Meet the Class of 2021

4.08
Average GPA for freshman class

98K
Number of undergraduates who applied to UCSB

212K
Record number of applications received by the UC system for the 2017-18 school year — 172K freshman and 40K transfer applications

40%
Percentage of UCSB's freshman class who are “first-generation” — the first in their families to attend a four-year college

30%
Percentage of freshman class who self-identify as a member of a racial or ethnic minority

82%
Percentage of new students who are California residents

Student leaders from the UCSB Gaucho Tour Association share a laugh at the Storke Plaza koi pond.

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DID YOU KNOW?

UCSB is the home to the California NanoSystems Institute, one of the first California institutes for Science and Innovation. A research partnership with UCLA, the institute is creating revolutionary new materials, devices, and systems that will enhance virtually every aspect of our lives.

- The 2017 ShanghaiRanking places UCSB at No. 3 in the world in the field of automation and control just behind University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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MARK THE DATE/REMINDERS

Flu shots, other routine immunizations available at Student Health
Immunizations for students are available without appointment weekdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Campus Organizations & Activities Fair, Oct. 18
More than 150+ student organizations will be represented at this one-day fair in Storke Plaza hosted by the Office of Student Life. Contact campusorgs@sa.ucsb.edu with questions about this event.

Fall Career & Internship Fair, Oct. 19
This one-day event will host more than 100 companies and organizations and will take place at the Events Center (Thunderdome). UCSB registered students from all majors and class levels are invited to attend. Visit http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/recruiting-events for more information.

Parents & Family Weekend, Nov. 3-5
Parents & Family Weekend 2017 will be held on November 3, 4, and 5 to welcome hundreds of Gaucho families to explore the campus and get a firsthand look at life at UCSB. Family members will have the opportunity to attend classes, hear faculty presentations, take part in campus area tours and activities, and meet UCSB faculty and administrators, including Chancellor Henry T. Yang and his wife, Dilling Yang. Registration and events information can be found at http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/ParentsFamilyWeekend. If you have questions, email parent@ia.ucsb.edu or call the Office of Event Management and Protocol at (805) 893-7382.

Commencement 2018, June 16-17
Commencement weekend 2018 will be held on June 16-17. Full details will be posted as they become available at http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement.
Parenting Your College Student: Advice from the Inside

Parenting through the college years can be both a joy and a challenge. In the era of social media, cell phones, and computers, parents must balance the need to let go with the desire to stay connected. It can be tempting for parents to do too much for their young adult, rather than coaching from the sidelines. Though difficult, letting your son or daughter find their own way or even learn from their own mistakes can also be an opportunity for growth.

As college administrators who are also the parents of college students, we have the benefit of the insider’s knowledge of the University. We also have the advantage of seeing the myriad ways that young adults grow and develop during their college years while away from home. These unique perspectives help reassure us that there are many ways for students to move through their college years both academically and socially, and many ways to succeed.

UCSB’s Dean of Student Life, Dr. Katya Armistead, mother of two college-age students, shares, “I have tried to stay out my son’s way during his college years. This doesn’t mean not being available to him, but for me it’s been more about helping him navigate the campus and its resources. I’ve tried to empower him to make his own decisions by being a sounding board. When it’s decision time, I ask him questions: ‘What do you think? What would be best for you?’ This hasn’t been easy. I’ve learned it’s hard to let go.”

“I’ve tried to empower him to make his own decisions,” said Dr. Katya Armistead, of her son Spencer (far left), who recently graduated college. Katya, shown with her family, is the UCSB Dean of Student Life.

The best thing you can do as a parent is become familiar with the resources and services available at UCSB to help support your student. When your son or daughter encounters difficulty or needs assistance, point out helpful resources, but don’t do the work for them. An important part of your son or daughter’s development is learning to ask for help and taking the initiative to interact with campus faculty and staff on their own.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Debbie Fleming, who has a son going into his junior year in college, reflects, “Even though I know from my work that very few college students earn a 4.0 GPA, I still had the unrealistic expectation that my son would get straight As! Of course, that did not happen. Our conversations about his progress are better when I avoid putting the emphasis on grades. Rather than ask him what grade he got in a particular course, I ask him what he’s learning, what subjects he likes, and with which professors he is connecting and why.”

