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## CSUCI to host author Michael Pollan

A presentation will be given by author Michael Pollan titled "How to Eat in a Fast Food World," at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in Malibu Hall 100. The event is free and open to the campus community and public. Event parking is \$6. 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*, will focus his presentation on the food we eat, cultivate, and raise. Copies of Pollan's books will be available for purchase at the event, and a book signing will follow his presentation.

*For more information or to RSVP, please contact 805-437-8598. RSVPs are requested but not required.*

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## New members to be inducted in Gamma Beta Phi

On Friday, April 27 the Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Service Society will hold its 2007 Spring Induction Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in Malibu Hall 100. Fifty students will be inducted at the ceremony. Members of Gamma Beta Phi and inductees must maintain at least a 3.45 cumulative GPA as undergraduates and 3.7 as graduate students, and they must engage in community service projects. The campus community is invited to attend this event.

*For more information contact Lisa Mancini, student, lisa.mancini@csuci.edu*

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## 'An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning' to be presented

CSUCI Biology 433 Ecology and the Environment will present the film "An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning" from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 27 in the Aliso Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the campus community. This film offers a look at former Vice President Al Gore's fervent crusade to halt the progress of global warming by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.

*For more information contact Catherine Hutchinson, instructional support technician Biology Program, ext. 8403 or catherine.hutchinson@csuci.edu.*

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## Campus Planning open forums

Faculty and staff members are invited to attend open forums on Campus Planning. The forums will be held on two days: Monday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 1. The schedule and location for the forums are the same on both days and is as follows: 10 to 11:30 a.m. University Hall Training Room, format will be a background

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presentation and a focus group; 12 to 1:30 p.m. Islands Café Courtyard, format will be focus groups; 2 to 3:30 p.m. in front of Ojai Hall, format will be focus groups.

Everyone is invited to attend at any time and at any location for any time duration. The forum topics will include: circulation/campus flow, accessibility, sustainability, sports facilities, landscape/walkways, central mall, pedestrians/vehicles, open space, indoor/outdoor space, student life, wayfinding, lighting, architecture/historic context, materials palette, and participant ideas.

*For more information contact Paul Calderwood, campus planner, ext. 3290 or paul.calderwood@csuci.edu.*

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## Response to Michael Pollan event scheduled

CSUCI's Center for Integrative Studies will present "Food, Farming, and the Future: A Local Response to Michael Pollan" a symposium following author Michael Pollan's visit. The symposium will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 30 in the Library Collaboratory (BT1302).

The following faculty, staff, and community members will participate in the symposium: Bill Cordeiro, professor of business and economics at CSUCI; Amy Denton, assistant professor of biology at CSUCI; Ben Faber, Farm Advisor, UC Cooperative Extension, Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties; Marty Fujita, Food for Thought, Ventura Ag Futures Alliance; Dave Holden, Holden Research and Consulting; Craig Underwood, Underwood Family Farms; Paul Boulger, general manager, Dining Services at CSUCI; and Michael Winters, executive chef, Dining Services at CSUCI.

*For more information contact Brad Monsma, professor of English, ext. 8948 or brad.monsma@csuci.edu.*

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## CSUCI students lead memorial event for Virginia Tech students

In light of the tragedy that occurred on the Virginia Tech campus, CSUCI students will host a ceremony of remembrance at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 in the South Quad. The event is open to the entire campus community. Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Vice President for Students Affairs, will deliver a brief address, and then those who attend will be asked to gather together in formation of the letters "VT" for an aerial photo. Everyone is asked to wear CSUCI logo wear or a red shirt. A limited number of red shirts will be available for participants to borrow. The photo will be sent by CSUCI students to students at Virginia Tech as a memorial gift.

