

Calendar of Events

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July 16-17, 21-22, 24-25, 29-30, Aug. 1-2 - Island View Orientation for freshmen

August 11 and 21 - Island View Orientation for transfer students

August 23 - First Saturday classes begin

August 25 - First Day of fall semester classes

Sept. 20 - Fifth Annual Alumni Dodger Night

Oct. 4 - President's Dinner
This year the President's Dinner will return to campus at the John Spoor Broome Library.

Nov. 3 - Third Annual Dolphin Classic Golf Tournament at Spanish Hills Country Club

Nov. 14 - Campus Reading Celebration
Southland author Nina Revoyr will be on campus.

Dec 4 - Business & Technology Partnership
Sixth Annual Holiday Mixer - Aliso Hall



Fieldwork With Fish

Students studying ichthyology in the Biology 450 course at CSUCI had the opportunity to visit Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, to do fieldwork during the spring semester. The students and their instructor, Steven M. Norris, Lecturer in Biology, sampled the tidal habitats on the Base for fish diversity. The partnership between NBVC and the University provides students field experience in a unique habitat.



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A Year of Celebrations

Academic and University Achievements Honored

President's Message



Paul Adalian, Dean of the University Library, student Louie Valdivia, recipient of the 2008 CSUCI Library Undergraduate Research Award at the Celebration of Student Research, and President Rush.

An Academic Year of Celebrations

At California State University Channel Islands—and at campuses throughout our nation—each academic year concludes with a Commencement ceremony that is the culmination of the academic successes students have met and the challenges they have surpassed. This year, I personally congratulated more than 650 CSUCI students as they marched across the stage during one of our largest ceremonies to date. Many of our students are going on to graduate schools or entering the workforce with the acquired tools of knowledge, teamwork, civic engagement, and mutual respect for all people, in order to succeed in today's changing world.

Even though Commencement is the grand finale of the academic year, it was not the only celebration that took place recently on the campus. In April, we officially dedicated and opened the magnificent John Spoor Broome Library with a ceremony that included hundreds from the campus and local communities. CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, Jack Broome, and representatives from the world-renowned architects, Foster+Partners, were among the many who attended to mark this historic day.

As you will read in the pages that follow, we also celebrated our students' work and the innovative research and achievements of faculty during the successful President's Annual Celebration of Excellence activities. Other noteworthy articles include recognition of University administrators, embarking upon extensive campus infrastructure improvements, and the continued generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute programs as well as scholarships for our community college transfer students.

It was indeed an exciting and joyful academic year and we look forward to the fall semester and the harbinger of another year of celebrations and success at California State University Channel Islands!

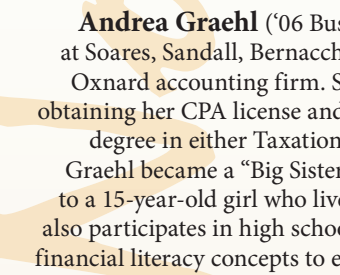
Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Rush
President

Alumni Notes



Scott Walker ('04 CSUN-CI Sociology) is a Specialist with Casa Pacifica's TBS Program. His degree and work experiences have helped him advance from an entry level position to an Assistant Supervisor position in a short amount of time. Walker has two more semesters remaining to complete his master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from California State University, Northridge.



Andrea Graehl ('06 Business) is a staff accountant at Soares, Sandall, Bernacchi, & Petrovich, LLP, a local Oxnard accounting firm. She is currently working on obtaining her CPA license and plans to pursue a master's degree in either Taxation or Accounting. In the fall, Graehl became a "Big Sister" (Big Brothers Big Sisters) to a 15-year-old girl who lives in a group home. Graehl also participates in high school career fairs and teaching financial literacy concepts to elementary school students.



Cristine C. Lee ('06 Biology) is currently a doctoral candidate at the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Department at UCSB. She has joined Dr. Peggy Cotter's lab, where she is characterizing the expression, maturation and cellular localization of the Burkholderia pseudomallei (CDC category B agent) TPS- and AT-like proteins as well as their potential roles in adherence, immunomodulation, and other aspects of B. pseudomallei pathogenesis.



Alumni volunteers from the CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association and the office of Alumni Relations hosted the alumni booth at this year's Commencement ceremony. Complimentary license plate frames were provided to all graduates and class t-shirts listing all graduates' names were available for sale. Many events, such as Commencement, rely upon the support of volunteers for their success. This year's team of alumni volunteers included: Lyndsay Maas (MBA '06), Aleasa Bennett-Bouyett (Liberal Studies '04), Rudy Cortez (Business '05), Tom Froelich (Business '05), and Marie Graves (Biology '06).



Benefits of Membership

Alumni & Friends Association members receive many discounts on attractions and activities throughout Southern California. Benefits include discounts on theme park admission through the A&FA partnership with Recreation Connection, and discounts through local Dolphin Discount vendors.



This summer discounts are available on tickets to Wicked, Broadway's biggest blockbuster. The Los Angeles Times calls Wicked "a phenomenon that keeps growing" and says "the witchcraft is as fresh as ever." Orchestra seats are available to selected performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in June and July. Supply is limited and will sell out. The discount is open to all members of the Alumni & Friends Association. Look for monthly email updates for more details on dates and shows available or call Alumni Relations at 805-437-8952.



Catching Up With Alumna Lindsay Smith '04

Lindsay Smith (formerly Laubacher) earned her degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in education in 2004. Like many CSUCI graduates, she's chosen a career that has given her the opportunity to stay in Ventura County. Take a few minutes to read about Lindsay Smith.

What do you do?

I currently work for the Ventura County Community Foundation as the Donor Relations Officer. I was promoted to that position after working at the Community Foundation for a year as a Program Assistant.

How has your degree helped?

I feel that I really received a well rounded education at CSUCI, and that contributes immensely to the person that I am today. Without my degree I would never be where I am professionally. I feel like my experience at CSUCI made me more confident as a person and especially as a woman in the workplace.

Why CSUCI?

I chose CSUCI because it was close to home. I lived in Ventura and didn't want to commute to Northridge everyday, which is where I was enrolled for my first semester. During that semester I took the extension classes that were held on the CSUCI campus, and I absolutely loved it. The campus was amazing and I felt almost like I was at a private university. The classes were small, and you knew most everyone that you passed in the halls. It was a very warm and friendly environment.

