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Student Organization (SO) Newsletter

CSU Channel Islands

The Latest From SLP

The 2011-2012 academic year is off to a great start in the world of CI student organizations. I am excited to share with you that Student Leadership Programs has received over 530 Member Agreement Forms from members of a SO (student organization) and 125 Player Participation Forms from members of sports clubs. That means that approximately 18% of our student population (3,828 as of Fall 2010) are involved in a student organization on campus and are committed to fostering a thriving CI community! That is the CI Way if I've ever seen it! Needless to say, we're still in the process of verifying member and officer eligibility for the multitude of forms submitted right up until the deadline.

In addition to seeing all of the membership forms submitted, I've enjoyed holding meetings with the Presidents of a few organizations. Thanks to David Seery, Kathleen Chase, Michael Milligan, and Marisol Luna, I've already gathered some ideas for better serving your organizations and got to learn about some of the exciting initiatives your groups are undertaking. I'd like to share some of these initiatives with you: the MVS Business Club is working on planning a trip to Chicago for spring break to learn about the automotive industry, the Student Nurses Association is planning to partner with Lighthouse in Ventura (a homeless shelter for women and children), Omega Alpha (communication honor society) is working on recruitment and M.E.Ch.A. is vigorously planning their Dia de los Muertos event that will be held on Tuesday, November 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Malibu Hall 100. Great stuff! I would love to meet with more SO presidents throughout the year and welcome an e-mail with your availability at Jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu.

Speaking of meetings -- you don't have to come to campus to meet with me or have your questions answered. Beginning October 6, we are pilot testing Skype Office Hours from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. You can simply log onto Skype and add "CIStudentleadership" as a contact and send us a video call. I look forward to seeing you in the virtual world. J

On a completely different note, we are seeking SO member and officer feedback on the current Policy on Eligibility Requirements for Membership in Student Clubs and Organizations (which can be viewed at: <http://policy.csuci.edu/SA/21/SA.21.003.htm>). Some revisions are being proposed such as decreasing member requirements and adding an appeals process for ineligible officers. I want to know the thoughts of students directly impacted by this policy -- like YOU. Please join me for a SO Focus Group on Monday, October 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union Room 2021 OR join a Skype meeting on Thursday, October 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can simply log onto Skype and add "CIStudentleadership" as a contact and send us a video call. I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts!

In closing, I am pleased to announce a change to the timeline for submitting information that you want to send out to all CI students via MyCI (aka "Dolphin Email"). If you would like Student Leadership Programs to send a Dolphin Email to help you advertise an event for your SO, you simply need to send me an email three weeks prior to your event. Your email should be sent to Jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu and should state "Dolphin Email Request" as the subject, the body of the email should include:

- Student Organization Name
- Name of Event
- Date of Event

- Time of Event
- Location of Event
- Price (if applicable)
- Contact Information
- Other Information

It is an exciting year at SLP and I am enjoying this journey so far with our student organizations. Please keep sharing your insight and feedback with me; we are here to provide the best service possible for our student organizations. Also if you'd like to have your SO's successes or events shared in a future newsletter just send them my way!

Best wishes for an awesome October!

Sincerely,

Jaimie Hoffman

Assistant Director, Student Leadership Programs

Good to Google

Google Docs is a useful resource that we encourage student organizations to begin using to store electronic files. We believe this will assist with your SO's transition from year-to-year because the new officers and members can simply log onto Google Docs to view the saved documents from the SO's history. Google Docs also serves as a collaborative tool for editing amongst group members in real time. Documents can be shared, opened, and edited by multiple users at the same time. Check it out at <http://docs.google.com>.

Did You Know?

Did you know that student organizations are recognized every year at the Student Leadership Award Ceremony? SOs are recognized through the Outstanding Club/Organization Award, the Most Promising Club/Organization Award and the various event awards. It is never too early to look at the award criteria and start considering how you can work your way to earning these awards. For more information on the Student Leadership Awards, please visit <http://go.csuci.edu/slas>.

