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Free Movie and Pizza Scheduled for April 13

The Shawshank Redemption will be the featured movie at the free Book, Movie & Pizza event Wednesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Residence Hall Commons at Anacapa Village. The movie presentation, hosted by the University Library, stars Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Pizza and soda will be served.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Debra Hoffmann, reference and instruction library, at ext. 2701.

Speaker Applies Math to Law and Business at April 14 Talk

A talk, titled "Law and Corporations – What's Math Got to Do with It?," will be presented Thursday, April 14, from 2:40 to 3:30 p.m., in Bell Tower 1726. The featured speaker is Samuel Poss, J.D., Ph.D., who will focus on the unexpected benefits of a mathematics education in the practice of law and business, based on his personal experience as a mathematician and a transactional lawyer in areas such as private placements, mergers and acquisitions, financial transaction, and high technology transfer. Refreshments will be served at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ivona Grzegorzczak, professor of mathematics and chair of the Mathematics Program, at ext. 8868.

Award-winning Author Sheila Williams to Speak on April 20, 21

Sheila J. Williams, an award-winning African American author of three novels, will present an inspirational talk on Wednesday, April 20, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the University Library Presentation Room and again on Thursday, April 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Williams writes about women who seek self-discovery and who face social conflicts, including domestic violence. Her novels, *Dancing on the Edge of the Roof* and *The Shade of My Own Tree*, have won several literary awards and recognitions. Her third novel, *On the Right Side of a Dream*, is scheduled to be published this month. After the presentations, the author will autograph her books, which will be available for purchase. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of special events, Student Affairs, at lisa.breckenridge@csuci.edu.

Student Speech and Debate Tournament to Be Held April 23

The 4th Talkin' Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournament will be held Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bell Tower. Each semester, the all-day event provides students with an opportunity to strengthen their communication skills by participating in a competitive tournament setting. Open to all CSUCI and CSUN-CI students, this semester's intra-campus competition will feature the following categories: impromptu, informative, persuasive, ceremonial, dramatic duo, reader's theater, prose, and poetry. First, second, and third place awards will be given to speakers from the final rounds of each category, with the exception of dramatic duo, in which first and second place finishes will be awarded, and reader's theater, in which a first place finish will be awarded. The outstanding speaker award will be based on the total points scored from all event finals. Guests and participants must check in at the Bell Tower conference room at 8 a.m. for room assignments.

For general tournament information, room assignments, and rules, contact Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of special projects, Student Affairs, at lisa.breckenridge@csuci.edu.

Disney Dinosaur Expert to Present Talk on April 28

Stuart Sumida, Ph.D., professor of biology, California State University San Bernardino, will make a presentation on dinosaurs, titled "From Biology and Dinosaurs to Digital Special Effects – Why You Need the Old Dog to Do New Tricks," at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 28, in the Science Auditorium. Sumida, who is a comparative anatomist and paleontologist who specializes in the biomechanics and evolution of locomotion, has been an anatomical consultant to special effect artists and animators at Walt Disney Feature Animation, DreamWorks, Warner Brothers, and many other similar media. He has worked on the animation and special effects on such movies as *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King*, *Mulan*, *George of the Jungle*, *Harry Potter*, *Shrek II*, and many others. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Nicole Bournias-Vardiabasis, visiting professor of biology and director of the Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Program, at ext. 8873.

Special Ticket Prices Offered for B&TP Event Honoring Three Faculty Members

The University's Business & Technology Partnership will present a leadership dinner Tuesday, May 3, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley. The B&TP Leadership Dinner, sponsored by the CSUCI Foundation, the Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, the *Pacific Coast Business Times*, and Logix Development Corporation will present the faculty leader of the year awards to Ivona Grzegorzczuk, professor of mathematics, and Ching-Hua Wang, professor of immunology and microbiology and chair of the Biology Program; the technologist of the year award to Timothy Osslund, Ph.D., Amgen, and a CSUCI lecturer; and the business and community leader of the year award to John Philpott, Miravant Medical Technologies. In addition, the city of Camarillo will be recognized for all of its ongoing support of the University and CSUCI scholarship recipients will be announced. Proceeds from the event will fund future University scholarships. CSUCI faculty and staff are eligible to purchase two tickets at the special rate of \$75 per ticket. Contact Mitchel Sloan, events coordinator, at ext. 8916.

3rd Annual Honors Convocation to Recognize Outstanding Students

The 3rd annual Honors Convocation recognizing outstanding graduates will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, May 6, in the South Quad Salon. Ninety-two CSUCI students are eligible for University honors this year, with 12 graduating summa cum laude (3.9- 4.0 GPA), 22 graduating magna cum laude (3.75 – 3.89 GPA), and

58 graduating cum laude (3.50 – 3.73 GPA). Twelve CSUN at CSUCI students will be recognized, with two graduating summa cum laude, two graduating magna cum laude, and eight graduating cum laude. Other awards include: top students in program majors; the 1st annual CSUCI Small Business Institute (SBI) Awards for excellence in assisting small businesses in the greater Ventura County area, to be presented by Rudolph Estrada, SBI director and a lecturer in the Business and Economics Program; and Student Affairs awards, including the Silver Dolphin Award and those for Outstanding Service Project, Outstanding Club of the Year, Outstanding Student, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, and the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society.

For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, Academic Affairs, at ext. 8548.

