Dr. Cooper says Goodbye

This semester, the Irvine Campus is saying goodbye to Dr. Susan M. Cooper, Dean of the Irvine Campus. In celebration of her time on campus, we asked for some of her favorite memories and highlights during her tenure on campus. One of her favorite moments was the ceremony to commemorate the signing of the Strategic Transfer Agreement between CSUF and Irvine Valley College with university officials from both campuses present. Dean Cooper also enjoyed the ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the new building in 2011. She loves how dedicated the faculty and staff are to the campus, even from the beginning when they would put in 14 hour days in an attempt to get the building ready to open for the Spring semester in 2011. She is proud to have seen a dream become a reality. Dr. Cooper said what she will miss most is the campus community, watching the students participate in class projects and campus events while enriching their educational experience. She will miss events, such as the Dean's List Reception, which continues to grow, because she loves seeing families and friends support their students and all of their accomplishments at the Irvine Campus. Her monthly Pizza with the Dean series was another popular event where she was able to meet and greet the students and get to hear their stories and experiences.

“I’m leaving in a good place.”, said Dr. Cooper. She stated how she is leaving happy with her time here and with her career. She’s had great memories and is looking forward to her next chapter in Illinois where she can spend more time with family and be present for her loved ones. Additionally, she is excited to spend more time working on her genealogy project. When asked if she had any advice for students, Dr. Cooper said, “To stay in school, if you can, for as long as it takes to finish your degree. Take advantage of the resources because it’s difficult to go back once you’ve left. This is a great campus community and you should make the most of your experiences here. Always remember that this is your campus and to own your experience.”

Thank you Dr. Cooper for all you have done for the Irvine Campus and we wish you well as you enter this next chapter of your life.
Why Internship? Why Not!
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A recent article in Forbes by David Mumford discusses the value of soft skills in applying for a job. Unlike book learning and classroom discussions, soft skills are the ones that are often taught casually or caught from observation. In a student’s world, they are the interpersonal skills gained when planning a budget with a group of club members; or the psyche understanding that is found from helping at a homeless shelter; or the confidence gained in a face-to-face discussion with a professor. The good news? Internships are a valuable experience in the development of a student’s professional soft skills.

The new buzzword for internships is “high-impact practice.” Internships allow students to utilize their classroom experiences in a professional setting to practice what they’ve learned and gain new knowledge, skills and insights. But also, an internship improves the Emotional Intelligence Quotient of the intern—all those traits that make us human—by allowing a student to participate on the inside of an industry to see “real” professional life in action. And different industries and different companies operate with different EIQs.

Perhaps that’s one reason that according to the CSUF Career Center, employers are looking for two and three internships on a right-out-of-college prospective employee’s resume. Employers want to know that a student has been impacted in a variety of ways in a variety of settings. In the Departments of Communications and Radio-TV-Film, internships are required; they always have been. We want students to not only showcase their academic learning and learn new skills, but also to glean lots of insider trading secrets, so to speak.

Off the top of my head, I’d say that 60 percent of my students embrace the whole idea of an internship. They look forward to proving themselves in the marketplace and getting that experience for their resume. Another 30 percent can take it or leave it—just one more box to check off on the road to graduation. Unfortunately, about 10 percent have no use for the internship. In fairness to those 10 percent, about one percent of those is understandable. Struggles with school, paying bills, illnesses, etc. make for an already overwhelmed life, let alone the concept of adding an internship. But the other nine percent see an internship as a waste of time. Excuses range from, “I’m not going into the field of my study;” “I’m going to graduate school and plan to teach;” “I’m going to start my own business;” and many more.

However, we need to help students understand the functions that an internship provides toward future career goals. Yes, an internship allows me to use my degree knowledge, but also, it helps me learn new social graces, watch leaders of a company manage their people, recognize that some of my personal habits need to be changed, and a whole list of other great things. Oh, and maybe my internship will either convince me I’m where I want to be or whoa! I need to find a different career path.

Irvine Campus Library Services

The Irvine Campus Library offers students areas for individual and group study. Information resources are accessible in a wide range of subjects including books/electronic books and subject specific article databases.

The campus librarian and staff are available to help locate books, develop search strategies for finding scholarly articles, and can assist with citing your research sources in MLA, APA, and Chicago citation styles.

Research consultations can be scheduled with the librarian for in-depth research assistance. Irvine students can: request books, articles, and other items the Irvine Library does not own from the Fullerton campus. Additionally, Irvine students can receive online research assistance day or night 24/7.

Extended Campus Library and Study Hours
Friday, December 4, 7am – 4pm
Saturday, December 5, 7am – 6pm
Sunday, December 6, 8am – 2pm
Friday, December 11, 7am – 4pm
Saturday, December 12, 7am – 1pm
Sunday, December 13, 8am – 2pm
Upcoming Events

Spring Registration Opens: Thursday, October 27

Food Drive: Monday, November 2—Thursday, November 19 (Donations accepted in Student Affairs)

Camp Titan Toy Drive: Monday, November 2—Thursday, December 3 (Donations accepted in Student Affairs)

Veteran’s Day—Campus Closed: Wednesday, November 11

Fall Recess—No Classes: Monday, November 23—Sunday November 29

World AIDS Day: Tuesday, December 1

Titan Talks: Thursday, December 3, 10:00am—2:00pm (IRVC—Lobby)

Pizza with the Dean: Wednesday, December 9, 5:30pm—6:30pm (IRVC—Lobby)

Lunch on the Run: Monday, December 14, 11am—1pm (IRVC—Lobby) [Limited number of gift bags and Lightsabers]

Back & Neck Massages: Tuesday December 15 & Wednesday, December 16, 3:00pm—7:00pm (IRVC-Lobby)

Java Time: Thursday, December 17, 9am—12pm (IRVC—Lobby) [Limited number of gift bags and Lightsabers]


Spring Classes Begin: Saturday, January 23, 2016
**Playful Paws**

This semester, the Irvine Campus was host to more than just humans. On November 4th, four Therapy Dogs and Cloud the Therapy Dove from Pet Partners visited campus to spend some time with the students. Henry the Golden Retriever, Aston the Pomeranian, Stryker the Husky-Lab, and Blue the Pitbull all visited to help students unwind from their midterms and projects. There was a great turn out and students loved the ability to interact with the animals. We hope to be visited by Pet Partners again soon for another successful program!

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**Dean’s List Reception**

Students enrolled in courses at CSUF’s Irvine Campus and earned Dean’s List recognition were honored during a recent event hosted by Dean Susan Cooper. The reception took place on Thursday, October 27, 2015. This semester, we were joined by over 275 students, their families, and friends who attended the event.

Each student in attendance received a certificate, gift, and was photographed with the Dean. The photographs will soon be displayed on the Dean’s List Wall in the Irvine Campus lobby. It was a wonderful event that let students know their hard work is recognized by the University. Congratulations to all of the recipients!

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Do you enjoy writing? Do You have a Professor or Student you want to highlight?

Do you have a project, class, or guest speaker you would like to highlight?

Submit it to the Irvine Campus Newsletter!

If you have anything you would like featured, submit it by the 20th of every month and see it in an upcoming Newsletter!

Any question or submissions should be sent to: zz-pbell@exchange.fullerton.edu