Campus Close-Up

Showing Our True Colors

“Get ready to start seeing a lot of red”

At the end of April, the school colors for Cal State Channel Islands officially became red and silver. The red, which is in the University’s original master plan, complements the tile roofs of the Mission-style buildings on campus, and the silver is for the dolphin, which is the CSU Channel Islands mascot.

An official logo featuring a stylized dolphin jumping over the words “California State University Channel Islands” will also be making its debut on everything from banners to sweatshirts.

The idea that pays tribute to the Chumash, who once inhabited the land upon which the University now resides.

New Facilities Director to Oversee Major Construction Projects

The new facilities director at Cal State Channel Islands is Gerardo Beltranena, a licensed architect, who has worked for 15 years at UC Santa Barbara and, most recently, at UC Merced, expected to open in 2004.

At Cal State Channel Islands, Beltranena is responsible for the construction and renovation of all campus buildings.

Among the projects he is overseeing:

- Student housing: Work has begun on phase one of student housing, scheduled to be finished by fall 2004. Studio-suite residences on the Pinto Road side of campus will house up to 350 students. Future housing will accommodate another 1,400 students.
- Reclaimed water project: A water-conservation project is being implemented that will enable the University to use reclaimed water for landscaping and irrigation. Existing water storage tank and piping are being replaced to provide reclaimed water to the campus for landscaping irrigation.
- Science and Technology Building: The new, approximately 32,000-square-foot building will be completed in time for classes to be held this fall. The building will house a 110-seat auditorium, seven science laboratories and one computer lab, and 16 faculty offices.
- New Administration Building: Renovation of the interior of the new Administration Building, across from the Bell Tower, will be completed during the summer and early fall. When complete, the project will provide offices for the president and university administration, which will move from its present site to make way for the building of the John Spoor Broome Library, set for completion by 2005.
- Fitness Center: The new campus fitness center, in the newly renovated gym, is scheduled to be ready this month. The facility will sport basketball courts, an ocean view area with modern fitness equipment, plus renovated locker/shower rooms.
- Bell Tower Building: Yet another wing of the Bell Tower Building will be renovated over the summer to provide two more classrooms and two computer labs by fall.

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About 700 are the remaining Cal State Northridge students who are completing their coursework at CSU Channel Islands, a decrease of about 15 percent from last year when CSUN had 840 students.

“With the new campus, we are able to accommodate the increased student body,” said Beltranena.

New campus is the result of a 15-year long process and is the University’s first building project.

It is a 228,000-square-foot, four-story building that will house the University’s administrative offices, including the Academic Senate offices, Academic Support Center, and the University’s main classroom and lecture facilities.

Nearly every classroom in the new building will include flat-panel monitors, LCD projectors and wireless capability.

The university is expected to have 110 full-time faculty members with Ph.D.s or equivalent training.

Student Spotlight

“As soon as I see one look at the campus, I want to go there. It feels like home, and it’s not a cookie-cutter university. It has the intimate feel of a small campus. You have more of an opportunity to get to know your professors and they get to know you. We learn who we want to become by the people we interact with, and the professors on this campus are just extraordinary.”

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Making, and Honoring, History

History was an unofficial but honored guest at California State University Channel Islands’ inaugural commencement in May 2003. The weight of history was everywhere, from the sounding of a conch shell by a representative of the Chumash to those who spoke of the decades-long journey that brought the University to this moment — the awarding of the first bachelor’s degrees and teaching credentials by the first four-year, public university in Ventura County. While Cal State Channel Islands saluted its quarter of graduating seniors and the 18 postgraduate students who earned their teaching credentials, it also honored the hundreds of Cal State Northridge graduates who completed their coursework through CSU Channel Islands and the legions of dedicated people who made the University a reality.

University President Richard R. Rush paid tribute to the first graduates by saying they are “moving a trickle of the flood that will follow” and thanked the community for supporting CSU Channel Islands, which officially opened in August and was the only public, four-year university to open nationally in 2002.

“Your presence at this historic event demonstrates that this is your university,” said Dr. Rush, who also gave a nod of appreciation to the Advisor’s Advisory Committee, the CSU Channel Islands Foundation Board, and to “everyone who works here and understands students are at the center of everything we do.”

Dr. Jolene Koester, President of CSUN, expressed “nostalgic joy and a little bit of relief that our formal role is being eclipsed by this wonderful new University.”