Here are some additional tips shared by college parent “insiders” at UCSB:

- If you want to stay involved in your son or daughter’s life during college, find ways to do it without impacting their independence. Limit your calls and texts to several times a week, rather than daily. It’s important for your student to navigate on their own without constantly checking in with you.
- To stay connected with your son or daughter’s intellectual pursuits ask if they would mind if you also read...
In 2014 UCSB was recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education. This designation granted UCSB the opportunity to apply for federal funding to develop new programs and capacities that benefit the increasingly diverse student population. The ONDAS Student Center (OSC) opened in late 2016 with the support of a five-year, $2.6 million Department of Education Title V grant.

The ONDAS Student Center focuses on the success and retention of first-generation college students with an emphasis on the first-year transition. The center provides mentoring and academic support in a learning-centered space for students to connect with faculty, staff, and peers so they grow personally and excel academically.

Located in Kerr Hall 1150, this open space welcomes students who are looking for a quiet location to study or unwind between classes, seeking academic mentorship, or interested in attending OSC programs/ workshops. The OSC supports first-year students throughout the academic year by providing mentoring and programming from advanced graduate students, high-achieving undergraduate peer mentors, and passionate professional staff.

Examples of programs include Table Talk — a mentoring program that provides students with the opportunity to share three meals with a professor during the course of the quarter; ALEKS&ME — satellite office hours with Chemistry professors; a #FirstGen Safe Space forum for first-generation college students to share their experiences with peers; and weekly learning communities where students learn together, share ideas, and work through course materials in a collaborative setting.

To learn more about the ONDAS Student Center and its resources, please visit www.ondas.ucsb.edu.
Chemistry 1A often has the highest number of failures of all undergraduate courses and is a required course for many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. In addition, many first-year students are challenged by the quarter system and the use of college-level study skills.

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Academic Skills was a natural catalyst to build on the established Academic Communities of Excellence (ACE) Writing and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) partnership model that was created to offer academic support for first-year EOP students.

CLAS staff and chemistry faculty met weekly over several quarters to analyze existing statistics on student performance in the general chemistry series and conducted student interviews to understand student needs. As a result, ACE Chemistry was launched in spring 2016 and took the following form:

- Teams of 5-7 students meet weekly for 90-minute collaborative sessions for Chemistry 1ABC.
- Provides additional academic support and individualized tutoring with a deep focus on the comprehension of course concepts.

The ACE Chemistry model shows significant impact on EOP students enrolled in Chemistry 1A. Data for Chemistry 1B and 1C still pending. CLAS plans to use this successful program as a model for addressing other courses in which students experience difficulty.

Next year, CLAS plans to add the Math 34 series to the ACE program. For more information about CLAS services or to sign up, go to http://clas.sa.ucsb.edu.

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— Domi Santiago, ACE Chemistry participant

Fosters learning communities where students can encourage and learn from one another.

Builds strong study skills for efficient and effective learning in Chemistry 1ABC and beyond.

The most successful students at UCSB will move beyond independence. They’ll build a team of experts to help them get to where they want to go,” says Assistant Dean, Director of Advising, Joe O’Brien, to an audience of 200 new Gauchos. Campus staff agree that students sometime make academic decisions using poor strategies and based on misinformation, leading to missed opportunities and academic trouble. Many students feel pressure to navigate everything from grading option changes to future career decisions independently, a decision that often backfires.

In an effort to address this problem, the College of Letters and Science offers a series of events that make advising more accessible to students by offering panel discussions on topics such as Academic Decision-Making and Majors and Careers. Program topics tackle common misconceptions, the unexpected impacts of seemingly simple academic decisions, and where to seek help.

“I wish this program had been available when I was a first-year student,” says senior Haley Ferrera. Haley, and other panelists, often stay an hour after the program concludes to answer questions from students on a one-on-one basis.

What’s made this program so popular among new students? It moves away from the informational presentation format. Instead, choices that students are likely to face are debated by the audience. A panel of senior students share their experiences while staff offer facts and advice that often challenge the validity of what students think they know. The interactive event is often filled with gasps, laughter, lots of note-taking, and, of course, the smell of hot, free pizza.

Parents, please encourage your students to attend Pizza and Knowledge events sponsored by the College of Letters and Science. For information and current schedules, visit http://www.duels.ucsb.edu/advising/pizza.

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Work-Study and CalFresh at UCSB

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is excited to kick off a new year with the Federal Work-Study Program. Work-Study jobs provide enrolled students with an opportunity to work part-time to help pay for educational expenses while gaining valuable professional experience. Last year, 130+ employers participated in the Work-Study Program while employing more than 1,700 students. A variety of employers are looking for students to fill on-campus jobs and positions throughout the Santa Barbara community. How does it work?