Score for the Cure

October is breast cancer awareness month! In partnership with Ventura College Women's Soccer Program, various CI student organizations and programs will join together to raise money for breast cancer awareness by participating in Score for the Cure. Proceeds from the fundraising efforts will be matched by our very own President Rush and donated to the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation (to be provided to women without insurance to get a mammogram). Your SO is encouraged to support this campaign by entering a team into the tournament, helping to sell t-shirts, or establishing an event of your own to fundraise. For more information, please visit <http://go.csuci.edu/scoreforthecure>.

Social, Racing, and the Kitchen

By Emily Marciel

The CSUCI Bicycle Kitchen is a dynamic and unique sports club at CI that has been in operation since fall 2008. There are three aspects to the club: social, racing, and the kitchen.

The social aspect of the club allows the CSUCI Bicycle Kitchen to interact with the campus community; the club's main way of doing so is through social rides. Social rides offer a relaxed ride pace, are usually six to twelve miles long, and are something a variety of cyclists can participate in no matter their type of bike.

Throughout the year the racing season varies; fall marks the beginning of mountain bike and downhill racing while spring welcomes the road racing season and criterion races.

The CSUCI Bicycle Kitchen's racing team participates in races sanctioned by USA Cycling and competes as a Division II team; the club's racing team is also a part of the Western Collegiate Cycling conference. Throughout the year members of the club meet every Sunday morning for training rides that range between 22-65 miles.

CSUCI Bicycle Kitchen meetings are every Thursday night at 9:00 p.m. in the Coville Conference Room in the Student Union. At club meetings members discuss upcoming social rides for the CI community, racing, and kitchen/shop-related business.

The Kitchen serves as a co-op where students can learn how to fix their own bikes. Kitchen hours are Fridays from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in front of the Rec Center. Appointments are available upon request by sending an e-mail csucibicyclekitchen@gmail.com.

All students are encouraged to be a part of the cycling revolution. The campus community is welcome to drop in on a meeting or stop by the Kitchen for more information. The CSUCI Bicycle Kitchen is on Facebook (search "CSUCIBIKE") and has a website <http://sites.google.com/site/csucibike/>.

Notes from the Student Organization Outreach Officer

By Elizabeth Anson

There are two exciting new things I'd like to announce to student organizations. The first is a new student committee that will come directly out of the Vice President of Student Affairs' (VPSA) office which is called SABUL (Student Advisory Board for University Life) and will be comprised of leaders of every student organization. The goal of this board is to communicate the needs of the students with the VPSA. We hope to have our first SABUL meeting by mid-November.

The second new group is called the Multicultural Caucus. This is an informal committee that aims to discuss issues of diversity, new multicultural events and plan a three-day/week long multicultural fair. This group is open to the public, but hopes that all student organizations will participate. For more information or to get involved please email Kurt Harris at krtharris@yahoo.

Advice for Advisors

Excerpt from the Student Organization Advisors Manual, The University of Tulsa Student Association

Advisors who can establish mutually rewarding relationships with leaders and members of the organization generally do so by naturally allowing their experience and expertise to direct them.

Spend time getting to know the student. Meet for lunch or a break during the day and talk about activities, how you spend your time when you're not at work, recent books you've read, movie likes and dislikes, etc. This is a great way to get to know each other as you begin to build the advisor/student relationship.

Attending meetings and keeping in touch with the officers on a regular basis keeps the lines of communication open and encourages the advisor to assist in planning and problem solving as needed. Some students need to meet more often than others depending on how often the group meets.

Failure also can be a learning experience. Nobody expects you to have all the answers. Problem solving involves the whole group.

Officers and advisors must work to provide each other with a positive experience. Once you build the relationship you need to work at it to keep it together.

Lessons From Our Leader

A Plan for Excellence

By Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer

The first week of the fall 2011 semester, President Rush delivered a very compelling State of the University Address which provided the students, faculty, staff and administration with the direction, the motivation and the hope to imagine the possibilities of CI being a great university! He challenged all of us at the University to not only think great, but more importantly, to be great!

