **Bell Tower 1621** and offers two separate clean, secure, and private areas for nursing parents on campus.

[Visit our website](#) for more information about nursing parents and lactation accommodations on our campus website.

Bell Tower Building **LACTATION LOUNGE**

Private
Clean
Comfortable

Open to
Faculty, Staff
and Students



BASIC NEEDS

The Basic Needs Program at CSUCI offers emergency food and toiletries, connects students to critical on and off-campus resources, and provides educational opportunities for students to take personal responsibility for their wellness and the well-being of their communities.

WHAT THEY OFFER:

- Housing Assistance
 - Placement of a student to on-and-off-campus locations
 - Referral to community resources
 - Financial Assistance
 - Emergency grants
 - Food Assistance
 - Dolphin Pantry - open to students, staff, faculty, and community members
 - Ekho Bites Food Alerts
 - Hot Meals Program
 - CalFresh application assistance and drop in hours
 - Farmers Market | 12 pm - 2 pm | Central Mall
 - February 10 & 26
 - March 12
 - April 21
 - Other Assistance
 - Gift cards for clothing
 - Case management
 - Medical transportation assistance
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Donations to the Dolphin Pantry are being accepted. Please email basicneeds@csuci.edu to coordinate the donation.



Join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

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ENROLLMENT

FEB. 14

10 TO 11 A.M. (MEET & GREET)

11 A.M. TO NOON (CAMPUS TOUR)



ENROLLMENT
MANAGEMENT
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MVS Speaker Series



Donna Weidl

Meeting Info

- Thursday, February 20th
- 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
- Smith Decision Center, SMI 1908

Speaker Info

**Senior Vice President at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Wealth Management Advisor**

Personal Investment Advisor (PIA), Portfolio Manager

CDFA™, CRPC™, CFP®, CPWA®, CPFA™

Donna has received local and national recognitions including:

- Pacific Coast Business Times 40 under 40 and Top 50 Women in Business.
- Forbes Best in State Next Generation Wealth Advisors 2022.
- Forbes Top Women Wealth Advisors best in state 2023 and 2024.
- Forbes Best in State Wealth Management Teams 2023 and 2024.



MARTIN V. SMITH
SCHOOL of
BUSINESS &
ECONOMICS

RSVP here!





The School of Arts and Sciences STEAM Carnival is a free event for the public held in South Quad.

Parking and attendance is FREE!

If you are interested in volunteering,
click this link!

ONE UNIVERSITY DRIVE,
CAMARILLO CA 93012



TABLES OF THE WORLD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:30AM - 1:00PM

BROOME LIBRARY PLAZA



INTERNATIONAL
FACULTY & STAFF
ASSOCIATION

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FREE FOOD & GOODIE BAGS

Presented by the International Faculty and Staff Association
in partnership with the Asian/Asian American Pacific Islander
Association and the Center for Global Engagement.

The University encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs, events and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation, or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the respective area below as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) business days prior to the event/activity: CSUCI Students - accommodations@csuci.edu; CSUCI Employees: angela.portillo@csuci.edu; Members of the Public: titleix@csuci.edu.

Studio Channel Islands Art Center



Thursday, Feb. 20 | 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A showcase of student and alumni artwork. Attendees will enjoy a gallery tour and a chance to connect with fellow art enthusiasts.

• RSVP BY FEB. 13 •

Community Emergency Response Team



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This is a series of six Tuesday evening classes, between March 4 through April 8, which will be held in-person at the VCFD Regional Training Center in Camarillo. A final exercise will be held on a Saturday morning in mid-April, either the 12th or 19th.

Participants will learn to:

- ✓ Reduce hazards in your home and create an emergency plan for your family.
- ✓ Stock important items in your emergency kits to shelter-in-place or evacuate when necessary.
- ✓ Fire Safety and practice putting out a fire with a fire extinguisher.
- ✓ Disaster medical first aid -- when you are the first to see an injured person, be prepared to help!
- ✓ Set up a treatment area for survivors.
- ✓ Light search and rescue.
- ✓ Know what to do during an emergency incident at school or the workplace. After a major incident, volunteers and helpful people are needed.