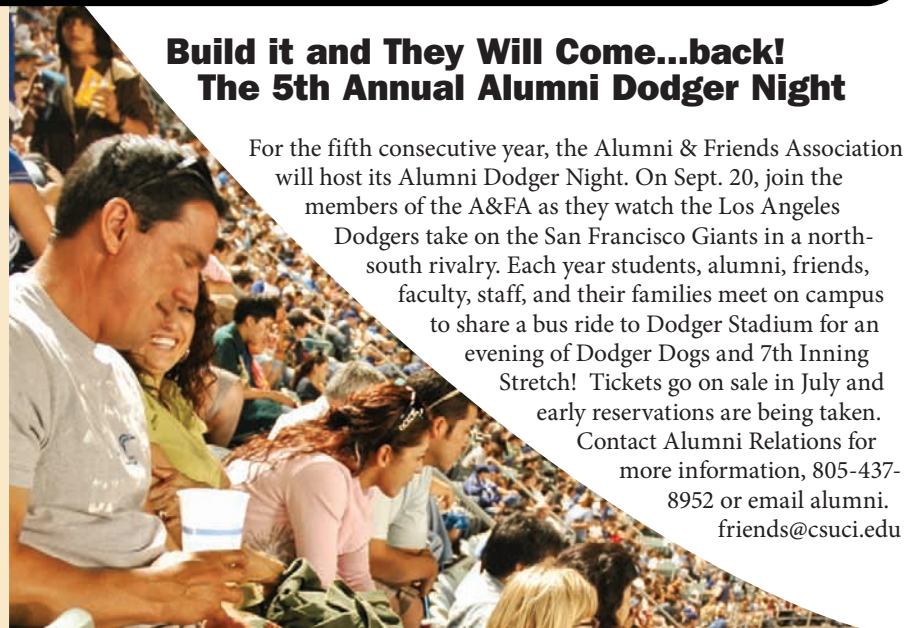
How do you stay connected with CSUCI?

I'm a member of the Alumni & Friends Association!

Family and fun?

I am very busy outside of work raising my 21-month-old son. My hobbies include spending as much time with my family as possible. We love to go swimming, camping, and having family barbecues.

Build it and They Will Come...back! The 5th Annual Alumni Dodger Night



For the fifth consecutive year, the Alumni & Friends Association will host its Alumni Dodger Night. On Sept. 20, join the members of the A&FA as they watch the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the San Francisco Giants in a north-south rivalry. Each year students, alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and their families meet on campus to share a bus ride to Dodger Stadium for an evening of Dodger Dogs and 7th Inning Stretch! Tickets go on sale in July and early reservations are being taken. Contact Alumni Relations for more information, 805-437-8952 or email alumni.friends@csuci.edu



ALWAYS ROOM FOR FRIENDS Alumni & Friends Association Looks to Boost Friend Members

Over the years, Cal State University Channel Islands has been the beneficiary of tremendous community support. With the assistance of local donors like Jack Broome and the Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Foundation, to the many supportive efforts of local businesses, the surrounding community has embraced the University. The CSUCI Alumni & Friends Association is no different.

When the Association began, it was the Friends who helped support the organization in its efforts to provide for graduates. Today, many Friends have supported alumni through mentorship and membership. This year there are a couple initiatives to help build membership among the Friends portion of the Association. During the summer months the campus community has been invited to participate in a friendly Campus Competition to recruit new Friends into the Association. The Competition began on June 4 and will close on Aug. 15.



Current efforts with alumni ambassadors and special efforts by the Alumni & Friends Associations' Board of Directors are also helping to bring more Friends into the Association. Friend members receive invitations to University events and activities, have the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, alumni and students, and receive several benefits to local and southern California vendors, theme parks, and events. Among the many benefits are discounts to the OSHER Lifelong Learning program, additional services at the John Spoor Broome Library, and ticket discounts for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Friends are not only receiving great benefits for their membership, but are also supporting the students and graduates of the University. All membership fees support alumni programming, events, and operations. It is with the support of the community that the Alumni Networking Night, Dodger Night, and Alumni Speaker Series are made possible.

To join the Alumni & Friends Association or to learn more, visit www.csuci.edu/alumni or call 805-437-8952.



Ben Hipple

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Students demonstrate their research during the Celebration of Student Research event, which was part of the President's Annual Celebration of Excellence.



CSUCI 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.



CSUCI students march at 'Access Denied' rally in Sacramento.



Professor Paul Rivera shows and tells his students during a semester-end lecture.



Each year the Business & Technology Partnership Leadership Awards recognize individuals' contributions to business and technology in the region.

President's ACE Events Covers Four Days in May

Beginning last year as a one-day event to showcase the different areas, departments, and divisions that collectively make up the structure of the University, the President's Annual Celebration of Excellence (ACE) expanded this year to a four-day celebration held at the John Spoor Broome Library.



At Honors Convocation on May 2, the campus community along with proud families recognized the academic and co-curricular excellence of more than 200 students.



The fourth-annual Celebration of Faculty Scholarly Excellence honored the scholarly and creative accomplishments of University faculty on May 7.



Like the inaugural ACE event in 2007, the renamed annual Celebration of Campus Excellence on May 8 was a reception that kicked off an impressive display of 102 posters chronicling the work and accomplishments of CSUCI staff, faculty, and administration.



Also on May 8, CSUCI's Center for International Affairs hosted a presentation featuring Algerian sociologist and Fulbright Scholar Dr. Fouad Bouguetta as part of the Fulbright Visiting Specialist Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World.



Faculty-mentored student research was presented at the Celebration of Student Research, an afternoon poster session showcasing more than 100 posters and 30 oral presentations on May 9.

Book Selected for 2008 Campus Reading Celebration

The Campus Reading Celebration, a CSUCI tradition that brings the campus community and the public together for a shared intellectual experience, features *Southland* by Nina Revoyr. The novel is a compelling story of race, love, murder, and history against the backdrop of Los Angeles. Author Revoyr will come to campus for a presentation and dialogue on Nov. 14. Copies are available for purchase at The Cove Bookstore.



New Provost and VP for Academic Affairs Arrives in July

Dawn S. Neuman will join the campus as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in July. She succeeds Theodore Lucas, who will transition to liaison responsibilities with the statewide Community Colleges for the CSU Chancellor's Office.

In her new role, Neuman will provide leadership for the academic path of the University; direct and coordinate all aspects of academic programs; participate in strategic University planning; and provide constructive assessment towards continuous improvement. She will also be responsible for effective use of fiscal resources, and will play a strong role in garnering support for academic programs through development and advancement activities.

Neuman has served as Vice Provost for Academic Resources at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the past four years. She holds a Ph.D. in Biology from the University of Washington, Seattle, and earned her bachelor and master of science degrees in Biology/Botany from California State University, Long Beach.

OLLI at CSUCI Receives \$1 Million Endowment

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSUCI is the recipient of a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation that will become available in summer 2009. The endowment is based on a combination of program quality, sustainability, University support, and size of membership.

"The Osher Foundation has been very generous in supporting opportunities for people over 50 years of age throughout the country, and we are grateful for being accepted as part of the Osher family. We are at the same time proud to have been selected for this endowment based on their rigorous and exclusive standards," said Marty Kaplan, Director of OLLI at CSUCI.

