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**USU's Oasis Wellness Center Honored with Citation Award  
for Design Excellence at the AIASFV Design Awards**

Northridge — The University Student Union (USU) is proud to announce that the Oasis Wellness Center and the architectural firm that designed it, LPA Incorporated, have received an important design award. On Wednesday, Jan. 17, the American Institute of Architects in the San Fernando Valley Chapter (AIASFV) honored the Oasis with the Citation Award for Design Excellence at the AIASFV 2017 Design Awards in North Hollywood, California. The AIASFV Design Awards program was created to encourage and recognize distinguished architectural achievement that helps shape the quality of life through superior design quality. With its innovative architectural design solutions, the Oasis continues to enhance the CSUN campus life for its community.

“This award marks another achievement for the Oasis Wellness Center of the University Student Union,” said Jimmy Francis, USU Associate Executive Director. “Our number one focus is student success at CSUN. We’re here to help enhance their college experience and accomplish their educational goals. The Oasis does that and more. It provides a calming and stress-reducing environment for all Matadors through the combination of its ingenious design and wellness programs.”

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After conducting a needs assessment poll in 2013, the results highlighted sleep deprivation and stress as the top two health-related challenges to CSUN students' academic success. To counter those issues, the USU created the Oasis for students to provide serenity and relaxation amid the rush of campus life. Since its grand opening in August 2015, the Oasis positively impacted student wellness at CSUN with its multiple beneficial resources including indoor and outdoor spaces, nap pods, massages, meditation, acupuncture, labyrinth and more.

CSUN campus collaborators for the Oasis Wellness Center are Klotz Student Health Center, College of Health and Human Development and University Counseling Services.

The Oasis at the USU has continued to prove itself as a high value campus asset for student success through its mission of student health and wellness. For more information, please contact Jimmy Francis, USU Associate Executive Director, at [jimmy.francis@csun.edu](mailto:jimmy.francis@csun.edu).

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