



Island View Orientation Gets Greener

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SUSTAINABILITY



INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY, SAVING TREES & CUTTING COSTS

PRE-ORIENTATION HOMEWORK & ONLINE REGISTRATION

Beginning in the Summer of 2007, two Island View Orientation administrative processes were migrated to an online format to decrease use of paper as well as materials used for printing and mailing. The hard copy registration form was replaced by an online registration system. An online Pre-Orientation Homework replaced a hard copy mailing of nine documents containing information necessary for students to preparation for orientation. The change to an online Pre-Orientation Homework system also saved New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs, Academic Advising and Enrollment Services resources as they all contribute material to the homework. The Pre-Orientation Homework also increases our ability to personalize the experience to students since we have made the process interactive; Orientation Leaders get to know their student mentees through the review of their student's open-ended question responses asked on one of the homework steps.

Approximate paper saved each summer: 8,000 pages and 1600 envelopes

FLASH DRIVES

Beginning Summer of 2009, in an effort to promote sustainability and meet the need of the technology-savvy net-generation, Island View Orientation will provide students and guests with a flash drive bracelet containing documents normally printed in hard copy and placed in a folder. The bracelet will be given to students and guests as they complete the orientation evaluation as an incentive to support another objective of the orientation program, our commitment to ongoing and continuous improvement. All materials will also be available on the web for ease of access.

Approximate paper saved each summer: 20,000 pages

DECREASING USE OF PLASTIC

Beginning Summer 2008, plastic water bottles for each participant were distributed at check-in in lieu of disposable water bottles at each meal. The water bottles were branded with the New Student Center phone number which provided additional marketing of the Center to incoming students.

Approximate water bottles saved each summer: 3,400

EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS AND GUESTS

ORIENTATION LEADER TRAINING

Campus representatives were invited to present to orientation leaders to discuss methods for leading a more sustainable life as well as informing them of the ways CSU Channel Islands seeks to serve as a green campus. Orientation leaders were then able to role model this behavior and communicate the information to their mentees at orientation.

SUSTAINABILITY FACTS

In order to empower students and guests with tips for leading a greener life, a sustainability fact was read by a staff presenter liaison after each presenter was introduced during orientation. Information was shared about what the University currently does to serve as a green campus while emphasizing a shared responsibility among everyone for making CSU Channel Islands a green campus.

PROGRAM PURPOSE AND AIMS

PURPOSE

As one of the three programmatic elements of New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs (NSOTP), Island View Orientation (IVO) prepares first-time college students and transfer students for a successful transition to university life at California State University Channel Islands.

AIMS

- To facilitate a successful academic transition into CSUCI by providing students with academic resources
- To assist with a successful social transition into CSUCI by providing students with resources for personal and co-curricular development
- To develop school spirit by welcoming students to the campus community

