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# Erika's View

Election time is coming! The students of CSUCI are preparing for the first Associated Student Elections ever. This election is very important and it is up to you to pick the right candidates. I encourage everyone to meet the candidates and find out who would be the best to represent this campus. Your vote does count and it is very important for the future of the university. In this issue you will be able to read about what the candidates are planning on doing to shape the school and the student government. I hope that you find the information helpful. See you on Election Day!!

## First Annual Career Fair

California State University Channel Islands will sponsor its first annual *Career and Internship Fair*, Thursday, May 1, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The event, which will take place at the steps of the University Bell Tower, will highlight over fifty companies and local businesses. Representatives from companies such as, Adelphia, InfoGenesis, Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc., Cities of Thousand Oaks, Camarillo, and Oxnard, Pepsi Bottling Group, to name only a few, will be on hand to talk to students. The Fair has something for everyone whether you are looking for a great job or an incredible internship; the career fair is the place to be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Below are several tips to help you get the most out of the fair.

### Preparation

Research the employers attending. Learn more about the company, its product services, etc.

Determine which employers you want to visit.

Bring enough resumes.

Bring a folder to carry resumes and a notepad for notes.

Dress professionally.

Prepare a "2 Minute Summary of Your Qualifications."

Anticipate interviewing questions and practice answers.

Prepare questions you want employers to answer.

### Fair Day!

Do not assume a company does not have open positions or internships in your field. Instead, ask what positions or internships they have available.

When greeting a recruiter, introduce yourself and look confident by initiating a handshake with a smile.

Express your interest by demonstrating knowledge of the organization.

Relate your skills, interests and experiences to the specific needs of the employer.

Relax. Speak slowly and confidently.

Listen and ask relevant questions about the company and position.

This is not the time to ask salary related questions.

Take notes.

Ask the company what the next step is and how to follow up.

Get appropriate contact information and ask for a business card.

Conduct yourself professionally at all times, remember that you could be making impressions when you are standing in line or walking around the fair.

### After the Career and Internship Fair

Send a thank you card and reconfirm your interest in the position or internship and the company.

Within a week, follow up with a phone call if you have not heard from them.

**Good Luck and Happy Hunting**

# GET OUT THE VOTE!

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# Meet the Presidential Candidates

## Jade Ann Benetatos

**Make no little plans.  
They have no magic to stir  
men's blood and probably  
themselves will not be  
realized. Make big plans.  
Aim high in hope and  
work. Remembering that a  
noble, logical diagram once  
recorded will not die.**

~ Daniel H. Buraham ~

-Jade Ann Benetatos

## Becca Glazier

I am excited to be a part of Cal State University Channel Islands and its first ever student election. Because our university is so new, it is important that we pick dedicated, knowledgeable student representatives. As the first students at CSUCI, we are responsible for establishing an identity and a legacy for our school. We need a president that is focused on the diverse issues that matter to the students on our campus, who is dedicated to our school, and who is willing to work hard for the students. I have proven that I can and will meet these important qualifications. I have been involved at CSUCI from the very beginning. I started with the vision of a place where our diverse student body could go to learn and socialize, and then developed the idea for a Multicultural and Gender Center, which will begin functioning next semester. I have been involved with every step of the process of developing an Associated Students. I was in every student meeting, voted on every proposition, and know the structure of ASI and how it should function. I have worked with many of our administrators and faculty and I know how to make things happen for the students. I also serve on the programming board where I have been working hard to bring events and entertainment to our campus. I have been especially focused on the needs of our evening students who often don't have a chance to take advantage of daytime activities, and am trying to make more events accessible for them as well.

CSUCI says that it is a student-centered campus, and I know that many people, including myself, have been working to make that statement true. However, until we have elected student representation, the campus can never really be student-centered. This is one reason **that** I have worked so hard to get Associated Students started. I promise that as president, I will live up to this claim and make the campus truly student-centered. Find out about the issues I will emphasize and leave your input at my website:

[www.orgsites.com/ca/becca4pres](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/becca4pres)

-Becca Glazier

## Geoff Matlock

To all CSUCI students,

My name is Geoff Matlock and I am running for Student Body President. I would like to give you a little background information about myself. I am a Junior at CSUCI, and a business major. I am 23 years old and live in Ventura. My hobbies include surfing, running, and swimming. As President I would like to ensure that each student has a voice in the structuring of our school programs, as each individual has unique interests and goals for their education.