- **Apply for Work-Study:** Students must file a FAFSA or CA Dream Application* and demonstrate financial need to be awarded Work-Study. International students, while ineligible to apply for this program, can apply for President’s Work-Study through the Office of International Students and Scholars. Learn more about President’s Work-Study at [http://oiss.sa.ucsb.edu/students/prospective/aid-scholarships/president’s-work-study](http://oiss.sa.ucsb.edu/students/prospective/aid-scholarships/president’s-work-study).

- **Search for Jobs:** Students awarded Federal, UCSB, or President’s Work-Study can search for on-campus and off-campus Work-Study jobs on UCSB’s new job board, Handshake.

- **Apply for a New Position:** Students will need to apply and be selected for any new position. The UCSB Career Center is an important resource for help with resumes, interview skills, or other tips to help students land the job they want!

Please have your student visit or call the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships with questions about utilizing their Work-Study award.

Students awarded Work-Study may also be eligible for CalFresh. The CalFresh program provides monthly food benefits that can be accessed at most food stores. CalFresh advocates are available on campus, including in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, to assist with the application process. Visit [http://food.ucsb.edu](http://food.ucsb.edu), shown at right, for more information.

*Note: Dream Scholars must be authorized to work through DACA in order to obtain a Work-Study job.*

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**Say “Hello” to Handshake: More than a Job Board**

CALLING ALL GAUCHO FAMILIES! Are you worrying about what your student will do with their degree from UCSB? Wondering whether they can possibly survive on their own in the deep, dark corners of the real world? Leaving daily voicemails and Snapchats to remind them that it’s time to apply for a job? Fear no more! UCSB Career Services is excited to announce Handshake, a new, powerful recruiting platform that enhances how UCSB students and alumni connect with employers. With Handshake’s simple, intuitive, and mobile-friendly interface, applying for jobs and internships feels a lot like scrolling through Facebook. Students can discover new career paths, find meaningful jobs and internships, connect with great companies and non-profits, and quickly build a rich profile that helps them stand out when employers search for students.

While Handshake will not do all of the hard work that it takes to land a job or internship (you can still encourage your students to be proactive and visit Career Services), it does increase access to opportunities. Gauchos can connect with 150,000+ employers on Handshake, and 98% of Fortune 500 companies are in Handshake’s employer network.

Employers using Handshake vary in size, type, and recruitment; opportunities include internships and jobs that are part-time, full-time, on-campus, or Work-Study. Handshake also features on-campus interviews, upcoming career fairs (mark the calendar for October 19), employer information sessions, workshops, and more.

So what can you do? Ask your Gaucho to login to the Handshake portal at [http://career.sa.ucsb.edu](http://career.sa.ucsb.edu) to get started. Assure them that the more they interact with Handshake, the better it gets to know them. By using a machine learning algorithm similar to Netflix, Handshake suggests opportunities that match each user’s interests. Don’t let your students wait until senior year to look for work — let’s get them using Handshake now!

And lastly, please encourage your student to practice safe job searching by reviewing the [job search safety tips](http://career.sa.ucsb.edu) on our website. Happy searching!
UCSB Housing welcomes approximately 1,000 undergraduate students this fall to San Joaquin Villages, the University’s new urban style apartment complex. San Joaquin consists of 165 apartments, with units housing six students per 3-bedroom apartment. All apartments are fully furnished and include kitchens with a dishwasher and a microwave. No need for your students to cook or clean dishes though, as a new Portola Dining Commons is opening nearby with organic, local, and sustainable food offerings and an outdoor patio with views of the mountains and a swimming pool.

In addition to live-in professional staff, San Joaquin has four residences for faculty members in the Faculty-in-Residence Program. Resident faculty will advise student residents and provide opportunities for residents to meet other faculty members. On-site amenities include study, recreation, and laundry rooms, a UC Police Department satellite office, a counseling center, a wellness center with massage chair, and a market with local and sustainable food options. A fitness center is in the planning stages and is slated to open within a year.

Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises’ goal is to protect, preserve, and regenerate our environmental resources by implementing Earth-friendly practices and supporting UCSB on its way to becoming a sustainable community. San Joaquin was designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification and employs sustainable design measures including a storm water retention basin, energy-efficient windows, energy-star appliances, water-saving landscaping and fixtures, high-efficiency lighting, reclaimed water in toilets, and more.