Cal State Northridge’s ties to Ventura County higher education stretch back to 1974, when it first held classes at a satellite campus. CSUN also opened the first classes at Cal State Channel Islands in 1999.

The ceremony also marked the commencement of traditions in place at Cal State Northridge. Among the events were a conch shell sounding by Sigifredo Cruz, Erich Pearson, and Mark Lara. President Rush called the small audience of graduated seniors and the 16 postgraduate students who were the first to receive credentials at CSU Channel Islands “a very attractive campus that looks like a private university, at state cost.”

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Up to another 1,100 will be upper-division students transferring to Cal State Channel Islands, and the remainder will be the inaugural freshman class.

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The Future Is Now

A year of historic firsts culminated just a few weeks ago with the inaugural commencement ceremony at Cal State University Channel Islands.

The ceremony marked a milestone for Ventura County and also symbolized the tremendous effort made by so many people that has brought us to this point on our journey.

This was a year filled with great progress and many notable accomplishments. We made tremendous strides in the further development of our curriculum, recruited additional highly qualified faculty and staff, and remained target on major capital construction projects such as the Science Building, scheduled to be completed in just a few weeks.

Work has also begun on the first student-housing complex and will reach completion in the fall of 2004.

As with many new endeavors, this was also a year of challenges. When we opened our doors last August, no one could have foreseen that within months the world would be hit by one of the most severe and far-reaching crises affecting families, including those from the CSU Channel Islands community, as loved ones were suddenly deployed half a world away.

Here at home, we have prepared for the impact the state budget may have on institutions of higher learning throughout the state.
inside the President's Circle
Quarterly Receptions Are Held For University Support Group

The President's Circle, which is marking its fourth year, was established by supporters of Cal State Channel Islands who are committed to helping the first four-year, public university in Ventura County thrive.

Currently, there are 270 members in the group who make an ongoing annual commitment to help build the future of the University.

‘We see this new university supporting students from Ventura County, Santa Barbara, and the San Fernando Valley,” said Michael Dalton, Senior Vice President, The Private Bank at Bank of America.

‘Bank of America sees the need for higher education within the community, and the commitment it represents to Ventura County,' said Dalton.

Bank of America also finances the work of the university, including the project to bring Channel Islands from Nov. 10-14.

The festival concludes with a public performance featuring chamber groups and ensembles in Ventura County. Join us for one of the last outdoor events of the year.

The 13th annual film, video, and new media competition, "Art and All That Jazz Festival: College Bound," is sponsored by the Office of Advancement, (805) 437-8420.

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**California State University Channel Islands Historic Inaugural Commencement Ceremony**

**May 23, 2003**

- Click of the Faculty Senate. Professor Lauterlein-Marrs raises the university mace and leads the procession that begins the ceremonies.
- The National Anthem is sung by Officer Felice Thompson, CSUN@CI grad and Student Association President Kirsten Moss presents the unity flower to incoming Chancellor Robert Nelsen.
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Katherine and Alfred Young
Johanna and Will Zwinkels

Alumni & Friends Association Launched

California State University Channel Islands is establishing its Alumni & Friends Association.

All students present and past who have completed at least one course on the CSU Channel Islands campus as well as friends of the University are invited to join as a founding member of this important group.

For more information or to help Cal State Channel Islands establish an alumni and friends association, contact the Office of University Advancement at (805) 457-8803 or mario.deloscobos@csuci.edu.
The First Graduating Seniors: Three Plus One

Officially the CSU Channel Islands class of 2003 had three graduates, but a fourth — Susan Thresh Cook, 52, a senior in Business Administration — was only three credits shy of earning her bachelor’s degree, so she was invited to participate in the first commencement.

Cook, who took her first college class in 1972, said being able to pursue her degree at Cal State Channel Islands “meant the completion of a lifelong dream of graduating.”

The other graduating seniors are:

Segirdo Cruz, 26, of Oxnard, who earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. “It feels great to be a part of history,” he said. “That was one of the reasons I chose to come here.”

Mark Lara, 30, of Santa Barbara received his bachelor’s degree in liberal studies. The caliber of the faculty drew him to Cal State Channel Islands. “I figured they would look for top faculty from around the nation to fill the new positions,” he said. “And that would be a great situation for a student to be in.”