I have only attended CSUCI for a semester and a half, however in this time I have contributed much of my time and effort to the school. I was on the Student Body Panel for new student orientation last Fall, and have been active in school organizations. Furthermore, I have implemented an internship program that students can utilize to gain real world experience and earn course credit in the process.

We have the opportunity to structure the programs and activities offered to suit our needs, as President I will use student feedback to make sure these needs are met. I have found that most students, including myself, are concerned about what they are going to do after graduation. To help with this dilemma I propose to start working with local businesses to place CSUCI graduates, in college graduate level positions. If students plan to continue their education after graduating from CSUCI, I will implement programs that will let reputable graduate schools know that CSUCI grads will be a good addition to their student body. Furthermore, I will encourage the expansion of clubs and student special interest groups. These can be school related organizations such an Art or English Club, or these organizations can cater to outside interests, such as a Surfing Club.

I would like the opportunity to help the students of CSUCI shape the future of this school. We have a unique opportunity to build programs that will last into the future. As Student Body President I will make sure this happens.

Thank you for your support,

-Geoff Matlock

## John Stewart

It is a time of ideas and potential for California State University Channel Islands, as we the students, reach for the sky. As the first class, we need to do all we can to help make this school unlike any other, a university for the twenty-first century. Collectively, we can transform our ideas into reality, and make this campus stand high above all others. Together, we can make CSUCI a school that will be respected and revered for future generations. We need leadership with a vision, a president with insight, compassion and the skills needed to create realities from dreams.

CSUCI has an unmatched potential being a new school. We have the opportunity to sculpt this campus into a truly student centered university. This is your school, and this campus would not exist if not for me students. As the associated student president, I will do everything I can to make this university one where the student's voices are always heard. I will be here to serve you and represent the collective voice of the CSUCI student body. Making this a better campus for the students is my number one priority. If you have any suggestions, questions, complaints, or ideas, I will work hard to respond to your needs and resolve situations on your behalf.

During the past year at CSUCI, I have been involved with many important campus events including the annual CSU Media Arts Festival, the "College for a Day" for inner city youth, and the student art exhibition "Oil and Steel." I am one of the founders of the CSUCI Islands View as well as facilitated the start of the CSUCI Whiffel Club and the upcoming Student Association of Artists and Designers.

The twenty-first century is a time of great ideas and potential. Together, our ideas will make this campus better than anyone could have imagined. We have, within our grasp, the possibility of creating a distinguished university. I am proud to be apart of the first Associated Student election, and with your help, I will lead the way.

-John Stewart

# Meet the Vice Presidential Candidates

## **Candice Alexander**

Hello, my name is Candice Alexander and I want to be your Student Body Vice President. I am a junior here at CSUCI in the Business Department. I feel that I can be a valuable asset to the students of CSUCI because of my unique life experiences and relationships with people. I have attended various schools across the nation and the world, which has proven to offer me different perspectives when dealing with new problems and situations. By attending smaller schools as well as larger ones, I have seen the difference in student life from one extreme to the other.

I believe that attending a four-year institute like CSUCI can hold some of the most important opportunities and experiences in a person's life. I would like the chance to ensure that we students enjoy our days at CSUCI and benefit from all that a Student Body has to offer.

Here are a few initial ideas that can be expanded upon:

- Inviting surrounding food establishments to visit our campus with select menu items for purchase.
- Promote career days and job interviews for placement in local businesses.
- Initiate a car pool organization and book cooperative.
- Lending of various recreation items to be used at our outdoor facilities.

These are only a few of my ideas but I am anxious to meet more students and hear new ideas as well. Since this is a brand new campus, we as students are faced with the challenge of building a student community from the ground up. We should take advantage of this situation to implement standards and traditions that we would like to see carried out, while having fun in the process.

