CI Achieves Hispanic Serving Institution Status

Camarillo, Calif., Apr. 30, 2010 - CSU Channel Islands (CI), the only four-year public institution of higher education in Ventura County, has received the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) status because the University has met the diversity threshold of having at least a 25 percent Hispanic student population. CI's current Hispanic student population represents 25.58 percent of the total student enrollment.

CI's President Richard R. Rush stated, "To be designated an Hispanic Serving Institution affirms CI's commitment to providing meaningful access to college opportunity and a promise to facilitate graduation as a springboard to success. We are honored to be acknowledged as a full partner with the Latino/Hispanic communities."

The new designation also allows CI to compete for U.S. Department of Education Title V funding as well as other financial support available with the HSI status. This additional support will increase CI's institutional capacity to serve a growing Hispanic and economically diverse student body, create more access for those wishing to get a college education, and improve services and academic excellence for every student on campus.

For additional information about CI's designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution, visit: http://www.csuci.edu/about/hsi/index.htm

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CI Mission Statement
Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.