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Remind Students to Register for Fall 2006 Semester

Faculty and staff are asked to remind continuing students that registration for the fall 2006 semester begins Monday, November 28. Students should check their Dolphin e-mail for registration appointment information. They should also be reminded that they will be dropped from all classes if they do not pay their fees by the indicated deadline.

For more information, contact the Enrollment Center at ext. 8500.

Workshop on Service Learning, Civic Engagement Set for November 18

A workshop titled "Introduction to Service Learning as a Pathway to Civic Engagement" will be held Friday, November 18, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Bell Tower West, Conference Room 2185. The event will feature Kathleen Rice, Ph.D., a teacher who has designed, taught, and coordinated servicing learning courses at California State University, Monterey Bay, and several other universities. The workshop is sponsored by the Office of Faculty Development and the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement. President Rush will welcome campus attendees, as well as members of the community.

For more information, contact Amanda Quintero, director for Research and Sponsored Programs, ext. 3285.

4th Annual Conference on Poverty Scheduled for November 19

The 4th annual Conference on Poverty in the World will be held Saturday, November 19, beginning at 9 a.m. in Conference Hall 1. The event, sponsored by Rotary International and CSUCI, will feature presentations on world poverty by experts representing Rotary International, U.S.A.I.D. (United States Agency for International Development), the Center for Development in Central America, and UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund). The event is free for all faculty and students. A reception for speakers will be held at the Studio Channel Islands Art Center Friday, November 18, at 6 p.m.

Campus Invited to Talkin' Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournament

The 5th semi-annual Talkin' Dolphins Speech and Debate Tournament will be held Saturday, November 19, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Bell Tower. The event provides students with an opportunity to strengthen their communication skills by participating in a competitive tournament setting. Competition categories include: impromptu, informative, persuasive, ceremonial/speech to entertain, dramatic duo, prose, and poetry. For the first time, students Lindsay McCarthy, John Bickford (dramatic duo category) and Jessica Fitzpatrick (prose and poetry categories) will return to defend their titles. The event is open to all students. To attend, members of the campus community must RSVP by Monday, November 14.

For more information, room assignments, and rules, contact Lisa Breckenridge, coordinator of special projects and student communication, at ext. 8517.

November 29 Event Celebrates Children with Disabilities Act

The University will be participating in the 30th anniversary celebration of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, the legislation that required, for the first time, that all children with disabilities have access to a free and appropriate public education. CSUCI special education faculty will present an event Tuesday, November 29, from 5 – 7 p.m. in Conference Hall 1, to examine changes in services for children with disabilities in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Distinguished experts from these areas will participate in a panel presentation on the history of special education, including experiences from Camarillo State Hospital. The event will also examine how special education legislation has impacted education since the act was passed.

For more information, contact Jill Leafstedt, assistant professor of special education, at ext. 2792, or Tiina Itkonen, assistant professor of special education, at ext. 3294.

Author Luis Rodriguez to Speak at November 29 Event

Luis Rodriguez, author of *Always Running: La Vida Loca* and *Gang Days in L.A.*, will be the featured speaker Tuesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The speaker is a poet, memoir writer, author of adolescent literature, and a youth organizer. The event is sponsored by Frank Barajas, assistant professor of history, Joan Peters, assistant professor of English, and the Multicultural and Women's & Gender Center. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Joan Peters, assistant professor of English, at ext. 8448 or Frank Barajas, assistant professor of history, at ext. 8862.

Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled for November 30, December 1

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to donate blood to the American Red Cross, which will be on campus Wednesday, November 30, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Thursday, December 1, from noon – 6 p.m., in Bell Tower West, Room 1302. Participants are eligible for a regional raffle of a \$300 debit card. All donors will receive a free coupon for Cold Stone Ice Cream.

For more information or to register, contact Student Leadership and Community at ext. 8998 or oslc@csuci.edu.

CPA/Law Society to Present Scholarships to Area Students

The CPA/Law Society of Ventura County will present its third annual scholarship awards Friday, December 2, from noon to 1:45 p.m., at the Pierpont Inn, Ventura. Approximately \$16,000 in scholarships will be awarded to students from CSUCI, UC, Santa Barbara, Pepperdine University, and Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, according to Douglas Kulper, CPA/Law Society member and part-time CSUCI instructor in accounting. President Rush will introduce keynote speaker Jack O'Connell, state superintendent of public instruction.

