# The SO (Student Organization) Involver Issue 1 August/Sept 2011

**Student Organization (SO) Newsletter** 

#### **CSU Channel Islands**

## Important Student Organization Announcements What's New in 2011-2012?

Hello! I am Dr. Jaimie Hoffman, the assistant director of Student Leadership Programs (SLP) and I would like to cordially welcome you to the 2011-2012 academic year! I am so excited to begin working with you and to witness your organization's amazing accomplishments this year.

Over the summer, I conducted research about the services provided to student organizations at other CSU campuses. Through this process, I discovered some great ideas for improving our programs and services. In fact, this SO (student organization) newsletter was an idea from this research. This newsletter is intended to serve as a "one-stop-shop" for current information pertaining to student organizations. My desire is to decrease the quantity of emails sent to you while continuing to provide all of the necessary information for the successful management of your organization.

The SO Involver will always begin with announcements directly relevant to student organizations so that if you do not have the time to read the whole issue right away, you will be aware of the important announcements. And now... the announcements for this issue:

#### ORGANIZATION APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

If your organization has not yet submitted the required renewal or application paperwork, it is important you do so as soon as possible. Until we have received this paperwork, your organization will not be recognized and only recognized organization can use University resources (e.g. meeting space, funding, etc.). Also, all members and officers must submit a Member Agreements Form (MAF) or Sports Club Player Participation Form (SCPP) in order to be eligible to participate in your organization. The deadline for all application materials is the third Friday of each semester (Friday, September 19, 2011).

#### **ELECTRONIC FORMS \*NEW\***

This summer, we migrated all (but two) of our forms to an entirely electronic submission process. To submit forms, simply go to our website, locate and complete your desired form. More information about each form is provided in the mandatory electronic orientations (discussed in later in this column).

#### **INVOLVEMENT FAIR**

The Fall Student Organization Involvement Fair will take place on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Broome Library Plaza. A detailed invitation email was sent to student organization members and officers with registration information however, please contact us if you have any questions.

#### **ELECTRONIC ORIENTATIONS \*NEW\***

In lieu of a face-to-face, half-day training, we have created an entirely electronic orientation that covers the important policies and procedures pertaining to student organizations while better meeting the needs of our busy students. It is mandatory that each student organization president take the orientation and earn an 80% or higher on the quiz. The information is also useful for any members and officers of student organizations and all are encouraged to review it. The orientation will be emailed to all presidents and made available on the SLP website (see page 1) during the first week of the semester and must be completed by Friday, September 19, 2011.

#### **INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS \*NEW\***

I would like to meet individually with each student organization at least once per semester to learn how SLP can support your organization. Please stop by the SEAL Center to schedule an appointment with me. I look forward to spending time with each of you!

#### STUDENT ORGANIZATION OPEN HOUSE \*NEW\*

You are invited to join Rick Houser or University Glen Corporation and SLP for a Student Organization Open House in the SEAL Center on Tuesday, September 16, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to meet each of you and answer any questions you might have about student organization logistics or food-related issues. Free food will be provided!

### **LA LIASION \*NEW\***

This year, a Leadership Assistant will serve as a liaison to student organizations based on your organization type. You can expect these student leaders to check-in with you regularly to offer their assistance. Liaison assignments are as follows:

Sarai Plummer: Honorary Organizations Charles Tran: Academic Organizations

Christine Wamba: Institutional Organizations and Sports Clubs

Vanessa Almeda & Christopher Bombara: Special Interest Organizations

That's all folks! I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Jaimie

### Advice for Advisors

#### **ADVISOR ORIENTATION**

It is mandated by the CSU that all student organization advisors complete an annual advisor training. To meet this requirement and share vital information, we will provide an electronic orientation for returning advisors and face-to-face New Advisor Orientations (as we did last year). Advisors who completed the Advisor Agreement Form will be sent an email during the first week of school with information pertinent to their orientation modality.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR FOR ADVISORS**

Only two forms (the Event Space and Resource Request Form and the Poster Request Form) require advisor approval as of Spring 2011.

#### **HELP US HELP YOUR ORGANIZATIONS**

We would love to see every student organization renew and help interested students start new clubs. Please help us to ensure students are identified to lead organizations, all application materials are submitted and orientation requirements are met. The deadline is the third Friday of every semester (Friday, September 19, 2011).

Please contact us if we can assist with any of the tasks above.

Thank you in advance for your service as an advisor! Students benefit greatly from having advisors like you who are committed, active and involved with the organization and its activities!