Join in our excitement for this great addition to University Housing — to learn more, visit http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/residences/san-joaquin.
Counseling & Psychological Services Expands Group Therapy Offerings

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers an array of services for students that help build resiliency and provide support throughout their time in college. CAPS has expanded the Group Therapy Program in recognition that group offerings encourage students to seek out services and support during their college years.

Whether there is a particular area of mental health where students are struggling (e.g., ADHD, social confidence, history of interpersonal violence) or they are seeking a group that provides identity-specific social support (e.g., Latinx, International Students), CAPS has a lot to offer your student. Additionally, CAPS offers a Wellness Seminar Series every quarter. This series does not require a commitment to multiple sessions — students can simply pick a topic that appeals to them and show up. This flexibility is ideal for busy students! Sessions such as Taming Anxiety, Understanding Depression, Effective Communication & Assertiveness, and Skills for Being Kind to Yourself can arm students with tools to more effectively manage their day-to-day stressors. These coping skills will help them thrive in the college environment — academically and socially — as their relationships are strengthened and they begin to better understand their emotional health and well-being.

CAPS group offerings vary by quarter and some groups may require a pre-screening appointment with a CAPS psychologist. For more information and a full list of group offerings, please visit http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu.

Addressing Concerns about Alcohol and Other Drug Use: Free and Confidential Help for Students

Student Health offers cutting-edge, confidential counseling assistance through the Alcohol & Drug Program (ADP). Available to all students at no cost, the program uses a harm-reduction and prevention approach to educate about use of alcohol and drugs and to provide assessment, counseling, and referral to campus and community care and services. To make an appointment with a confidential, licensed counselor, students can call (805) 893-3371. Alcohol and Drug Program staff members are also available to consult with and provide advice to parents who may have a concern about their student’s use of alcohol or drugs.

In many cases, parents are the first to know about their son or daughter’s developing problems with alcohol or drug use long before it is apparent to anyone on campus. Local hospitals keep their records confidential, so the campus is not usually informed if a student receives care due to an incident involving alcohol or drugs. Parents who have concerns about a student’s alcohol or other drug use can call UCSB’s Student Mental Health Coordination Services (SMHCS) at (805) 893-3030 and request we reach out directly to connect a student with services. A member of the SMHCS team can alert other health care providers on campus who can outreach to your student to offer assistance with the goal of preventing problems from progressing and interfering with academic responsibilities and well-being.
Student Health Service Welcomes New Campus Arrivals

Student Health provides comprehensive and integrated healthcare services that treat illnesses efficiently, promote physical and psychological well-being, and enable students to have a healthy and a successful University experience. The on-campus health center offers many services for new and returning students. We invite parents to visit the website at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/home/welcome-new-students to Meet Our Medical Staff, review the Medical and Behavioral Services, and access other important information to support your student. Other campus services available 24/7 include Nurseline at (800) 539-1387, Counseling and Psychological Services at (805) 893-4411, and Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (CARE) for sexual assault, dating/domestic violence and stalking at (805) 893-4613. The closest emergency facilities are posted on our building doors and available at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/home/after-hours-care. Student Health offers transportation for injured or ill students back to their residences or classes during open hours. Students with Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) have a new option to arrange an online or phone visit 24/7 with board-certified physicians through the Teladoc service at 1-855-Teladoc (835-2362) or https://www.teladoc.com/aetna.

Parent Portal Now Available on Student Health Website

New this year for parents or guardians is the ability to use the confidential Student Health Gateway Portal to access insurance waiver information and enter required entrance immunizations. Your student will need to give you permission through their “Profile” when they log in. Detailed information is available at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/home/how-to/authorized-representatives.

Entry Immunization Requirements

Student Health has a dedicated staff member to assist students and parents with the entry immunization requirements. Corena Herrera is available to answer your questions at SHSEntranceImmunizations@sa.ucsb.edu or at (805) 893-2525.

Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI)

Gaucho Health Insurance is a comprehensive PPO insurance plan, including vision and dental coverage, offered to students through the Aetna provider network. It can be used worldwide and when students are visiting home. Students enrolled in spring quarter have coverage that extends through summer until fall quarter begins. For more information please visit http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaucho-health-insurance. ID cards can be generated online at https://www.aetnastudenthealth.com. Student Health has an insurance staff to assist students at SHSinsurance@sa.ucsb.edu or at (805) 893-2595.

