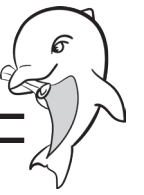


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Tips for online learning success

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CI will be mostly online for the fall 2020 semester. For many students, staying organized can be a struggle when working from home, so here are some tips to help you keep yourself organized as we learn to study in an environment different from what many consider normal.

Tip #1:

Online learning is an unfamiliar territory for many students. Distance learning brings its own set of obstacles that in-person instruction lacks. “I feel that it’s harder to stay focused and motivated online,” said Giselle Woods, first year art major with a studio art emphasis. “I think it’s the lack of a physical routine, like going to class or hearing your professors in person that throws students off.”

What we must keep in mind is that our shift in learning environment should not be accompanied with a complete change in mindset. Many of us are attending class in our bedrooms, home offices, living rooms or kitchen tables. New distractions surround us when we’re doing homework, studying for exams or even attending lectures. **Nevertheless, staying focused is the key to success in online learning.**

A good way to combat these new distractions is to create a dedicated workspace. If available, a room separated from noise is a great workspace. If you do not have a separate room to work in, a desk exclusively for schoolwork is still preferable to working in a space shared with others. Minimize distractions in this place and make it one where you can be comfortable studying. Second year biology major Alexis Figueroa Mata said, “My designated workplace is the living room. I hung up my white board and added a desk in order to make it feel similar to the study rooms I use at school.” Creating a workspace can help put your head in the proper mindset to focus on tasks at hand and stay focused.

Tip #2:

Another key part of staying organized is keeping track of due dates and deadlines. Make sure you stay on top of your assignments by checking your courses’ Canvas pages and checking your email regularly. “Now professors are keeping Canvas updated by posting assignment due dates,” Figueroa Mata said. Since we no longer have face-to-face meetings with our professors, communication through email or Canvas is indispensable. Logging into these apps on your phone and turning on notifications will ensure that you stay up to date on due dates and assignments.

Calendars and planners, whether physical or digital, can be quite handy for staying on top of your assignments as well. “I’m still using an agenda, or a to-do list, and writing down important test dates,” Woods said. “That’s one of the most important things I can do right now, because it’s easier to forget about classes with everything going on.” Online calendars can be particularly helpful for syncing multiple schedules across your computer, phone or other devices. Figueroa Mata said, “I set all due dates of my class assignments in a Google Calendar (and) I receive reminders that update me when a due date is approaching.”

Tip #3:

Finally, making and maintaining a daily schedule can be most helpful in ensuring productivity. “I also have set aside certain days and times of the week for completing homework assignments and reviewing for exams,” Figueroa Mata said. Remember that being at home is not an excuse to put in less work. Create a schedule around your classes, with proper breaks of course, so you can more easily separate your time for school from your time for leisure.

Working from home is not all bad, however. Many professors record their lectures and post them online afterwards. “I enjoy being able to rewatch lectures to review before an exam,” Figueroa Mata said. Rewatching lectures is a great way to catch anything you missed from the original lecture or to spruce up your notes. If your professors do not record their lectures, do not hesitate to request that they do so.

Bonus Tip:

In addition, CI is offering a “Learning 101” course on Canvas. Learning 101 is self-paced and will teach students time management and self motivation, along with several other important skills for both online and in-person courses. Your professors may opt to include it on their course Canvas page, so look out for it and make sure to take the course if available.

While online learning may seem intimidating at first, the best way to succeed is approaching it like a regular course. Keep a dedicated workspace, stay on top of your deadlines and maintain a workday schedule, and you will put yourself one step closer to success in your new online learning environment.

Letter from the editor



Jazzminn Morecraft

Editor-in-Chief of The CI View student news

Hello New Dolphins,

Welcome to the CI community! The circumstances surrounding the world right now makes this an interesting way for you to be starting your student career at CI. Everything that you might have planned for college has changed.

Instead of meeting peers and professors face to face, you will now be seeing them through your screens. But this does not change the fact that the community that you have become a part of is still incredible. Even resources that were once offered to students on campus have adapted to still offer students the resource virtually.

The CI View has done the same thing. Before I get into that, many of you might be wondering what The CI View is. The CI View is the student news organization that strives to bring timely and accurate news to the CI community. It is completely run by students for the students. Not only do we produce our monthly paper, but we also produce content via YouTube, our social media pages and our website, civiewnews.com.

However, we are not just a news organization. We are so much more: we are a family. The individuals I have met while a part of The CI View have impacted my life greatly and have become some of my greatest friends. I have also learned and grown while making a difference in my community, and there is no better feeling!