Allow me to voice your ideas and opinions so that we may all reach our fullest potential of involvement and enjoyment of what CSUCI has to offer.

-Candice Alexander

## **Chris Baysinger**

During the 1992' Vice Presidential Debates, Reform Party Candidate and war hero, Admiral James Stockdale started of by asking two simple questions. "Who am I? Why am I here?" Though cruelly misinterpreted, they are important questions.

The first question is easy to answer. I am Christopher D. Baysinger, a business student and Vice President of the Business Student Association. I have been active in student organizations and governments from Channel Islands High School and Oxnard College to CSUCI. I have help start four clubs on campus and worked to develop student government here.

The second question is more important. It deals with my motivation for seeking the Vice Presidency. I am seeking this office out of my concern for my fellow students and those that follow. I want to contribute to the development of this campus and its potential as a center culture and learning in Ventura County.

I was born and raised in this county and hope someday to start a family here. I look forward to the time, in the not too distant future; when this campus fully develops, with homecomings, Hellenic organizations and clubs, sports and recreations, I look to a time when as old men and women we could return here and see the results of our work.

So, I humbly ask for your vote to be your first CSUCI Vice President. I will be dedicated in pursuing and defending the issues that matter most to you and to the future of CSUCI.

-Christopher D. Baysinger

**Make a Difference  
VOTE!**

## **Jennifer O'Toole**

Serving as Vice President for the Student Government here at Cal State Channel Islands, I am committed to servicing the needs of the student body it large. I believe that in order to have a university function properly and efficiently, it is necessary to make the needs and interests of the students resound throughout our development. The role and the participation of the students in the development of the university is *vital* to our success. I, Jennifer O'Toole, hold myself responsible as acting Vice President, to fully and accurately represent the interests and beliefs of all students here at Cal State Channel Islands, and I will make sure that all members of this diverse campus are represented through the use of extensive student surveys, information tables, student polls, and classroom visits.

I also commit myself to providing an unbiased and fully representative view of every concern and issue raised by both students and administrative members of the campus through disbursement of informative literature and public speaking. For the last 15 months I have been an active student participant in the development of our campus. Working in the Office of Recruitment I have been able to hear the concerns raised by both prospective and current students, and have taken those concerns directly to Dr. Greg Sawyer, our Vice President of Student Affairs, so that these needs are directly addressed. I have served on three separate committees this semester whose purpose was to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs in place at this time in the areas of Financial Aid, Admissions and Recruitment, and Student Affairs and Academics, from a student's perspective.

As Vice President for our Student Government my words will not only represent the views and concerns of a student, but will have the strength and representation of the entire student body. The university is in a constant state of change and as students we should take advantage of this opportunity to make his campus an institution that places its students first and foremost in every aspect. Only through dedicated representation can we **make** our voices heard, and I personally commit myself to **that position**. I **dedicate** myself to the future of our students and the future of the university, and I encourage you to do the same.

## **Sarah Toner**

The administration has worked very hard to establish a student-centered environment for us here at Cal State University Channel Islands. It will be the job of our first ASI council to further cultivate and maintain this relationship. The importance of this office cannot be overstated. The role of the ASI is to bring the wants and needs of the students to the ears of the administration. By creating a strong ASI we will prevent the fragmentation between the policies of our school, and the needs of the students. Our school's demographic is different than that of other CSU campuses. We are more mature, and have a greater number of responsibilities than the average college student.

My name is Sarah Toner. I am running for vice president. My mission is to create policies and exert energies that center on our student population, not a stereotypical one. I take the responsibility of representing the students seriously, and I will maintain accountability for my role as the liaison between the students and the administration. I want to be the spokesperson for the people who don't have the time to contribute to the shaping of the campus, though they have visions for what CSUCI could be. I will work diligently with the other office holders to make ASI as efficient as it can be. Through prior experiences I bring the qualities of responsibility, accountability, efficiency and leadership to this office. To see more of my ideas for CSUCI, visit my website at:

[www.orgsites.com/ca/sarah4vice](http://www.orgsites.com/ca/sarah4vice)

-Sarah Toner

-Jennifer O'Toole

# Meet the Senatorial Candidates

## Lori Macdonald

As the first class of California State University Channel Islands, we have been endowed with the opportunity to create a university that not only us, but future generations will be proud of. Long after we are gone, there will be others that benefit from the work we do today. Rather than be someone to ask what happened, I want to be the opportunity to help make it happen.

