



CSUCI's Business & Technology Partnership Names Award Winners; Event Set for April 23

Camarillo, Calif., April 13, 2009 - The 2009 Business & Technology Partnership (B&TP) Leadership Dinner, presented by the CSUCI Foundation and Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, will be held on Thursday, April 23 at the Embassy Suites/Mandalay Beach Resort in Oxnard. This event honors three individuals for their contributions to the community and awards five students with \$3,000 scholarships provided by the B&TP.

Harold Edwards, CEO of the Santa Paula based agricultural company Limoneira, has been named the 2009 Business and Community Leader of the Year. Paul M. Glenney, Director of the Clean Energy Technology Center for AeroVironment, Inc. in Monrovia is the 2009 Technologist of the Year; and Dr. Andrzej (A.J.) Bieszczad, Associate Professor of Computer Science at CSUCI, is the 2009 Faculty Leader of the Year. These awards recognize an outstanding business leader and a technologist from within the University's service region of Ventura County, southern Santa Barbara County and northern Los Angeles County, and a CSUCI faculty member who has contributed to the goals of the Business & Technology Partnership.

The winners of this year's scholarships are Jean Remonida, biology major; Eric Pham, math major; Kerri Macias, nursing major; Christele Cardenas, math major; and Alisha Leal, business major. Eligible students are chosen from those who have transferred from community colleges to CSUCI and CSUCI students with junior status or above in business and technology related majors.

Additional sponsors of the B&TP Leadership Dinner include Joan and Dennis Gaiser, Elise and Bill Kearney, Pacific Coast Business Times, Logix Development Corp., Opolo Vineyards, Sheeler Moving and Storage and the Ventura County Economic Development Association.

Tickets for this event are \$150 each and must be purchased in advance by visiting www.csuci.edu and clicking on the Leadership Dinner button or by contacting Mitchel Sloan, Director of Development & Sponsorships at CSUCI, 805-437-8916, or mitchel.sloan@csuci.edu.

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