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# Announcements from Student Leadership Programs

Welcome to the Spring 2012 semester! I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are excited for to begin the second half of the school year. There are many exciting announcements listed throughout the following pages of this newsletter that I hope you take the time to review; there are events that your student organization can attend and participate in like Discover CI and Back to Basics, information about how you can highlight your Student Organization at the Student Leadership Awards and much more!

There are two announcements I

would like to highlight that are important for you to know.

#### 2012-2013 Renewal Paperwork is Due May 25, 2012

The deadline for renewal paperwork for the 2012-2013 will be the last day of the Spring semester, May 25, 2012. Complete student organization renewals (Application, President Agreement, Advisor Agreement, Member Agreement Forms for at least five members which includes a President and Treasurer, and End of Year reports) are due May 25, 2012. The registered status of those applications received after May 25, 2012 will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Please start the process of

voting in and transitioning your officers by the middle of the Spring semester so your organization will be prepared for renewal. It is important to us and you to ensure that your organization's success is sustained for another year. ©

#### Revised Policy on Eligibility for Membership in Student Organizations

On Monday, January 23, 2012, the President's Planning and Policy Council voted on a revision to the Policy on



STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

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Eligibility for Membership in Student Organizations (formerly Policy on Eligibility for Membership in Clubs and Organizations

to consider imposing more restrictive requirements in their constitution(s) or bylaws to establish requirements that align with the purpose of their student position(s) held at the time the appeal was submitted. Contact Jaimie Hoffman at Jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu for more details about the new policy

Have a wonderful January and

Assistant Director of Student Leadership



# Timeline Reminder!

Please submit your requests to us in a timely manner. Only timely requests will be processed.

# LESSONS FROM **OUR LEADER**

A Plan For Excellence



Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer Vice President for Student Affairs

#### Attitude Makes the Difference Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer

Vice President for Student Affairs

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes." Charles R. Swindoll.

I honestly cannot think of a more appropriate quote to use for the commencement of the 2012 Spring Semester than that of Charles Swindoll's "Attitude." Simply said, attitude does make the difference. We all have known

some pretty intelligent people who had a terrible attitude and a nasty disposition. For practical and quite logical reasons, we tend to avoid these people like the plague! How many sports teams, musical groups, organizations, etc. have been complicatedly decimated by one or two individuals who thought that they were smarter, better or more entitled than the other members of the group? Successful organizations often need great leaders who know how to lead without thinking they are great. Great leaders are often positive and visualize the win for the group. Great leaders encourage others to be better and act better. Charles Swindoll was absolutely on target when he inferred that a negative attitude "will make or break a company... a church... a home." Without a doubt, negativity has destroyed relationships, communities and even corporations and can bring your club or organization down to its knees. My dad used to say, "beauty is only skin deep but ugly is to the bone." With this statement, he taught me that the goodness of a person is much more endearing to the group than the mere superficial qualities and acquired skills of any one person. People with negative attitudes seem to find resolve in talking negatively about other organizations and people; almost like they have to lower the other person in order to elevate themselves. My 90-year-young mother once said that "people who talk negatively about other people really don't feel good about themselves." Finally, in summing up his positive attitude, my father said, "Son, I am too busy loving

what I am to dislike what I am not!"

How wonderful this world would be if we all could adopt this kind of positive and endearing attitude! Instead of tearing down one another and highlighting each other's faults, let's take time to say and do something nice for each other. In an academic environment where negativity often runs rampant under the guise of critical thinking, we do not take into account that kind and positive people can also be smart and quite capable people. Therefore, if you want your organization to be upbeat and productive; then mirror that behavior. Be that positive "change you want to see in your group." Look for the win/win versus the win/loss. Anytime one is forced to lose, eventually the whole group loses. Keep your organization positive and productive while continually looking for the good in each one of your members. As a leader, you can choose the attitudinal environment in which you serve. You can be positive or you can be negative, as Charles Swindoll states, the choice is ultimately yours!