### Lessons from our Leader

Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer Vice President for Student Affairs

**Dear CI Student Organization Leaders:** 

Welcome to yet another year of hope, challenges, success and lessons learned! As you begin the new academic year keep in mind that leadership is neither a scorecard nor a destination. It is not about how many officer positions you hold on campus; on the contrary, it's the integrity and dignity with which you hold and conduct yourself in these positions that truly matters. Leadership at CSU Channel Islands (CI) is more than a notion, it's a holistic experience that is intentional, needs based, focused and comprehensive. Whether you are the president of an honor society or the treasurer for a sports club, as a CI leader you are expected to bring your best every day and in every way! None of us came to CI to be average; we came here with hope, desire and enthusiasm to make a difference and transcend the norm. We came to CI to create a vision and develop an educational community based on excellence and integrity that would be sustainable for generations to come.

John Quincy Adams, the 6th President of the United States once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." At CI we encourage to think critically, to act responsibly, to flourish personally, and to engage respectfully. These basic tenets will serve you well as a member of one of America's Best Colleges in which to work and go to school. Finally, I would like to leave you with CI's definition of Leadership: "With excellence and integrity, CI leaders serve others, build community, personally flourish and act in a positive and socially responsible manner."

Yours in Continued Service, Doc

### Notes from the Student Organization Outreach Officer, Liz Anson

My name is Elizabeth Anson and I am the student organization outreach officer for the CI Student Government. I am in my fourth and final year at CI with a double major in Psychology and

Communication. I started getting involved in clubs my first year here and even created my own sports club, the Triathlon Club, which is still going strong.

My job in Student Government is to help student organizations strengthen community among CI students. It is said that student organizations should represent all CI student's interests and my goal is to make that a true statement. So, whether you are looking to get involved with, or start a new student organization, or if you're looking to make your organization better, I am here to help!

I'll also be establishing the first Inter-Club Council (ICC) at CI and will be requesting a representative from each of your organizations for our first meeting soon!

Let's make CI great together! Feel free to email me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email is Elizabeth.anson264@myci.csuci.edu. ~ Liz

### **CI Leadership Definition**

With excellence and integrity, CI leaders serve others, build community, personally flourish and act in a positive and socially responsible manner.

### KP is Family by Janina Acevilla

Kilusan Pilipino of California State University Channel Islands (KP-CI est. 2010) helps to promote Pilipino culture to the Channel Islands campus, Ventura County community, family, and friends. As the sister club to Kilusan Pilipino in Stockton at the University of the Pacific (KP-OP est. 1994), we strive to be more than just another campus organization. KP is FAMILY. Kilusan Pilipino recognizes, welcomes, and thrives on diversity. As a whole, the KP Family consists of students from different ethnicities, cultures, and majors -- all that is required to join is a genuine interest in Pilipino culture.

Last year, Kilusan Pilipino took part in an event hosted at CSU Fullerton called Friendship Games for the first time. With 6,000 individuals from over 30 colleges and Universities participating at Friendship Games, it is the largest student-run Filipino-American event in the nation. We decided to showcase our CI Pride and selected the theme "no other than" CI Dolphins. Before the Friendship Games, you may have seen us practicing silly picnic games or painting dolphins onto cardboard outside of the Island Café. We plan to show more CI Pride at this year's Friendship Games on October 22, 2011.

During CI's Dolphin Days in April, Kilusan took on its first showcase during the Asian Heritage Celebration. This showcase strives to eventually become Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN), which is an annual tradition that emerged in California in the late 1970s and today is observed by thousands of Pilipino American college students throughout the United States. PCN is a student-run show that features Pilipino ethnic dances, songs, and skits exploring various issues that affect Pilipino Americans such as identity, family, racism, and youth culture. At our very first show, we gave a glimpse into Pilipino heritage through song and dance. Our vision is to enrich the CSUCI student body with expanded worldviews in this growing annual production.

If you are interested in joining Kilusan Pilipino please contact us at kp.csuci@gmail.com.

### Meet the SLP Student Staff by Rebecca Torres

Welcome back! It's that time of year again to begin the fall semester and the SLP staff can't wait to work with you! This year we have three returning staff members, Vanessa Alameda, Rebecca Torres and Christine Wamba and we are excited to welcome three new staff members, Christopher Bombara, Sarai Plummer and Charles Tran.

Vanessa Almeda is a senior majoring in Psychology who loves being involved at CI! Her most memorable involvements are being an assistant for Dr. Sawyer's COMM 101 class and serving as a member of LEAP (the Leaders in Education Awareness Program).

