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University Hosts CSU Humanities and Social Sciences Deans

The University will host the fall meeting of CSU humanities and social sciences deans, Thursday, Oct. 21, and Friday, Oct. 22, at the Embassy Mandalay Resort. The first day's session will feature presentations on a "Project on Lower Division Requirements" and "Orientation and Training of Department Chairs." On the second day, conference attendees will meet on the CSUCI campus for a morning meeting, with a welcome by Ted Lucas, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, followed by discussions about virtual language labs; academic fees, and budget; and a session on legal issues for deans. Steve Lefevre, CSUCI dean of faculty, will provide opening remarks on the first day and President Richard R. Rush will welcome the deans later that evening.

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

Local Librarians Gather for Summit Meeting

The University library is hosting an Information Literacy Summit event that will be held on campus, Wednesday, Oct. 20. Librarians and teachers will be attending from all Oxnard District high schools, along with librarians from the three local community colleges, staff from the Ventura County superintendent of schools office, and CSUCI librarians and faculty. The purpose of the summit is to examine the current state of information literacy in Ventura County, identify gaps within and across institutions, explore possible collaborations, and identify needed educational opportunities.

For more information, contact Amy Wallace, head of library public services, at ext. 8911 or amy.wallace@csuci.edu.

Documentary Focuses on Preserving Ventura County Farmlands

A free documentary movie on urban development in Ventura County, titled "Home Grow'n," will be shown Thursday, Oct. 21, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in the Science Auditorium. The 45-minute film, sponsored by the Environment Science and Resource Management Program, addresses the contemporary dilemma of how to preserve our valuable farmland through conservation easements and Smart Growth urban development. The film's producer, Dulanie Ellis, has received four awards for her documentaries, including "Mighty Times," the story of Rosa Parks, which was also nominated for an Academy Award. She will be present to answer questions after the showing of the film.

For more information, contact Don Rodriguez, assistant professor of environmental science and resource management, at ext. 8494, or donald.rodriguez@csuci.edu.

Kudos

Maria K. Denney, assistant professor of special education, was invited to present to the Marce Society International Biennial Scientific Meeting at St. Catherine's College, Oxford University, United Kingdom, in late September. Denney's presentation was titled "Comprehensive Postpartum Depression Services for Mono-Lingual Spanish Speaking Mothers and Infants: Cross-Cultural Pathways to Care." The presentation focused on an early intervention service delivery model for families with young children (birth to five years of age) that decreases vulnerabilities and enhances protective factors in the mother, child, and family. According to Denney, this unique approach combines culturally and linguistically competent psychiatric evaluation, home visitation, individual therapy, and group support for an underserved population of immigrant families from Mexico and Central America with depressive symptomatology and numerous barriers to accessing mental health services.

Help Your Mind and Body: Sign Up for Yoga on Mondays

Clear your mind. Reduce stress. Be flexible. You can do all these things at yoga sessions sponsored by Recreation and Leisure Services. The program, held from 1 – 2 p.m. on Mondays in the Hub, is free to Gym & Fitness Center members and \$5 to non-members. Sessions are open to the public.

For more information, contact Nathan Avery, special consultant for Recreation and Leisure Services, at ext. 8902 or nathan.avery@csuci.edu.

Construction Report

- Science Plaza: Work continues, with demolition and very careful excavation occurring near a pair of high voltage lines and numerous duct banks in the area of the future plaza. Valve relocation and the adjustment of all valve covers for the new grade will follow the removal of the excess dirt. The fountain work is expected to commence on the Oct. 25 and continue for approximately four weeks.
- Student Housing: New piping is replacing a gas main along the housing complex. Hot water service may be affected for a day or so.

For more information, contact Juan Beltranena, director of Facilities, at ext. 8496 or juan.beltranena@csuci.edu.

Around Campus



Zoo Lovers

Dr. Rory Brown, (right) international expert on zoos, gave a talk titled “The Zoo: Conservation, Education and Recreation,” at the recent President’s Circle meeting. With Brown are, from left, Richard R. Rush, CSUCI president; Kirsten Friar, education curator, Santa Barbara Zoo; Alex McNeill, CSUCI professor of education; Dennis Muraoka, CSUCI professor of economics; and students Michelle Leviense and Theresa Pucilowski.

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