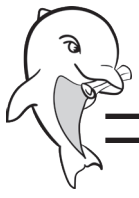
While I can’t provide the exact method we will use in order to keep students informed during the mostly-virtual fall 2020 semester, I can assure you that The CI View will still be working hard to bring you information that affects you. It is important to us to make sure that the students remain informed and know what is happening around them and their community, even in a virtual world.

We strongly encourage students to become a part of the process by joining The CI View. All different types of skills are needed to make a news organization run. If you can write articles, take photos, design graphics, record videos, conduct interviews, sell ads, brainstorm, etc., there is something for you to do at The CI View. If you would like to talk more about The CI View, please feel free to email me at jazzminn.morecraft978@csuci.edu.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, Dolphins!

Best,

Jazzminn Morecraft
Editor-in-Chief



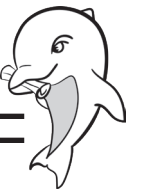
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The student leaders of Associated Students Inc. give their tips and tricks in order to make sure that all students have a great experience while attending CI.



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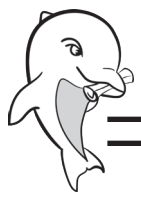


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CI's student resources: Know your options

ANNIE KUZMANOVIC & JAZZMINN MORECRAFT

Welcome, Dolphins! Whether you're new to CI and haven't had a chance to explore or you're a returning student who is looking to learn more about the resources available to you, here are some of the key services that CI has to offer.

New Student Resources

New Student, Orientation & Transition (NSO)

For any new students appearing on the scene, this resource is specifically for you. NSO is going above and beyond to uphold their mission to "integrate new students holistically, socially and academically, into the CI community," according to their website. Due to social distancing because of COVID-19, NSO has adjusted their original orientation plans, and will be moving forward with a virtual Island View Orientation. Whether you are an incoming freshman or transfer student, be sure to check your email for updates, or visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/nso. While this is a new way of transitioning to CI, it is still a great way to get acquainted with the CI community.

Student Transition & Engagement Programs (STEP)

STEP operates through a variety of programs that help new students get involved and thrive during their time at CI. According to their website, they "provide intentional transition activities and engagement opportunities for students in support of the University's mission and goals to increase retention and graduation rates." There are six main programs that STEP has to achieve this, which includes Commuter Services, New Student Orientation, Student Organizations & Involvement, Veterans Affairs, Parent & Family Programs and First STEPs. With so many different programs there is something for everyone. Visit their website at www.csuci.edu/step for more details or contact them at step@csuci.edu.

Student Life Resources

Student Success & Outreach Programs

Student Success & Outreach Programs primarily aim to serve low-income students and students with disabilities, while also trying to reach out to "create college pipeline programming for K-8th grade students and historically underrepresented high school student populations," according to their website. Included in these programs are the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), a small selection of grant programs and University Outreach.

EOP specifically targets first-generation students. According to their website, "EOP at California State University Channel Islands provides college access to first-generation students whose educational and economic circumstances have limited their college opportunities." They do this by aiding in academics and giving students opportunities to grow as a leader. Visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/eop to learn more about EOP or to see if you meet the six requirements to qualify for EOP.

The grant program opportunities that are available through Student Success and Outreach Programs are Migrant Summer Leadership Institute (MSLI) which specifically targets high school students and exposes them to STEM education while simultaneously exposing them to university life. TRIO Student Support Services is "federally funded to serve 165 students throughout the academic year," according to their website. They target first-generation and income-qualified students and build relationships with them to help them achieve academic success. Lastly, the African American Transitions Academy "was created to empower students and focus on their strength to optimize learning in a university environment," according to their website. It is a three-day free program for students to go through and build skills and strategies to help them succeed at CI. For more information about any of these programs visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/roi/student-success-outreach-programs.htm.

According to their website, "University Outreach at California State University Channel Islands looks to motivate and inform K-8th grade students the benefits of higher education and goal-setting for a brighter future." Students are able to volunteer with this program to be a part of hosting the different schools and kids that come to CI. The volunteers are known as Leaders in Education Awareness, or more commonly known at CI as LEAP. Applications to be a part of LEAP for spring 2021 open Nov.1 and can be found at <https://www.csuci.edu/universityoutreach/leap.htm>.

Inclusive Student Services

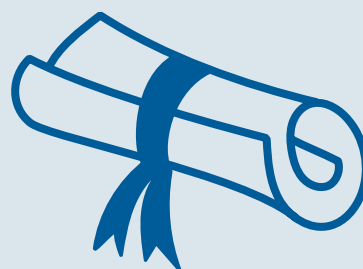
The two programs that make Inclusive Student Services are Undocumented Student Services and Intercultural Services. According to their website, these programs "promote student development, involvement, learning and academic success for a diverse student body."