### **CI LEADERSHIP DEFINITION**

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



Student Organization Spotlight – Zeta Pi Omega

By: Jasmine Cooper

Zeta Pi Omega is a local sorority chapter, founded in 2003, at CSU Channel Islands. The purpose of Zeta Pi Omega is to promote and provide female leadership and cooperation, organization, academic and character development; maintain active community relations through philanthropy and other humanitarian efforts; provide financial and legal responsibility and a healthy and safe model of modern greek ideals within a sisterhood. Zeta Pi Omega's focus is to conduct positive participation with the community in order to better the lives of women and children.

Zeta Pi Omega has helped with many philanthropic organizations and participated in several cause walks such as; The Boys and Girls Club, Relay for Life, The Cystic Fibrosis Walk (CF Walk), The Multiple Sclerosis Walk (MS Walk), Casa Pacifica and most recently, Toys for Tots. Our young women are continuously giving back to the CI community through volunteer work, as well as the greater Ventura County community at large.

Zeta Pi Omega recruits young women who are interested in joining our sisterhood and philanthropic efforts during Fall and Spring Rush weeks. For more information on Zeta Pi Omega or more information on how to become a member of the sorority, you can contact us at zpo\_ci@hotmail.com.





By Elizabeth Anson

As we start a new semester, I would ask students, "What do you want to leave behind at CI". The answers to this question will build the future of Channel Islands. We all have the potential to do great things and the way to take advantage of that is simply by reaching and exceeding that potential.

With this, I encourage each and every one of you to get involved! If you are in a President or Vice President, please come to the Student Advisory Board for University Life (SABUL) and actively participate. If you are not in a leadership role, look for other ways you can get involved. Leadership starts the second you decide to take on the responsibility and I promise you that if you want to be a student leader, we will help make that happen here at CI. The SEAL center as well as Student Government and I would be happy to help you on your journey. All you have to do is ask.

Let's start this semester with a bang, the CI way. I know I will!

2012-2013 Student Organization Renewals are due <u>May 25, 2012.</u> Start planning for a successful transition for your officers and organization!

# Multicultural **Programs**

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Honor Dr. King with this unique presentation of his most famous speeches performed by Mr. Steven Loewenstein. Mr. Loewenstein seeks through his performance to educate others about Dr. King's role in the civil rights movement, to acknowledge and praise those who participated in and lived through that era, and to bring honor to the dreamer and his dream. Usawa Student Union members will pay tribute through theatrical monologue to other important African American leaders who inspired and worked alongside Dr. King in his fight for equality. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, January 26, 2012 6:00 p.m. Malibu 100

#### Portraits of Courage: African Americans You Wish You Had Known

Portraits of Courage presented by Will & Company is an examination of noted African-Americans and their contributions to American history. Portraits of Courage is a theatrical piece that hopes to bring recognition to a few diverse African Americans who have helped shaped our country. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 6:00 p.m. Malibu 100

#### **African American History Bee**

The African American History Bee is designed to promote awareness of the contributions that African Americans have given to society and to the world. The Bee is designed to test

students' knowledge of Black History facts in the form of a group trivia competition. Student teams will be given the answers in advance of the event to prepare for the challenge. Team sign-ups will take place at the MWGSC (BT 1512) or online at