Yet, in order to be great we must plan to be great and that takes time, research, commitment, collaboration, assessment, resources, training and intellectual and motivational change. It is the planning process itself, and the plans that result from this process, that tie our diverse student organizations at CSU Channel Islands together into one cohesive campus. The CI Way is not by happenstance; on the contrary, how we do what we do with integrity, respect and civility on our campus has been quite intentional. A famous Chinese proverb states that “When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people.” At CI, we not only imagine the possibility of being great; we have intentionally planned for it by training and educating our student leaders! Without a doubt CI’s student leadership programs and student assistant training are best practices no matter where you go! In fact, I am sure that many of you have attended multiple leadership training programs throughout your tenure at Channel Islands. If you haven’t, you certainly will! Those who have participated in our programs can certainly validate the fact that student leadership at CI is student focused, intentional and needs based; all the while recognizing and respecting the diversity of our unique campus. In addition, our student-centered learning environment is our hallmark. Our CI Pride is grounded in our values of excellence, integrity, high ethical standards, civic responsibility, leadership and an appreciation of life-long learning experiences.

As 2012 rapidly approaches, a new vision will be required for this new decade! Our student organizations will require more inclusivity and sustainability. The Division of Student Affairs, going forward, will need to advance student learning, enhance personal development and responsible citizenship, and ensure your well-being and success as a student by engaging you in educationally purposeful activities. As student leaders, you too must plan for the success of your organizations. The following is a list of twelve “Leadership Hints” to consider as you carefully, thoughtfully and intentionally plan for the successful outcome of your student organization:

- 1) Lead with purpose
- 2) Develop a personal brand
- 3) Plan programs and events

- 4) Build effective teams
- 5) Celebrate and support difference in your group
- 6) Build partnerships
- 7) Take risks
- 8) Be welcoming & inclusive
- 9) Nip negativity in the bud
- 10) Agree to disagree
- 11) Embrace change
- 12) 12) Manage stress

Finally, as student leaders you dared to dream, so you came to CI! You dared to be different so you planned and created something new! You dared to imagine and you became that dream! We Are CI!

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It's Easy Being Green – Going Paperless

By Shelby Maloney

Scissors aren't the only things that beat paper these days. The paper making process not only uses a great deal of water, trees, and chemicals but is also responsible for the production of toxic byproducts that release into our air and water.

Electronically distributing fliers, newsletters, meeting minutes and other club or organization materials are just a few ways your group can play a part in making the CI campus more sustainable. The best part about adapting to a paperless exchange of information is that you won't just be saving trees and reducing waste; you'll be saving money and time as well!. Please contact Shelby Maloney, a sustainability student assistant at the OPC, at shelby.maloney747@csuci.edu for more information on ways your club or organization can get involved.

Student Organization Involvement Fair

By Vanessa Hernandez

On September 9, 2011, Student Leadership Programs held the Student Organization Involvement Fair in front of the Broome Library Plaza. The Involvement Fair provides students with the opportunity to learn about the active student organizations and encourages student involvement. Attending this event is extremely valuable because it is a great starting place for students seeking to become involved. This year 23 Student Organizations came out to represent and recruit for their group. Becoming involved at CI is a huge part of the college experience, it gives students an opportunity to explore and discover leadership and help foster a vibrant campus community. Missed the Fall Involvement Fair? That's okay, we hold a fair every second Tuesday of the semester; the next Involvement Fair will be January 31, 2012.

Doodle? What's that?!

By Chris Bombara

Having trouble finding the best time for your members to meet or hold events? Doodle is a solution that many student organizations are using to find a time that most students are available. Doodle works by allowing you to create a poll that your members and officers can fill out based on their own availability. A link with the results of the poll will be e-mailed to the administrator shows the times that the majority of responders are available. The other great thing about Doodle is that it is easy to use and you don't even have to register. You simply type your event/meeting name, select the various time and date options you want to ask your members about and then you will receive an e-mail with the link to the poll. The last step is to forward the link to the pool to your members and soon enough you will start seeing the times that they are available!