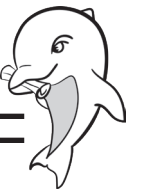
According to their website, "Undocumented Student Services supports undocumented scholars in their pursuit of higher education." They offer workshops on varying topics like scholarships and knowing your rights, as well as, aiding you in filling out different forms such as the California DREAM Act Application and AB540 affidavit. Additionally, they host an Undocumented Student Stoling Ceremony for the graduating seniors. The Undocumented Student Services is located in the Multicultural Dream Center and therefore can be reached at mdc@csuci.edu.

According to their website, "the purpose of Intercultural Services is to educate the campus community, specifically students, on issues of diversity and equity, while advocating for those who are historically underrepresented, underserved and undocumented." They achieve this by hosting key events which include cultural film screenings, cultural heritage months, Women's Recognition Luncheon Awards, Bridge the Gap and so much more.

Retention, Outreach & Inclusive Student Services (ROI)

ROI is a set of services that make sure that the campus community is "a welcoming and supportive environment for all students with an emphasis on the wellbeing and success of marginalized student populations," according to their website. There are two subprograms that ROI utilizes to reach their goals, and they are Inclusive Student Services and Student Success & Outreach Programs.





Veterans Affairs

According to their website, Veterans Affairs works to “help veterans acclimate to college life, provide information regarding services available to them on and off campus, provide a support group, and promote awareness of veteran students to the campus community.” Additionally, Veteran Affairs is able to help students when getting started with the GI Bill Documentation. Their five steps and links to the necessary materials can be found on their webpage at www.csuci.edu/veterans. To contact them, email them at veterans.services@csuci.edu.

Multicultural Dream Center (MDC)

According to their website, “the Multicultural Dream Center provides students with a brave space to challenge their worldviews and engage in cross-cultural interactions.” They host events and workshops and even provide academic support for students. They are home to three programs: Intercultural Services, Promoting Achievement Through Hope (PATH) and Underrepresented Student Initiatives. To learn more about the MDC and what they strive to achieve visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/mdc.

Promoting Achievement Through Hope (PATH)

According to their website, “PATH provides services aimed to meet the unique needs of displaced students to improve access, retention and graduation rates.” They target students “who are foster youth, adopted, in guardianship or kinship care, and/or have experienced homelessness.” If you are experiencing unique living circumstances, visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/mdc/programs/path.htm to learn how PATH can help you. The eligibility and requirements are listed there as well.

Food Assistance

The Dolphin Pantry is one option in regards to food assistance. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Dolphin Pantry has had to adapt and therefore created the Dolphin pop-up pantry. These are happening every Tuesday until June 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. or until supplies run out. It is on a first come, first served basis and individuals need to have either a student or state ID when they show up. The pop-up pantry is located in the A5 parking lot right outside of Arroyo Hall and individuals are highly encouraged to wear a mask when there.

In addition, CalFresh is also available to students. According to their website, they “can provide you ongoing healthy and nutritional food assistance that puts money in your pocket to use at participating grocery stores and farmers’ markets.” To receive this aid, there are certain requirements that must be met that vary. To see if you qualify, visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/basicneeds/food-assistance.htm, to read through these requirements.

Lastly, the Basic Needs Program also offers a Hot Meal Program, which has dining cards preloaded with two hot meals for students in need. If you or someone you know could benefit from the Hot Meals Program, the dining cards can be found in the Dean of Students office in Bell Tower Room 2565 or at the Dolphin Pantry in Arroyo Hall on the 1 Floor.

Health & Wellness Resources

Basic Needs Program

According to their website, “the Basic Needs Program exists to provide support to students experiencing a basic necessity insecurity. Our strategy focuses on short-term mediation while we work with students to find long-term solutions.” There are three main areas of insecurity that the Basic Needs Program focuses on, which are food, housing and financial.

Financial Assistance

According to their website, “an Emergency Funds Grant, awarded through the Basic Needs Program, seeks to provide immediate financial assistance of up to \$750 (lifetime maximum) for students who encounter temporary financial hardship due to unforeseen and catastrophic life events.” This, too, has an application that must be filled out and submitted, as well as a list of eligible and noneligible circumstances for receiving the grant. All this information can be found on their webpage at www.csuci.edu/basicneeds/financial-assistance.htm.

