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University Prepares for Record Attendance at Commencement

Final plans are being reviewed for commencement ceremonies to be held Saturday, May 29, on campus. Because more than 6,500 people are expected to attend, the University community is encouraged to arrive early (starting time is 9 a.m.). If possible, attendees and participants are asked to consider ridesharing or taking public transportation to reduce the volume of traffic on campus.

For more information, contact Peggy Hinz, director of Communications and Marketing, at ext. 8947 or peggy.hinz@csuci.edu.

CSUCI Honored as Family-Friendly Employer

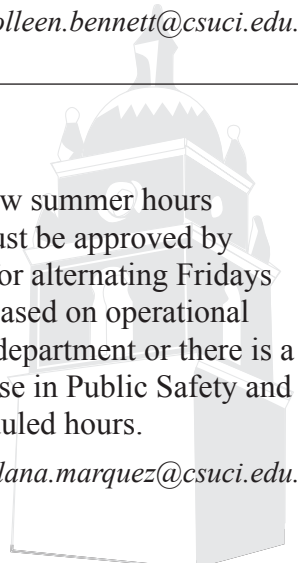
California State University Channel Islands was recently honored as a “Ventura County Family-Friendly Employer by Project Work/L.I.F.E. The University, one of 18 employers in the county to receive awards, was acknowledged “for implementing significant work/life practices” in the workplace. In a letter to CSUCI, Mary Riley, a spokesperson for Project Work/L.I.F.E., said that the University exceeded the family-friendly employer criteria established by the Workforce Investment Board, the Ventura County Economic Development Association, and the Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County. In particular, the University was cited for its efforts in providing employees with options for flexible work schedules (see story below), for providing more opportunities for quality family time, and for offering a progressive benefits program paid mostly by the University at minimal cost to employees. The award was presented at a May 20 luncheon.

For more information, contact Colleen Bennett, human resources administrator, ext. 8846 or colleen.bennett@csuci.edu.

New Employee Summer Hours Program Announced

As was announced in an e-mail yesterday (May 20), the University will soon begin its new summer hours program for all support staff and administrators. The program, which is voluntary and must be approved by respective administrators and is based on operational needs of the department, provides for alternating Fridays or Mondays off in a ten-week period starting May 30, 2004. Administrators are eligible based on operational needs. Administrative coverage is best handled when there are two administrators in the department or there is a substitute administrator available. It is necessary that some key employees, including those in Public Safety and specific areas of Operations, Planning & Construction, may need to work normally scheduled hours.

For more information, contact Alana Marquez, Human Resources assistant, at ext. 8849 or alana.marquez@csuci.edu.



University Employees Can Apply for Long-Term Care Coverage

The University community is reminded that the CalPERS Long Term Care enrollment period is open until Aug. 31, 2004. All California employees (including non-CalPERS members), retirees, their spouses, parents, parents-in-law, and siblings (age 18 or over) have the opportunity to apply for long-term care coverage.

For more information, contact Diana Enos, Human Resources assistant, at ext. 8426 or diana.enos@csuci.edu.

Fee Waiver Forms Must Be Submitted Before Taking Classes

The Fee Waiver Program is available for eligible employees and their dependents desiring to take classes at any California State University Campus. Each semester, a new Fee Waiver Form must be submitted, preferably prior to class registration. The Fee Waiver submission deadlines are: new employees/dependents—July 2, 2004; continuing students—August 1. After that date, a \$25 late fee will be added for processing. Note: Release time to attend CSUCI classes may be available with administrator approval, for a maximum of one class (3 hours per week).

For details, contact Colleen Bennett, Human Resources administrator, at ext. 8846 or colleen.bennett@csuci.edu.

University Committee Established to Organize Staff Activities

Human Resources has formed a CSUCI Staff Activities Committee that will be responsible for organizing and presenting staff activity events, including the Annual Staff Recognition Event in June of this year; the United Way Campaign & Halloween Party in October; and the Holiday Luncheon in December. The department is asking for approximately 15 volunteer staff employees to coordinate these events.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Anna Pavin, Human Resources administrator, at ext. 8425 or anna.pavin@csuci.edu.

Workshop to Focus on Support of Employees, Volunteers

“Management Matters,” a special workshop to help motivate, support, and retain valuable employees and volunteers, will be held June 15 on campus. The presentation, sponsored by the Ventura County Community Foundation and the Ventura County Volunteer Coordinators Council, will feature Dr. Arnie Dahlke, who has extensive experience in working with corporate as well as nonprofit managers and volunteer coordinators. The workshop will focus on building teamwork strategies and developing long-term commitment to the University. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Petit Salon. Cost is \$50 (\$30 for VCVCC members), which includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For more information, contact Kathy Zotnowski, coordinator, University and Community Volunteer & Service Program, ext. 8513 or kathy.zotnowski@csuci.edu.

