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CSUSB Palm Desert Campus launches Emeriti Society at The Classic Club in October

PALM DESERT, Calif. - The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus will host the launch party of the 2016-17 Emeriti Society, a group for retired academic or administrative professionals from four-year colleges or universities, on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Sharon Brown-Welty, dean of the campus, will give remarks, and Sue Anderson, director of the campus's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, will highlight the program offerings from classes to international travel. The event will be held at The Classic Club in Palm Desert.

The Emeriti Society was created for retired academic or administrative professionals to connect with their only local four-year public university. The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus hosts the Emeriti Society for speakers and cultural events, Osher classes, academic conferences and theater events.

"We know that there are so many social and community activities here in our Coachella Valley," said Brown-Welty, "but we wanted to provide members of the Emeriti Society the chance to connect with other university professionals from around the country and we saw that there was a great interest in our first year. We're excited that the membership was more than 100 at the end of last year, and we're looking forward to the launch of the 2016-17 year at our launch party."

The Emeriti Society affiliation offers members an opportunity to become involved with current students - something members find especially rewarding, according to Brown-Welty. Members mentor students and student groups, are guest lecturers in their area of expertise and serve on campus committees. With the theme of "life is a university and you never graduate," the Emeriti Society attracts full- and part-time residents in the Coachella Valley to events and activities.

The launch party later this month offers the opportunity to meet new friends and visit with old friends, with door prizes and a hosted reception. It will begin at 5:30 p.m., and new guests can join at the event; membership fees are \$20 for individuals or \$30 for couples.

The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is celebrating 30 years of serving the Coachella Valley, making it a great time to join the Emeriti Society.

For more information about the event and the Emeriti Society, visit www.pdc.csusb.edu/emeritiSociety.html, call (760) 341-2883, ext. 78116 or e-mail Shawn.Shepherd@csusb.edu.

Located in beautiful Palm Desert, the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor and master's degrees, a doctorate degree in educational leadership, and teacher credentials and certificates. With more than 1,400 students, it is the only four-year public university in the Coachella Valley and plays a vital role in educating and training the region's growing population.

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