Christine Wamba is entering her fourth year at CI and is majoring in Liberal Studies. She was an Orientation Leader this summer and helped ensure that the incoming freshmen had a smooth transition in their lives as a college student.

Rebecca Torres is a senior studying biology with an emphasis in Medical Imaging. She believes leadership isn't just about taking action, but it's doing the right thing even when no one is looking. Rebecca has been involved throughout her four years at CI; she dedicated two summers working as an Orientation Leader and was a Resident Assistant her junior year.

Sarai is a sophomore studying chemistry. Sarai doesn't define leadership as a trait, but as a duty to serve and inspire others to achieve success. She believes that getting involved brings many benefits including friendship, incredible experiences, and confidence. She is new to the SEAL Center staff and is excited to share her knowledge with those who want to get involved.

Charles Tran is a senior studying biology with an emphasis in medical imaging. He believes that leaders should not be afraid to delegate and trust people to accomplish assigned tasks and be willing to get down in the dirt with those you lead. Charles enjoyed serving as the RHA President last year because through this position, he was able to build a better connection with many residents with the ultimate goal of improving their living experience.

Last but not least, Christopher Bombara. Chris is a sophomore here at CSU Channel Islands majoring in Biology with an emphasis in Cell and Molecular Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Originally from Santa Paula, Chris has enjoyed working as an orientation leader this past summer as well as helping to put on events in housing this past year because he enjoys being able to give back and help out the campus in any way that he can while developing school pride. Leadership to him is being the best you can be at all times. Please stop by and visit us! We are excited to see you soon.

~ SLP Staff

### **Sports Club Corner**

By Nathan Avery, coordinator of Rec Sports

Campus Recreation welcomes Sports Clubs back to the Fall 2011 semester! Please mark your calendar for Friday, September 9 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. as Campus Recreation will host an Open House for Sports Club Recruitment in the Recreation Center. Also, please take time to review the Fall 2011 Sport Club deadlines, workshops and meetings. I look forward to working with each of you!

#### **Reminders:**

Final Budget Deadline is Friday, September 16, 2011, before 5:00 p.m.

Please vote for your 2011 Sports Clubs Council scheduled on Wednesdays (second week of each month) from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in BTW 1188. One representative from each club is required.

The Budgeting & Purchasing for Sport Clubs and Traveling for Sport Clubs workshops are mandatory; a minimum of one sport club officer must attend a workshop from each subject offering. Please see the Campus Recreation website at www.csuci.edu/recreation for schedule information.

Welcome Back! Nathan

### **Deadlines**

Involvement Fair Confirmation Deadline Friday, September 2, 2011

Deadline to Register or Renew A Student Organization, Complete Advisor/President Orientations & Submit Member Agreement Forms
Friday, September 16, 2011
Due by 5:00 p.m. – SEAL Center (SUB 2037)/Electronically

Sports Clubs - Deadline for Final Budgets Friday, September 16, 2011, due by 5:00 p.m. – Recreation Center

Priority Acceptance Period Monday, November 28, 2011 – Monday, December 19, 2011

### It's Easy Being Green

By Shelby Maloney

Busy little bees at the Operations, Planning and Construction Department (OPC) have been working hard to pollinate the CI campus with better sustainability practices and they need your help! There are oodles of ways student organizations can contribute to the sustainability cause. Holding recycle drives on campus or during events, going paperless with meeting or event invites and newsletters, choosing organization merchandise that reflects good sustainability practices (e.g. reusable water bottles) and employing reusable materials to promote club events are just a few ways that your club or organization can help. Please contact Shelby Maloney, a student assistant at the OPC, at shelby maloney747@csuci.edu for more information on ways your club or organization can get involved.

### **Student Organization Events**

New Advisor Orientation Friday, September 2, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Student Union 2040

How to Start a Sport Club Workshop\*

Wednesday, August 31, 2011 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Bell Tower West 1188

Student Organization Involvement Fair Tuesday, September 6, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Broome Library Plaza

Budgeting & Purchasing for Sports Clubs Workshop\* Wednesday, September 7, 2011 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Bell Tower West 1188

Presidents Council Meeting\*
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Bell Tower West 1188

Open House & Recruitment\* Friday, September 9, 2011 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Recreation Center

Student Organization Open House Tuesday, September 13, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. SEAL Center (Student Union 2040)

Traveling for Sport Clubs Workshop\* Wednesday, September 14, 2011 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bell Tower West 1188