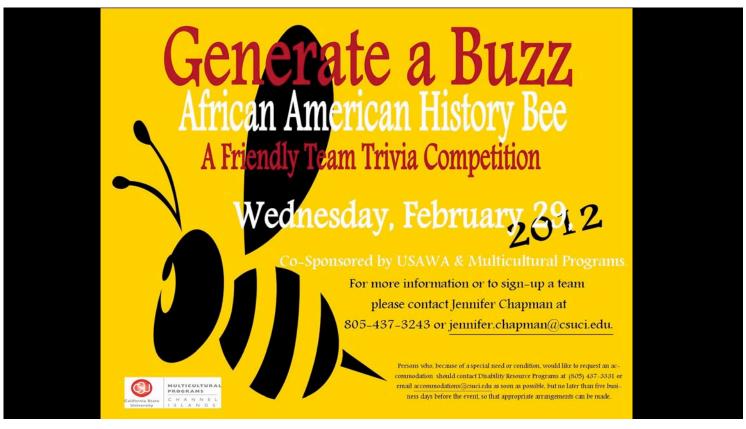
https://cidsa.wufoo.com/forms/africa n-american-history-bee/ from Monday, January 23-Friday, February 3, 2012.

Wednesday, February 29, 2012 5:00 p.m.

Student Union

Team sign-ups will take place at the MWGSC (BT 1512) from Monday, January 23 – Friday, February 3, 2012.

For questions please contact Jennifer Chapman at jennifer.chapman@csuci.edu or (805) 437-3243.



# College for a Day

On **Saturday, March 10, 2012** the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual College for a Day: *Imagine, Believe, Achieve* event will be hosted by University Outreach at CSU Channel Islands (CI). This day serves as an important student, staff and faculty service learning opportunity to reach out to our local K-5<sup>th</sup> grade migrant student community from the local Ventura County school district. The day is designed to inspire, teach and inform students and their parents about access to and benefits of postsecondary education. In Fall 2010, over 250 students and their parents

were served by approximately 90 CI student, staff and faculty volunteers. This outpouring of volunteer support was a testament to the importance of civic engagement and the investment of the CI community in Ventura County.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this local volunteer opportunity, please email Leah Alarcon, associate director of Student Success Programs, at leah.alvarado@csuci.edu or call (805) 437-8515.

We will have a mandatory, volunteer training the last week of February, 2012. More information will be sent to those

that sign up to volunteer.

\*If you are interested in getting your student organization involved in this event, I am available to speak at your next student organization meeting. Please contact me as soon as possible to schedule this presentation.



# Student Leadership Awards – Nominate Today!



Each year, Student Affairs conducts an awards ceremony in which outstanding CI students, faculty, staff, mentors, advisors, student sponsored events, programs and activities, and student organizations are recognized. The Student Leadership Awards recognizes contributions made to enhance the co-curricular life at CSU Channel Islands. Without our hardworking students, staff and faculty, Channel Islands would not be the University it is today. It is important to recognize those who have continuously put forth the effort on making a difference on campus and believing in those who can.

Nominations are open from

February 1, 2012 – March 6, 2012. You may want to consider nominating your student organization, advisor and/or peer in the following categories:

# Student Leader of the Year Awards:

- The Outstanding First Year Student Leader Award
- The Outstanding Sophomore Student Leader Award
- The Outstanding Junior Student Leader Award
- The Outstanding Senior Student Leader Award

#### **Group Awards:**

- The Outstanding Group Award
- The Outstanding Student Organization
- Most Promising Group Award

#### **Mentor Awards:**

- The Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award
- The Mentor Award

#### **Event Awards:**

- The Outstanding Collaborative Event
- The Outstanding Co-Curricular Event
- The Outstanding Service Project

Nominations will be open at the beginning of February at <a href="http://go.csuci.edu/slas">http://go.csuci.edu/slas</a>

Also, please help us showcase your student organization by emailing us (studentleadership@csuci.edu) with pictures of your organization's activities for the slideshow that will be shown at the Student Leadership Awards Ceremony.

The Student Leadership Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in Salon A.

#### Road Scholars Program (Assisting CI Commuter Students)

The Road Scholars Program began this past semester with student leaders interested in making an impact on the campus by responding to the needs of CI commuter students. The purpose of the Road Scholars Program is to assess and respond to the diverse needs of commuting students. We have surveyed over 100 commuter students to identify their needs and are now beginning to

plan programs and events to meet these needs.