Library Awards Faculty Fellowships

The University library has awarded its first Digital Collection Fellowships to Cathy Claiborne, associate professor of accounting, Maria Denny, assistant professor of special education, Jeanne Grier, assistant professor of education, and Liz King, assistant professor of art. The fellowships are designed to help faculty members develop creative and innovative projects to enhance the University's teaching-learning environment. Claiborne will work on a dynamic Web-based tutorial on basic concepts in accounting. Denney will develop a collection of video clips, images, and text about the historical and contemporary experiences of individuals with disabilities. Grier will create an electronic teaching portfolio interface for students in the credential program. King will compile a slide collection on the history of graphic design.

For more information, contact Paul Adalian, University librarian, at ext. 8577 or paul.adalian@csuci.edu, or Amy Wallace, head of Library Public Services, at ext. 8911 or amy.wallace@csuci.edu.

Kudos

- Dennis Muraoka, professor of economics, and Steve Lefevre, dean of faculty, made a session presentation on "Enhancing Student Success: Accelerating the Time to Degree," to the National Association of Branch Campus Administrators, in Anaheim on April 23.

Muraoka also recently published a major article, titled "Oil and Natural Gas Leasing," in a recent edition of the *Encyclopedia of Energy*. The in-depth article focused on current and historical production, leasing procedures, and state, local, and environmental concerns on federal oil and gas leasing.

- Wm. Gregory Sawyer, vice president for Student Affairs, will return to his high school alma mater, Howe Military School in Howe, Ind., as the featured keynote speaker at the commencement.
- Kimberly Y. Gardner, a biology major, was awarded the Amy Durst McAvoy Soroptimists International of Camarillo Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Two other CSUCI students, Alvessa Sullivan and Alexis Rae Del Castillo, have also received the community scholarship. Taylor Murphy, also a biology major, was awarded an Apple of Excellence Award 2004 in the amount of \$1,000 from the Camarillo Health Care District.
- Amy Denton, assistant professor of biology, and other colleagues submitted a paper, "RBP2 Gene Phylogeny in Flowering Plants, with Particular Emphasis on Asterids," for publication in *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*, 2004.
- Steven Norris, lecturer in biology, recently published *Freshwater Fishes of Mexico*, University of Chicago Press (950 pages, with 1,200 figures and maps).
- Ching-Hua Wang, professor of biology, and some of her students recently published a research article, "Rapidly and Multiplicity of Synthesis and Expression of Immunoglobulin Isotypes by B Lymphocytes in the Small Intestine," in *Frontiers in Bioscience*, 9:1642-1653, May, 2004. Professor Wang was also invited to the 11th International Congress of Immunology and the 4th Annual Conference of Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies, held in July in Montreal, Canada, to present a paper titled "Characterization of Expression of Immunoglobulin Isotypes by B Lymphocytes in the Small Intestine."

- CSUCI science programs have secured \$200,000 of donated equipment from Amgen, which will allow scientists to analyze structures of small and macromolecules. In addition, the biology program was awarded a \$6,512 Phase 1 funding from the Sloan Foundation, as well as \$6,000 from On-Site Power System, a local biotechnology company. Both awards will support the University's master of science program in biotechnology and bioinformatics.
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Learn About Business & Technology Partnership on Web

The University community is invited to learn more about the innovative CSUCI Business & Technology Partnership by visiting the new Web site at www.csuci.edu/about/btp/index.htm. The B&TP is a University Foundation committee comprised of area business executives and professionals and CSUCI faculty and students. The partnership helps to foster the collaboration of technology and related service-based companies with CSUCI, and promotes technological excellence for the benefit of the region's economy and our students. The B&TP currently has 83 members.

For more information, contact Tania Garcia, Community, Government, and Alumni Relations assistant, at ext. 8952 or tania.garcia@csuci.edu.

Students Show Speaking Skills at Speech Tournament

Students demonstrated their speaking abilities at the recent semi-annual Talkin' Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournament. Five categories were featured: impromptu, informative, dramatic interpretation, ceremonial, and persuasive. Top honors went to Leon Aragon in the impromptu category; Brendan Malloy in the informative speech and ceremonial categories; and Daniel Dougherty in the persuasive and dramatic interpretation categories. With most points overall, Malloy won the outstanding speaker award. The University community applauds these students and thanks the committee of judges and timers who participated in the event.

For more information, contact Kirsten Moss, coordinator, Special Projects, at ext. 8517 or kirsten.moss@csuci.edu.

Captioned Media Available for '04-'05 Academic Year

The Captioned Media Program offers free loans of captioned educational media to the campus community. In addition, CMP also has a limited ability to add captions to films at no cost. Visit the online CMP catalog at www.cfv.org.

For more information, contact Dr. Terri Goldstein, coordinator, Disability Accommodation Services, at ext. 8510 or terri.goldstein@csuci.edu.

Around Campus



The CSUCI chapter of Tomorrow's Teachers, which is affiliated with the Student California Teachers Association, was awarded the outstanding new chapter award at the organization's recent banquet. Tomorrow's Teachers prepares students to become effective teachers and encourages them to participate in community service.

From left, are, Alison Wintersteen, vice president; Kerry Norberg, president; Tina Mahler, secretary; and Bob Bleicher, assistant professor of education, and faculty advisor to the Tomorrow's Teacher chapter.

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