



# IN THE LOOP

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**STAFF COUNCIL**  
CHANNEL  
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## AUTUMN BREEZE, OCTOBER EASE

Hello Dolphins!

As we swim into October, we're excited to share the latest news, events, and updates from our vibrant campus community! This month brings the beauty of fall, exciting new dining options, and plenty of opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate together.

We're thrilled to announce new dining options available at Town Center! October also marks the arrival of new staff members who are eager to join our Dolphin pod. Be sure to say hello and help them feel at home in our ocean of support!

Join us for our inaugural Homecoming, where we'll celebrate our Dolphin spirit with events and activities designed to bring our community together.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday, October 17**, 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 Spotligthed



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



***Carolina Martinez***

BASIC NEEDS COORDINATOR

Carolina Martinez is amazing! An integral part of the campus community, she goes above and beyond to support her students. Carolina has brought tremendous visibility to her department and the Dolphin Pantry, ensuring students have access to essential resources. Her dedication and positive impact make her a true standout on campus.

# WELCOME STAFF

**1**

**APOLINAR BETANCOURT RIQUELME**

Groundsworker  
Facilities Services  
Division of Business & Financial Affairs

**7**

**SHENLEY DIAZ**

Learning Communities Coordinator  
Learning Communities  
Division of Academic Affairs

**2**

**GISELL TOXQUI MOCTEZUMA**

ECS Administrative Support Coordinator  
Early Childhood Studies  
Division of Academic Affairs

**8**

**ALEJANDRA RODRIGUEZ-MENA**

Document Management Coordinator  
Student Systems  
Office of the President

**3**

**PAOLA DIOS**

SOE Social Media & Events Specialist  
AVP - Education  
Division of Academic Affairs

**9**

**JOAQUIN CASTANON**

Custodian  
Facilities Services  
Division of Business & Financial Affairs

**4**

**SARAH BYRD**

Instructional Technician  
Biology/Natural Sciences  
Division of Academic Affairs

**10**

**JULIA SHAPIRO**

Administrative Support Coordinator  
AVP - Business  
Division of Academic Affairs

**5**

**LAUREN HAKEL**

Administrative Support Coordinator  
Arts & Sciences Support  
Division of Academic Affairs

**11**

**OMECA NEDD**

Contract Analyst  
Procurement  
Division of Business & Financial Affairs

**6**

**JENOWA LARSON**

Research Station Coordinator  
Cooperative Research Stn.  
Division of Academic Affairs

**12**

**JAKE ARGABRIGHT**

Solution Center Coordinator  
Information Technology Service  
Division of Business & Financial Affairs



# President's Staff Award for Excellence



**TANYA YANCHESON  
GONZALEZ**

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Congratulations to the Nominees

Ariana Wilroy Canales, Kristin Jordan, Geri-Lyn Himebaugh,  
Karina Arroyo, Edna Davoudi, Lai Leung and Rachel Danielson





COMING SOON!





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OCTOBER 2024  
CSUCI TOWN CENTER

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UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST NEWS,  
INCLUDING AN OPENING DATE!





*Bell Tower Building*

# LACTATION LOUNGE

Private  
Clean  
Comfortable

Open to  
Faculty, Staff  
and Students



**LOCATED IN BELL TOWER 1621**





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12  
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Join us for this year's

*Ventura County* **CELEBRATION**  
**OF BOOKS**

On the beautiful campus of  
CSU Channel Islands

Saturday, October 12, 2024

1 University Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012

**Come hear Dr. Jim O'Connell speak at 2pm!**  
**Dr. O'Connell is the subject of the 2024 One**  
**County, One Book title selection,**  
***Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder**

Featuring food trucks, family activities, and  
additional lectures by CSUCI faculty

Are you a local author, vendor, or non-profit  
who would like to participate?

Please contact: [email@vclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:email@vclibraryfoundation.org)



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Library



California State  
University

**JOHN SPOOR  
BROOME LIBRARY**  
CHANNEL  
ISLANDS





## SUBMIT YOUR GREEN PROJECT IDEAS BY OCT. 15

CSUCI launched the Green Revolving Fund in 2023—a resource that unlocks funding for students and employees to propose and implement new sustainability initiatives. The fund drives tangible environmental benefits and fosters a culture of stewardship and responsibility at CSUCI.

