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CSUCI Honors Convocation

The CSUCI 2007 Honors Convocation will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4 in Salon A. Following this event, which celebrates the academic and leadership accomplishments of CSUCI's graduating seniors, there will be a reception for everyone in Malibu Hall 100. The campus community is invited to attend. Honors Convocation is an opportunity for faculty and Student Affairs professionals to honor the outstanding achievements of CSUCI seniors.

For more information contact Amber Weir, events coordinator, ext. 8548 or amber.weir@csuci.edu

'The Next Step Art Show' to open

On Friday, May 4 a group of CSUCI seniors will hold an opening reception for "The Next Step Art Show" at the Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave, Ventura. The opening reception will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. This is the students' capstone project. The show will continue on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. on both days. To learn more visit the gallery website at www.Bellartsfactory.com.

For more information contact Jennifer Sapinoso, student, 805-432-0527 or Archamedies84@aol.com; or Jason Craig, student, 805-758-0700 or Jason.craig677@dolphin.csuci.edu

CSUCI students to compete at Research Competition

CSUCI students will present seven projects at the 21st Annual California State University Student Research Competition on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 at California State University Dominguez Hills. This systemwide competition will showcase excellent research conducted by CSU undergraduate and graduate students in the full range of academic programs offered by the CSU. Student participants will make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies, colleges and universities in California.

The following is a list of the CSUCI students who will be competing and the areas they are competing in: Paul Martinez, Physical and Mathematical Sciences; Christina Fernandez, Physical and Mathematical Sciences; America Flores, Physical and Mathematical Sciences; Kosta Grammatis, Engineering and Computer Science; Diego Alaniz, Behavioral and Social Sciences; Michael Anderson, Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Kenneth Diffenderfer, Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Rosali Garcia, Biological and Agricultural

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Sciences; Thomas Johnson, Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Emily Mazzucchi, Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Graham Moland, Biological and Agricultural Sciences; Monica Zepeda, Education.

For more information contact Ivona Grzegorczyk, professor and chair of Mathematics and Applied Physics programs, ext. 8868 or ivona.grzegorczyk@csuci.edu.

Poster session to show work from course held in Mexico

Students in the Environmental Field Studies in Mexico course will host a poster session from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 in the Library Collaboratory (BT 1302). Students will be presenting posters on various aspects of their scientific and community service projects in La Manzanilla, Jalisco, Mexico.

Volunteers needed for 2007 Commencement

Volunteers are needed for the 2007 CSUCI Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 19 in the South Quad. This ceremony will mark the commencement of the inaugural freshman class 2003-2007 at CSUCI. Volunteers who are 18 years or older are needed to distribute programs to guests, assist with refreshments, help prepare the procession of graduates, and serve as campus guides for guests. The event begins at 9 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude by approximately 12 p.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 7 a.m. A volunteer orientation will be held Friday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. All assigned volunteers will receive an official volunteer t-shirt, a certificate of appreciation, and refreshments.

For more information or to volunteer contact Kristin Brooks, commencement volunteer coordinator, ext. 8510 or kristin.brooks@csuci.edu.

Engineering course for high school students

This summer the CSUCI campus will host a class titled “What Is Engineering?” for local high school students to expose them to engineering. This is a three-credit course that was developed and is managed by Johns Hopkins University. The high school-age students of CSUCI faculty and employees are encouraged to participate. More information about this opportunity is available at <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu>.

For more information contact Bob Rumer, physics lecturer, robert.rumer@csuci.edu.

Reporter seeks information about faculty members' research, projects

A reporter from the local print media would like to interview faculty members who may be conducting research or working on projects over the summer break. If you, or if you know of a colleague who might be interested in speaking with a reporter about his or her research or project, contact Ceal Potts in the Communications & Marketing office, ext. 8940 or cecilia.potts@csuci.edu.

Maximus Awards honor several

Student Government held its fourth annual Maximus Awards Ceremony on April 20. The following individuals received awards at this event: Brian McAleney was honored as Student of the Year; Sean Anderson, assistant professor of environmental science and resource management was honored as Faculty Member of the Year; Ed Lebioda was honored as Administrator of the Year; Josh Wade was honored as Staff Member of the Year; and Richard Wagner was honored as Community Member of the Year.

Around Campus

Author Michael Pollan presented “How to Eat in a Fast Food World” to more than 200 people at an on campus event on April 26. Pollan, author of the New York Times best seller, *The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, and *The Botany of Desire: A Plant’s Eye View of the World*, focused his presentation on the food we eat, cultivate, and raise. His presentation was sponsored by the following programs: English, the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics, Biology, History, Sociology, and Environmental Science & Resource Management. California State University Channel Islands Foundation and the Instructionally Related Activities Fund also sponsored the event.



On May 2, students, faculty, staff, and members of the community joined to show support for the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy. Everyone at the event was wearing red and posed for an aerial group photo in the formation of the letters “VT”. The photo will be sent to Virginia Tech campus from CSUCI as a memorial.

CSUCI students also launched the *Coins Because We Care Campaign* on May 2. All proceeds collected will be sent to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund. More information about the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund can be accessed at www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund.php.

Photo by Shawn Mulchay, *The Nautical Yearbook*

Share your news through wavelength

News items, updates on campus developments and activities, or information you would like share throughout campus can be sent to Ceal Potts in Communications & Marketing (cecilia.potts@csuci.edu or ext. 8940). As a reminder, wavelength is sent out every other week on Fridays. Items should be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday prior to publication.

Upcoming publication dates are 5/18 and 6/1.