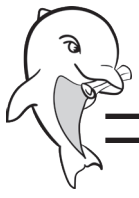
Housing Assistance

Through the Basic Needs Programs students can be provided emergency housing. According to their website, “CSUCI is able to provide emergency transitional housing accommodations based on space availability and eligibility for up to 10 – 15 days.” The application to apply for emergency housing, along with a list of situations that may meet the criteria for unsafe housing, can be found at csuci.edu/basicneeds/housing-assistance.htm.

Disability Accommodations and Support Services (DASS)

According to their website, DASS “encourages a learning community in and beyond the classroom that promotes academic excellence, success, personal development and self-advocacy skills that will empower and support students with physical, learning or psychological disabilities so that they can participate fully in, and benefit equitably from, the University experience to realize their academic and personal potential.” They provide various forms of assistance, including academic and housing accommodations, support programs, temporary ADA parking and more. Students who do not require DASS can still utilize this resource by applying to be a paid note taker. Visit www.csuci.edu/dass for more details about the services they offer.





Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

According to their website, CAPS is a service that “provides short-term mental health services in a confidential setting to assist students in achieving their academic and personal pursuits.” They offer a variety of counseling support, including individual, couples and group therapy, as well as crisis intervention and psychiatric consultation. They have a 24/7 phone support line. Students can call CAPS’ main number, 805-437-2088, and select option 2 after the greeting. Check out their website at www.csuci.edu/caps for more information.



Campus Recreation

According to their website, “Campus Recreation provides programs that promote friendly competition while seeking to create and affirm a collegial campus culture.” Among the many facets of recreation on campus, they provide intramural sports, outdoor adventures, a rec center and recreation fields. After having to leave campus due to the pandemic, Campus Recreation has moved online. They offer tips and sessions via their Instagram (@csuci_rec) and sessions via Zoom. Visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/recreation/index.htm to learn more.

Wellness Promotion & Education (WPE)

WPE strives to help each student learn more about their personal health. According to their website, “WPE conducts assessments of student health habits, behaviors, needs and perceptions in order to elevate student learning and success.” They do this by offering health education resources and appointments with health coaches, conducting workshops and hosting events for students to attend. For the safety of all, they will be maintaining their services virtually. Follow them on Instagram (@ci_wellness) and/or Facebook (CI Wellness Promotion & Education) for educational resources. You can also make a virtual appointment via SMART Goals at csuci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4UAbLjkvpBzzAoZ to learn more about personal health and wellness.

Student Health Services (SHS)

Student Health Services supports CI students’ health and wellbeing by offering “compassionate, accessible, and professional health care as an outpatient clinic affiliated with the Ventura County Medical System,” according to their website. They offer items from physical exams for enrollment requirements, flu information and health education to emergency contraception, pregnancy tests and screening for sexually transmitted infections. However, due to COVID-19, and for the safety of CI’s community, Student Health Services is currently providing telehealth services, meaning they conduct appointments mainly by phone or video. To make an appointment with Student Health Services, call them at 805-437-8828.

Safety & Security Resources

Title IX & Inclusion

Title IX is a law that strives to lessen discrimination of an individual’s gender and/or sexual orientation within any business, organization or institution. Thus, the Title IX & Inclusion services offer help to anyone who has “experienced sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking,” according to their website. Visit them online at www.csuci.edu/titleix and know your rights as well as the resources being offered. Also be aware, according to their website, “CI has partnered with The Coalition for Family Harmony of Ventura County to establish a confidential emergency sexual assault and domestic violence hotline for CI students and employees to anonymously access resources including crisis counseling, exploring legal options and safety planning.” All you have to do is call 805-656-4439 and you will be able to speak to someone 24/7.

The Campus Access, Retention & Equity (CARE) Team

According to their website, “the Campus Access, Retention & Equity (CARE) Team is a multidisciplinary partnership which consists of CSU Channel Islands (CSUCI) faculty, staff and administrators that evaluate and assess distressing or concerning behaviors exhibited by students. The CARE Team coordinates and develops a centralized response to provide assistance and intervention for students of concern and evaluates and monitors the ongoing related issue(s).” They offer students 24/7 phone counseling through CAPS and all students have to do to reach the afterhours crisis service is call 805-437-2088 and press 1. Additionally, students can report any concerns that they have by visiting www.csuci.edu/campuslife/care/report-concern.htm and filling out the appropriate form(s).

Campus Police

Another safety feature at CI are the CI Police. Besides being on campus and readily available to assist students when needed, they also offer additional programs and safety resources for students.

The first resource to students is the Campus Emergency Blue Light Telephones. These telephones can be found all across campus. They are a red pole with a blue light at top that turns on when dark. According to their website, “if you need to report a suspicious incident, medical emergency, or request immediate police assistance, simply activate an emergency phone by pressing the red call for help button.”

