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News and Information for CSUDH Alumni and Friends



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Strategic Planning Town Halls – Alumni Support and Feedback Requested

During the Spring 2009 semester, CSU Dominguez Hills will be going through a strategic planning process. The process of creating a Strategic Plan allows us to collectively explore the many ways in which we want CSU Dominguez Hills to grow and develop core areas.

"It will be a collaborative process that will strive to include not only the internal community but also our external stakeholders," says CSU Dominguez Hills President Mildred García. "We will need to define our mission more sharply, our vision and our strategic objectives clearly for the next five years."

CSU Dominguez Hills is a central resource for the South Bay and our growth directly impacts the community and local economy. The feedback sessions provide an opportunity for off-campus stakeholders to share their opinions and ideas.

All alumni are invited to participate in the upcoming Strategic Planning Town Halls. Please attend one or all of these sessions in the Loker Student Union on campus:

> **Monday, February 23rd** 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 27 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Your input is critical in shaping the vision and strategic framework that will help CSU Dominguez Hills become a model urban university!

CSU Dominguez Hills Goes to Church

California State University officials bring college message to black churches

California State University, Dominguez Hills President Mildred García will be among a number of CSU presidents and officials who will bring the college message to thousands of prospective students and their families during the Fourth Annual CSU Super Sunday in southern California this Sunday, Feb. 22.

In all, the CSU will visit 28 churches in greater Los Angeles that morning.

Now in its fourth year, Super Sunday aims to encourage young African Americans to plan early for college and bring awareness to the critical role of parental involvement in their children's education. Campus presidents. trustees, the chancellor, and other officials will address the congregations to engage the community in helping students get on track and succeed in college.

President García will speak at New Philadelphia AME Church in Rancho Dominguez at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Following the services, outreach staff from CSU Dominguez Hills and church education

Fr. Sabato "Sal" Pilato: Education Alumnus to Speak to College-Bound Youth

Father Sabato "Sal" Pilato (Class of '87, M.A., education administration) will speak to a group of potential students at California State University, Dominguez Hills at <u>Parochial and Private School Day on</u> <u>Feb. 21</u>, an event that will be hosted by University Outreach and Information Services. As the superintendent for secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, he oversees 50 academies and high schools throughout the three



Fr. Sabato "Sal" Pilato

counties of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara.

"I became an educator because of the important role teachers have in transmitting our culture and civilization to the next generation and also in preparing young people to be critically thinking citizens of this country," Pilato says.

As the guest speaker at Parochial and Private School Day on Feb. 21, Pilato be talking to parents and students about his time at CSU Dominguez Hills, his experiences as a teacher, and the importance of pursuing higher education.

"The college degree is one of the major keys to success, fulfillment and happiness in this life," he says. "Educated people attest to this... so never give up on this important goal."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teapot: Object to Subject, Feb 4-March 4, University Art Gallery

Retirement Celebration for Dr. Boice Bowman, Tues, Feb 17, 4:30-6:30pm, Loker Student Union Ballroom, email <u>Toby Bushee</u> for more info

CSU Dominguez Hills Student Research Day, Thurs, Feb 19, 8am-5pm, Loker Student Union

<u>CSU Super Sunday</u>, Feb 22, President Mildred Garcia to speak at New Philadelphia AME, 19100 Susana Rd. in Rancho Dominguez, 7:30 and 10:30am

Faculty Awards Reception, Feb 26, 5:30 to 7:00pm, Loker Student Union, email <u>Toby Bushee</u> for more info

The Rod Butler Memorial Scholarship Concert, Sat, Mar 28, 8pm, University Theatre

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counselors will answer questions, and provide information about college applications and financial aid. For more information, visit the <u>CSU Super</u> <u>Sunday website</u>.

Alumni Connection: Check Out the Beta Version of Online Alumni Community

The CSU Dominguez Hills online alumni community beta site, *Alumni Connection*, offers a place for alumni from all corners of the globe to come together and connect with each other as well as with the university.

Take a look around the site and let us know what you think. You will need your campus ID number to register as a member of the community. If you need assistance, please email <u>Alumni Relations</u>.

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