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STAFF COUNCIL
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SEPTEMBER BREEZE FROM STAFF COUNCIL

Hello Dolphins!

As we welcome the fall season, exciting changes are happening at CSUCI! We're thrilled to announce new partnerships on campus, including the launch of Chartwells as our new dining services provider, bringing fresh options and an elevated dining experience for all. We're also welcoming new staff to our Dolphin family—be sure to say hello and help them feel at home!

This month, campus is buzzing with events and activities to engage and connect, from Weeks of Welcome to interactive learning opportunities. Keep an eye out for Staff Council-hosted events aimed at fostering community and professional growth.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, September 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Solano 2175 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



Araseli Navarro

DASS COUNSELOR

She was promoted to DASS counselor and is doing an amazing job not only with her new position but carrying her old position while working the hiring committee to get a replacement for the Note Taking Coordinator and has revamped all DASS Social Media. Which is three jobs in one! She is a wonderful coworker and partner.



Meet Our New Document Management Coordinator!



We are thrilled to introduce the newest member of our team, Alejandra Mena, who joins Enrollment Management as our Document Management Coordinator. With her expertise and enthusiasm, Alejandra will play a key role in ensuring our documents are efficiently organized, securely stored, and easily accessible for campus stakeholders.

A LITTLE ABOUT ALEJANDRA:

- **Background:** Alejandra comes to us with a strong background in document intake and processing from the private health sector, bringing a wealth of knowledge in document management and process improvement.
- **Passion:** "One of my passions is caring for others. I have recently found a new love for rescuing and caring for animals. I have three guinea pigs one which was rescued from a shelter. I also have a cat that found me. She visited my door several times and I decided to keep her regardless of her past living situation (Stray). More recently in my previous job I decided to start a program where the clients would adopt beta fish from horrible living conditions and make new homes for them."
- **Hobbies:** "I love exploring and learning about different languages and cultures. I studied Chinese for 2 years and I'm currently trying to re-learn it using Duolingo while trying to pick up Korean as well. I've grown to love learning about the Korean culture through there shows and music."

WHAT SHE'LL BE DOING:

In her role as Document Management Coordinator, Alejandra will be responsible for intake and timely processing of transcripts and other CI student documents. Her goal is to streamline our processes and ensure that our document management is both effective and efficient.

Please join us in welcoming Alejandra to the team! We're excited to have her on board and can't wait to see the positive impact she'll have on our document management processes.



STEP CHALLENGE WINNERS



KARLY IBRAHIM



MAKAYLA MATHEU



DRAKE MASSEY



THE STEP CHALLENGE WAS HELD
FROM JULY 3 - 31.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THE JULY FITNESS
CHALLENGE.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ABOUT
THE NEXT FITNESS CHALLENGE.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

To Benefit The Dolphin
Guardian Scholars Program

IMPACT REPORT

The Most Donations Winners

1st - Jenna Kushigemachi, Police Officer

2nd - Jessica Parker, OTP Operations and Staff Resources Lead

3rd - Amber Sanchez, Senior Data & Research Analyst

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

- 2-3 notebooks
- 5 pens
- 7 pencils
- 1 highlighter



NEW CAMPUS DINING

CSUCI has formed a partnership with Chartwells

ANNOUNCEMENT!



Enhanced Dining Experience

- Sprig & Sprout: Fresh grab-and-go options at the Sea Store Market
- New technology: Faster ordering with kiosk stations at Islands Kitchen and Boost Mobile Ordering at Ekho's Café (formerly Lighthouse Café).
- Virtual Kitchen: Order after-hours through Boost Mobile and pick up at your convenience!
- Exciting new options: Sushi, poke bowls, and boba.
- Themed events & interactive experiences: Cooking classes, DIY activities, and more!

Islands Kitchen (Formerly Islands Café)

Mon - Fri 7:00am - 8:00pm
Sat - Sun 10:00am - 8:00pm

Freudian Sip

Mon - Thurs 8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm
Sat - Sun Closed

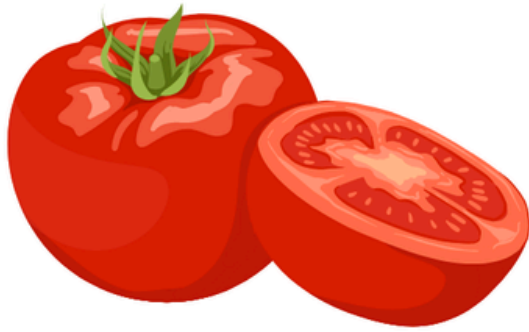
Sea Store

Mon - Thurs 8:00am - 8:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm
Sat - Sun Closed

Ekho's Cafe (Formerly Lighthouse Cafe)

Mon - Thurs 8:00am - 10:00pm
Friday 7:30am - 8:00pm
Sat - Sun 10:00am - 8:00pm

Learn more about the dining options on campus at <https://dineoncampus.com/CSUCI>



MODOC GARDEN WORKOUTS!

