UCSB Points of Pride

- Sierra Madre Village student housing complex earns much-coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) platinum certification. This residential complex is the first in the UC system to attain the highest rating for its efficient and sustainable design under the category “LEED for Homes.”
- The League of American Bicyclists recognizes UCSB as a Gold Level Bicycle Friendly University (BFU)—a designation the campus has held since 2011 when the awards program first launched. With 10,000 bicycle parking spaces and 10 miles of bike paths on and around campus, it’s no wonder that UCSB students choose bicycles more than any other means of transportation.

DID YOU KNOW?

94K+
UCSB received 94,015 applications for undergraduate admission for fall 2016, an increase of more than 10 percent over last year. Continuing a decades-long trend, UCSB set a new record for first-year and transfer students seeking admission to the seaside campus.

1,000
San Joaquin apartment housing project is well underway and will provide housing for 1,000 students in two- and three-bedroom apartments adjacent to Santa Catalina residence hall. The project with also include a 700-seat Portola Dining Commons and four faculty-in-residence apartments. San Joaquin will be completed in phases, starting in fall 2016.

UCSB is 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.
Reinvented UCSB Library Opens and Welcomes

The expanded, renovated UCSB Library opened on the first day of the winter quarter with little fanfare so that right away, students could get down to the business of studying and researching. Staff offered free hot chocolate and doughnuts while students rapidly filled the modern, light-filled spaces inside.

A week later, the Library held a Grand Opening ceremony with dancing and music performed by students; inspirational speeches; recognition from state politicians; a ribbon-cutting (Chancellor Henry Yang did the honors); an open house; cupcakes decorated in Gaucio colors; art exhibitions; and plenty of appreciative comments from students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

“Our library is the heart and soul, the lifeblood, of our vibrant university, and serves as a vital resource,” said Chancellor Yang in his remarks. “This state-of-the-art facility complements the hard-earned, world-class academic stature of our campus.”

University Librarian Denise Stephens called the Library “a multifaceted information laboratory. We are here to help you discover, access, and utilize (even create) information in your successful research, teaching, and learning.”

The new spaces include a 24-hour Learning Commons with reservable group study rooms; an Interdisciplinary Research Collaboratory for data creation and analysis; the sit-down Summit Café; a state-of-the-art Special Research Collections facility; and even an office for UCSB Police. The new portions of the Library are LEED-certified for their eco-friendly features.

Parents who visit the campus are invited to explore the new Library, which was designed to be the geographical center of UCSB, and has remained the physical and cultural crossroads of campus.

For news stories about and images from the Grand Opening, visit: http://www.library.ucsb.edu/node/7607.

MARK THE DATE/REMINDERS

WEEKDAYS: Meningitis B Vaccine available at Student Health
■ Drop-in immunization clinic open weekdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

APRIL 9: Spring Insight Open House

APRIL 13-14: Spring Career and Internship Fair
■ UCSB's largest recruiting event of the year will be a two-day event on April 13 for STEM majors and April 14 for all majors at Corwin Pavilion. Visit http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-fairs/2016-spring-career-internship-fair for more information.

JUNE 11-12: Commencement Weekend 2016
■ Commencement weekend 2016 details will be posted as they become available at http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement.

JUNE 18-19: 26th Annual GIVE Project and Sale
■ GIVE provides students with a convenient way to donate, rather than toss, reusable and recyclable goods at the end of the academic year. One hundred percent of the sale’s proceeds benefit organizations and projects that improve the quality of life in Isla Vista.
For more information visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/giveiv.
Dear Families,

As students begin spring quarter, I am pleased to be in the midst of my first year at UCSB. I arrived in September in time for Convocation and was delighted to join the faculty and administrators who welcomed all of our spectacular incoming students on a brilliant fall day in view of the lagoon and ocean. That day is almost a distant memory as I become more familiar with dodging bicycles and skateboards to cross the campus and almost always now where I am within the UCSB lexicon of UCen, SRB, IHC, etc. It has been a good reminder for me of how much learning our new students go through when they arrive at UCSB.

I enjoyed meeting some of you at Parents & Family Weekend in October, and I look forward to seeing others at graduation in June. The Division of Student Affairs puts your sons and daughters at the center of our mission, but to do that work well, we welcome communication with you. I have enjoyed conversations with many students over the fall and winter and am learning about the passion UCSB students have for their academic goals, their clubs, teams, and organizations, their community commitments, and enjoying our beautiful campus.

The Division of Student Affairs is beginning a comprehensive strategic planning process, but some of the early goals I have identified include better integration of Student Affairs with academic planning, supporting the diversity of the student population, and enhancing campus and community relations. Working with the College of Letters and Science on a transfer student center, initiating a Campus and Community Advisory Council, and expanding support services into Isla Vista are some of the steps we have taken toward these goals. I am hosting open office hours on Friday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. which has been a good way for me to hear from a range of students, and I invite you to encourage your student to drop by.