Four Keys of Recruitment

By Dr. Genevieve Evans Taylor

Recruitment is about understanding the basic needs of members in a group. If you have a clear understanding of these needs, you will not only be able to recruit interested students, but you will also be able to retain engaged and dedicated leaders who will propel your organization to its next level of excellence.

Belonging. People need a sense that they are important to the group. They want to feel valued and they want to belong to a group that makes them feel better about themselves, their work, and their volunteer contributions. Always remember that students don't join organizations, rather they join people.

Purpose and Vision. Humans seek purpose and we naturally want to be a part of something that is greater than ourselves. Students also want to know what the group stands for and where the group is going. A compelling, exciting picture of the future is a powerful recruitment tool and group motivator.

Return on Investment. People want something back from their investment. Whether their priority is educational programming, networking, professional development, or relationship building, people want to feel like their time is well spent. Many times, this return on investment will come in the form of mastery. People seek challenge, an opportunity to learn something new, an opportunity to grow, and ultimately an opportunity to master a process, project, ability, etc.

Autonomy. People have a need for autonomy over the task (what they do), time (when they do it), team (who they do it with) and technique (how they do it). People don't appreciate micromanagers, as this displays mistrust and the assumption of incompetency.

As CI leaders, it is imperative that you address the above 'basic needs' if you wish to successfully lead your organization toward a positive and productive future.

Money, Money, Money

By Elizabeth Quigley & Veronica Palafox

Do you get funding from ASI? If so, this information is for you!

We hope that you've been enjoying the start to the school year. We are writing to inform you of some resources that have been created and made available to you online. We believe this information is important for you to review because of the significant changes in ASI paperwork procedures.

First, the ASI website has links to two video tutorials; one tutorial assists you in becoming familiar with your student organization's accounting string and the second provides a step-by-step tutorial on the correct procedures to pay a vendor. The tutorials are located at <http://asi.csuci.edu/tutorials.htm>.

You can also access budget forms such as a Check Request, Travel Claim, Expense Claim, and the 204 Form online at <http://asi.csuci.edu/documents.htm>.

Finally, we have placed procedures online containing guidelines on how to request to make a purchase with an American Express card. We highly encourage you to make purchases using the American Express card. The procedures for this request is located at: <http://asi.csuci.edu/paperworkassistance.htm>.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please don't hesitate to contact Elizabeth Quigley at Elizabeth.Quigley029@csuci.edu or by phone at (805) 437-3929.

Thank you,

Elizabeth and Veronica

Wheelin' Wednesdays

New Student, Orientation & Transition Programs (NSOTP) would like to invite you to participate in our new program called, Wheelin' Wednesdays!

The purpose of Wheelin' Wednesdays is to assist commuter students with their transition to CI and offer opportunities for co-curricular involvement. We will provide students with information about events and survey their needs, including what strategies they feel would be successful to engage commuters.

On the second Wednesday of each month, we will be handing out event flyers to commuter students to inform them of what is happening on campus. We will also provide coffee and tea. Wheelin' Wednesday stations will be located either in the parking lots in front of the Bell Tower to have optimal reach to commuters.

We would like to offer Student Organizations the opportunity to promote your events and activities through Wheelin' Wednesdays. Please submit your event fliers to the NSOTP office in Bell Tower Central Room 1506 (quarter sheets are preferred) by the second Monday of each month to be included in this initiative.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Wheelin' Wednesdays please contact our staff at (805) 437-3160 or email Kirsten Moss-Frye at Kirsten.moss@csuci.edu.

We look forward to your participation,

NSOTP Staff

Community Opportunity

Relay for Life at CI

March 2-3, 2012 - South Quad

Relay for Life is coming to CSU Channel Islands! We are currently recruiting students to be a part of the inaugural planning committee. If you are interested, please attend our first planning meeting on October 7, 2011 in the Student Union Coville Conference room. For more information, contact Veronica Palafox at veronica.palafox478@csuci.edu, Event Chair for Relay for Life.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Vincent Mendoza

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been making a real difference in the lives of children in Ventura County for over 40 years. We help children realize their potential and build their futures, thereby strengthening our communities. We believe that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles") and we do it with the help of people like you.

