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Share your news – wavelength the campus communication vehicle

Welcome to all returning faculty and staff, as well as all new members of the campus community. wavelength is an electronic, internal newsletter that helps strengthen internal communication and participation across the University through timely updates on campus developments and activities. This publication is sent out via e-mail every other Friday. If you have information you would like shared throughout the campus, contact Ceal Potts in Communications and Marketing, cecilia.potts@csuci.edu or ext. 8940. Items should be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date. The following are upcoming dates that wavelength will be published: 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19. We encourage your participation, input, and suggestions as we consider this your newsletter and invite you to share with your campus colleagues.

Welcome Celebration this Sunday

The grand opening ceremony for Santa Cruz Village will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 26 in the South Quad. The ceremony will include remarks from University President Richard R. Rush. Santa Cruz Village is the second phase of student housing to be built on the University's campus. Following the grand opening there will be a barbeque at 12 p.m. hosted for students and their families, faculty, and staff. Those who plan on attending are asked to RSVP at <https://www.csuci.edu/cgi-bin/rws3.pl?FORM=csuci-welcome2007>

For more information contact New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs, ext. 3160.

Fall semester enrollment increase over last year

The fall 2007 semester begins on Aug. 27 with enrollment about 17 percent higher than fall 2006 numbers. More than 3,500 students are enrolled for the semester—with more than 500 first time freshmen. These figures were released by Jeff Savage, director of Admissions and Recruitment.

New facility, menu choices for Islands Café

The newly renovated Islands Café is now open. During the past five months, the existing Islands Café was completely remodeled and expanded into an adjacent unoccupied space. The former café is now a fully updated serving area, allowing Sodexo to provide a greatly expanded menu. A new dining room that seats 200 diners as well as a large patio and terrace overlooking the South Quad also were added, providing students and staff an outdoor gathering and dining space. Additional outdoor seating can still be found in the interior courtyard between Topanga Hall (the Art complex) and Islands Café.

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Islands Cafe now features many food choices: La Cucina Del Leone, Italian Cuisine; Ultimate Baja, Mexican Cuisine; The 155 Grill, Grill Items; Expeditions 360, International Favorites; Kikka Sushi, Asian Cuisine; Signatures Deli, made to order – sandwiches, wraps, and more.

Beginning Monday Aug. 27 the hours will be: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information contact Paul Boulger, general manager of Sodexo campus food services, ext. 8917 or Sodexo@csuci.edu.

Dolphin Dollar Card now available

Dolphin Dollar Cards are now available and can be used at the Islands Café. Those who use the Dolphin Dollar Card receive benefits including, if a card user applies \$101 onto the card for use, bonus dollars are issued and no sales tax is paid on transactions when the Dolphin Dollar Card is used. Currently, the card issuance process begins at the University Cashier's Office by making an initial payment of \$50 or more that will be applied to the declining balance card.

For more information contact Caroline Doll, director of special projects for Finance & Administration, ext. 3232 or caroline.doll@csuci.edu or Paul Boulger, general manager of Sodexo campus food services, ext. 8917 or Sodexo@csuci.edu.

The Cove Bookstore, new location, new hours

The University's bookstore, The Cove Bookstore, has moved to the Town Center. The new facility is nearly twice the size of its former Bell Tower location and is approximately 6,200 square feet. There will be an official grand opening ceremony at 1 p.m. on Sept. 25 at the bookstore. Two weeks before the grand opening there will be a drawing box in the bookstore for the following prizes: a 15-inch LCD TV, a bicycle, and other prizes. Visit the bookstore for more details.

Hours for the bookstore for Aug. 27 through Sept. 1 are as follow: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday closed. Labor Day (Sept. 3) closed. The bookstore will be open on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information contact The Cove Bookstore, 482-5456.

Open forum to meet Director of Student Access candidates

Candidates for the Director of Student Access, Orientation and Transition Programs will visit campus on Aug. 31. Members of the campus community are invited to join Student Life for a brief open forum session in the Bell Tower West Conference Room (BT 1188). The candidates are: Ross Papish, open forum from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Raj Sethuraju, open forum from 3:15 to 4 p.m.

For more information or to view the candidates' resumes contact Janson Chapman, ext. 8536 or janson.chapman@csuci.edu.

Author Sandra Cisneros on campus

Author Sandra Cisneros will be on campus at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 for a reading and book-signing event. Cisneros is the author of “The House on Mango Street” and “Caramelo.” The event will be held on campus in Malibu 100. Admission is free. There will be free shuttle service from the Metrolink Parking lot in Camarillo. Permit parking on campus is \$6.

For more information contact Kathleen Contreras, education lecturers, ext. 8976 or kathleen.contreras@csuci.edu.

Dodger Night tickets available

The 4th Annual Alumni & Friends Dodger Night will be held on Sept. 11. CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association will provide two buses to transport alumni, faculty, staff, and students to Dodger Stadium to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the San Diego Padres. A limited number of tickets are available for a discounted rate of \$10 for lower reserve seating. Those interested in attending the game must be a member of the association to receive the discount ticket rate. Tickets can be ordered online at www.csuci.edu/alumni/index.htm

For more information contact Tania Garcia, associate director of alumni relations, ext. 8952 or tania.garcia@csuci.edu.