I hope this is a helpful glimpse into the Division of Student Affairs and specifically into some of my work as the Vice Chancellor. I am honored to be here with your students and welcome further opportunities to tell you about our exciting efforts.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klawunn
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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To give you some sense of the work we do in Student Affairs to support your students, I thought I would share some of my activities in a typical day:

8:30 a.m. — Meeting with the Chancellor and Senior Officers. Along with the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Dean of Student Life, we represent Student Affairs matters with the senior leadership of the University

10:15 a.m. — Consultation with a faculty member about a student issue

11 a.m. — Meeting with the Director of Admissions to review the process for this year’s Admissions cycle and upcoming receptions and campus events for admitted students

1 p.m. — Presentation and discussion with the deans and directors in Student Affairs of a new model for academic support and tutoring for critical science classes

3 p.m. — Tour of the Faculty Club renovation and expansion which will serve our campus community (including students and families) with dining, lodging, and meeting rooms when construction is completed over the summer

5 p.m. — Thank you dinner for the 350+ student interns who work for our 25 Student Affairs departments. The interns provide important support for our departments and gain valuable work experience and mentoring in the process

6:30 p.m. — “Faculty night” sponsored by Student Affairs to bring together 150 students and 35 faculty members for a discussion of world events over dinner in the dining commons
Library Presents 2016 UCSB Reads

In its 10th anniversary year, the award-winning UCSB Reads program, presented by the UCSB Library, brings the campus and Santa Barbara communities together to discuss significant issues of our time while reading a common book. This year’s book is Bryan Stevenson’s best-selling, award-winning memoir *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* (Spiegel & Grau, 2014), which offers the opportunity to explore racial bias, the criminal justice system, and social justice.

Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, has been described by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu as “America’s young Nelson Mandela.”

During the winter and spring quarters, the Library is sponsoring public programming and events on campus and at Santa Barbara Public Library System locations that explore issues raised by the book. Several UCSB instructors are incorporating the book into their courses.

UCSB Reads will conclude with a free lecture by Stevenson in Campbell Hall, co-sponsored by UCSB Arts & Lectures, on April 18, 2016, open to the public. Parents and families are welcome to attend!

Stevenson has been representing capital defendants and death row prisoners since 1985. He has argued six cases before the Supreme Court, and won a ruling on behalf of juveniles in the justice system. He has said, “The opposite of poverty isn’t wealth... the opposite of poverty is justice.” Stevenson, who grew up poor in a racially segregated neighborhood in Delaware, is a Harvard Law School graduate and a professor at the New York University School of Law.

You’re invited to read *Just Mercy* along with your UCSB student, or attend any of the UCSB Reads-related events. For more information about UCSB Reads, including a regularly updated list of activities, visit www.library.ucsb.edu/ucsbreads2016.

Urban Art Project Unveils Latest Mural to Grace Isla Vista

In Gabriel Cardenas’ brightly colored mural, the sun shines onto the earth, nourishing red and purple trees that produce life-giving oxygen and diminish — in their own small way — the carbon footprint left by human industrialization.

Cardenas’ vision is the latest to be realized on a canvas that doubles as the street-facing wall of an apartment building in Isla Vista. The project, part of the UCSB Urban Art Workshop, is both quarterly coursework and practical experience for its participants as well as an act of community building. A dozen students, under the direction of instructor Jeff Page, developed the concept, put it through an approval process, and exercised their artistry on the wall of an apartment building owned by Meridian Group in Isla Vista. The UCSB Urban Workshop class is offered to all majors and focuses on the development, design, and execution of an urban mural project in Isla Vista. Class discussions explore the powerful impact murals have on communities and civic life and allow students to develop their skills, attitude, and vision as they bring creative projects to fruition.

Students gain a glimpse into the realm of public art, learn to conceptualize a proposal, design for a client, manage a project, and enhance their painting skills.

“The sun is what gives us life,” Cardenas, a fourth-year student at UC Santa Barbara says of the art piece that took root as an idea and blossomed into a mural. “Trees take up carbon dioxide and give us oxygen,” added the environmentalist who majors in sociology with a minor in art. His representational trees are a way of trying to “build up” ones that have been taken away.