My belief is there is no typical student; we are a unique and diverse student body and it is vital that those chosen to represent you, embrace that diversity. Your elected officials should be sensitive to your needs and care enough about you to work diligently on your behalf. I believe I am that person. As an elected Senator, I will never lose sight of the fact that it is you I represent. Student government should be made accessible to everyone and not just to a few.

I recognize that while the needs of future classes are important, the needs of students that currently attend CSUCI are paramount. I have been active on campus since September including taking part in the process that brought us to these elections. I have actively listened to many students and heard what their concerns and wishes for the future are. I believe that to be a valuable asset and want to work to see them to fruition. By your electing me to the ASI as a Senator, you give me the opportunity to work for you.

-Lori Macdonald

## Chris McKee

California State University Channel Islands is the crowning jewel of the CSU system. Coming up, we have a unique opportunity to hand pick our first student government. There is a need for strong leadership in developing any new government. We have a budding campus community that deserves every opportunity we can grab. We have the opportunity to delegate candidates as —your servants into making the Channel Islands experience a reality. I have the life experience and leadership to make this CSUCI dream a reality.

I care deeply how the community and the media portray our campus community. As a member of the student government, I will strive to put our best face towards the future.

I am active in the CSUCI community and have been involved in activities including: CSU Media Arts Festival, Oil and Steel showing, CSU Surf Rider Club (Vice President), CSU Dart Club (Vice President) and CSU Wiffle Club (President). We have the unique position to involve our students in more than just learning. We have the ability to charter various clubs on campus and to actually have a diversified lifestyle campus community. This is our campus reality. Please get involved.

My background is as a full-time student, married, father of three. I am a homegrown product of Camarillo. I am a local business owner and homeowner. Decorated Desert Storm Veteran I am active in my church and the in the Camarillo community. I ask for your confidence. I ask for your vote.

-Christopher A. McKee

## Seth Romero

Hi! My name is Seth Romera and I am a business student at CSUCI. I am running for the A.S.I. senate because our school desperately needs people to "Set It Off." What does this mean?

1. Students need a reliable and easily accessible method of communicating with each other (This newspaper has improved the housing search by 500%). Most of us don't have time to ask around about scheduled meetings and special occasions. Why not build a student events and information webpage? <Infomercial> "It's amazing...post notices from home via web forms!" Also students need a highly visible area to freely post flyers and announcements.

2. A.S.I. funds must be spent evenly and ethically. No one likes paying additional fees for tuition - funds should be given out to students in a fair and representative manner. It should be the responsibility of A.S.I. to post information about how funds are spent and divided among student organizations. All students need to know where their money is going. In fact all records of student government decisions should be easily accessible to all.

3. People need the opportunity to meet other students who they would not regularly see in their classes. No one should ever be forced to attend an event they do not want to attend; rather, A.S.I. should put together cool events that people really want to attend. Events should also be scheduled at times that are convenient to students. ~ What are your ideas? [sromera@charter.net](mailto:sromera@charter.net)

-Seth Romero

## Mindy Steward

The Associated Students Incorporated are just beginning to develop the foundation for our student government. The faculty and staff have already been working hard to develop the campus and programs to the best of their ability. Fortunately, many people with extensive backgrounds have been drawn here to build this campus and curriculum. There are many resources available to students and resources that students now need to decide how best to use. It is the time for the student's voices to be heard.

As your senator I would be honored to represent your needs and interests during this developmental stage in our student government. I have many years of management experience, I am fair and balanced in my views. I listen well and consider all points of view. My strong management background will allow your voice to be heard. My voice will become your voice, if you elect me as your senator, I will speak clearly on your behalf. Thank you for your consideration.