Stem Cell Topic is Focus of May 6 Poe Symposium

“Stem Cells: From Here to Eternity,” a lively discussion of a controversial scientific topic, will be presented Friday, May 6, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The Poe Symposium event, the first in a series of scientific presentations named for University benefactors, Jack and Charlotte Poe, will feature a distinguished panel, including moderator Laura DeFrancesco, Ph.D., feature and news editor, *Nature Biotechnology*; Bill Tawil, Ph.D., Center for Genetic Medicine, Northwestern University; Arlene Y. Chiu, Ph.D., National Institute of Biomedical Imaging & Bioengineering, NIH; Paul M. Salvaterra, Ph.D., City of Hope, Beckman Research Institute; and Philip Schwartz, Ph.D., Children's Hospital of Orange County. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be hosted by President Rush and Nicole Bournias-Vardiabasis, visiting professor of biology and director of the University's Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Master's Program. The symposium will include lunch, which will be served at noon.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Catherine Hutchinson, instructional support technician, Biology Program, at catherine.hutchinson@csuci.edu.

Faculty, Students, Staff to Read Their Poems During National Poetry Month

The University community is invited to a series of open forum poetry readings to be held each week during National Poetry Month. The sessions will feature readings from faculty, students, and staff. Readings will be held at noon each Tuesday during April in the new Library Collaborative Study Space, room 1302 of the Bell Tower Building. The event is sponsored by the CSUCI Library and the English: Writing and Literature Program. Participants include Christina Pages, lecturer in English, April 12, and Renny Christopher, professor of English and chair of the Academic Senate, April 26.

Kudos

- CSUCI psychology majors and Beatrice de Oca, associate professor of psychology, will be making presentations at the May 26-27 American Psychological Society convention in Los Angeles. The presentations, in the form of posters, are titled “Unpleasant Pictures Bias Evaluations of Task Difficulty,” authored by students Silvia Cuevas-Arias, Sousan Amiri, Denise Flores, Kristal Tumey, and de Oca, and “Pleasant Pictures Elevate Skin Conductance in a Problem-Solving Task,” authored by students Ashley MacKechnie, Deidrea Mullally, Dianne Nicholas, Annetee Victor-Hall, and de Oca.
- Taylor Murphy, who is graduating with a degree in biology, has been admitted into the Ph.D. program in cellular dynamics and physiology at the University of Notre Dame. He was also accepted at Michigan State University and Indiana University.

- Zoya Kai, a biology major, has been offered a research associate job by Amgen, beginning in June.
- Three CSUCI students have been accepted into the CSUCI Study Abroad Program, the first to be accepted into the highly competitive program, according to the Center for International Affairs. Heather Graves will study biology in the United Kingdom, Michael Rossiter, liberal studies in Korea, and Paul Wilson, business in Germany.
- Antonio Jiménez-Jiménez, assistant professor of Spanish, is planning to participate in the AIDS/LifeCycle bicycling event, June 5-11, from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Jiménez needs to raise \$2,500 to participate in the seven-day, 585 mile bike ride event, which provides funds for critical HIV and AIDS services and education. In California, more than 47,000 people are living with AIDS and an estimated 94,000 to 130,500 are living with HIV. To make a donation, visit the AIDS/LifeCycle4 Webpage, <http://www.aidslifecycle.org/> and click on “Make a donation” and enter Jiménez’s participant number, 3629. The deadline for donations is May 20.
- William Gregory Sawyer, Ph.D., vice president for Student Affairs, George Morten, Ph.D., dean of Student Life, and Trae Cotton, associate dean for Student Life/Resident Hall, were recently honored by the Ventura County Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California as notable African American leaders in the county.

Construction Report

- **President’s Courtyard:** Labor union workers have been here this week to install irrigation and drain lines. Brick work is almost complete.
- **Science Plaza:** Sandblasting of the plaza is approximately two-thirds complete. It is expected to be finished by Saturday, April 9, or Sunday, April 10.
- **North Quad:** Clean-up activities will be completed this week now that a movie production crew has completed its filming of the movie, *Jarhead*, starring Academy Award-winning actor Jamie Foxx.
- **Testing:** Power Engineering Services will complete an electrical power load assessment for the campus on April 15. The evaluation will provide valuable information on the University’s electrical usage, loads, and opportunities for conservation that may prevent excessive power use or blackouts this summer.

For more information, contact Juan Beltranena, director of Facilities, Operations, Planning and Construction, at ext. 8496.

Around Campus

Inspirational Talk

Author Anchee Min (third, from left) was a recent campus speaker who talked about her experiences as a teenager in a labor camp during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. With her is her daughter Lauryann, and Nian-Sheng Huang, associate professor of history and chair of the History Program, and Joan Peters, assistant professor of English.



'Einstein and Lasers'

Dr. Alfred Leung, professor of physics, California State University Long Beach, gave a presentation this week on Einstein's groundbreaking work that led to the invention of lasers. The talk was part of the World Year of Physics global celebration and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Einstein's major work on the "Theory of Special Relativity."



Honoring Cesar Chavez

The University community celebrated Cesar Chavez Day on March 30 by creating a portrait of the activist on a 7' x 13' canvas, created by local artist Peter Tigler. The paint-by-number canvas allowed students, faculty, and staff to each create a part of the painting. The painting will later be displayed at a location to be announced.



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