Another resource that the CI Police offers, is the Campus Safety Escort Program. With this program you can call the non-emergency police number and request to be escorted from where you are to your new destination. According to their website, “The Campus Safety Escort Program is designed to provide a safe and reliable means of transportation for students, faculty and staff from one location to another on the CSU Channel Islands campus. The program offers escorts from any on-campus location to another including buildings, residence halls, parking lots and vehicles.”

It is highly encouraged that all students put the CI non-emergency police number in their phones so that they always have it. The non-emergency number is 805-437-8444.



Career Resources

Career Development & Alumni Engagement

Career Development & Alumni Engagement strives to create “a Dolphin network by cultivating a distinctive community of students, alumni, and industry to develop meaningful connections fostering lifelong learning and affinity between CSUCI and our graduates,” according to their website. Whether you are undecided, looking to strengthen your resume or seeking job opportunities, this program is worth looking into. The Career Development & Alumni Engagement Center offers a variety of resources that students can take advantage of. They offer resources for resumes, jobs and internships, workshops and grad and professional schools. They also offer career counseling. Additionally, once students graduate from CI, as long as they have an active alumni membership, they are able to receive all the services that are offered at the Career Development & Alumni Engagement Center. Visit them at www.csuci.edu/careerdevelopment for more information.

Academic Resources

Learning Resource Center (LRC)

According to their website, “tutors at the LRC work with students to foster better understanding and promote learning.” The LRC offers tutoring in many different subjects, from science and nursing to business and psychology. One-on-one free mathematics tutoring is offered at all times during business hours while tutoring for other subjects is dependent on tutor availability. Visit them at www.csuci.edu/learningresourcecenter for more information, or contact them at lrc@csuci.edu.

STEM Center

According to their website, “the STEM Center offers free, drop-in tutoring for all gateway STEM courses.” Though they will be closed for the summer, they plan to reopen on Aug. 31 for online Zoom tutoring services. When open, the STEM Center does more than just tutoring, as they also provide students access to STEM textbooks, laptops and anatomic models. Visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/promesas/sss/stem-center/index.htm.

Academic Advising

There is so much to be offered with Academic Advising, and they are a great resource throughout your time at CI. According to their website, they are, “dedicated to student success and assisting students in reaching their academic and career goals.” They can assist with degree planning, major advising and exploration, transfer credits and graduate school preparation. Academic Advising even hosts different workshops to help educate students on different topics related to their academics. Currently, all appointments are being held via Zoom. To set up an appointment, visit their webpage at www.csuci.edu/advising or email them at advisement@csuci.edu.

Writing & Multiliteracy Center (WMC)

According to their website, “at the Writing and Multiliteracy Center (WMC), students, faculty, and staff are provided with a range of free support services and programs that help them address 21st Century challenges of creatively thinking about, reading, and composing in written, oral, visual, multimodal, and digital forms of communication.” The WMC offers many services that include one-on-one or group consultations and workshops. They are not only able to help with paper assignments or tasks but with video and oral presentations as well. To make an appointment with the WMC, email them at wmc.tutors@csuci.edu.



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The CI View student news is a student run organization that strives to bring timely and accurate news to the CI community. It is run by students for the students.



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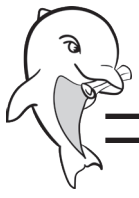


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Students represent The CI View at national conference.



Student Government is here for you

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The Student Government team welcomes you to our Dolphin community here at CI! We are the recognized representative voice of the student body and work to amplify your voice, advocate for your needs and fight for progress on the local, state and national levels. As a student-led organization, we strive to empower, uplift and unify all of our fellow CI students as we pursue our educational journeys.

This upcoming year, Student Government is striving to build unity amongst our beautifully diverse student body. To strengthen the student voice we will be collaborating with clubs and organizations as well as working closely with university staff, faculty and administration to address student concerns.

As we enter a semester impacted by the effects of COVID-19, we understand our students are facing countless new challenges. We are prioritizing student concerns to ensure they feel supported and provided with the resources needed to succeed.

Furthermore, we are advocating for affordability by addressing the need for expanded basic needs services and mental health resources as well as promoting efficient and environmentally sustainable practices across campus. To

uplift and empower underrepresented students, we are advocating for ethnic studies and initiatives supporting diversity and inclusion.

Joining the Student Government team is a valuable opportunity that will enable you to develop leadership skills, advocate for student issues and be part of an inclusive, supportive and empowered team of student leaders. We welcome you to join our team by applying to our Internship Program which is an opportunity to work alongside our executive team and senators on student initiatives and resolutions focused on social justice, sustainability, wellness, recreation and other student affairs.