Learn more and [register online](#) for the CERT training

For more information contact Maggie Tougas at
Maggie.tougas@csuci.edu



THE GAMES ARE COMING - SIGN UP NOW!

JOIN TEAM CHANNEL ISLANDS

March 22nd - May 3rd



FINAL EVENT SCHEDULE AVAILABLE MARCH 3RD

Got Questions?

Email CI.StaffCouncil@csuci.edu





Visit the [The Ventura Corporate Games](#) website

Check out our History: [Staff Council & Corporate Games](#)

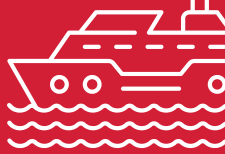


CSUCI Kindness Challenge

Staff Council is hosting a Kindness Challenge. We value our campus culture and the unique ways we, as individuals, uplift and support one another. Try to finish as many tasks of the kindness challenge as you can! Tally up your points at the end of the February and share with Staff Council. The individual with the most points will receive a prize.

Hold the door open for someone +1	Give a compliment to a friend +1	 Pick up trash in a public space +1	Buy coffee or a snack for a colleague +3	Make a card or drawing for a friend or family member +3	Take a moment to check in with yourself. +2	Donate a toy or clothes to a charity +3
Introduce two colleagues to each other +2	Organize a lunch or coffee break to build camaraderie +3	Make a meal for someone +3	Give a hug to a family member +2	Take a moment to engage in self care for yourself +3	Let someone in front of you in line +1	 Bake cookies for a loved one +3
Make cards or artwork for someone you care about  +3	Water a plant or tree around you +2	Help a colleague with a task at hand +2	Express gratitude to someone impactful in your life +3	Leave a positive note on someone's desk +1	Call someone who is important to you +3	Donate food to a local pantry, including the Dolphin Pantry +2
Make a care package for someone in need +3	Thank a student worker for their contributions to the department +1	Share helpful resources like articles, trainings, or wellness tips +2	Help a friend with a small task +2	Leave a 5-star rating on something you enjoyed +2	TOTAL: -----	





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STAFF COUNCIL

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WHAT IS STAFF COUNCIL?

We are a campus organization run *by staff for staff*. We advocate on behalf of staff on issues relating to campus culture and morale, work to improve campus communication, and participate in shared campus decision-making.

STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Representation on Staff Council is by division and our members are elected by their peers to represent their divisions' interests and needs. There are currently 13 representative seats and 5 officer seats. We also welcome volunteers!

WHAT DOES STAFF COUNCIL DO?

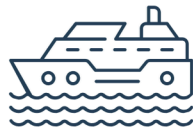
We plan and sponsor events, provide networking and leadership opportunities, represent staff on campus committees, celebrate staff awards and recognitions, and organize community service projects, all for or on behalf of staff at CSU Channel Islands. Our efforts to improve the staff experience at CI and build a strong foundation for the work we do to support students is always growing! Check out what we've been working on lately:

- REVIVED THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AND AWARDED ALL CURRENT EMPLOYEES ANY MISSING MILESTONE AWARDS THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED BETWEEN 2019 AND 2024 AT THE 2024 HOLIDAY BAZAAR
- DRAFTED TWO RESOLUTIONS FOR ACADEMIC SENATE - ONE SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR A SYSTEMWIDE STAFF COUNCIL AND SUPPORTING THE CALL FOR A STAFF SEAT ON THE CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES



LEARN MORE





HEY CHANNEL ISLANDS! WANT TO STAY 'IN
THE LOOP' ABOUT ALL THINGS STAFF IN
BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS?

JOIN OUR LISTSERV

THE STAFF COUNCIL  FERRY

AND RECEIVE REGULAR
STAFF COUNCIL UPDATES



HOP ON BOARD!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR

CLICK THE LINK

[HTTPS://CSUCI.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FO
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TO YOUR CI EMAIL - NOTE: MONTHLY 'IN THE LOOP' NEWSLETTERS WILL STILL
BE DISTRIBUTED CAMPUS-WIDE AND DO NOT REQUIRE OPT-IN

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



Tell Staff Council what YOU think!

Scan or click the QR code to provide us with feedback on what you most want to see from your Staff Council