Our first Roads Scholars Program event will be on Monday, February 13, 2012. We will be serving donuts in the Student Union Building from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Come join us and get your week started off right!

If you would like to learn more about how you can serve on the Road Scholars Program team, please contact Kirsten Moss-Frye at 805-437-3156 or kirsten.moss@csuci.edu



#### Blood Drive Opportunity

United Blood Services invites your organization to sponsor a blood drive on campus. United Blood Services is a non-profit blood provider. We are looking for a group to help sponsor a blood drive. This will give you an opportunity to use your leadership skills in scheduling, organizing, and marketing a blood drive. If you would like to help United Blood Services and the hospitals and patients we serve by sponsoring a blood drive on campus, please contact Sherie DeVillers at (805) 477-1243 or sdevillers@bloodsystems.org.



# BEING GREEN

By Briana Linares

Small changes in your daily routine could prove positive progress in the fight against global warming. Here are a couple of tips: Carry a reusable cup, mug or water bottle with you when possible, use reusable bags, take shorter showers, don't buy bottled water (use a filtration systems such as Brita) run more errands in one car trip, turn off lights/electronics when not in use, take advantage of day light, print double-sided, eat foods that are in season, and buy locally grown foods. For more green tips or information on being green at CI please contact Briana Linares in OPC at Briana.linares122@csuci.edu.

## Want Money? ASI **Budget Request Process**

It's that time of year to request your student organization's annual budget from the ASI Budget Allocation and Spending Committee. The Budget Allocation and Spending Committee (BASC) is a subcommittee of the ASI Board who hears all budget related requests. All organizations interested in requesting a 2012-2013 budget must attend an ASI Budget Request Workshop. Organizations can have multiple representatives at the mandatory budget workshop. Student organizations who have selective membership (i.e. grade point average restrictions, gender restrictions, etc) are ineligible for funding. Sports clubs are also ineligible for funding and must request their budgets through Campus Recreation.

Hurry don't be late, the deadline to register is Monday, February 6th!!!

Visit the link below to register for the ASI Budget Request Workshop.

http://asi.csuci.edu/asibudgetallocatio n.htm

**Ouestions?** Contact Christine Thompson, ASI Budget Analyst at (805) 437-3273.



# Student Organization Meetings

#### Adelante Mujer

Student Union 1080 Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

#### CI View Newspaper

Student Union 1080 Fridays 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### El Club de Español

Broome Library 1756 Thursdays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### **Japanimation Society**

Broome Library 2360 Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm

#### Latter Day Saints Student Association

Broome Library 1350 Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

#### Male Leadership Alliance

Student Union 1080 Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### M.E.Ch.A.

Student Union 1080 Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Nautical Yearbook

Student Union 2021 Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### **PSI CHI Honor Society**

Broom Library 1720 Tuesdays 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (bi-Monthly)

#### Refuge Club (Campus Ministry)

Student Union 1080 Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (general weekly meetings) Student Union 2021 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Men's weekly group)

#### **Residence Hall Association**

Anacapa Commons Mondays 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

#### Spectrum (LGBTIQS ALLIANCE)

Student Union 2023 Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (weekly)

#### **Student Government**

Student Union 1080 Thursdays 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (weekly)

#### **USAWA**

Student Union 1080 Mondays 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Zeta Pi Omega

Broom Library 2325 Mondays 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

The meetings listed above are those from <u>registered</u> (which means their Spring Member Roster Update Form was submitted) student organizations that were submitted to the SEAL Center by January 20 through the Meeting Space Request Form or Spring Member Roster Update Form. If you feel that your meeting time should be listed here, please contact us at studentleadership@csuci.edu.

# Market Your Student Organization at Discover CI!

Discover CI provides an opportunity for Fall 2012 admitted students to visit CSU Channel Islands and explore academic programs and resources. This event is a great opportunity for student organizations to show prospective students what you have to offer! Discover CI will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2012. If you would like to participate in the Marketplace at Discover CI, RSVP with Student Leadership Programs at <a href="mailto:studentleadership@csuci.edu">studentleadership@csuci.edu</a>.