Join us for a Staff Salsa Garden Workout in the Modoc Garden. Listen to salsa music while we plant salsa ingredients!



**Friday
September 13, 2024**



12pm - 1pm



**Modoc Garden
(Behind Modoc Hall)**

What We're Doing:

We'll be shoveling dirt, pulling weeds & planting tomatoes, chiles, cilantro and more, to benefit the Dolphin Pantry.

What to Bring:

Please wear closed-toed shoes and comfortable clothes. Hat, sunscreen and water are recommended. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Sponsored by the Biology Department, Basic Needs, and Native Monarchs. Please contact Laura Lugo (laura.lugo@csuci.edu) or Carolina Martinez (carolina.martinez@csuci.edu) if you have any questions.



NAVIGATING IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open enrollment time is coming up soon!

From Sept. 16, 2024 through Oct. 11, 2024 eligible employees have the opportunity to:

- Enroll, change or cancel health, dental, vision and/or Flexcash
- Enroll/re-enroll in Dependent Care Reimbursement (DCRA) and/or Health Care
- Reimbursement (HCRA)
- Enroll/cancel voluntary benefit plans

**CSUCI Open Enrollment webpage and enrollment information will be available soon.*

Changes made during the open enrollment period will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

[Click here to learn more about what's new for 2025 and your benefits](#)

REGISTER FOR THE OPEN ENROLLMENT FAIR
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This free event is being offered to provide all campus employees with information on a variety of opportunities afforded to them at CSUCI and in the surrounding area. Vendors and representatives will be available to answer questions and provide more information. 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.



CHILFASA

FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

ChiLFASA is volunteer-run affinity group that supports the professional and personal development of its members as well as cultural activities and events related to the Chicana/o/e/x Latina/o/e/x population on campus and the surrounding communities.

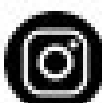
MEMBERSHIP

Anyone supportive of the organization's mission are welcome to join as members! To become a member, please visit our webpage for instructions on how to pay dues (\$30):

<https://www.csuci.edu/chilfasa/membership/>

Members can choose how to be involved and show support:

- **Advocate:** Pay membership dues (affords voting rights and branded member swag)
- **Engage:** Pay membership dues (affords voting rights and branded member swag), attend meetings and/or events
- **Serve:** Pay membership dues (affords voting rights and branded member swag), attend meetings and/or events, join or lead a committee or run for a board position



Contact Us at: chilfasamembership@csuci.edu

Goodbye Summer

Movie Night Under the Stars - Twilight

Portside Ventura Harbor

September 20, 8-10 pm

Oktoberfest

Institution Ale Co

September 21, All Day

27th Annual Fall Harvest Festival

Underwood Family Farms

September 28 - October 31, 2024

Banana Festival

Port of Hueneme

September 28

Find more events at [visitventuraca.com](https://www.visitventuraca.com) & [visitcamarillo.com](https://www.visitcamarillo.com)

GUESS THE NFL TEAM LOGO



CAN YOU IDENTIFY ALL OF THE NFL
TEAMS IN THIS IMAGE? SEE HOW MANY YOU
KNOW!



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!

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT STAFF COUNCIL

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FUNDRAISERS

- Forward a fundraising flyer to anyone you know
- Print out a fundraising flyer and put on your community refrigerator/bulletin board
- Add a fundraising link to your email signature
- Make a staff lunch out of a restaurant fundraiser



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VOLUNTEER

- Take random pictures of an event on campus and send to the newsletter
- Volunteer for a committee, open to all staff and many staff committee appointments are available and are not only for Staff Council reps



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MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Attend Staff Council meetings and inform your department of discussions
- Attend a Staff Council event

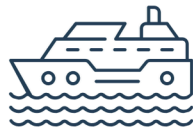


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COMMUNICATE

- Nominate a colleague for a spotlight in the newsletter
- Send reminders to your department about upcoming events
- Read the newsletter and add to activities (i.e. shout-outs for the holidays, surveys, etc)
- Brainstorm ideas for how staff can show support for students





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
RM/SV_7OLAWOXSSLYQKLG](https://csuci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7OLAWOXSSLYQKLG)

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TO YOUR CI EMAIL - NOTE: MONTHLY 'IN THE LOOP' NEWSLETTERS WILL STILL
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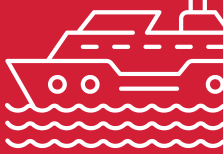
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



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





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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:

- 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



LEARN MORE