Additional opportunities for involvement include our Lobby Corps Team, which focuses on advocating for student-related issues at the local and state levels. Last year, our team traveled to Sacramento, spoke to state legislators and advocated for financial aid reform.

Students of all majors and backgrounds are encouraged to join our advocacy. We prioritize fostering an inclusive, uplifting team environment to ensure that every student feels empowered and inspired as we grow as leaders, advocates and student body representatives. Please



New Student Government leaders, Vice President Emily Quiñonez and President Sophie Nguyễn. Photo courtesy of Emily Quiñonez and Sophie Nguyễn.

email me, your Student Government president, at sophie.nguyen133@csuci.edu with any questions or concerns.

Be sure to follow us [@ci_studentgovt](https://www.instagram.com/ci_studentgovt) on Instagram for updates on our initiatives and advocacy. Whether we are virtual or on campus, we as students

will always stand together united as one. Student Government is here to serve you, advocate for you and make sure that you feel supported and represented through your educational journey. Your voice matters and we will make it heard!

Are you passionate about advocating for students? Then Student Government is for YOU!

Student Government (SG) is the recognized representative voice of the CSUCI student body.



Alviana Johnson, Director of External Affairs 2018-2019/2019-2020

“The best way to enact change is by using your voice and taking action. Being a part of Student Government has opened doors for me to build relationships that cause a campus-wide impact.”

- Alviana Johnson
Director of External Affairs,
Student Government



How You Can Get Involved:

- Become a Senator or Intern
- Attend weekly Senate meetings
- Volunteer in the Student Government office
- Become an advocate for CI students
- Help students register to vote in statewide and national elections

SG Representatives:

- Regularly meet with President Beck and the Vice President for the Division of Student Affairs
- Meet monthly for plenary meetings with all 23 CSU Campus' Student Government representatives

Ready to Get Involved?



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Moving toward a textbook-free education

ANDREW DORAN

It is no secret that the price of attending college is always going up, and one of the main reasons for this is because of textbooks. The cost of getting a textbook can range from \$25 all the way up to over \$150, and if a student has five classes, this means they might pay upwards of \$700 just for one semester of course materials. However, at CI there is a great program that is pushing professors and majors to go fully textbook-free: openCI.

OpenCI is a “resource to provide quality educational resources to faculty and students, while reducing direct student costs for course materials,” according to their website. This program is used to create an avenue for students to save money by providing a free or low-cost textbook through either Canvas or from a PDF that the professor provides.

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Studies have also shown that professors that offer a free textbook have students that do better overall in the class.

According to the Office of the President, while this program is just over two years old at the University, it has already shown dividends, saving CI students over \$3 million.

To celebrate CI’s accomplishments last year, CI hosted Hal Plotkin, a senior advisor to the Department of Education during the Obama Administration. He called CI one of the top universities in the world when it came to providing open sourced textbooks for students, saying that we are the leaders that other universities will look to when they begin offering more open sourced textbooks.

One of the main reasons that CI is a leader when it comes to free to low-cost textbooks is because the University has three majors that are “Z-Majors”, which means that they have zero textbook costs. It started with communication and early childhood studies, and then health sciences joined the party.

“I’m happy to know that our school is a leader in affordable learning solutions,” said Kendall Nadin, a senior mechatronics major. “It’s amazing that in just two years, three majors have adapted to low-cost textbooks.”

Studies have also shown that professors that offer a free textbook have students that do better overall in the class. A recent study at the University of Georgia by “Inside Higher Ed” proved that students had better grades if they were given the textbook through PDF compared to the students that had to buy the textbook.

Students even noticed when they were able to focus on their studies and not the stress of having to buy a textbook semester after semester. “Not having to worry about expensive textbooks really puts the focus back onto the academics,” said Melissa Cronin-Brown, a senior communication major. “This way the stress of financial burdens goes away and the energy of being a student is directed in a much more productive manner.”

If students are interested in finding out if their classes do not have textbook costs, they can do so when they are registering for classes. In the class selection, there is an image of a textbook with a red circle and line crossed through it, signaling that the course does not have a textbook cost associated with the class.



The (virtual) Island

JAZZMINN MORECRAFT

The Island, a new website created by the Division of Student Affairs, was introduced on April 24 in hopes of keeping students connected. “We are super, super excited about The Island website, which we created in response to this COVID-19 pandemic,” stated Dr. Richard Yao, Vice President for Student Affairs. “We wanted to create a virtual space where everybody could come together ... and students could visit every single day.”

