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A University Milestone: Anacapa Village Student Housing Opens August 29

One of the University's most exciting and anticipated events will be the opening of the Anacapa Village student housing complex, Sunday, August 29. The event begins at 11 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring key campus officials and students. Approximately 350 students will be living at Anacapa Village, many of whom are scheduled to begin moving into their dorm facilities on Friday, August 27. After the ceremony, the University presents its annual Welcome Barbecue on the South Quad, an event that celebrates the beginning of a new academic year. Faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited.

For more information on the student housing opening, contact Michellyn Shonka, administrative support coordinator, Housing and Residence Life, at ext. 2733 or michellyn.shonka@csuci.edu. For more information on the Welcome Barbecue, contact Toni Rice, interim director, Student Leadership and Development, at ext. 8962 or toni.rice@csuci.edu.

Welcome Back, Faculty: Orientation Set for August 24 and 25

The Academic Affairs Division will host the fall 2004 semester Faculty Orientation, scheduled for August 24 and 25. Highlights of the two-day orientation will be a welcome by President Richard R. Rush, Academic Affairs 2004-2005 priorities, the Senate in 2004, best practices in team-teaching, and library collaborations and services. The second day of orientation information sessions will be offered by Human Resources, Faculty Affairs, Faculty Development, Public Safety, and Parking Services. A reception hosted by library staff will be held for all faculty, spouses, and families on August 24 at 5 p.m. in the library courtyard. Workshops held the second day of the orientation will provide information and assistance on disability accommodations, academic dishonesty, and faculty development resources. To accommodate faculty unable to attend the daytime programs, especially part-time faculty, an evening welcome and orientation will also be held at 5:30 p.m., August 25.

For more information, contact Cindy Eaves, events coordinator, at ext. 8548 or cindy.eaves@csuci.edu.

Read on: Author Villaseñor Coming to Campus to Discuss Best-Selling Book

By now, many members of the campus community have begun reading Victor Villaseñor's *Rain of Gold*, in anticipation of a full schedule of activities planned for the University's new "Celebration of Reading" program. In September, faculty and staff will facilitate discussions sessions among the author, students, and members of the community. Faculty will also integrate the book into class work.

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Members of the campus community are encouraged to read *Rain of Gold* and participate in lively discussions. Here is the schedule for the “Celebration of Reading” program:

September 14: from 10 – 11:15 a.m., Villaseñor meets with three classes; from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., he gives an informal book talk to students, faculty, and staff in the Student Lounge Courtyard.

September 15: from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., the author meets with the Bilingual Literary Studies class and other classes in the Science Auditorium. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., Villaseñor will be the featured guest at a reception open to the University community at no charge (\$5 per person for outside community members and \$2 per person for students from other colleges and universities).

September 16: from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., the author will be a special guest at the campus presentation for Hispanic Heritage Month, Lecture Hall 1; at 5:30 p.m., he will give a talk at a reception for the President’s Circle.

For more information, contact Renny Christopher, professor of English and chair of the Academic Senate, at ext. 8994 or renny.christopher@csuci.edu.

CSUCI Academic Senate Schedules First Meeting

The first meeting of the CSUCI Academic Senate will be held Tuesday, September 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Training Room of the new Administration Building. Senate meetings are open to the campus community. An agenda will be posted one week in advance of the meeting at <http://senate.csuci.edu>.

For more information, contact Renny Christopher, professor of English and chair of the Academic Senate, at ext. 8994 or renny.christopher@csuci.edu.

Biology Program Gets Grant to Fund New Program

The University’s biology program was recently awarded the CSU Extended University Grant for \$37,500. With the \$12,500 that the department has already raised in a matching grant, the total amount of funding is \$50,000, which will support the initiation of the master of science program in biotechnology and bioinformatics, expected to begin in 2005.

For more information, contact Ching-Hua Wang, professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department, at ext. 8870 or ching-hua.wang@csuci.edu.

ITS Provide Windows Training to Campus and Local Communities

Tara Peterson, manager, ITS, and Robert Gutierrez, network communications manager, recently presented a three-day Windows Server 2003 training session in conjunction with Microsoft. The free sessions held at the science building were open to CSUCI faculty, staff, and students. In addition, members of the Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura Colleges and Cal State University Northridge were also invited to attend.

Construction Report

- The student housing project is complete now that jacaranda trees have been planted and the pool and spa have been installed. But there is still significant activity on-site, including furniture deliveries beginning on August 13. Members of the University community are invited to tour the new facility, escorted by Tom Hesselbrock, OPC project manager. Two tours are scheduled at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 11, and Wednesday, August 18. To join these tours, please meet at the intersection of Oxnard and Ventura Streets at the time noted above. Resident advisors are scheduled to move in August 13; students will begin moving in on August 27.
- Renovation continues on the temporary Dining Commons, with interior demolition work underway in the building next to the Art Complex. The Commons is anticipated to open for the fall semester and will serve the campus for approximately two years while the facility is remodeled. In this area, we are also working on the dance/studio and enlarging the entrance to the South Quad from University Drive.
- The space located at the interior northwest corner of the South Quad is being remodeled for a new library reading room. The windows have been abated and clean-up and painting will be ongoing in the next few weeks, followed by electrical and other miscellaneous work. The area may be accessed from the Bell Tower corridor.
- Site preparation for construction near the Science Building plaza is scheduled to start shortly, and may impact parking east of the Annex (old laundry) and the Science Building front step. Crews will endeavor to keep disruptions to a minimum. The old laundry room and part of the wall have been demolished, so the area is still unfinished. Please be very careful in the area.
- Several painting projects will take place in the coming weeks. Anticipate some disruption from the scaffolding and that some areas will be temporarily taped as off-limits.
- Parking lot resurfacing and re-striping are continuing around campus. Please be aware that some of the lots will not be available for parking this week.
- University Glen Phase 3 construction continues to move at a good pace. The site is graded and ready to receive building pads, water, sewer, drainage, and other utilities. Construction vehicles are using Channel Islands Drive to enter University Glen. Please drive carefully in this area. At this time, 356 units of faculty and staff housing in Phase 1 and 2 are now complete and occupied. The recreational fields east of the project (school site) have been hydro-seeded and fenced to establish the lawn. Please keep pets away from the new landscaping.
- Town Center construction activities have resumed. The foundations and the ground floor slabs have been poured. The project is going “vertical” and has a new “web cam” site if you wish to make a virtual visit (use Netscape): <http://24.55.147.254:81/>

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Around Campus

Proud family members, friends, and students attended the recent dinner celebration of the 4th annual CSUCI Summer College program in which migrant high school students study college-level courses to help them to transition into higher education. This year, Harley Baker, CSUCI assistant professor of psychology, taught 43 local students in a course titled "Human Development." In top left photo, a student, at right, receives her certificate from Baker. In the background are Maria Cruz, teaching assistant, and Connie Cervera, program coordinator and teacher.



In top right photo, Oswaldo Pina (left), teaching assistant, Cervera, and Baker present certificate to a student.

In bottom photo, from left, Gary Berg, director of CSUCI Extended Education and coordinator of the CSUCI program, gives University sweatshirts to Cervera, Cruz, and Pina for their participation in the program.



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