For more information, contact Marti De La O, director of donor relations, at ext. 8919.

Expert on Young Adult Literature to Speak December 7

Chris Crutcher, a family therapist and award-winning author, will present two sessions on teaching young adult literature Wednesday, December 7. At 4 p.m. in Bell Tower 1302, he will lead discussions on the topic with prospective, preservice, and practicing English teachers. At 7 p.m. in the Science Auditorium, he will offer a reading, followed by a discussion, to the University community. Reservations are required for the 4 p.m. session; the 7 p.m. reading is open to students, faculty, and staff.

For more information, contact Mary Adler, assistant professor of English-Education, at ext. 8486.

Regional Experts Featured at 'Biology of Fat' Symposium

A symposium on "The Biology of Fat" will be presented Friday, December 9, from 1 to 5:15 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. Sponsored by the CSUCI Biology Program, the event will feature Richard Fehn, Ph.D., California State University, San Bernardino; Alka M. Kanaya, M.D., University of California, San Francisco; Karen Reue, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles; Richard Bergman, Ph.D., University of Southern California; and Peter Havel, Ph.D., University of California, Davis. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Jessica Dalton, faculty support coordinator, science programs, at ext. 2779, or visit <http://biology.csuci.edu/fat>.

Fee-Waiver Forms Must Be Filled Each Semester

Eligible CSUCI employees and their dependents interested in applying for fee waiver at any CSU campus must submit a new fee waiver form each semester prior to payment due dates, and preferably prior to registering for classes. Fee waiver application forms are available online at <http://www.csuci.edu/hr/training.htm>. Employees using the fee waiver program will be held to the regular payment schedule. For payment dates, please refer to the Cash Service's Web site at: http://www.csuci.edu/campserv/finance/university_cashier.htm or the schedule of classes.

Extended Education, Osher Classes Offer 25 Percent Discounts

All University employees and their dependents will be offered a 25 percent discount on fees for Extended Education and Osher Institute classes which begin in January 2006. To register, employees must provide their University identification cards.

For more information, contact Colleen Bennett, HR administrator, at ext. 8846, or visit <http://www.csuci.edu/exed/> or <http://www.csuci.edu/exed/osher.htm>

Holiday Gift Program Helps Area's Needy Children, Families

The University community is invited to participate in a program that provides holiday gifts for Interface Children Family Services, an organization that helps Ventura County families and individuals in need. Members of the CSUCI community may adopt one or more angels from the Giving Tree located in the Student Life Lounge in Bell Tower East. Each angel contains a list of needed or wanted items for children and families who might not otherwise receive gifts during the holidays. Unwrapped gifts should be dropped off at the Student Leadership and Community office, Bell Tower 1858, no later than Monday, December 12. Interface Children Family Services provides care, shelter, and support for Ventura County families recovering from a multitude of challenges that include violence, abuse, illness, and homelessness. Additional information about children and families may be obtained in the Student Life office, Bell Tower 1869, across from the Giving Tree.

For more information, contact Student Leadership and Community office, at ext. 8998.

All Aboard

Welcome new employees to the campus: Brian Christopher Pichette, police dispatcher, Police Department; Gilberto Garcia Soliz, lead custodian, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance; and Barbara Traversa, administrative support assistant, Credential Office.

Around Campus

Students Score Top Honors at Media Arts Festival

The annual Media Arts Festival recently held on campus featured five student winners of top honors, more than any other university in the CSU system. Posing with Liz King (center), assistant professor of interactive media, are, from left, Jennifer Rhymes, 3rd place, interactive media category; Chris Paterson, 1st place, interactive media category and winner of the \$500 Rosebud Award; Michael White, 3rd place, experimental category; Charles White, 2nd place, interactive media category; and Brad Honda, 4th place, documentary category.

Photo courtesy of Liz King



Celebration of Reading

The 2nd annual Celebration of Reading program featured environmental author Terry Tempest Williams who this week spoke at sessions for students, faculty, and staff, as well as for members of the community. Using her book, *The Open Space of Democracy*, as a theme, Williams asked the audience not only to appreciate natural settings but to engage in dialogue and discussion that leads to understanding and compromise solutions on important issues of the day. *Crowd photo by student Mike Amos*

Note: In general, event announcements in *wavelength* are presented in chronological order.
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