In addition to Sawyer's address and the photo, the "Coins Because We Care Campaign" will be kicked off on Wednesday, May 2. Buckets will be placed around campus for students, faculty and staff to make donations for the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to remember and honor the victims of this tragic event and to aid in the healing process. Donations will be used to cover expenses that include: assistance for victims and their families, grief counseling, memorials, communication expenses, and comfort expenses. For additional information visit [http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial\\_fund.php](http://www.vt.edu/tragedy/memorial_fund.php)

*For more information contact Jaimie Hoffman, coordinator of Student Programs, Student Leadership & Community, ext. 3141 or jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu, or Brian McAleney, student, brian.mcaleney@csuci.edu.*

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## Costache to offer 'Art: Mystery and Discovery' presentation

Irina Costache, professor of art, will give a presentation from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Sage Hall Presentation Room, titled "Art: Mystery and Discovery?" discussing the results of her sabbatical leave. The campus community is invited to attend.

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Some of the topics that will be addressed include: Why is Mona Lisa a good painting? Why is Van Gogh a great artist only now, more than a century after his death? Should an ordinary object be art? Who decides what is art? Who decides what is good art? What is the common denominator of thousands of artworks with different shapes, forms, sizes, materials and functions created across time and cultures? In today's global context art and art history have been intertwined with a wide range of factors including popular culture and electronic media, to form dynamic, complex, and shifting paradigms. Understanding art cannot be based solely on predictable narratives and redundant slide lists. Rather, it should be an exciting journey of discovery in which memorization and passive acceptance is transformed into critical thinking and novel interpretations.

*For more information contact Irina Costache, professor of art, [irina.costache@csuci.edu](mailto:irina.costache@csuci.edu).*

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## **CSUCI faculty members present 'Love, Betrayal and Death'**

Three CSUCI faculty members will present a musical performance titled "Love, Betrayal and Death" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in Malibu Hall 120. The event is free and open to the campus community and the public. The event is sponsored by the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics. A classical music selection fitting each theme will be performed by Jesse Elliott, assistant professor of mathematics, playing the piano; Tiina Itkonen, assistant professor of education, a mezzo-soprano; and Liz King, assistant professor of art will play the flute.

*For more information contact Liz King, assistant professor of art, ext. 8556 or [liz.king@csuci.edu](mailto:liz.king@csuci.edu).*

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## **CSUCI to host 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](mailto:amber.weir@csuci.edu).*

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## **Students open 'The Next Step Art Show'**

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 Web site at [www.Bellartsfactory.com](http://www.Bellartsfactory.com).

*For more information contact Jennifer Sapinoso, student, 805-432-0527 or [Archamedies84@aol.com](mailto:Archamedies84@aol.com); or Jason Craig, student, 805-758-0700 or [Jason.craig677@dolphin.csuci.edu](mailto:Jason.craig677@dolphin.csuci.edu).*

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## **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

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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](mailto:kristin.brooks@csuci.edu).*

## Future engineers sought

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](mailto:robert.rumer@csuci.edu).*

## Information sought regarding 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 you know of a colleague, who would 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](mailto:cecilia.potts@csuci.edu).

***Around Campus*** *Members of the CSUCI campus community were busy during the month of April. There were dozens of events that took place and the following photos show a few of those events.*



***Sexual Assault Awareness Week*** *was held on April 9 through 13. Several activities were conducted to generate awareness about sexual assault including the Clothesline Project, a visual display that calls attention to violence against women.*



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## ***Around Campus, continued***

*On April 14 more than 1,500 prospective students, parents, and family members visited campus for **Discover CI**, an event that offers workshops on all aspects of campus life and 'marketplace' where prospective students can learn about clubs and organizations on campus.*



**Dolphin Days** (below, left) began on April 17 and concluded with the Maximus Awards on April 20. A variety of fun activities including food fairs, celebration of Asian Pacific Islander heritage, battle of the majors, and observance of the national Day of Silence were held. The **CSUCI Career Fair** (below, right) was held on April 19 with more than 90 employers from the region represented.



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## ***Around Campus, continued***

*On April 19 CSUCI hosted a media conference to provide details to the campus community and local media outlets about a student-made threat that occurred on campus. University President Richard Rush, University Police Chief John Reid, and Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke at the conference.*



*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Reading Celebration & Young Authors Fair was held April 21 on campus. Children's authors Greg Trine and Lisze Bechtold spoke and were on-hand to sign copies of their books. Children also had the opportunity create their own books, and dozens of books created by young authors throughout Ventura County were on display.*



### **We want to hear from you! 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. May publication dates are as follow: 5/4; 5/18