



NEW STUDENT AND TRANSITION PROGRAMS

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Purpose

New Student and Transition Programs supports University recruitment and retention initiatives by coordinating events and activities that integrate new students holistically (socially and academically) into the CSUCI community. Current programs within this area are: **Island View Orientation, “Be A Part From The Start,” Family Weekend, and Welcome Back BBQ.**

Objectives

- Introduce new students to the programs and resources available at CSUCI (DSA1, DSA3)
- Provide opportunities for new students to connect with faculty and staff (DSA2)
- Increase time new students spend on campus (DSA1, DSA2, DSA3)
- Increase CSUCI's first year to second year retention rate (DSA1)
- Provide the support and stimulation of a learning community of peers (DSA2)
- Ensure programs and services are suitable for our diverse student population (DSA1)

Division of Student Affairs Goals:

DSA1. To recruit, enroll, retain, and graduate a diverse student body at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

DSA2. To encourage a learning community that promotes academic success and personal development.

DSA3. To offer programs and services that enhance the quality of life for our students and foster a positive relationship with the campus and surrounding communities.

Island View Orientation

Island View Orientation further supports the mission of the University and assists with the facilitation of degree completion by educating students on graduation requirements and support services available at CSUCI. Orientation introduces students to the services, activities, and programs provided by the University to support their educational and personal development, to introduce them to University policies, and to assist them with academic program planning and course selection.



During orientation, students meet key staff in the Division of Student Affairs (DSA) and the Division of Academic Affairs, including their academic advisors, enroll in courses for the upcoming semester, and they have the opportunity to interact with faculty in formal and informal settings. Upon completing orientation, students will have a clear understanding of the University mission, have connected with their peers, and learned about the University's co-curricular and curricular programs. Assessment of the orientations has revealed a 98% positive satisfaction rate.

Be A Part From the Start

“Be A Part From The Start” is a ten week retention initiative in which multiple campus entities collaborate to provide activities and events pertinent to each of the themed weeks reflected by the Dimensions of Development plus Welcome Week. There are over 80 events (both curricular and co-curricular) for students to attend during the first ten weeks of school. These events provide an opportunity for students to meet other CSUCI students, faculty and staff while participating in a variety of educational and social activities. As the name suggests, the primary goal of the initiative is to assist students in connecting with CSUCI from the start of the year. Of the evaluation respondents, 55% or more agreed that each objective was accomplished while 50% or more were able to correctly identify each of the Dimensions of Development.

Family Weekend

The purpose of Family Weekend is to provide families (both traditional and “modern”) and students with an opportunity to reconnect with each other and further develop a relationship with CSUCI. Participating in a variety of events centered on the musical theme, “We Are FA-MI-LY, Sharing Our Community”, 78% of the respondents agreed that Family Weekend 2006 met the stated purpose and objectives of providing opportunities for families to reconnect, to share in the CSUCI academic experience, to experience the CSUCI community in both on and off-campus settings, and become acquainted with the campus staff, faculty and administration.



Welcome BBQ

The annual Welcome BBQ is an opportunity for the campus community, incoming students and their families to unite in celebrating the start of the academic year. This event continues to be a highlight each year. An estimated 3,000 attended in 2006 and enjoyed a variety family activities, food and entertainment.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

- A “New Student Center” - possibly named “The Be A Part From The Start Student Center”
- Academic and Dimensional Learning Communities
- First and Second Year Experiences
- Commuter Student Services
- An “Ask Me Campaign” during the first week of the Fall semester
- Coordinated efforts that will result in a cohesive, synergistic, well-orchestrated collaboration between Student and Academic Affairs