Faculty, Staff Asked to Park in Assigned Areas for Commencement

The 3rd annual CSUCI commencement ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, May 21, is expected to attract more than 5,200 guests to campus, in addition to graduates and members of the campus community. The event begins at 9 a.m. but faculty and staff who are participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive as early as 7 a.m. to avoid congestion. **Faculty and staff are asked to park in assigned areas as designated on the attached map.**

For information, contact Ray Porras, director of Transportation and Parking, at ext. 8434.

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Foundation, President’s Scholars, B&TP Scholarships Winners to Be Recognized

The University’s Foundation Board will present the 2005-06 scholarship recipients on Friday, May 13, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. President Rush, Foundation Board members, and faculty members will present the awards to winners of Foundation Board scholarships, as well as recognize the recipients of the President’s Scholars Program and Business and Technology Partnership scholarships.

*For more information, contact Mitchel Sloan, associate director of University Advancement Events,*

*Division of University Advancement, at ext. 8916.*

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University Allocated Funds to Study, Plan for Four-Year Nursing Program

CSUCI has been allocated funds to conduct a feasibility study and planning of a new four-year generic baccalaureate in nursing program, designed to answer the local and statewide demand for health care workers. The most recent funding came from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, which last week authorized use of $230,000 of tobacco settlement funds to develop the program that would educate and train nursing medical professionals.

*For more information, contact Barbara Thorpe, associate vice president, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs,*

*at ext. 8421.*

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First Students Selected for President’s Scholars Program

Melody Grace M. Mattingly of Oxnard, a senior at Channel Islands High School, and Jennifer Bonsangue of Yorba Linda, a senior at Lutheran High School of Orange County, have been chosen as the first President’s Scholars. Each will receive a four-year scholarship that covers full tuition fees at the University. The CSUCI President’s Scholars Program was created to attract students with outstanding academic achievement, who

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will benefit from the University’s student-centered learning experience. In addition, the President’s Scholars Program awarded to Jennifer Tyra of Anaheim, a senior at Katella High School, a $1,000 University scholarship that is renewable each of four years, based on academic performance.

$25,000 Pledged by Auto Dealer to Launch New Scholarship Program

The University’s general scholarship fund will be strengthened by the new CSUCI Auto Partners Program, which calls upon local car dealers to each commit $25,000 over a five-year period. Santa Paula Chevrolet was the first to participate, with a first-year gift of $5,000 given by John Macik, dealer principal of the company. The program was developed by CSUCI Foundation Board member Herb Rosenkrantz, a retired lawyer who is also a student at the University. He and Macik are asking other area car dealers to give back to the community by participating in the program.

For more information, contact Marti DeLaO, director of donor relations, at ext. 8919.

OLLI Presents Concert, Presentation on Composer

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is sponsoring a classical music performance and a presentation on classical composer Sergei Rachmaninov. The Channel Islands String Quartet will perform Tuesday, May 10, from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. in Conference Hall 1. The group will perform Beethoven’s Opus 18, #6. On Tuesday, May 17, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m., Charles McDermott, Ph.D., artistic administrator, New West and Santa Barbara Symphonies, will present a talk titled “Rachmaninov v. Rachmaninoff: A Look at the Russian-American Composer,” in the Bell Tower, Room 2572. Both events are free and open to the University community.

For more information, contact Marty Kaplan, OLLI director, at ext. 8583.

University Choir Joins Local Groups for May 15, 21 Concerts

The CSU Channel Islands University Choirs joins the Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra and the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir for two local performances. The musical groups will be led by Kuanfen Liu, conductor, with Miriam Arichea, pianist. The musical groups will perform on Sunday, May 15, at 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 East Santa Clara St., Ventura, and on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Padre Serra Parish, 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo. The concert will feature Coronation Mass, K317, by Mozart; Te deum in D, by Henry Purcell; and Piano Concerto, Op. 54, A minor, by Robert Schumann; and more. Admission is free with a $15 suggested donation at the door. The performances are sponsored by the Channel Islands Choral Association, Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra, and CSU Channel Islands Extended Education.

May 23 Deadline Set to Return Books to Library for Inventory

All patrons of the University Library who check out items and materials from now through May 22 must be return them by Monday, May 23, to allow the library to conduct a thorough inventory and inspection of its collection. Patrons who need items for ongoing study will be able to return them on May 23 and check them out again later that same day. The library asks that patrons return materials as promptly as possible. Faculty members are asked to remind students of the deadline.

For more information, contact Bill Garner, library circulation manager, at ext. 8931.
ESRM, Biology Students to Present Capstone Research on May 10

Environment Science and Resource Management (ESRM) and Biology Program students will be presenting research projects on Tuesday, May 10, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Bell Tower, Room 1302. The presentations, in the form of posters, are part of the students’ capstone project. The event is open to the community since some of the projects involved local organizations.

For more information, contact Donald Rodriguez, assistant professor of ESRM, at ext. 8494.

Interdisciplinary Course Offers Talk, Demonstration on Archery

A presentation on Japanese archery will be held Wednesday, May 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., as part of an interdisciplinary class, History/Psychology 436, East Asian Warrior Cultures. Rick Beal, who has been practicing the art of archery for several years, will talk about the ancient discipline as well as provide a demonstration. The talk will be held in the Science Building Auditorium and the demonstration will be held outdoors. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kevin Volkan, professor of psychology, at ext. 8867.

Kudos

Jeanne Grier, assistant professor of education—science, and Single Subjects Credential coordinator and advisor, recently gave a presentation to the American Educational Research Association’s annual meeting in Montreal, Canada. The title of the scholarly paper, “Incorporating Technology, Standards, and Inquiry into the Teaching of Science: An Evaluation of Program Effects,” described the program evaluation outcomes of a professional development opportunity Grier created for secondary science teachers in Illinois, which was funded by a $93,000 grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Construction Report

- President’s Courtyard: Sod was delivered and installed this week.

- Broome Library: The Notice to Proceed for the construction became effective May 6, 2005. The 1,000 calendar day contract calls for completion on January 31, 2008, but extensions may be needed in the event of weather or construction related delays.
Around Campus

Career Day
Representatives from several local and national companies, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations participated in the recent CSUCI Career Day on campus. CSUCI and community college students, as well as members of the community were able to talk with employers about part-time and full-time jobs and internships. Photos by Lupita Gutierrez

Leadership and Scholarship Awards
The University’s Business and Technology Partnership group recently held a scholarship fundraising dinner to recognize education and business leaders, as well as announce B&TP scholarship winners. Ivona Grzegorczyk (top photo, flanked by emcee Debra Farar, CSU Trustee, and President Richard R. Rush), professor of mathematics and chair of the Math Program, and Ching-Hua Wang (bottom photo), professor of immunology and microbiology and chair of the biology/physics program, were honored for their leadership in education. Timothy Osslund, principal scientist, Amgen, was honored with the Technologist of the Year Award and John Philpott, CFO, Miravant Medical Technologies, was honored with the Business and Community Leader of the Year Award. Receiving scholarships were CSUCI students, Staff Sgt. George R. Wingate, Jose Ramirez, and Andrew Jeramy Tellez Wright.

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Service Learning
The University recently recognized students and faculty who are participating in the Service Learning Program. President Rush (left) presented awards to Christine Popok (second from left), lecturer in English and business; community partner Cristina Vanderlaan (second from right); and student Sara Piper. Bob Mayberry (center), lecturer in English, announced a publication called Island Voices that contained award-winning essays on student service learning experiences.