Queer and Trans Health Advisor and Clinical Liaison

Student Health is proud to offer dedicated advocates to advise LGBTQIA students about any health concerns or to help them navigate on-campus and off-campus health resources. Han Koehle (they/them) is a recent UCSB graduate and the Queer & Trans Health Advisor available at han.koehle@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2535. Betsy Malear, MS, RD (she/her) is a clinician who receives emails confidentially through our Gateway portal found at https://studenthealthoc.sa.ucsb.edu on the Student Health website.

Gaucho Access Plan (GAP)

Students with approved insurance waivers can purchase GAP to cover all costs of most services offered at Student Health. More information is available at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaucho-health-insurance/waiving-unwaiving-ghi/gaucho-access-plan-(gap). Students without GHI or GAP will be assessed visit charges at Student Health that are posted to their BARC account. Students can access itemized statements to submit to other insurance companies through their confidential Gateway portal https://studenthealthoc.sa.ucsb.edu on the Student Health website.
Since 1990, GIVE has accepted donations of unwanted and reusable clothing, books, furniture, household furnishings, kitchenware, electronics, bicycles, and canned and packaged foods during Isla Vista and UCSB’s annual move-out time in June. Each year more than 130 volunteers (UCSB students and local community members) receive, sort, and organize donations in preparation for a huge yard sale. All of the proceeds from the sale are distributed to local non-profits and projects that benefit the Isla Vista community.

“GIVE at UCSB is an amazing project. It encourages students to be responsible when discarding their belongings, promotes recycling and reusing as well as brings the community together with the University by donating the proceeds of the giant parking lot sale to deserving non-profits from the Isla Vista community,” emphasizes Sue Dumm, former GIVE volunteer coordinator.

This year’s GIVE sale generated more than $27,000 and beneficiaries included:

- Adopt-a-Block-Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
- Associated Students Food Bank
- Children’s Camping Trip-Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
- Isla Vista Elementary School Science Camp Scholarship Fund
- Isla Vista Initiatives Fund
- Isla Vista Young Athletes Fund
- Isla Vista Youth Projects
- Optimist Club @UCSB
- Santa Barbara Student Housing Coop
- Santa Barbara Soccer
- Saint George Family Youth Center in Isla Vista
- St. Michael’s University Church

For information, visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/give-iv.
Recognizing and Addressing Hazing in Student Activities

Student activities — student-led clubs, athletic teams, fraternities and sororities, and the like — contribute significantly to the vitality of our campus and the engagement of our students. We encourage students to get involved in order to develop a sense of belonging in the campus community and because research has demonstrated that involvement promotes academic success (so long as students aren’t over-extended).

Hazing can occur in a wide variety of environments and affects people of all ages and identities. It has been known to occur in community organizations, athletic teams, and workplaces — and student activities are no exception. Hazing should never be tolerated and is expressly prohibited at UCSB. While the majority of organizations do not engage in hazing, we invite parents to help us identify possible hazing incidents should they occur in our community and to empower your student to take a stand against hazing.

Identifying hazing can be challenging because hazing victims rarely recognize or admit that they are experiencing hazing by name. If your student reports being yelled at, drilled about meaningless information, required to carry an item with them at all times, made to participate in embarrassing activities, deprived of sleep, coerced to consume alcohol or other drugs, or experience any other behavior that causes (or is likely to cause) physical or emotional injury, they may be experiencing hazing. Please reach out to UCSB for advice or encourage your student to seek support.

At UCSB, we take allegations of hazing seriously. Students and recognized campus organizations (including fraternities and sororities, as well as sports teams) can be sanctioned for violating hazing-related policies. Whenever possible, we work with organization leaders to implement cultural changes that support the elimination of hazing practices.

To speak with someone about hazing-related concerns, contact the Office of Student Life (OSL) at (805) 893-4569. Confidential support and counseling is available to students from Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) at (805) 893-4411.

Dear Parents and Families,

Each Halloween, the University works with Associated Students, the IV Safe Committee, the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department, the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta, and local businesses on an annual Halloween campaign called Keep it Safe. Keep it Local. The intent of the campaign is to discourage out-of-town visitors and to promote awareness of Halloween-related safety issues among UCSB students. In recent years, Halloween impacts in Isla Vista have been nearly eliminated, largely due to the implementation of safe and fun alternatives on campus, increased police presence, and an effective social media campaign to discourage visitors and encourage community safety. Once again, this year UCSB will be hosting late-night activities on campus during the weekend before Halloween and on Halloween night, including a concert at the Events Center on Saturday night, October 28, requiring a UCSB ID for entry.

