

OLLI at CSU/CI to Host Richard Merkin Room Dedication Ceremony

Camarillo, Calif., Sept. 8, 2008-The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at California State University Channel Islands will dedicate its first named classroom at a dedication ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

The CSU/CI campus community and members of the public are invited to attend this event.

The Richard Merkin Room was made possible by a generous \$50,000 gift by the Merkin Family Foundation and other OLLI-member donors to OLLI at CSU/CI. The Richard Merkin Room dedication ceremony and a reception with light refreshments will take place in room 2320 in the John Spoor Broome Library, and will be followed by a tour of the Merkin classroom.

University President Richard R. Rush will provide a welcome to guests, followed by remarks from OLLI at CSU/CI Director Marty Kaplan. Speaking on behalf of the Merkin Family Foundation and Regal Medical Group will be Dr. Gordon Yenokida, and Larry Hatch will speak on behalf of the OLLI-member donors who also contributed to the dedication of OLLI's first named classroom.

RSVPS are requested and can be made by calling 805-437-8598 or emailing <u>amber.weir@csuci.edu</u>.

Limited parking is available on campus and is \$6 for a daily permit. Follow signs to designated event parking areas. Free parking is available at the Camarillo Metrolink Station/Lewis Road parking lot in Camarillo with shuttle service to and from the campus. Riders should board the CSUCI VISTA Bus and the fare is \$1 each way. Buses arrive and depart from the Camarillo Metrolink Station every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. For exact times, check the schedule at <u>www.goventura.org</u>.

For more information about this event contact Ceal Potts, Communication Specialist at CSU/CI, 804-437-8940 or cecilia.potts@csuci.edu.

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