-Mindy Steward

**It's Your Future  
VOTE!**

## **Protecting Yourself From Telemarketing and Mail Fraud**

### **Officer Jeffrey D. Cowgill CPP**

The sales pitch can be hard to resist. A phone call from a charity seeking desperately needed funds for flood victims, endangered species, or the homeless. A postcard claiming that you've won an amazing sweepstakes prize *if you 'll just call and send an "administrative fee."* Or an investment offer giving you and "exclusive" chance to earn potentially enormous profits. Recently many reports of "war victim" fund raising fraud have been identified throughout the Country.

Hard to resist? Yes, but resist you must. These are just a few examples of the types of fraudulent schemes, which victimize Americans every day. Experts estimate that consumers lose more than \$100-billion annually to a broad assortment of frauds, cons and scams. Fraudulent telemarketing and direct mail appeals account for \$40-billion of this total.

Alarmingly, the elderly are a major target for con artists, especially phony fundraisers and hucksters hawking bogus investment and insurance schemes. Whether they are widowed and lonely, eager to help others, or merely intrigued by a "once in a lifetime" opportunity, increasing numbers of older Americans are falling for sophisticated and slick appeals that can wind up costing them thousands of

dollars, not to mention untold anguish and stress.

Taking our money is the number one goal of the nations scamming thieves. Many concoct their schemes just to get a credit card number so they can go on a spending spree financed by YOU. Others will bill you for incredible sums for merely calling them to find out more. And still others want a check or cash as soon as possible...by overnight delivery, by wire, or even by courier....so they have their money before you have them figured out.

Among the major scams of the 1990's are postcard sweepstakes offers. In a recent poll, 30% of Americans said they responded to such mailings, sometimes sending hundreds of dollars to "register" for a seemingly fabulous prize or trip. False charities are another popular consumer con. Telephone troublemakers claiming to represent everyone from police officers to the disabled take advantage of Americans' generosity to the tune of billions of dollars each year. Adding to the problem is an array of fraudulent media appeals about business and investment opportunities, vacation homes, and even "miracle cures" for everything from baldness to cancer.

What can you do? In the face of the onslaught of fraud, the best course for consumers is, as always, to beware. Here are some pointers so you won't be conned by the pros:

-If a caller asks for your credit card, bank account, or Social Security number to

verify a free vacation, a prize or gift....say NO, and hang up. .

-If you're calling a 900 number in response to an advertisement or something you received in the mail, make sure you know the charges up front.

-Before you agree to support a charity that calls seeking money, ask for written information about its finances and programs.

If you feel you've been conned, call your local police, or contact the CSU Channel Island police department. One reason these criminals flourish is that many victims are too embarrassed to contact law enforcement. Also alert the Better Business Bureau. Remember, consumer fraud is a crime. And last but not least, recall that any offer that sounds too good to be true...,probably is!!!

Remember, it's your choice.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me or any member of the CSU Channel Island Police Department.<sup>1</sup>

Jeff has over 25 years public safety and campus security experience. Jeff is a certified protection professional by the American Society for Industrial Security, and police officer at CSUCI. Jeff may be reached at [jeff.cowgill@csuci.edu](mailto:jeff.cowgill@csuci.edu), or by contacting the police station at 805.437.8444

# **Double**

# **Take?**

# **Too good**

# **to be true?**

# **Not at**

# **Matadors!**

## Rosa Guerrero's Multicultural Tapestry



Rosa Guerrero's mission is "to share this tapestry of cultural diversity, and how it is woven, with all people."

Some of Rosa's honors and awards include:

- Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation Award
- State of Texas Women's Hall of Fame
- Outstanding Hispanics in the Southwest
- Rosa Guerrero Elementary School



**Monday, April 21, 2003**

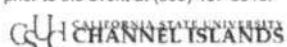
Petite Salon from 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Tuesday, April 22**

Conference Hall #2 from 2:00pm – 3:30pm

For More Information please call The Office of Student Development at 437-8998

If you are in need of special accommodations, please contact the C.H.A.P.s office at least four (4) days prior to the event at (805) 437-8510.