Some CI students are already Bigs, and there is no one better than Tino Viramontes. Tino has been matched for over a year and enjoys doing a plethora of activities with his little including soccer, camping, hiking, and just hanging out. Tino sees his little every week for an average of two to three hours and enjoys "making a difference in his life" and "helping him make good decisions." Tino said "In this experience I have learned a lot about myself and helping others." If you are interested in becoming a Big, please call (805) 484-2282, visit our website bbsvc.org, or email Vincent Mendoza at vmendoza@bbsvc.org.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETING TIMES:

Student Government

Student Union 1080
Wednesday
4:30p.m.-6:00p.m. (weekly)

Student Programing Board

Student Union 1080
Monday
5:00p.m.-6:00p.m. (weekly)

El Club De Español

Broome Library 1360
Thursdays
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (weekly)

Computer Science Club General Meeting

Bell Tower 2372
Thursdays
8:00 p.m.-9:00p.m. (every other Thursday)

Computer Science Club Game Design Club Meeting

Student Union 1080
Saturdays
1:00-3:00 pm (weekly)

Latter Day Saints Student Association

Broome Library 1350
Wednesdays
8:00-9:00 am (weekly)

Japanimation Society

Broome Library 2325
Thursdays
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm (weekly)

Refuge Club

Student Union 1080
Mondays
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 pm (weekly)

Latina Leadership Coalition

Student Union 2021
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (1st and last Wednesdays of the month)

Kilusan Pilipino Kore Meeting

Student Union 1080
Sundays
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (weekly)

Kilusan Pilipino General Meeting

Aliso 150
Tuesdays
7:15 p.m. - 9:00 pm

M.E.Ch.A.

Student Union 2021
Tuesdays
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (weekly)

Rotaract

Student Union 1080
Thursdays
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (weekly)

Student Nurses Association

Broome Library 1750
Tuesdays
2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. (once or twice a month)

Zeta Pi Omega

Broome Library 1360
Mondays
6:00 pm. - 8:00 p.m. (weekly)

M.V.S. Business Club

Student Union 1080
Mondays
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 pm (weekly)

Island News

Student Union 1080
Wednesdays
9:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. (weekly)

Nautical Yearbook Meetings

Student Union 2021

Thursday

3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. (weekly)

Male Leadership Alliance

Student Union 1080

Monday

7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. (weekly)

Don't see your meeting time listed here but want to be included in our marketing? Send Christine Wamba (studentleadership@csuci.edu) with your meeting name, time, date, location, and recurrence information no later than Friday, October 7, 2011.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Migrants: A Journey

Broome Library 1360

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Occupational Exploration Workshop

Bell Tower 1548 (Career Development Center)

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Facts and Food

Student Union Tree House Courtyard

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Camping Tips

Student Union 2023 (Meeting Room B)

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Utilizing Effective Study Skills Workshop

Broome Library 1710

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Bell Tower East Mission Lounge

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

12:00 p.m. - 4:15 pm

Artists as Peace Makers

Student Union 1130

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

How to Choose a Major Workshop

Broome Library 1310

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Documentary Screening: Not in Our Town

Broome Library 1360

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm

Family Weekend

Check-in located in Santa Cruz Village

Friday, October 14, 2011- Sunday October 16, 2011

SPB Talent Show

Malibu Hall 100

Saturday, October 15, 2011

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Stress Management Workshop

Broome Library 1310

Monday, October 17, 2011

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SPB Rocky Horror Picture Show

Student Union 1130

Thursday, October 20, 2011

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Block Party

Ventura Street

Friday, October 21, 2011

8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Score for the Cure CI Soccerfest and Fiesta

Ventura College Sportsplex

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Visit the website for more details <http://go.csuci.edu>

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