OLLI at CSUCI was established in fall 2004. Each year to the present, the Bernard Osher Foundation provided support in the amount of \$100,000 per year. Typically, after three years of support, OLLI must prove its merit for the endowment or lose continuing support. OLLI at CSUCI, being one of the few that did not spring from an existing lifelong learning institute, was given a fourth year to meet criteria. In fall 2008, OLLI will be issued \$50,000 from the Osher Foundation to sustain it until proceeds from the endowment are made available in summer 2009.

OLLI's mission is to provide high quality university classes for persons more than 50 years old. There are no grades, tests, or university credits; intellectual stimulation is provided for its own sake. In the past year, OLLI at CSUCI included 547 student members.



CSUCI Benefits from Endowment to CSU

CSUCI was also announced as the recipient of a \$1 million endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

The Bernard Osher Foundation committed \$16 million to scholarships for students transferring from state community colleges to 15 of the 23 California State University campuses as part of the Foundation's overall \$70 million private donation to the state's community college system. The \$16 million endowment was made to the California State University Foundation, and then distributed to campuses that have a large number of transfer students enrolled.

Approximately 60 percent of all California State University students transfer from a state community college, and the endowment will provide \$2,500 individual scholarships for hundreds of students to be used for fees, books or living expenses.

Scholarships, Leadership Awards Presented at Annual B&TP Leadership Dinner

Eight individuals were honored at the 2008 Business & Technology Partnership Leadership Dinner. Among them were five students who were each awarded a \$3,000 scholarship for their pursuit of business or technology related majors. Three individuals were leaders from the community who were recognized for their contributions to the advancement of business and technology in this region. Approximately 60 percent of all California State University students transfer from

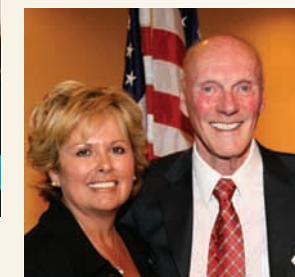
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President Richard Rush, right, presents Geoff Dougherty, Professor of Physics at CSUCI, with the Faculty Leader of the Year award.



President Rush with student scholarship recipients, left to right, Elizabeth Thomas, Jaimee Morrison, Jadona Collier, and Paulina Kolic. Not pictured-Rene McMurray.



Left, Ruby Oertle, owner of Capistrano's Restaurant & Catering and Matisse Restaurant & Catering, was named Business & Community Leader of the Year; right, Fred Kavli, founder of the Kavli Foundation, was named Technologist of the Year.

President's Dinner Returns to Campus

It's a homecoming for the 2008 President's Dinner and celebration of the University's accomplishments. The Ninth-Annual President's Dinner will be held at the recently opened John Spoor Broome Library on Saturday, Oct. 4. Guests of the event will have the opportunity to experience the Library's architecture while enjoying an evening of celebration, the presentation of the 2008 Robert J. Lagomarsino Award, live entertainment, and dancing. This is an elegant evening and black-tie attire is suggested. For more information and sponsorship opportunities contact

Mitchel Sloan, Director of Development & Sponsorships, 805-437-8916.

2008 Dolphin Classic Golf Tournament

The Third Annual Dolphin Classic Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Nov. 3 at Spanish Hills Country Club in Camarillo. Proceeds will benefit the establishment of an intercollegiate athletics program at Cal State Channel Islands.



Companies and individuals interested in sponsoring or playing in the tournament should contact Mitchel Sloan, Director of Development and Sponsorships, 805-437-8916



**Julia Wilson,
Vice President
for University
Advancement**

As the new Vice President for University Advancement, I have a remarkable opportunity to work with University President Richard R. Rush and a talented team of individuals to build on the fund-raising and external functions for CSUCI.

One of the key short-term objectives for the UA division is to define the funding needs for the University's priority projects and programs. With this foundation, we are more effective in our efforts to raise awareness and financial support for academic or student programs. The University is at a tipping point in its maturation, gaining in reputation and stature each year. To continue the growth, it is even more imperative that the University form partnerships with the local community and businesses to build its stellar curriculum and physical plant.

Also, at this phase of our growth, re-branding and re-tooling our messaging are key elements in advancing CSUCI. The University has accomplished a great deal the past six years, exceeding expectations in every way. The original brand has served CSUCI well and it now is a great time to explore whether that brand represents the campus as it is today and if it will serve our future achievements.

The long-term University Advancement objectives are to build closer relationships with individuals, local businesses and foundations. These key stakeholders will play a critical role in continuing the accelerated pace of University development. We also hope to grow the University endowment—those funds that allow programs to continue into the future. Building the physical plant, including an Events Arena and Performing Arts Center, are long-term projects on the drawing board.

The Ventura County community has been tremendously supportive and has embraced CSUCI as “their” University. In the fall, we will reach out to the constituents of Ventura County and give them a chance to participate with the University in an even more significant way. I don't want to spoil the excitement of the launch in the fall but we want all supporters and friends to stay tuned, and we encourage everyone to be our champions.

Two Students Join Campus as 2008 President's Scholars

Two students were selected for the prestigious President's Scholars award for 2008. Lamoura-Alexis Mallare Aguilar and Danika Gray Lindsay will begin classes this fall as freshmen members of the campus community.



It was the nursing program that drew Aguilar to the University, and attending the Discover CI event on campus solidified her desire to earn her degree at CSUCI.

“I had heard CSUCI has an excellent nursing program and that was my major of choice. Also, the campus is very close to home for me and in a beautiful area,” Aguilar said. “I came to visit the campus for the Discover CI event and campus was gorgeous and I really enjoyed the atmosphere and feel of everyone.”

Along with nursing, Aguilar has an interest in business.

“I hope to create my own nursing registry. This type of business contacts traveling nurses and hospitals, and when a hospital needs someone to fill open shifts, nurses would be contacted who might be available to fill that need,” she explained.

Aguilar grew up in Thousand Oaks and is a graduate of Thousand Oaks High School. During her high school years she was a varsity athlete on both the golf and basketball teams, and was the team captain for the golf team.

Also attending the University in the fall as a President's Scholar is Lindsay, who comes to the campus from Los Angeles. It was the campus itself that drew her to choosing CSUCI. She wanted to find a school that “fit” and Channel Islands filled that order.

“As we were driving up University Drive, we saw a deer crossing sign, and then two deer! I knew then that I would love the school, as it was unlike any college campus I had ever seen,” Lindsay explained. “I live right by LAX, so I'm used to seeing building upon building and no open space. I was thrilled by the thought of waking up in the morning and having the mountains and farmland all around me.”

The beauty of the campus inspired Lindsay, and her drive to pursue a degree in Mathematics and was spurred by her calculus teacher who highly recommended CSUCI's Mathematics program.

“The one-on-one interaction with professors at CSUCI offers the perfect learning environment for students,” she said.

Lindsay is a recent graduate of El Segundo High School where she earned several academic honors for maintaining a 4.62 grade point average. She is also a musician and was a member of the high school band and chorus and has played the piano since 1995.