### **Campus Events**

Welcome Celebration Sunday, August 28, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. South Quad

Knot Tying Wednesday, August 31 or September 7, 2011 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Student Union 2023B

<sup>\*</sup>Sports Club Specific Events

SPB Luau Wednesday, August 31, 2011 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Student Union Tree House Courtyard

Color Network Luncheon Tuesday, September 6, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sub Tree House Courtyard

Jazz Concert Tuesday, September 6, 2011 1:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Malibu Hall 100

Great American Softball BBQ Classic Sunday, September 11, 2011 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Potrero Field

Sandstone Day Hike Sunday, September 11, 2011 10:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Recreation Center

SPB Grocery Bingo Thursday, September 15, 2011 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Student Union 1130

Constitution Day Friday, September 16, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Student Union Tree House Courtyard

Pine Mountain Camping Trip Friday, September 16, 2011 - Sunday, September 18, 2011, leaving at 3:00 p.m. on Friday – Meet at Recreation Center Invisible Children Screening Monday, September 19, 2011 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Malibu Hall 100

Remembrance Day & Memorial Plaque Dedication Ceremony Monday, September 19, 2011 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. El Dorado Park

Portraits of Courage Wednesday, September 21, 2011 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Malibu Hall 100

Sailing/ Kayaking/ Windsurfing Classes

Wednesday, September 21 & Thursday, September 22, Friday, September 23, or Saturday, September 24, 2011 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. Channel Islands Harbor

Graduate School Bound Program Module Friday, September 23, 2011 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bell Tower 1548

Sunset Kayaking Sunday, September 25, 2011 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Channel Islands Harbor

Art Walk 2011 Monday, September 26, 2011 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Broome Library Plaza

Weekly Resume Clinic Tuesday, September 27, 2011 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Bell Tower 1548 (Career Development Center)

Women's Coffee Hour: Balancing School with Family Friday, September 30, 2011 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bell Tower 1522

### **Community Opportunity**

Is your student organization interested in serving the campus or local community? Check out the announcements below.

#### **LA Roadrunners Volunteers Needed**

The LA Roadrunners, the official training group for the LA Marathon, is coming to Westlake Village and are in need of some students to help out during their training season. They are seeking a Volunteer Supervisor and Water Station Volunteers. If your organization is interested, please contact Rayna Drago at runnerrayna@yahoo.com or call 818-703-3420.

### **Help Start a Sustainability Club**

Any students interested in taking part in leading or joining a club that promotes sustainability can contact Briana Linares at briana.linares122@csuci.edu.

### Become an AmeriCorps member, serve your community, and receive funding to help pay for your education!

AmeriCorps is a program of Washington Campus Compact (WACC) with funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Students in Service supports students who provide valuable service in their communities. By participating in the program, the member becomes a part of the AmeriCorps national service network that improves lives and strengthens communities throughout the country. Check out the following website for more information:

http://www.csuci.edu/servicelearning/studentsinservice.htm

### **Post Grad Opportunity with Teach For America**

Teach For America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates, graduate students, and professionals – of all academic majors and career backgrounds – who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools. Teach for America corps members become lifelong leaders in the effort to make a great education, and the opportunities that come with it, a reality for all students.

This year, 9,300 corps members are teaching in 43 regions across the country, while nearly 24,000 Teach For America alumni continue working from inside and outside the field of education for the fundamental changes necessary to ensure educational excellence and equity.

To learn more and apply (the next application deadline is September 16, 2011) for Teach for America, visit this website: http://www.teachforamerica.org/.

#### **Score for the Cure**

The Ventura College Women's Soccer Program has an annual fundraising drive called, "Score for the Cure" in support of breast cancer awareness month. The fundraising drive includes a variety of initiatives to raise money to donate to Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura to pay for mammograms. Contact Jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu if you would like to learn how your organization can support this campaign.

#### **Volunteer to Help With Family Day**

The Child Development Resources of Ventura County are hosting a free family day on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Camarillo Ranch. With nearly 3000 attendees, they really need student volunteers to help with the day. Please contact Jodi Regan for more information at jodiregan99@aol.com.

### **Remembrance Day and Memorial Plaque Dedication Ceremony**

Remembrance Day is an effort by the California Memorial Project (CMP) to ensure that the people with psychiatric or developmental disabilities who lived and died at state institutions are not forgotten. The California Memorial Project need volunteers for the event held at CI on Monday, September 19, 2011. Contact Robyn Gantsweg at Robyn.Gantsweg@disabilityrightsca.org for more information.

### **Thanks**

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