Essentially, The Island is supposed to be a one stop shop regarding the Division of Student Affairs. According to the website, “the Division of Student Affairs has created this website as a place for you to stay connected and engaged with the campus community during these challenging times.”

Before it was decided that the coming fall semester would be mostly virtual, the longevity of the website was undecided. However, on May 12, Chancellor White announced that all 23 CSUs would remain mostly virtual for the upcoming fall 2020 semester. With this decision in mind, the Division of Student Affairs has every intention of keeping The Island up and running with updated content for students.

The Island specifically contains information regarding academic support,

basic needs, career support, health and wellness and COVID-19 resources. Yet, one of the biggest items on the website that aids in the goal of keeping students connected is the virtual events. While at the moment there is not many events listed, except for the Dolphin pop-up pantry, when fall semester starts students should see this change. These virtual events cannot replace the actual events, but they can help keep our community together and students engaged.

“I want The Island to be something most students check out every single day,” stated Yao. Yao further stressed that the website was created for students and he would like it to be something that the students want. To do this, he would like to receive your feedback. “Any feedback students have, the better,” stated Yao. “What types of information do you need to see on the site? What’s the best way for us to engage with you virtually?”

To give the Division of Student Affairs your feedback on The Island website, visit the website at theisland.csuci.edu. On the front page you will see a hyperlink that say “Tell us what you think.”

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Student Programming Board: Planning the fun on campus

DEANNA VILLAGRAN

The Student Programming Board (SPB) is a great organization that helps students get engaged through a wide variety of events and programs. Led by a group of highly creative and motivated student leaders, SPB plans events with the student voice always at the forefront.

As an organization, SPB plans around 20-30 events each academic year, so there is a wide variety of events to enjoy. Some past events include Winter Wonderland which featured 30 tons of snow and an ice rink, or the Night Market where upwards of 25 local vendors attended and sold items like handmade soaps and jewelry while student organizations like Breaking Pointe and the African Drumming class highlighted cultures from around the world with performances from students.

SPB's largest event of the year is traditionally



Back row from left to right: Tyler Nguyen, Lindsey Vidal, Emily Henderson, Deanna Villagran, Sarah Terry. Front row from left to right: Evelyn Avalos Dominguez, Riley Arnold. Photo courtesy of Riley Arnold.

Dolphinpalooza. Upwards of 1,000 students, faculty, staff and family members came to enjoy the day. In the past, Dolphinpalooza has had a lineup of amazing live indie musicians and bands, multiple food trucks, a rock wall and a Ferris wheel, and ends the

night with a firework show!

If you are interested in event planning and want to find a unique way to get involved on campus, becoming a part of SPB is the way to go. You can become a volunteer of the general board or apply for a paid

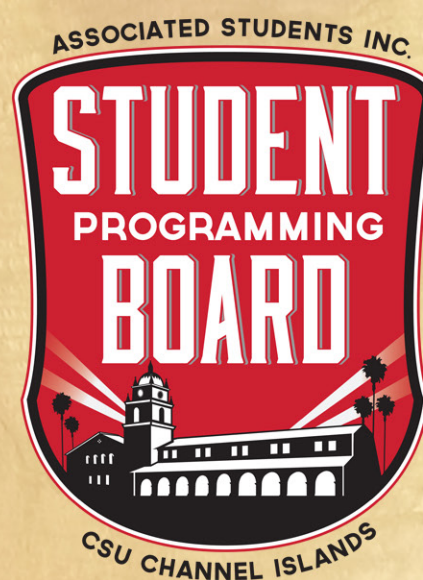
student leader position. You will gain experience with event planning, working with local businesses and vendors, creating decorations and advertisements for the events and so much more! We have also been able to do events even though we are not on campus at the moment. Events through Instagram Live, Zoom and TikTok, have all been used in order to keep everyone connected together.

This organization provides a variety of leadership opportunities and learning experience that can help build up your resume and be useful knowledge for your future career. SPB gives you a chance to make long-lasting friendships and have a better understanding of CI. If you are interested in getting involved with this great organization, email us at asi.spb@csuci.edu. Come join the fun!



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Student Union Building perks and resources

ISABEL CAMPOS

One of the main areas on campus that all students should know about is the Student Union Building. The Student Union Building is important because it is an open and welcoming space for the entire CI community. Whether you are in search of a relaxing area to wait in between classes, a quiet place to work on homework or you want to meet your peers, the Student Union Building is the perfect hub for student interaction.