“Since seeing the CSUCI campus for the first time, I have visited several times and just can't seem to get enough of it. I can't wait to take advantage of every math class CSUCI has to offer!” Lindsay said.

The CSUCI President's Scholars Program provides scholarships that include financial assistance to entering students whose outstanding academic achievement and character will be enhanced and enriched in a nurturing environment that emphasizes commitment, success, and service. Those selected as President's Scholars receive full resident fees, a \$600 per semester credit at The Cove Bookstore, and use of a laptop computer. The scholarship is renewable for four years.

“It is my pleasure to welcome these two students to the campus community as President's Scholars,” said University President Richard R. Rush. “Recognizing students with scholarships for their academic achievements and co-curricular involvement is a practice we take pride in and look forward to continuing.”

The CSUCI Foundation provides the funds for the President's Scholars awards. This scholarship program received much of its initial funding from the Pierre Claeysens family endowment. To support any scholarship program at CSUCI contact Marti DeLaO, Director of Development, Annual Fund, President's Circle, 805-437-8919.



Happenings...

Anthropology Program Receives Donation

The Logan Museum of Anthropology at Beloit College recently donated more than 300 archaeological objects to the Anthropology program at CSUCI. These items no longer served the mission of the museum as they cannot be used for research.

Donated items include carved bone shoulder blades from bison (used as knives and hoes), stone axes, pottery pieces, animal teeth, and broken stone pieces from tool production.

CSUCI Performing Arts Program Inaugural Production a Hit

With funding from the Instructionally Related Activities Fund and the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics, the Performing Arts Program presented its first production, William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, April 17-19, in the former Library Courtyard. Nearly 600 CSUCI students, faculty, staff, and community members sat under the stars to enjoy the hilarious comedy for three standing-room-only performances.

Access Denied

CSUCI students joined with hundreds of other students from the 22 other CSU campuses on April 22 to march and rally against cuts to the state's higher education budget at the state Capitol in Sacramento. Forty-three CSUCI students participated in the “Access Denied” campaign. Following the rally, which brought out legislators and their aides to the front steps of the Capitol, Lt. Governor John Garamendi sent a personal message of thanks to the CSUCI students who participated for making the march a success. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's May Revise of the State budget restored \$97.6 million to the California State University, reducing the \$386 million gap in state funding initially anticipated for the 2008-09 CSU budget.

Student Storytelling, Author Presentations at Annual Reading Event

Nearly 350 children and parents attended the third-annual Children's Reading Celebration & Young Authors' Fair, hosted by the University Library. The April event celebrates literacy, children's literature and reading, and is an interdisciplinary outreach event for the Library.

This year's event featured authors Ellen Kelley and Lee Wardlaw; books written by local children, storytelling by CSUCI students from the English Program, bookmaking stations, and a hands-on painted art activity created by artist Peter Tigler. New to the event was Paws 4 Healing, a non-profit group that allows children to read books to therapy dogs.



A drugged Lysander (Corey Colin) woos the dubious Helena (Layla Marston) while the King of Fairies, Oberon (Scottie Batstone), and Puck (Hannah Markham) look on from above. Photo credit: Natasha Hopper.



CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, Wm. Gregory Sawyer, CSU Trustee Roberta Achtenberg

VP for Student Affairs Honored with Wang Award

Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Vice President for Student Affairs, was awarded the prestigious CSU Wang Family Excellence Award for 2008 at a ceremony held in May. The award is designed to “celebrate those CSU faculty and administrators who through extraordinary commitment and dedication have distinguished themselves by exemplary contributions and achievements in their academic disciplines and areas of assignment.”

The Wang Award was established in fall 1998 when then-Trustee Stanley T. Wang provided \$1 million to reward outstanding faculty and administrators. Annually, over a 10 year-period, four faculty and one administrator throughout the CSU system have received \$20,000 awards.

Sawyer is a trailblazer for student affairs program assessment at the national level. He earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at the University of North Texas.

Wang Award recipients are identified by a committee comprised of representatives of the CSU Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Statewide Academic Senate, a previous faculty award recipient of the Wang Family Award, and the CSU System Executive Staff.

Kudos...

Scott Frisch, Professor of Political Science, and **Sean Kelly**, Associate Professor of Political Science, were both invited by the Foley Institute at Washington State University to give a public talk and presentation on their research to the Political Science Department at events held in February.



On Sept. 10, **Andrea Grove**, Associate Professor of Political Science, will give a presentation and lead a discussion seminar for leadership analysts at the CIA in Langley, Va., speaking about the strategies leaders use to manipulate constraints and generate support for their foreign policy approach in an interdependent world.

Tiina Itkonen, Assistant Professor of Education, was invited to attend a meeting titled “The States' Impact on Federal Education Policy.”

Speakers include Thomas Hehir, former director of the Office of Special Education Programs, United States Department of Education, and Lorraine McDonnell, the President of The American Educational Research Association.

“Crossroads Oracle (A Lantern for Diogenes)” a sculpture by **Matthew Furmanski**, Assistant Professor of Art, has been installed at Promenade Park near Surfer's Point in Ventura. The sculpture is a temporary, interactive installation that attracts responses from curious passersby.

Scott Frisch, Professor of Political Science, was a guest on “Focus 580,” a weekday broadcast from WILL-AM, the public radio affiliate at the University of Illinois' main campus in Urbana-Champaign. On May 7, Frisch spent an hour with host David Inge discussing “The Making of the Federal Budget.”



INTERSECTION OF THE PAST AND PRESENT BUILDS THE FUTURE

John Spoor Broome Library Celebrates Opening

On April 4, 2008, more than 800 members of the campus community and beyond shared in the joy of Jack Broome and eight others who offered their thoughts, experiences, and hopes for the new John Spoor Broome Library.



"I want you to turn to your right and turn to your left and meet a new friend. This is a family. I want you to introduce yourself and from now on you're part of a new family. Thank you all for coming and I hope you'll be back many times in the future..."

It's a great privilege to stand here before you. You're students, you're faculty, you're family, and now you're friends... It seems to me that the library building itself is symbolic of education and learning...

Our hopes are high that all will take advantage of what the University has provided for us—that this library will help us to learn from the past and plan for the future...

Thank you each and every one of you for being with us and showing the interest and enthusiasm, and to make new friends."

John "Jack" Spoor Broome—Library Benefactor

"It has been said that a library is a place where history comes to life and connects the past and future with the present. It is an opportunity for students to realize their dreams and is a visible and tangible symbol of this University and this community's commitment to excellence in higher education.

This transparent structure full of light, the integration of glass and steel, old and new, symbolizes the intellectual heart of this University and the commitment of the people who are privileged to work here and hold it in trust for you as well as this community for the future of this region and the state of California."

Richard R. Rush—CSUCI President



"Many of us have witnessed—literally from the ground up—the development of this Lord Norman Foster building, the place that will be the academic and cultural center of the campus, where faculty, students and guests will come together to explore, discuss, debate, engage, and critique.