With the goal of deterring out-of-towners and increasing safety during Halloween for our students, the UCSB Police Department expects to increase the number of UC officers in Isla Vista during Halloween and will join with the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department to promote a zero tolerance approach to enforcing laws and ordinances in the community throughout the weekend. Overnight visitors will be prohibited in campus-owned housing and there will be no visitor parking allowed on campus. Parking restrictions in Isla Vista and Goleta will also be implemented. UCSB students who wish to move their cars on to campus for the weekend may purchase an Annual Night and Weekend Parking Permit from UCSB Parking and Transportation Services at www.tps.ucsb.edu.

Please join with the University in our efforts to keep Halloween safe and local by talking with your son or daughter about Halloween safety and security. Please reinforce our messages that discourage out-of-town guests and the hosting of open parties in Isla Vista that attract people from out of the area.

Sincerely,

Katya J. Armistead,
Dean of Student Life

DID YOU KNOW?

What is hazing?
Treatment of a new member that causes (or is likely to cause) physical or emotional injury.

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International Student Support Program (ISSP)

UC Santa Barbara is pleased to announce that beginning fall 2017 we will be partnering with Morneau Shepell, leaders in international counseling support, to introduce an exciting new program to our campus — the International Student Support Program (ISSP). The International Student Support Program provides 24/7 remote counseling and acculturation support to international students via the use of technology. Students are able to access self-directed digital content in addition to connecting with clinical advisors who speak their language and understand their culture. This program is offered at no cost to students and aims to support the well-being and retention of international students studying at UC Santa Barbara by complementing already existing campus resources.

International students will now have access to support services customized for them by International Student Support Advisors who:
- are Master’s level counselors
- speak their language
- understand their culture
- are available 24/7 for immediate or scheduled sessions
- can be reached through mobile and web chat, telephone, and video
- are experienced in supporting the unique challenges faced by international students

The program is fully integrated with existing on-campus resources, completely confidential within the limits of the law, and intended to supplement campus-based assistance and support. International students can use the free service to help them adapt to a new culture; support academic success; and discuss issues related to studying abroad such as acculturation or homesickness. Students can download the free “My SSP” app; visit https://us.myissp.com; or call 1-866-743-7732 (001-416-380-6578 from outside North America).

UCSB Alert

UCSB Alert is a system that allows university officials to quickly distribute critical information to students, faculty, and staff during an emergency. UCSB Alert helps users stay informed in the event of an emergency by sending text and email alerts to email accounts (school, work, home, other) and to cell phones, smartphones, and other handheld devices.

Students’ Umail accounts are automatically registered with UCSB Alert, however it is recommended that students add their cell phone numbers and personal email accounts to receive alerts in multiple ways. Students will receive instructions for the use of the system to their Umail account prior to the beginning of fall quarter. When the email is received students should log in and update their account to ensure timely receipt of information. Students may also add parent email and/or cell phone to their student account, so parents can receive alerts as well.

During critical incidents, the University posts updates on the UCSB homepage at www.ucsb.edu and recorded informational updates on UCSB’s Emergency Information Line 888-488-UCSB. Live updates may also be provided on the campus radio station KCSB 91.9 FM.

For additional information and frequently asked questions visit https://www.police.ucsb.edu/timely-warnings-and-emergency-notifications-0.

Tips from the Community Housing Office

As early as November, students who are planning to live in non-university-owned housing the following year begin feeling the pressure to find a place for next June. The Community Housing Office (CHO) suggests that parents talk to their students about all housing options before their student signs a lease.

Top five suggestions before students sign a lease:

1. DO attend CHO housing programs around campus in mid-January to learn about all housing options. Like CHO on Facebook for dates and locations.

2. DON’T let peer pressure determine housing decisions. CHO has a great questionnaire for students to help them learn about the preferences and expectations of potential roommate(s).

3. DO determine the budget ahead of time. Parents and students should talk about how much money is allocated for housing, so the decision will fit the budget.

4. DON’T think that Isla Vista is the only place for students to live. University-owned residence halls, apartments, and nearby communities also offer places for students to live. If students are interested in renting outside of Isla Vista, they may only need to look about 30-45 days before desired move-in date. An updated listings database is available online.

5. DON’T sign a contract that isn’t thoroughly understood. CHO encourages students to review their lease agreement with a CHO staff member. In many cases, parents are also asked to sign as a parent guarantor, so it is important for parents to know with whom their student is signing a lease because they may be held accountable jointly and severally for all of the students on the lease.

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