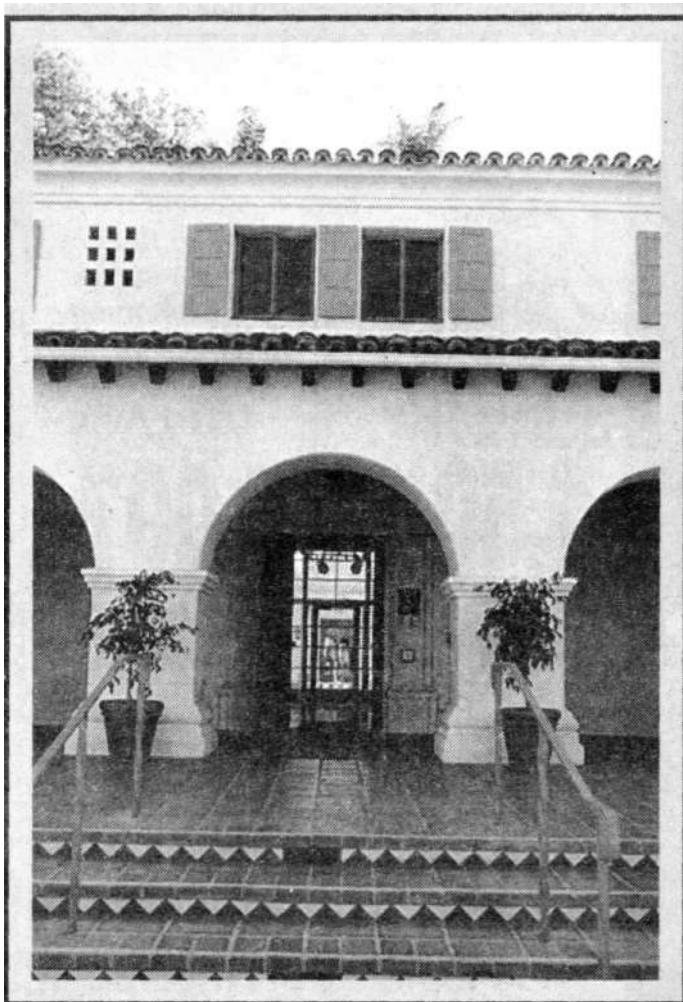
## Welcome Back!

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## Events All Week!



## Dolphin Day

**April 21-25**

Monday (Student Appreciation Day)

Food and Free Giveaways for students along with a Henna Body Artist, Caricaturist, and free chair massages in the Bell Tower Fountain Courtyard (11:30AM-1:30PM)

Movie Marathon The University Hub (8AM-8PM)

Rosa Guerrero, Hispanic artist, educator, dance historian, and humanitarian performance at 6:30pm in the Petite Salon

Tuesday

Battle of the Majors Day 1 at the South Quad from (11AM-3PM)

Rosa Guerrero, Hispanic artist, educator, dance historian, and humanitarian performance from 2:00pm-3:30pm in Conf. Hall #2

Wednesday (Carnival Day)

Carnival Style Activities in front of Bell Tower (11AM-3PM)

Bungee Run, Lazer Tag, Extreme Trampoline, massages, Popcorn, cotton candy, Bocci Tournament, Book Sale, Giant Slalom Book Truck Run and More!!!

Battle of the Majors Day 2 (11AM-3PM)

Thursday (Casino Night)

Mary Arden Music Performance and Free Subway for Students of the Bell Tower (11AM-1PM)

Battle of the Majors Day 3 at The University HUB (1PM-3PM)

Casino Night at The University HUB: Roulette,

Blackjack, Poker, Craps, Prizes and Mock Tales (5PM-9PM)

Friday

CSU Channel Island Vendor Fair in front of the Bell Tower (11AM-1PM)

Saturday

Open House in the South Quad (9:00AM-12:30PM)