Terry Ballman—CSUCI Academic Senate Chair, Professor of Spanish



"When you take a look at the architecture of this building, just sitting out here you can see most of it, when you take a walk inside it's magnificent and it can stand on its own as piece of art, but it cannot fulfill its purpose as a place of learning until people interact with it. ... But even before these interactions took place, someone had to have a dream, someone had to create its soul, someone has to breathe life into it. And only one group of people could do that, and that's our library staff at this University. I am so proud to have them to work with! They've done an amazing job moving into this building."

Paul Adalian—Dean of the University Library



"This campus has come a long way in a very short time. This new library is a symbol of what can be done when we keep the needs of students first. I can remember the first day that I was here and Handel Evans said, 'We are going to build a new library for this campus!'..."

The students who pass through these doors will graduate into the workforce prepared to contribute to the economic viability of this region and state. This library will play a big part in what these students take with them when they leave this campus."

Charles B. Reed—CSU Chancellor

"In a little over a year, Camarillo has supported the opening of not only one wonderful library but two libraries with the opening of the Camarillo library last March. ...

The John Spoor Broome Library will be the epicenter, both literally and metaphorically, of University life, education, and building community partnerships for generations to come."

Kathy Long—Ventura County Board of Supervisors

"I'm honored to stand here today and say that this campus, CSUCI, has exceeded all of my expectations and this library is no different. ... Our library represents what CI is all about. From its very location and intention it's an essential component of the campus and acts as a cornerstone for our education. Not only does it encourage research opportunities and facilitate classes, it provides a social home for students to engage with one another."

Cris Powell—CSUCI Student Government President

"What is worth highlighting in this brief moment is all of our clear desire at the time and throughout the project to establish an architecture that would break down the very tangible barriers and introversion of the former building to establish a building language of openness, transparency, and light. A truly intelligible and interactive democratic environment to free thought... as with any architecture it is the people that use it that give it life..."

Pedro Haberbosch—Partner, Foster+Partners

"Allow me to finish then with a quote from yet another architect and teacher, Walter Gropius, a quote that I believe is particularly relevant to this occasion and for many of us here today but is particularly directed to Jack Broome. Gropius says 'if your contribution has been vital, there will always be someone to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality.' That, ladies and gentlemen, is why this is just the beginning."

J. Handel Evans—CSUCI President Emeritus

Scholarship for his doctorate at the University of Southern California. He also stayed in touch with Muraoka.

"So this is a true story, when I finished my Ph.D. at USC my advisor really wanted me to stay on and do research. I was ready to move on, so 11 days after I defended my dissertation I started the only job I applied for and ended up at CSUCI," Rivera explained.

"Paul was our top student at Cal State Long Beach. I was thrilled when Paul agreed to join the faculty at CSUCI. In our profession, there is nothing more gratifying than welcoming a former student as a new colleague," Muraoka said.

That was 2002 and Rivera has been here—and a whole lot of other places in the world—since. Both Rivera and his wife Colleen Delaney-Rivera, who is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at CSUCI, have a passion for travel. The list of where they and their two children have visited and experienced reads like a Who's Who book for locations. Rivera pauses for a second before sharing bits and pieces from the travelogue running in his mind. Scenes from Greece; the holiday season in Paris, France; Shanghai, China; and the soon-to-be visited island nation of Tonga are all places on Rivera's list.

The traveling bug was something he picked up when he was a youngster growing up in Los Angeles. He took typical family road trips and went camping but his interest in the world took him abroad, and led him to master and speak Spanish, French, Portuguese, and learn German.

Spanish was primarily spoken in the home where he grew up as his mother is from Mexico and his father hails from El Salvador. He said his heritage gave him an appreciation for culture and diversity. This understanding made him realize that at their core most people, no matter where they live in the world, have similar objectives, including the pursuit of higher education.

"Look at the roots of the words 'university' and 'diversity,' they're the same," he explained. This was a message he recently delivered as the keynote speaker at the 2008 Southern California Forum For Diversity In Graduate Education, which garnered an audience of more than 1,200. The forum was aimed at students whose populations are underrepresented in graduate schools.

"A lot of the constraints that people put on themselves are psychological," Rivera said. "Higher education brings together a multiplicity of perspectives; maybe instead of university, we should call it multiversity."

Rivera closed his address at the forum with a revision of Cesar Chavez's famous phrase.



Top: Rivera and his daughter Daniela near Monterey, Calif.




Left: Colleen Delaney-Rivera looks through a window in Amvrosios, Greece.

"I said '¡Yo si puedo!' which means I can do it," he said. Rivera's words at the conference earned him a standing ovation and afterward requests from students for his autograph.

"The energy was there, and it followed me down the halls throughout the day," he said.

Hallways, corridors, classrooms, students, and of course travel are what make Rivera tick and feed that hunger that drove him to shirk the suit and tie for academia in the first place.

"I'd be enormously disappointed in any other job," he said. "I get to interact with students all the time, and no two days are ever the same." 



HAND Talk

Rivera shares his passion for teaching, inspiring, and traveling



Paul Rivera is describing something. It might be how reciprocity or risk relates to economics and anthropology, maybe he's addressing diversity in higher education, or perhaps it's a recap of a recent trip abroad. His words are well chosen and he is articulate.

Now press the mute button for just a few seconds and Rivera's animation alone can carry the conversation—the three types of reciprocity are emphasized as he points at the white board and extends three fingers with lightening speed; opening his arms and extending them he brings 1,200 students at a recent forum to their feet; and pinching his pointing fingers and thumb together and giving his arm a slight shake he, without words, has summed up the cuisine on a recent trip to Greece as magnificent.

Rivera is an Associate Professor of Economics at CSUCI and in the role he brings an energy that can be heard as well as felt. Even at the end of the semester, at the end of 16 weeks of Anthropology/Economics 444 Values & Valuables, he springs to action in front of his class as he and his students start talking about a recent natural disaster in Myanmar.

"You want me to draw you a map?" he asks as they proceed talking about the small country on the Indian Ocean sandwiched by Bangladesh and Thailand.

"I can draw you a sexy map," he jokes and in the blink of an eye, the familiar shape of India and the countries that border it and the Indian Ocean appear. Rivera is a natural at what he does and it's difficult to imagine him in a different setting, away from the classroom and students and not teaching; however there was a time when he did make a run at corporate America and donned a suit and tie each day.

"That wasn't something I could see myself doing for the rest of my life," he explained, and that's just about when he walked into Dennis Muraoka's office for the first time.

"I remember it like yesterday. I walked into Muraoka's office and told him I wanted to get my doctorate in economics. He took one look at me and said, 'OK. You need to take our master's program, crush it, and put the pieces in your pocket.' And he probably thought that would be the last time he'd ever see me," Rivera recounted.