The Green Revolving Fund can be used for water and energy saving efforts, like upgrading to high-efficiency lighting, installing water-saving shower heads, replacing energy-intensive equipment, and other projects that lead to utility bill savings. This new fund is opening doors for more people to contribute to the campus's sustainability goals while making a tangible and personal impact.

Projects submitted for consideration must meet specific standards and show clear energy or water savings to reduce utility expenses. These projects should be implemented on campus, not elsewhere. Additionally, they must be capable of repaying 120% of the project loan amount within five years, indicating their effectiveness in saving money.

**All students, faculty, and staff are eligible and encouraged to apply.**

To learn more and apply for funds, visit the [Green Revolving Fund website](#) or the sustainability & energy director, Roxane Beigel-Coryell, at [roxane.bc@csuci.edu](mailto:roxane.bc@csuci.edu).





# BOOK CLUB



**A Beautiful Blue Death by Charles Finch**

**UP NEXT:  
ROUGH SLEEPERS BY TRACY KIDDER**

Next Meeting: October 16 | 12 pm – 1 pm  
NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you are interested in joining, please email [edna.davoudi@csuci.edu](mailto:edna.davoudi@csuci.edu)



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**OCT. 21**

**HOMECOMING PEP RALLY • 11AM – 2PM • CENTRAL MALL**

Help us kick off our INAUGURAL Homecoming Week! Don't miss out on new traditions and the exclusive Homecoming t-shirt!

**OCT. 22**

**HOMECOMING FOODIE TUESDAY • 11:30AM – 2PM • CENTRAL MALL**

**FLOAT & SIP WITH FSL • 3PM – 5PM • CENTRAL MALL**

**LATE NIGHT EATS – MUSIC NIGHT • 8PM – 10PM • STUDENT UNION**

Your paragraph text

**OCT. 23**

**DOLPHIN BRUNCH • 10AM – NOON • DOLPHIN DECK**

**ROBOTS UNVEILED • 1PM – 3PM • CENTRAL MALL**

**FARMERS MARKET • 1PM – 3PM • CENTRAL MALL**

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – GHOSTBUSTERS • 7 – 10PM • SOUTH QUAD**

**OCT. 24**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR • 10AM – 2PM • BROOME PLAZA**

**HOMECOMING BLOCK PARTY • 8:30PM – 11:30PM • SUB COURTYARD**

First 200 students to check-in will receive a free meal ticket!

**OCT. 25**

**BOATING CENTER EXPERIENCE – SUNSET KAYAK • 4:45PM – 7PM • CIBC**

**ALUMNI & FRIENDS SOCIAL • 5:30PM – 6:45PM • PETIT SALON**

PAY TO ATTEND • RESERVE TICKETS • RESERVE TICKETS AT: [GO.CSUCI.EDU/VIP24](http://GO.CSUCI.EDU/VIP24)

**CI COMEDY NIGHT • 6PM – 8PM • GRAND SALON**

FREE TO ATTEND • LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE • RESERVE TICKETS AT: [GO.CSUCI.EDU/COMEDY](http://GO.CSUCI.EDU/COMEDY)

**OCT. 26**

**PICNIC, SAILING RIDES AND PADDLING • 10AM – NOON • CIBC**

**HOMECOMING STREET FAIR • 2PM – 6PM • CENTRAL MALL**

Enjoy food, fun activities, vendors, and live entertainment!



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21ST ANNUAL

# GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AT BROOME LIBRARY PLAZA

For more information contact the Academic Advising Center at (805) 437-8571, [advisement@csuci.edu](mailto:advisement@csuci.edu), or visit our website at [go.csuci.edu/grad-fair](http://go.csuci.edu/grad-fair)

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CENTER**  
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ADVISING**  
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GET YOUR  
TICKET



CSUCI Comedy Night with

**Janelle James**

*Known for her role as Ava Coleman on Abbott Elementary*

**OCT. 25**  
**6PM-8PM**  
**GRAND SALON**

FREE TO ATTEND • LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE  
RESERVE TICKETS AT: [GO.CSUCI.EDU/COMEDY](https://go.csuci.edu/comedy)







# PINK PATCH PROJECT

*Breast Cancer Awareness Month*



**CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS POLICE DEPT. #PINKPATCHPROJECT**



**T-SHIRTS: \$20**



**PATCHES: \$10**



**CHALLENGE COINS: \$15**

**MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY CANCER**

**VISIT [GO.CSUCI.EDU/PINKPATCH](https://go.csuci.edu/pinkpatch) OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO MAKE YOUR  
GIFT AND COLLECT ALL THREE ITEMS!**







# 6TH ANNUAL LATINO MALE RETREAT

**NOV. 15 - 17TH, 2024**



**Scan the QR Code to  
register now!**

Questions? DM or Email us:  
[uniondehermanosci@gmail.com](mailto:uniondehermanosci@gmail.com)  
IG: @uniondehermanosci



# PICKLEBALL PLAYER?

LOOKING TO PLAY?  
LOOKING TO LEARN?