Other UCSB student artists who participated in this mural include Michelle Sharp, Madeline Reed, Kourtney Pham, Leila Youssefi, Roberto Perez, Silvia Quach, Tyler Smith, Madison Dykstra, Madyson Egan, Ava Selbach and Allie Sullberg.
Parents who have helped their student apply for financial aid know that one of the biggest challenges families face is long-term planning. Traditional financial aid programs calculate eligibility on a yearly basis, rather than giving families a four-year plan. UCSB recently created a revolutionary financial aid initiative called the Promise Scholars Program with the goal of helping talented students in need of financial aid address this issue. This one-of-a-kind program promises students $120,000 in grants and scholarships over their four years at UCSB allowing them to focus on academics and becoming a part of the campus community, rather than worrying about how to pay for their next year at UCSB.

In addition to the robust financial aid offer, UCSB Promise Scholars also receive a unique academic experience. A team from across campus has come together to support the Promise Scholars Program and ensure that they not only graduate, but thrive at UCSB. Promise Scholars enrolled this fall in Interdisciplinary 95 — a class that introduces them to different faculty members each week and arranges for small groups of students to visit important campus resources. During winter quarter, students were invited to join the Clyde Woods Scholars program — a program designed to develop the skills needed to become research assistants and to introduce the students to research opportunities. Each quarter the Promise Scholars team hosts study hours and social events for these talented individuals, such as the popular Faculty Nights events where students and faculty discuss “hot topic” issues over a free dinner. Most importantly, weekly communication from professional advisors personalize the UCSB experience for Promise Scholars while facilitating their connection to services and to each other. Next year’s incoming cohort will join the outstanding Freshman Summer Start Program and will include new transfer students.

Promise Scholars are identified during the application process and are not required to apply for the program. For more information, please see http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/promise-scholars-program.

A Promise for Scholars

Dear Families,

If your student is a financial aid applicant, I would like to make you aware of the priority deadline should you be selected for the federal verification process. Each year approximately 30-40 percent of financial aid applicants are asked to provide verification documents to confirm information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If you are part of this group, all requested documents must be returned to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships by June 10, 2016 to be considered for all sources of financial aid. Documents submitted after the June 10, 2016 priority date will be considered late and awards will be based on the availability of funding. Students selected for verification will be notified via email in early April, giving them ample time to submit required documentation. The June 10 document deadline should not be confused with the March 2 priority deadline to file the FAFSA or California Dream Application.

UCSB’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships appreciates your attention to and compliance with this deadline. We strongly encourage parents to communicate with their students on a regular basis regarding financial aid matters. By having students and parents complete their financial aid applications in a timely manner, we will be able to better serve the UCSB community.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Miller
Director, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
FREE Meningitis B Shots for UCSB Students

Student Health’s campaign to protect UCSB students against the deadly disease Meningococcal serogroup B has now achieved at least partial coverage in 62 percent of the University’s 23,000 students. This immunization coverage rate is especially important for new students and any student living in shared housing; however, almost 9,000 students still need the vaccine protection, so please encourage your student to come to Student Health for these free shots while supplies last (available without appointments every weekday). Further information is available at https://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/services/medical-services/meningitis-b/new-meningitis-b-vaccine, including information about the difference between this new vaccine and past meningitis vaccines that your students may have received. Questions may also be directed to (805) 893-3113 or to MenB.Vaccine@sa.ucsb.edu.

Health Insurance Waiver Renewals

Student Health is now able to renew and verify existing waivers for the UC-required minimum health insurance, thus eliminating the need for returning students to re-apply each fall if they do not want to purchase the UCSB-sponsored Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) plan. Your student will receive an email in late May or June notifying them if a verification of coverage was successful and the waiver renewed. In cases where coverage has not been able to be verified, students will be directed to upload a copy of their current insurance card in order to complete the waiver renewal. Please remind your waived students to look for this email, because if they do not respond they will automatically be charged the GHI premium in fall 2016. Further information about waivers is located at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaucho-health-insurance/ghi-2015-2016/waiving-unwaiving-ghi or by emailing shswaivers@sa.ucsb.edu.

New Student Health Gaucho Access Plan (GAP) for Waived Students

Student Health now offers unlimited prepaid access to UCSB’s on-campus Student Health Services for waived students through the new Gaucho Access Plan (GAP), which will cover many of the same benefits that are included in the premiums for students who purchase the UCSB-sponsored Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) plan. Waived students using Student Health are currently charged fees for office visits, lab tests and X-rays; however, with the purchase of GAP there will be no additional charge for these services after payment of a quarterly fee that will be posted to the student’s BARC account. Financial Aid awards include the cost of health insurance in the total award, and this award can be applied to cover the fee for GAP.

We encourage parents to seriously consider how beneficial it can be for students to utilize Student Health with no charge for office visits, in-house lab tests and X-rays, in order to treat conditions early and prevent disruption in their student’s academic progress. The average undergraduate who uses Student Health has four or more visits per year. This coverage is particularly important for waived insurance plans that have limited access to local care, such as Kaiser and county-based MediCal plans.