Each one, 23, of Simi Valley graduated with a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies. “Having the opportunity to be part of the formation of a new school was a real draw for me,” he said. “I saw all these opportunities.”

Sixteen Future Teachers With No Time to Waste

The 16 postgraduate students who received the first teaching credential award by Cal State Channel Islands appeared to live the laws of time by completing the program in a record pace.

They finished the usual three-semester program in two semesters by starting the spring semester three weeks early and by taking prerequisites during a summer fast session. Their student teaching was also broken into two parts, five weeks in the fall and another five weeks in the spring.

The unique program came about because a group of students last spring said they were interested in finishing their credentials in less time than the standard five years in recent years, first by CSU and now by the dedicated faculty and staff of CSUCI.

“By working with the students on the accomplishments that were celebrated on May 23rd, and with great enthusiasm we now look to the future. With clear anticipation, we now set our sights and with great enthusiasm we now look to the future,” he said.

A group of students is commonly dubbed “the fast track,” were “extremely dynamic and supportive of each other,” comments Joan Kopec, Coordinator of the Education Program. “They took all of their classes together, so they are a very strong, cohesive group, in every sense of the word. They advocated for each other, they worked with each other, they communicated with each other.”

The fast-forward course with time with course credit out of student teaching and a three-month internship opportunity to participate in the University’s inaugural commencement.

“The first graduating class of teachers exemplifies a sense of collective strength, individual stamina, and a dedication to teaching all children,” adds Lilian Vega Castaneda, Professor of Language, Culture and Literacy. “They took a chance with us to pioneer the founding of a university I am very humbled to have been one of their professors.”

University’s Inaugural Commencement

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California, operated by the Regents of the University of California. The archive can be
called “L.A. as Subject.” These Web-based search engines enable researchers to locate docu-
ments ranging from biology to history and art.

For more information on the President’s Circle or for information on estate planning, establishing scholarships, and making opportunities or special gifts, call Teresa González, Director of Development, (805) 437-8420.

CSUCI Logo

Giving the Gift of Life Insurance

Much has been written about the tax ramifications of a charitable gift of cash, securities, real estate, artwork, pre-
cious metals and other assets. However, relatively few have explored the withholding, gift and estate tax effects. Why,
how about the simple, old-fashioned concept of giving a life insurance policy to your favorite charity? An important plus to giving a life insurance policy is that the face amount of the life insurance proceeds would be included in your estate at your death if youowned the policy. This could be based as high as 50% if your spouse is not the beneficiary or if your spouse pre-deceases you.

Also, you may have been paying premiums for years, and the life insurance protection it offered is no longer needed. Giving in this manner might make excellent financial sense for you and benefit the charity.

The value of the gift of a life insurance policy is generally the fair market value of the face amount of the policy.

It is obviously cleaner to give your charity a paid-up policy, one that has no remaining value. This policy value would also be tax deductible if paid by you after giving the policy to the charity.

It is also quite possible that although a policy is not tech-
nically paid up, it will carry itself without any additional premiums being paid for the rest of your lifetime. This is something that could be determined by consulting with a professional life insurance consultant.

Bottom line? Your charity receives a policy, which prob-
ably has a current asset in existing cash value, and will also receive the tax deduction the premiums would have paid. You, in turn, receive a tax deduction, possibly reduce estate taxes, and have made a worthwhile gift to your charity.

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Showing Our True Colors

"Get ready to start seeing a lot of red!"

At the end of April, the school colors for Cal-State Channel Islands officially became red and silver. Silver, the red, is in the University's original master plan, complements the tile roofs of the Mission-style buildings on campus, and the silver is for the dolphins, which is the CSU Channel Islands mascot.

An official logo featuring a stylized dolphin jumping over the words "California State University Channel Islands" will also be making its debut on everything from banners to sweatshirts.

"The legend also has a link to the University's name, since Santa Cruz Island is one of the eight Channel Islands. "The Rainbow Bridge Legend," which explains why the dolphin is so revered, tells the story of the journey of the first Chamash people from Santa Cruz Island to the mainland. To help the Chamash cross the water, the Earth Goddess created a rainbow bridge that stretched from the island to the mountains near Carpenteria. As some of the Chumash crossed the rainbow bridge, they looked down, became dizzy, and fell into the ocean. To save them, the Earth Goddess turned them into dolphins, which is why the Chamash always said that the dolphins were their brothers and sisters.