TOTAL NEWBIE, BUT  
LOOKING TO PLAY AT  
LUNCH!

**CONTACT**  
**RENEE FUENTES**

MESSAGE ME ON TEAMS OR  
EMAIL  
RENEE.FUENTES@CSUCI.EDU



FREE & TICKETED EVENTS FOR YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY!

# LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

27TH ANNUAL FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL  
SEPT. 28 – OCT. 31 | 9 AM - 6 PM  
UNDERWOOD FAMILY FARMS - MOORPARK

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS COMMUNITY OFRENDA  
OCTOBER 14 – NOVEMBER 1 | ALL DAY  
CAMARILLO LIBRARY - 2ND FLOOR

PVRPD'S SPOOKY SWIM  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 5:30PM-8:30PM  
PLEASANT VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER

PVRPD'S HOWL-O-WEEN  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10 AM - 1 PM  
MISSION OAKS DOG PARK

CAMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUNK OR TREAT  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 6 PM - 8 PM  
CAMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS,  
CHECK OUT [VISITCAMARILLO.COM](http://VISITCAMARILLO.COM) OR  
[VISITVENTURA.COM](http://VISITVENTURA.COM)



# Staff Council Paints **HALLOWEEN EDITION**

JOIN US

*Wednesday, October 16th*

**FOR A SPOOKY PAINT NIGHT  
TO BENEFIT YOUR CI STAFF COUNCIL**

STAFF COUNCIL RECEIVES \$10 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT  
REGISTERED, WHICH WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING STAFF AT  
CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS - VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO ON  
WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO FOR STAFF!

**6 PM TO 8 PM**

**@ PAINTING WITH A TWIST**

**2298 VENTURA BLVD, CAMARILLO**

**CLICK HERE  
TO SIGN UP!**



QUESTIONS OR ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS CAN BE  
DIRECTED TO [CI.STAFFCOUNCIL@CSUCI.EDU](mailto:CI.STAFFCOUNCIL@CSUCI.EDU)

[CSUCI.EDU/STAFF/COUNCIL](http://CSUCI.EDU/STAFF/COUNCIL)

## **DONATIONS**

# WHERE DOES MY MONEY GO?

Staff Council uses funds in various ways to support staff and our community!

## **FUNDRAISERS**

### **FOOD!**

Staff Council partnered with on-campus affinity groups to host an end of summer BBQ

The July Fitness Challenge got us all up and away from our desks for some healthy competition. Prizes were awarded to the top three steppers!

### **FUN!**

### **FRIENDS!**

Top donators were recognized for their contributions to our school supply drive benefiting the Dolphin Guardian Scholars

Your support allows Staff council to continue to improve campus culture for the benefit of staff and the campus community

### **THANK YOU!**



**MORE INFO:**

**VISIT THE STAFF COUNCIL WEBPAGE!**



# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To Benefit The Dolphin  
Guardian Scholars Program



Thank you to everyone who  
donated! 51 Dolphin Guardian  
Scholars received the following:

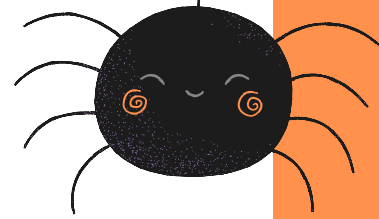
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- 5 pens
- 7 pencils
- 1 highlighter