Not so. Rivera did exactly what Muraoka, who was then an Economics professor and graduate advisor at Cal State Long Beach and is now the Interim Associate Provost at Cal State Channel Islands, said, and he blasted through the graduate Economics Program at Long Beach and earned a Sally Cassanova Pre-Doctoral

New Academic Programs More Options for Students

Undergraduate degree programs offered at CSUCI will grow by two in 2008 bringing the total to 22. Beginning in fall 2008, students will have the opportunity to pursue degrees in Applied Physics and Chicana/o Studies. Each program anticipates approximately one dozen students each to declare majors in the respective degree programs for the 2008-09 academic year.

Chicana/o Studies

Chicana/o Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that will provide students with instruction in Chicana/o Studies while at the same time provide them an opportunity to minor or double major in a related disciplinary program. Jose Alamillo, who grew up in Santa Paula, will be joining the faculty as an Associate Professor of Chicana/o Studies in the fall, and will serve as the program's Coordinator.

"Students who earn a degree in Chicana/o Studies will be ready to work in government relations, non-governmental organizations, and in organizations that serve the transborder communities," said Marie Francois, Chair of the History and Chicana/o Studies programs at CSUCI and Associate Professor of History.

The Chicana/o Studies program at CSUCI is distinguished from similar programs offered at other universities in that it focuses on local issues in the context of transborder questions. The CSUCI program acknowledges that people come to the United States from all parts of Latin America and bring with them a variety of cultural and economic perspectives.

Students pursuing a degree in the program also will also have a service learning component to

fulfill as part of their curriculum. During the upcoming year the students of the program will work to gather oral histories from former participants of the Bracero Program from 1942 to 1964. This service learning project is in conjunction with Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. There also is a Spanish language requirement for those who graduate with a degree in Chicana/o Studies.

"The Chicana/o Studies program has been developed in partnership with the Ventura County community, and is infused by the University mission with its integrative structure across disciplines, as well as its international, multicultural, and community engagement emphases," Francois said.

Applied Physics

The sciences at CSUCI will get a boost with the addition of the Applied Physics program, which offers students the option of two emphases: technology or physical sciences. The new degree program meets a demand raised by professional and scientific companies in the region and by students already pursuing Applied Physics as their minor.

The Applied Physics degree program is the first of its kind in the CSU system. It's a physics-in-

technology program where the concepts of physics are applied to high tech applications. For example, students not only learn how things like cell phones work; they will learn how to make them work better.

"Local high-tech industries have been particularly interested in the skills that the technology emphasis has to offer, while the physical science emphasis caters to those students interested in teaching, journalism, public service, sales, business, etc.," explained Geoff Dougherty, Coordinator of the Applied Physics program and Professor of Physics at CSUCI.

Local business professionals from the University's Business & Technology Partnership have worked with the faculty members within the Applied Physics and Mathematics programs to facilitate contacts with local companies and gain their input for the curriculum. The curriculum includes an internship with an external company to gain practical experience, and team-based research with students from other disciplines to encourage an interdisciplinary approach.

"Both emphases within the program were specifically designed to enable students to move into well-paid professional employment upon graduation or proceed to graduate study," Dougherty said. C

Dev Chahil ('08)

Degree(s): B.S. Biology ('05), M.S. Biotechnology ('07), MBA
Honors: Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society
Clubs/Organizations: CSUCI Fermentation Club



Why CSUCI? I saw great opportunity to join a group of motivated faculty and staff to help shape a new institution. I also saw a chance to develop relationships with the community and the many surrounding industry partners.

CSUCI Experience: Phil Hampton, Professor of Chemistry, really blew me away with his enthusiasm for teaching and dedication to his students; his class was my first at the University and his energy is still remembered. Ching Hua Wang, Professor of Biology, was always very interested in preparing her students for industry. She helped to arrange two internships during my senior year; these really prepared me for work in the industry and allowed me to make many relationships with these organizations I spent time with.

Future Plans: Continue working for Monsanto and further increase my rapidly growing responsibilities within the organization. PhD??? You never know...

Yovani Lopez ('08)

Degree: B.A. Sociology
Clubs/Organizations/Events: Chair of Maximus Awards



Why CSUCI? I think that the location of the campus was ultimately what got me to attend CSUCI. I originally was going to attend SFSU and when it came to really looking into it I wasn't ready to leave my family and go to school. I live in Oxnard, so knowing that I was able to attend school and still be with my family was a big plus. Now if you ask if I am ready to go somewhere else my response would be different because CSUCI has made me grow in many different ways, especially intellectually.

CSUCI Experience: I would like to thank everyone for always supporting me in everything. CSUCI has a lot of great staff and administrators that have helped me grow through education as well as my co-curricular experiences. CSUCI has truly been a big impact in my life. I love the campus!

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

Jashinsky is somewhat more of a traditional college student. He's traditional in the sense that he just finished his first year at CSUCI and is about to turn 19; however those two items are the only traditional things about him. Hostetler isn't exactly your typical college student either.

"Entrepreneurs typically apply innovation to the existing business environment to produce new business opportunities," explained William Cordeiro, Senior Associate Dean and Director of the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics. That innovative approach to business, which is somewhat similar to what Jashinsky and Hostetler are doing, was used when designing the curriculum for the Smith School.

While not every student entrepreneur is majoring in business—Hostetler is, while Jashinsky is considering a minor in the discipline—those who do study business at the Smith School learn the fundamental discipline building blocks. Additionally, the Smith School stresses development of broad-based skills: critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

"These skills equip our students to apply themselves in emerging areas of business and to create their own opportunities," Cordeiro said.

"Old movies turn into a budding business"

Jashinsky, a Computer Science major, is the co-founder and co-owner of Reimagine Memories, a business he came up with in 2005 when he was 16 years old.

The idea for the business came to Jashinsky and a friend one day when their interest in playing video games had been exhausted. His friend's mom suggested they would get a good laugh by watching some of the old home movies of their elementary school plays. After finding all the accoutrements necessary to make the mini-tapes play through the camcorder and onto the television, they did have a great laugh and the "a-ha" question was raised.

"We started to wonder, 'how could we digitize this?'" Jashinsky recalled. He and his friend started looking on the Internet for a business that could convert VHS to a digital format, and all they found were costly services that would just put the material onto a DVD, but nothing else. Instead of shrugging his shoulders over the old movies he pursued a solution and Reimagine Memories was born.

Jashinsky's co-founder did nearly all of the back-end, hard-core computer programming, and Jashinsky created the graphics and user interface. What they ended up with a year later was a Web-based business that provides people the opportunity to have their old home movies digitized and placed on DVD. The files are also sent to the customer electronically in a format of their choice, and then the saved digital files are housed on servers owned by Reimagine Memories, allowing customers to access their files from anywhere with a username and password.

"In April 2006, we shopped it around and called companies like Viacom and NBC Universal," Jashinsky said. But after a lukewarm response given the time and money he and his co-founder had put into the business, "We decided to do it alone."

