



## **CSUCI Hosts Groundbreaking For New Student Union Nov. 6**

Camarillo, Calif., Oct. 30, 2008-California State University Channel Islands will hold the ground-breaking ceremony for the new University Student Union from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6. The event will be held on the CSUCI campus at the site of the former University Library adjacent to the Bell Tower. Signage will be in place leading to the location of the event.

This event is complimentary and the public is invited to join the campus community. A reception with light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

"The students of CI are so excited to have a place of our very own on campus. This building is truly a tangible representation of students being placed at the center of the educational experience, and we look forward to the positive effects the student union is sure to have on our campus culture and student life," said student body president and senior Alexandra Mitchell.

The new 23,000-square-foot University Student Union will include a large programmable area for student gathering, food service, lounges, game room, and student organization offices. It also includes renovating the "tree house" courtyard for outdoor events and gathering for the entire campus community.

"The Student Union ground-breaking ceremony is another milestone for the realization of the Student Union and it is exciting to see that this collaborative effort between students, administrators, staff and faculty is finally reaching its conclusion," said Chelsea Bente, CSUCI senior and Chair of the ASI Board. Bente has worked on this project since its inception

In 2006, CSUCI students passed a referendum to fund the design, construction, and operation of the new Student Union on the site of the former University Library located on the Campus Green Mall on the corner of Los Angeles and Ventura avenues. Demolition of portions of the former University Library began during the summer months to make way for the new University Student Union.

Limited parking is available on campus. Free parking and a free shuttle service will be available from the Camarillo Metrolink Station /Lewis Road parking lot in Camarillo with shuttle service to and from the campus for the ground-breaking ceremony event. For exact times, check the schedule at [www.goventura.org](http://www.goventura.org).

For media inquiries about this ground-breaking ceremony contact Ceal Potts, Communication Specialist at CSUCI, at 805-437-8940 or [cecilia.potts@csuci.edu](mailto:cecilia.potts@csuci.edu).

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