Poetry Reading scheduled

On Sept. 19 authors Maria Melendez and Paul Willis will be on campus for a poetry reading titled: “Poetry, Science, Spirit.” The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on campus in the Aliso Hall Auditorium. Admission is free.

Melendez serves as Associate Editor for Momotombo Press and as co-coordinator for Poetas y Pintores: Artists Conversing with Verse, a traveling exhibition of contemporary Latino art and poetry. Her collection of poetry, “How Long She’ll Last in This World,” was published in 2006 by the University of Arizona Press.

Paul Willis has taught at Westmont College since 1988. He has published numerous poems in journals such as Poetry, Ascent, Askew, Wilderness, and Christian Century. His most recent chapbooks are “Poison Oak” (Mille Grazie Press, 1999), “The Deep and Secret Color of Ice” (Small Poetry Press, 2003), and “How To Get There” (Finishing Line Press, 2004).

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

CSUCI to be included in service-learning guide book

The Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement has announced that CSUCI will be included in the first edition of “The Guide to Service-Learning Colleges and Universities.” The guide will serve as an informational resource to assist parents and students with decisions during the college application process and secondary school counselors in their recommendations of schools. It will also educate high school counselors and administrators of America’s community-based organizations. For more information about the book visit the Web site at http://www.beyondthebooks.org/Service_Learning_Colleges_and_Universities.pdf.

For more information contact Pilar Pacheco, assistant director of the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement, ext. 8851 or pilar.pacheco@csuci.edu.

OLLI is awarded another grant

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has received an award from the Osher Foundation for partial support of its program from April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008. This is the fourth year of support from the Foundation in the amount of \$100,000 per year. In spring 2008, OLLI-CSUCI will be eligible to apply for an endowment grant of \$1 million.

For more information about the OLLI spring session classes, the lecture series, or to enroll contact OLLI, ext. 2748 or visit www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm.

Update from OPC

Operations, Planning & Construction at CSUCI have been busy working on campus improvement projects this summer. The following is an update on current projects issued by OPC.

BT East Courtyard Renovation

In an ongoing partnership with local labor unions, the Bell Tower East Courtyard is currently being renovated into a fully ADA accessible pedestrian courtyard. It will also provide an outside brick patio that can be utilized as an outside classroom. The construction labor is being donated by the unions and materials and monetary donations from the local community will complete the work.

BT East Second Floor Renovation

In a fast-tracked project, over 30 faculty offices were added into the last unoccupied space within the Bell Tower. The space has been completely renovated including new energy efficient lighting and double glazed windows designed to reduce long term energy costs.

John Spoor Broome Library

The 140,000 square foot Broome Library continues to move forward on schedule and will open to the public in time for the spring 2008 semester in January. This new digital teaching library will provide large bookstack spaces designed to accommodate all current and future publications, reading rooms, study areas, computer labs, a café, and a grand reading room. The front plaza includes a large water feature and vistas overlooking the main campus mall to the west. The east side of the library features a bridge to the University Glen Town Center and will provide direct library access to the neighboring residential community.

Dining Commons Expansion

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Disability Accommodations Services

In a response to ever-expanding accommodations needs for the campus, the former bookstore location has been renovated into a new facility for Disability Accommodations Services, nearly tripling the square footage of the original DAS space. The new space provides private testing rooms, semi-private testing carrels, student work space, new offices as well as a lounge area for students using the facility.

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Finance unit Bell Tower Renovation

The first phase of the Finance & Administration move to the Bell Tower has been completed on the first floor of the Bell Tower East. This project provides new office space for seven Finance staff members as well as a new conference room. The second phase, scheduled to commence after Disability Accommodations Services has vacated its current space will add space for an additional 13 Finance staff members. This project has been successfully constructed by the OPC staff.

Hub Parking Lot

By working with the Construction Battalion Center-Seabees from Naval Base Ventura County, a new parking lot was constructed behind the Hub, adding more than 300 parking spaces to the campus inventory. The parking lot has new lighting and emergency Code Blue telephones for safety.

Sage Hall Signage Improvements

In an ongoing effort to meet ADA compliance, all interior office and directional signage in Sage Hall has been replaced. Not only are the new signs ADA compliant, they also provide simple text replacement panels, greatly reducing future signage costs in the building.

Santa Cruz Village Student Housing

Several formerly unoccupied buildings were completely renovated and expanded along Ventura Street across from Anacapa Village into the second phase of student housing. This new phase of student residences adds more than 450 beds to the University's current capacity of 360 beds at Anacapa Village. Many of the new bedroom suites have fantastic views overlooking the South Quad. The facility also includes computer rooms, lounges, a dance room and an array of other public spaces for students.

South Quad Lighting Improvements

The University has started work on the South Quad lighting project, which will improve the safety within the South Quad as well as utilize energy efficient lighting, reducing campus energy costs. The new lights are also designed to meet or exceed CSU requirements for eliminating all light pollution into the night sky.

Around Campus

Welcome New Faculty

Front Row: Colleen Delaney-Rivera, Elizabeth Quintero, Catie Mihalopoulos, Jaye Smith, Kaleen Cullen, Christy Teranishi, Tracylee Clarke, Ed Nuhfer.

Back row: Stephen Clark, Dennis Downey, Sean Kelly, Christopher Cogan, Luda Popenhagen, Debra Hoffman, William Wagner. Not pictured:

Daniel Lee and Eric Toshalis