At that time Jashinsky was a senior in high school and somehow between "taking the show on the road" and going out and marketing Reimagine

Brad Jashinsky



Memories at computer clubs and various computer club conventions, he managed to maintain a 4.14 GPA in high school, and accept the prestigious President's Scholarship at CSUCI and enroll for classes at the University beginning in fall 2007.

"The business really started picking up traction in July 2007," he said, which was just before he began his freshman year and would be carrying 16 credit hours. "I'm glad it's summer now and I have time to catch up on orders and work on the business."

Since July 2007, Reimagine Memories has grown to have more than 200 customers and the phone keeps ringing. Business has picked up so much—and his classes are getting more challenging—that Jashinsky is easing back on his academic load in the fall.

"Twelve credit hours would probably be better for me and the future of the business," he said. **C**



Faces in the Crowd

Elise Martinet ('08)

Degree: B.A. Sociology
Honors: Talkin' Dolphins Spring '08 Outstanding Speaker
Clubs/Organizations/Events: In April, 2008, I created a new CI tradition by organizing and hosting the first annual Take Back the Night event. This is an event that will take place every year as part of the campus's Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Take Back the Night is an event that honors survivors of sexual assault as the community comes together to listen and share and raise its collective voice to say these violent crimes are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. As the name of the event suggests, this is an evening where we symbolically "take back the night" saying we will no longer fear the darkness and the vulnerability it can bring; together we can shatter the silence. I am very happy that the legacy that I will leave at California State University Channel Islands will be one that will honor survivors of sexual assault and be a legacy of social awareness and activism.



CSUCI Experience: Watching the waves of people show up to attend Take Back the Night was one of the most memorable for me personally. A professor who had been a mentor to me, Dr. Sunghee Choi, brought her whole Sociology of Gender class to attend the event. Dr. Greg Sawyer made time in his busy schedule to attend and show his support. The fact that all these people showed up and made the issue of ending sexual violence a priority in their lives deeply touched me. Afterwards I received hugs from many who attended to say thank you. The fact that I created something that moved people in that way was one of my life's biggest accomplishments.

Future Plans: In my immediate future I will be looking to begin my career in the non-profit sector as a community relations and communication professional. I hope to find myself in a non-profit organization that deals with issues affecting women or children. My long term goals are to create my own non-profit that empowers women survivors to live a life of meaning and to empower other women to do the same. I believe that empowerment is a cycle that begins with the power of one to change themselves and consequently the world around them.

Emily Mazzucchi ('08)

Degree: B.S. Biology
Honors: Cum Laude, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, Program Honors for the Biology Department
Clubs/Organizations/Events: Biology Club



CSUCI Experience: During my time at CSUCI there have been many memorable moments as well as influential individuals who have inspired me to push for greater achievements both here at CSUCI and in my future. Dr. Ching-Hua Wang, Professor of Biology, in particular has played a defining role throughout my time at CSUCI as she became my mentor, helping me to define not only the role I would play as a student, but also my future after CSUCI. Dr. Wang got me involved in the Human Neural Stem Cell research that she started up at CSUCI, an opportunity I probably would not have had the chance to become involved in at any other university, and also helped me achieve my goal of getting into the University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy. Dr Wang has dedicated so much of her time, tirelessly working to create stronger and better science programs for students at CSUCI; she is a strong, hardworking, dedicated, brilliant individual whom I look up to in so many ways. The time I have spent working with Dr. Wang and the knowledge I have gained from her are invaluable. She has truly helped to define the individual I have become, as well as inspired me to pursue every aspiration as I search for the defining role I will play in the future of our society.

Future Plans: I will be attending the University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy starting in fall 2008 where I will pursue my Doctor of Pharmacy Degree.



College can be crazy stressful: umpteen credit hours, midterms, research papers, hours of studying, making time for a budding social life, going to the gym, and for many a few hours a week spent at a job to kind of help pay for it all.

That list is enough to make anyone's eyes cross and send them running, but wait, there's more.

Instead of doing a few hours of work per week at a job at a business that's already established, try starting and running your own business, making it profitable, and somehow balancing your Tuesday/Thursday class schedule with client relations and customer service.

Meet Matt Hostetler and Brad Jashinsky, both CSUCI students who on a daily basis do all of the above.

Credit hours were one of the reasons Hostetler is driven to work hard on MDH Services, his facilities consulting business. Hostetler's business got off the ground in summer of 2007 when he transitioned from being a facilities management employee to a contractor for the company.

"Last summer I was figuring out what I wanted to do, start my own business or go back to school," Hostetler explained. "Then I had this idea to outsource myself to the company I worked for."

The rest, as they say is history. Hostetler began to work himself out of a job and in the process realized he was actually creating a huge amount of value for the company he was working for. His exit strategy made him realize that much of what he was doing could be done for other clients, and MDH Services was created.

Hostetler's segue into entrepreneurship was different from Jashinsky's in that Hostetler took an everyday job and made it into a business rather than taking a raw idea and bringing it to market. Hostetler took what initially was an either/or situation—either start a business or go to school—and turned it into a profitable venture that provides him the best of both worlds.

"If you want to do something you can find a way to do it," he said.

"Working himself out of a job and into a business"

Hostetler runs his facilities management firm from his iPhone, laptop, and anywhere there is WiFi access. His clients know they can reach him 24 hours a day seven days a week, and when the phone rings he has the resources in place to meet any of his clients' needs. For example, if a client leaves a voicemail for him it is transcribed and sent as a text message to his phone, and he can respond immediately with a text or email back to the client no matter where he is.

Although Hostetler does balance his business with his studies, the two are not mutually exclusive.

As a business administration student, many of the courses Hostetler is taking have objectives he directly can apply to his own business practices. Some of what he is learning are things he has already learned in "trial by fire" mode when he was working and developing MDH Services, but many of the concepts have helped him improve and refine his business.



Hostetler also points to his early work experience and exposure to upper management as part of his success in the classroom and with his business. Keeping everything in balance, he aims to graduate in May 2010.

"School is my number one priority right now, and running the business is second," he said. "In the coming months I hope to expand the business and see where it goes. The key to success is staying focused and actually doing it."

Matt Hostetler

Vanessa Mendoza ('08)

Degree: B.A. Psychology

Clubs/Organizations/Events: I feel that the greatest impact I made in a student organization was my involvement and aid in the implementation of the LEAP (Leaders in Education Awareness Program) while at CI. Working with about 10 CI students per semester, we conducted tours and presentations to K-8 students of Ventura County, and were available at CI events such as the Young Authors' Reading Fair and Discover CI. This "LEAP Family," as we like to call it, has grown into something we didn't expect with every one of the LEAP members being recognized as outstanding student leaders on campus, and with each one of us developing skills that have allowed us to work with the rest of the campus. I hope this tradition will continue for many years to come.