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New Facilities Director to Oversee Major Construction Projects

As the newly appointed Facilities Director at California State University Channel Islands, Juan M. Beltranena is responsible for overseeing more than $30 million in capital construction projects on campus over the next two years.

Beltranena, a licensed architect, has deep experience in design and construction of laboratory buildings and other educational facilities in California, including 15 years at Santa Barbara and, most recently, at UC Merced, expected to open in 2004.

At Cal State Channel Islands, Beltranena is responsible for the construction and renovation of all campus buildings.

Among the projects he is overseeing:

● Student housing: Work has begun on phase one of student housing, scheduled to be finished by fall 2004. Suite-style residences on the Pimentel Road side of campus will house up to 350 students. Future housing will accommodate another 1,400 students.

● Reclaimed water project: A water-conservation project is being implemented that will enable the University to use reclaimed water for landscape irrigation. The existing water storage tank and piping are being restored to provide reclaimed water to the campus for landscape irrigation.

● Science and Technology Building: The new, approximately 32,000-square-foot building will be completed in time for classes to be held this fall. The building will house a 310-seat auditorium, seven science laboratories and one computer math lab, and 16 faculty offices.

● New Administration Building: Renovation of the interior of the new Administration Building, across from the Bell Tower, will be completed during the summer and early fall. When completed, the project will provide offices for the president and university administration, which will move from its present site to make way for the building of the John Spoor Broome Library, set for completion by 2005.

● Fitness Center: The new campus fitness center, in the newly renovated gym, is scheduled to be ready this month. The facility will sport basketball courts, an aerobics area with modern fitness equipment, plus renovated locker/showers rooms.

● Bell Tower Building: Yet another wing of the Bell Tower Building will be renovated over the summer to provide two more classrooms and two computer labs by fall.

Student Spotlight

"I look forward to the freshmen arriving this fall because their presence will add a lot to the atmosphere and as a student, I want the whole campus experience — not just academics. I also want to set a strong example for my little sister, who is in grade school in Oxnard. I want her to know that all the hard work pays off, so it's nice to be able to attend college nearby."

Emmanuel Victor Abia
Senior, Sociology
President of the Associated Students of CSU@Channel Islands

Softball, Cross, Track, and Field

President Rush called the small community college he named after him, former state legislator Robert J. Lagomarsino said, "As a premier advocate" who worked for more than 30 years to bring a university to this point, "I am sure that he is a heartbroken man right now."

"I know that this campus was not the place that he imagined it would be," said Rush, who remains on target with major construction projects such as the Science Building, scheduled to be completed in just a few weeks.

As with many new endeavors, this was also a year of challenges. When we opened our doors last August, no one could have foreseen that within months the world would be in the midst of a major armed conflict. This event affected many Ventura County families, including those from the CSU Channel Islands community, as loved ones were suddenly deployed half a world away.

Here at home, we have prepared for the impact the state budget may have on institutions of higher learning throughout California.

Making, and Honoring, History

First degrees are conferred at inaugural ceremony that also honors CSUN graduates and Cal State Channel Islands’ ties to them

Heavy Demand for Fall Enrollment

First Freshman Class May Be 25% Larger Than Expected; More Professors Hired

Demand for a public, four-year university close to home coupled with a demographic bubble of college-age students are driving a higher-than-expected number of people to apply to Cal State University Channel Islands for fall enrollment, University officials say.

More than 3,600 students applied for admission in fall 2003, the University’s second year, and its first with freshmen.

About 60 percent of the applicants are seeking a spot in the first freshman class, which may end up with as many as 300 students, or about 25 percent more than was originally forecast.

"We know people are excited about Channel Islands, and folks have really embraced the University, but I am not sure anyone anticipated this much interest," said Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Vice President for Student Affairs. "We are very proud of this campus that looks like a private university at state cost."

Overall, about 2,100 students are expected to attend classes this fall at Cal State Channel Islands, a decrease of about 170 students over last fall, but with a key distinction: Many more will be enrolled as CSU Channel Islands students.

About 700 are the remaining Cal State Northridge students who are completing their coursework at CSU Channel Islands. About 520 CSUN students graduated in May, and no new CSUN students are being admitted into the program that enables them to earn a CSU degree through Cal State Channel Islands.

Up to another 1,100 will be upper-division students transferring to Cal State Channel Islands, and the remainder will be the inaugural freshman class.

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