# Interested in Starting a Student Interfaith Organization?

Members of Campus Interfaith group (religious leaders in Ventura County representing various faiths) are interested in partnering with a student Interfaith Organization. Please contact Jaimie Hoffman at Jaimie.hoffman@csuci.edu if you are interested in establishing an Interfaith Student Organization. For more information about Campus Interfaith, visit <a href="http://campusinterfaith.org">http://campusinterfaith.org</a>.

#### BACK TO BASICS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

By: Vanessa Hernandez



You're invited to take part in what many students

call "a life-changing

event" – participate in the Back to Basics student leadership retreat. Back to Basics is held every on campus in the Spring semester, lasts 28 intense hours and is comprised of military style basic training where students "leave everything behind" and are taken "back to the basics." Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Wm. Gregory Sawyer, serves as the retreat General, leading the students in most of their training-style leadership



exercises.
Students who attend this retreat come out of it with a better understanding of who they are and their

purpose as a leader. Be a part of the Back to Basics VI cadets and take part in the journey so many have grown from. Back to Basics VI will take place on February 10-11, 2011.

You can sign up now by completing the application located at <a href="https://cidsa.wufoo.com/forms/2012-ck-to-basics-application/">https://cidsa.wufoo.com/forms/2012-ck-to-basics-application/</a>.



Remember space is limited; sign up early (by February 1, 2012)!

#### WANTED: Orientation Leaders

What are you doing this summer? New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs is in the process of recruiting 2012's Orientation Leaders (OL). Be a part of the success of incoming students and help bridge the gap between high school or a previous college experience and California State University Channel Islands by preparing them for a great first year.

Students applying for the orientation leader position must:

- ✓ Have attended CI for at least one semester
- ✓ Be a student in good academic and behavioral standing at CI with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 upon the completion of the Spring 2012 semester

- ✓ Demonstrate good organizational and communication skills
- ✓ Have the ability to relate to a diverse population
- ✓ Have the ability to effectively communicate with large audiences
- ✓ Be a team player with intrinsic motivation
- ✓ Have experience with team development and conflict resolution
- ✓ Previous club or organization experience is desirable

To reply with student interest, questions or comments, please contact <u>Kirsten.moss@csuci.edu</u> or (805) 437-3156 or New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs at (805) 437-3160 or orientation@csuci.edu.

You may also visit the Web page at

http://www.csuci.edu/nsotp/ivo/invol vement.htm#oip for an application and to learn more about the hiring process. Applications must be received by February 17, 2012.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Moss-Frye

Associate Director of Access, Orientation and Transition Programs



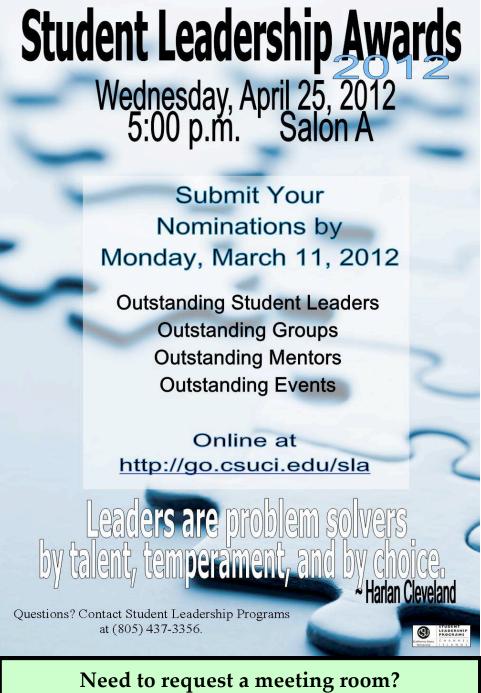
# Career Development Opportunities

Career Services would like to present at your next student organization meeting or host your organization in the Career Development Center! They are currently offering brief 20-minute presentation topics presented below. You may choose a topic of interest to your student organization body. If you are interested in utilizing the Career Development Center, you will have access to a conference table which seats ten, power point with a large television screen projection, and additional round tables with seating. The purpose of Career Development Services is to introduce your student organization to the center along with their career and graduate school services.