Why CSUCI? I was going through a rough time in my life with my father's death shortly before I came here, and the friendly personnel and immediate service really helped. Specifically, the counselors in Admissions and Recruitment and Financial Aid were of great assistance and showed me the "CI way" even before I was admitted here. I knew that this would be a perfect place for me.

Future Plans: I was recently admitted into the Master's Program for School Counseling at CSUN and I am planning to attend in the upcoming years. **I want to continue the work I have provided to underserved communities and low income families through University Outreach at CSUCI.**

Peyman Shahabi ('08)

Degree: M.S. Biotechnology

Why CSUCI? As one of the first international students graduating from CSUCI, I think this unique program has a potential to attract a lot of local and international students to Camarillo. I think the strength of this new master's program comes from the close relationship that exists between the program and the strong local biotechnology companies. I believe what makes this program so unique and different is its novel curriculum of coursework that blends science and business. If you look at the curriculum you will immediately notice that there are very few universities in this country that offer such fascinating classes for a master's program that include unique biology and bioinformatics classes and a protein crystallography class that is taught side-by-side with courses such as biotechnology law and regulation and project management. **After I realized the potential of this program, I decided to get my master's at CSUCI and today I am happily graduating from CSUCI.**



Future Plans: I am considering moving on to the MBA program after I finish my Master of Science degree in biotechnology. I would like to stay in the area and start my professional career with one of the strong local biotechnology companies.

Terri Fivash ('08)

Degree: MBA

Why CSUCI? I was intrigued with the "start-up" energy and enthusiasm of CSUCI's MBA staff and students and wanted to participate. Moreover, I was looking for an MBA program with an international focus that would integrate my B.A. in anthropology and psychology with my accounting concentration and years of business experience as a controller. CSUCI's MBA program not only had an international focus, but the program culminated in a 10-day trip abroad. The trip was the deciding factor for me.



CSUCI Experience: Our culminating trip abroad—to Argentina and Chile—was definitely the highlight of my MBA experience. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to relax and to immerse myself in another culture, language, and perspective. Additionally, the university lectures we attended as a class, particularly those in Chile, presented information about the South American economy that had not been accessible to us in our pre-trip research. This was a unique academic experience that provided our class with an understanding, specifically, about the extent and growth of consumer debt in the region that caused many of us to rethink our pre-trip perspectives.

Cris Powell ('08)

Degree: B.S. Business

Clubs/Organizations/Events/Traditions: 07-08 President of Student Government; started 'Penny Wars' to raise money for Relay for Life; helped to create the "Welcome to CI" rap song for events and orientation; assisted with creating the student block parties; and participated in the design of the new Student Union, Senior Class Ring, and the Athletics Program.



CSUCI Experience: My work as a Resident Assistant was the most life changing because I was able to understand what it means to be in service to others. I had a great leader in Sarah Hawkins and a great RA team around me.

Future Plans: I will be attending USC in the fall for a graduate degree in Higher Education with a focus on Athletic Administration. One day I would like to be an Athletic Director at a university (Maybe this one?)

Parting Words: The best investment I have ever made! I will be reaping the benefits for ever.

Rachel Hadlock-Piltz ('08)

Degree: B.A. English

Honors: 2008 English Program Honors, magna cum laude, 2006 Award of Merit from the English Faculty Clubs/Organizations/Events: Encore! Performing Arts Club



Why CSUCI? The small class sizes and student to teacher ratio was very attractive to me, as well as the beautiful campus setting. CSUCI had such a relaxing atmosphere when I first stepped foot on campus, and the English faculty seemed very focused on the students.

CSUCI Experience: Seeing my 10-minute play, "Man at the Crossroads," performed at CSUCI's Fall Festival in 2006 was a life-changing experience for me; the opportunity for a read-through by professional and student actors in front of an audience is an experience that many playwriting students don't get until graduate school. Bob Mayberry, Associate Professor of English, who taught my playwriting class, has inspired me to pursue this as an avocation, and hopefully I can one day make a career out of it.

COMMENCEMENT

The CI Way



"We have done it our way, the CI Way," graduate and 2007-08 Student Government President Cristopher Powell proclaimed to the more than 8,000 who came to campus to cheer on the graduates at the 2008 Commencement ceremony on May 17.

Family members and friends of the more than 640 students who participated in the ceremony came to the South Quad of the Cal State Channel Islands campus to cheer, whoop, and congratulate all who crossed the stage.

California State University Trustee A. Robert Lindscheid and University President Richard R. Rush joined Powell in their comments and encouragement of the Class of 2008, the sixth class of students to become alumni of California State University Channel Islands.

"Enjoy this day because you will never forget it," Lindscheid told the graduates and guests.

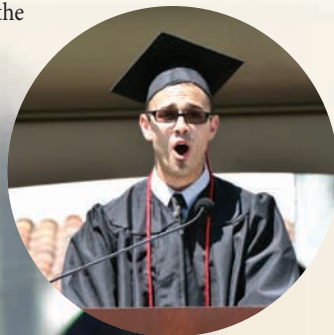
It was clear that Lindscheid's words resonated with the graduates as they recalled their years of academic dedication. Commencement day was their day to shine and wear their hard work on their sleeves, gowns, caps, and for those who have earned academic honors, medallions, cords, and stoles.

The Class of 2008 at CSUCI is part of a group of 90,000 students who graduated from the California State University system this year. Some, like Powell, will choose to continue their education and earn advanced degrees, while so many others will join the workforce.

"You will soon learn the real benefits of earning a degree from the California State University as you go out into the workforce – the workforce that depends so greatly on the 90,000 well prepared CSU graduates that become their employees every year," Rush said to the graduates.


Several distinguished guests supported the Class of 2008. Among them were representatives from city, county, and state government, members of the University's Foundation, and former Congressman Robert J. Lagomarsino and his wife Norma. In 1965, Congressman Lagomarsino was the co-author of legislation that led to the creation of CSUCI.

Commencement day is one marked by tradition—the familiar tune of Pomp and Circumstance, the



sounding of the Navy Bell, and four blasts of a conch shell—and this year CSUCI began a new tradition, the inclusion of the 'Light of Learning' carried by an honorary faculty marshal. The Light of Learning symbolizes the University's commitment to a life of the mind and the central role played by outstanding faculty. Elizabeth Hartung, Professor of Sociology, was selected by the University President to carry the 'Light of Learning' and lead the procession.

The final tradition, one that all the graduates have worked for years to participate in, was an invitation issued by Provost Theodore Lucas—this was the final year he delivered the following invitation, as he has stepped aside as University Provost.

"As is academic tradition, a student who has not yet earned a degree wears the tassel of his or her mortarboard on the right side. However, once the degree is conferred, the scholar moves the tassel to the left side joining a select company of university-educated men and women," Lucas explained to a sea of eager graduates. "In recognition of your new status, I invite all recipients of a bachelor's degree to move your tassels to the left, as we applaud your outstanding efforts!" 



"Enjoy this day because you will never forget it."
A. Robert Lindscheid,
CSU Trustee