In the space, there are quiet areas for students to study alone, meeting rooms available for group study or club meetings and massage chairs for students to relax and unwind. The Student Union Building also offers resources available for check out, such as video and board games, picnic blankets, laptops and art supplies. The space contains printing services, microwaves and a variety of passive and active programming to engage students on a daily basis. These items and more are available every day at the Student Union Front Desk located in the Game Room. Service Assistants are always available to answer any questions or concerns patrons may have.

There is also programming in the Student Union Building, planned and executed by the Service Assistant team. These include building décor, passive arts and crafts activities, monthly awareness displays, video game tournaments, fun puzzles and coloring pages to name a few.

The Student Union is also home to the Dolphin Discount Program and the Student Union Perks Program. The Dolphin Discount Program is a free discount program that provides all members of the CI community with discounted prices to amusement parks and local businesses in Ventura County. The Student Union Perks Program is an incentive program that encourages the use of Student Union services. Students earn and collect points by utilizing services or attending Student Union events which can then be redeemed to receive fun promotional prizes.

Students can stay updated on Student Union events by following our Instagram page, @ci_asl_studentunion. During online instruction the Student Union team is posting daily to continue engaging with students and provide support during this time of uncertainty.

From providing a space for me to catch up with friends, attending my club meetings in our meeting rooms or grabbing a quick snack in between classes at the Sea Store, the Student Union has truly remained my safe place on campus and one of my favorite places to hang out!

There are a variety of employment opportunities within ASI and the Student Union as well. Students have the opportunity to work on campus, develop their leadership style, interact with staff and be surrounded in an environment dedicated to their professional and academic success at the Student Union as a Service Assistant, Facility Assistant or Student Union Supervisor.

I was fortunate to have started working at the Student Union Building as a Service Assistant on my very first day at CI as a freshman. This opportunity led me to develop irreplaceable relationships with the CI community, faculty and staff. I've been able to crystallize my leadership style, experience a multidisciplinary team and develop a strong connection with a campus department. Working at the Student Union has also provided me with various leadership development opportunities such as serving on the ASI Board of Directors and attending leadership conferences with my team.

Join the Student Union Team on their mission to increase student interaction at CI! Information regarding the positions can be found at asi.csuci.edu/student-union/employment.htm.



Jordan Ortega and Kylie Mah tabling for the Student Union at the spring 2019 Clubs and Organizations Fair. Photo courtesy of CSUCI Communication and Marketing.



Purpose

The purpose of The CI View is to provide the student body of CI with precise and accurate news about what is happening on their campus and in their community. It is run by students, for students, and provides a platform for the student voice. The CI View aims to be student-centered by giving students opportunities to become involved and learn about the dynamic field of journalism.

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Campus housing in a pandemic

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Even with the fall 2020 semester being primarily virtual, some of the residence halls on campus will remain open for students to stay and live in. In an email to The CI View, Dr. Cindy Derrico, the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, wrote that CI is still looking to serve the students by offering support and providing housing for those who need it, like students who might have a lab on campus. "On-campus housing is not only provided for students to enhance their university experience, it is also provided to serve a very practical need," wrote Derrico.

With CI offering some housing, there will be strict guidelines on how they are going to deal with social distancing to keep both staff and students safe. These procedures will include sanitizing surfaces that people might have touched, making sure that individuals have masks or other types of personal protective equipment and providing more publicly-available hand sanitizers. In addition, the University will also make sure to have housing space reserved in case a student contracts COVID-19 and needs to be quarantined.

Currently, CI does not know how many students are going to need to use housing for fall semester. "As of the date of this interview (May 27), that capacity is expected to be between 300 - 550, though we had considered scenarios up to 750 students," wrote Derrico. "Given the information we have today about COVID-19, we are looking at the lower end of this range."

Even though housing is being offered to students, there is the potential that other buildings on campus will not be open. The John Spoor Broome Library, for example, will be closed, per Dr. Alicia Virtue, the Dean of Broome Library. "In accordance with Chancellor's Office guidelines for virtual instruction for fall 2020, the library will continue to offer virtual library and academic support services (but) will not be open for public access," wrote Virtue. "Since well over 80% of library materials in the CI library collection are digital, access to scholarly resources is largely met online."

One area on campus that will be open is dining. If there are people living on campus, the University is required to have food options available for

the students. During the spring 2020 semester after the University closed down, if students stayed on campus, there was an option for students to get food from Islands Café that was already prepackaged. While there has not yet been a decision about how

food will be handled during the fall, students can expect that these needs will be met.

Due to the pandemic, many ways of supporting students have had to change, yet CI still strives to support students in any way that they can.



Anacapa student housing. Photo courtesy of CSUCI Communications & Marketing.

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