#### Career Presentation Topics:

- ✓ Resume 101: An introduction to our comprehensive handbook outlining resumes, cover letters, and professional reference sheets.
- ✓ Career Development Services Website: An introduction to career and graduate school services available through our website.
- ✓ Dolphin Career Link Demo: Introduction to our online job and internship database.

If interested in this opportunity, please contact Career Development Services at <a href="mailto:career.services@csuci.edu">career.services@csuci.edu</a> to make the scheduling arrangements. Please include the date you wish to reserve and presentation topic.



Need to request a meeting room?

Get permission to chalk on campus?

Post a flyer?

Visit our website with all SO forms at <a href="http://go.csuci.edu/studentorgforms">http://go.csuci.edu/studentorgforms</a>.

Of course you can always call us at (805) 437-3356 if you need help.

# Campus Events

How to Start a Sport Club Wednesday, January 25, 2012 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. BT West – Arts & Sciences Conference Room

Drop-In Career Counseling
Thursday, January 26, 2012
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BT 1548 - Career Development Center
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Thursday, January 26, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Malibu 100

Channel Islands Basketball Skills Challenge Monday, January 30, 2012 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Rec Center (Arroyo Hall)

Student Organization Involvement Fair Tuesday, January 31, 2012 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Broome Library Plaza

Resume Clinic Tuesday, January 31, 2012 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BT 1548 – Career Development Center

Kick-Off to the New Year Kickball Game Tuesday, January 31 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. South Quad

21 Point Basketball Challenge Wednesday, February 1 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Rec Center (Arroyo Hall) Monthly Dolphin Flag Football League Thursdays: February – April 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Potrero Field

Drop-In Career Counseling Thursday, February 2, 2012 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. BT 1548 – Career Development Center

Art Show Thursday, February 2, 2012 1:00 p.m. *Broome Library* 2537

Grocery Bingo Thursday, February 2, 2012 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. SUB 1130 – Platform

Sailing/Kayaking/Windsurfing Classes Fridays, February 3rd – May 4h 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. CI Harbor

Ultimate Frisbee Friday, February 3, 2012 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. South Quad

Sycamore Canyon Day Hike Sunday, February 5, 2012 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rec Center (Arroyo Hall)

Channel Islands Basketball League Monday, February 6, 2012 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Rec Center (Arroyo Hall)

Portraits of Courage: African Americans You Wish You Had Known Tuesday, February 7, 2012 6:00 p.m. *Malibu* 100 Resume Clinic Tuesday, February 7, 2012 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Broome Library Plaza* 

Drop-In Career Counseling Thursday, February 9, 2012 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. BT 1548 – Career Development Center

Back to Basics Retreat
Friday, February 10 – 11, 2012
4 p.m. (February 10) – 8 p.m.
(February 11)
Recreation Center

Resume Clinic Tuesday, February 21, 2012 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BT 1548 - Career Development Center

Drop-In Career Counseling
Thursday, February 23, 2012
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

BT 1548 – Career Development Center
Sunset Kayaking
Sunday, February 26, 2012
3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
CI Harbor

Resume Clinic Tuesday, February 28, 2012 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. BT 1548 – Career Development Center

African American History Bee Wednesday, February 29, 2012 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. SUB 1130 – Platform

Pine Mountain Camping Trip Friday - Sunday, March 2 - 4, 2012 Leaving 3 p.m. on Friday Rec Center (Arroyo Hall)