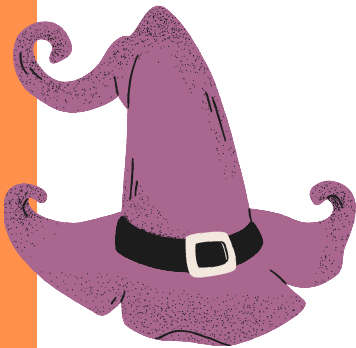
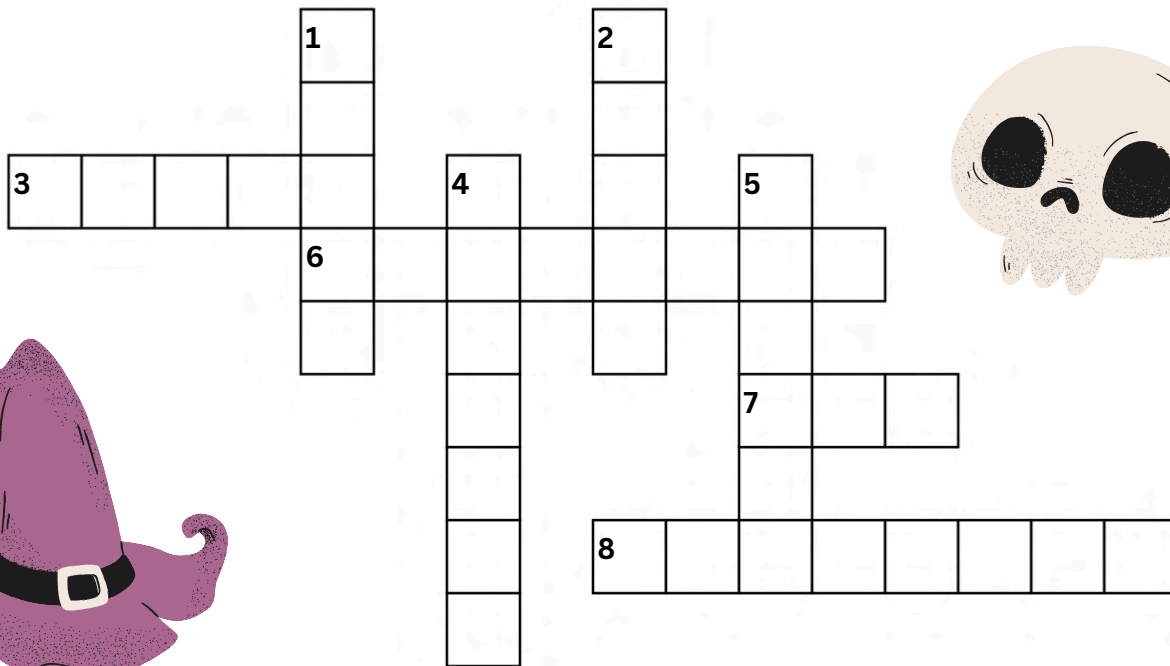


# **HALLOWEEN**

## **CROSSWORD**



Read the clues and fill in the crossword grid.



### **Across**

- 3.** A see-through, friendly or spooky spirit that can float around during Halloween.
- 6.** A big, bubbling pot that witches use to cook their magical potions.
- 7.** A flying animal that comes out at night and looks like a mouse with wings.
- 8.** The bones inside your body, or a spooky, bare-bone figure used for Halloween decorations.

### **Down**

- 1.** A person who dresses up in a pointy hat and flies on a broomstick, often seen during Halloween.
- 2.** Sweet treats like chocolates and lollipops that make you happy.
- 4.** A big orange vegetable that's perfect for making spooky faces on Halloween.
- 5.** A pretend monster that looks like a person but acts really slow and funny, like in the movies.



# Autumn Bucket List

✦ Make Hot Chocolate

Make a Leaf Garland ✦

✦ Carve a Pumpkin

Make Leaf Art ✦

✦ Collect Leaves

Go for a Drive ✦

✦ Pick Apples

Go Camping ✦

✦ Bake a Pie

Go Star Gazing ✦

✦ Jump in Puddles

Make a Bonfire ✦

✦ Tell Spooky Stories

Watch a Scary Movie ✦

✦ Wear Fuzzy Socks

Buy a Cozy Sweater ✦





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THE LOOP' ABOUT ALL THINGS STAFF IN  
BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS?

JOIN OUR LISTSERV

THE STAFF COUNCIL  FERRY

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feedback on what you most want to see  
from your Staff Council





About Your CSU Channel Islands

# 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:

- THE STAFF COUNCIL CHAIR JOINED THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT PRESIDENT AND ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIR IN THE FIRST PRESIDENT'S SHARED GOVERNANCE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 14TH
- THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE RECEIVED 845 DONATED ITEMS FROM 8 DONORS, WHICH BENEFITTED 51 DOLPHIN GUARDIAN SCHOLARS
- STAFF COUNCIL HOSTED TITLE IX FOR A STAFF WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 19TH



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