Students with approved waivers will be offered GAP once annually in the notification of their waiver renewal, and the purchase of GAP will be a commitment for the full year as long as the waiver is in effect. The cost is currently $155/quarter, which is less than one urgent care or physician office visit in Santa Barbara. Further details are posted on the Student Health website at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaucho-health-insurance/ghi-2015-2016/gaucho-access-plan-(gap).
Subleasing and Security Deposit Tips from the Community Housing Office

Since many rental agreements in Isla Vista run through the summer, students who do not plan to be in the area often decide to sublet to another student. Subleasing, however, can be a risky endeavor. In fact, it is the third most problematic issue reported to the Community Housing Office (CHO) after roommate conflicts and deposit disputes. Fortunately, CHO provides a “Sublease Smarts” brochure to help students navigate this process. Students who are considering subleasing should:

- Check their rental agreement to be sure that subleasing is an option. If subleasing is allowed, students need to follow the process that is defined in the agreement.
- Discuss their plan to sublease with current roommates to avoid potential conflicts.
- Get EVERYTHING in writing between the sublessor and the sublessee. CHO has tenant applications and sublet agreement forms online and in their office.
- Collect a deposit! Deposits can be used for unpaid rent, cleaning, or repairs of damaged property.
- Rent only to UCSB students. Non-students have been known to create a lot of damage that ends up being the responsibility of the student who is on the original lease.
- List a summer sublet early. Supply increases during the summer and rents are often discounted.
- Try to have one person who is on the original lease remain in the house or apartment to minimize problems with the property.
- Advertise on CHO’s rental site as well as on some of the public housing sites. Security deposits are another “hot” topic for summer. We suggest the following proactive steps:
  - Request that CHO make a move-in/move-out video for a fee of $25.
  - Fill out an Inventory and Condition Report during move-in and move-out and keep a copy.
  - Hire a certified, insured cleaning company to professionally clean the rental property and keep a copy of the receipt. A list of cleaning companies is available in the CHO.
- Owners have 21 days to return the security deposit, minus charges for unpaid rent and cleaning. If the bill is over $125, owners are required to provide receipts for each charge.
- CHO is open throughout the summer to answer questions about subleasing and security deposits. Please encourage your student to visit the office on the third floor of the UCen, call (805) 893-4371, or email ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu.
- Students can join the Facebook Fan page to receive information and updates from CHO.

Families, Please Help Discourage Deltopia

Fall quarter saw a quiet Halloween in the community of Isla Vista. Similar preparations are now underway for Deltopia, an unsanctioned and unsponsored event in Isla Vista that takes place annually at the beginning of April. In anticipation of the presence of out-of-town visitors, UCSB’s Police Department (UCPD) and the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department are planning for substantially increased presence of officers and a zero tolerance approach to enforcing laws and ordinances in the community. UCSB will be enforcing no-guest policies in all University-owned residence halls and apartments and restricting parking on campus to only those with official university business. Student Affairs will team up with Associated Students to use social media, email communications, and campus newspaper advertising to remind UCSB students of the negative consequences of this unplanned and unsponsored event that takes place without proper infrastructure to ensure safety and security. UCSB Public Affairs will focus its efforts on a social media marketing campaign targeting 18-25 year olds from outside the UCSB/Isla Vista/Santa Barbara communities. Following on the success of a campus-sponsored late-night concert on Halloween that provided a safe, fun alternative for UCSB students, the campus will offer a variety of late-night events on campus, open only to UCSB students, on April 1 and 2. These events include a concert in UCSB’s 4,000+ seat Thunderdome (Events Center). Parents, please join UCSB in communicating “Keep it Local, Keep it Safe” messages to your students in the days leading up to Deltopia.
Students must make a commencement reservation for an open and available ceremony in order to participate in commencement. **Special note:** Parents, please remind your student that declaring candidacy for an official degree and making a commencement reservation are **two separate actions** in the GOLD system.

Please keep in mind that thousands of graduating seniors will be inviting family and friends to the commencement ceremonies. Students should limit their number of guests to a maximum of six to help maintain a high level of comfort and decorum. For more information, call the commencement hotline at (805) 893-8289, send an email to commencement@sa.ucsb.edu, or visit the website at www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement. For accommodations information, visit www.santabarbara.com. It is wise to book hotel rooms soon since space is limited, but be sure to coordinate with your student as he or she reserves a space in a particular commencement ceremony.

**Webcast of Commencement Ceremonies**

For those who cannot visit campus to attend the 2016 commencement ceremonies, there will be a live webcast of the Sunday, June 5; Friday, June 10; Saturday, June 11; and Sunday, June 12 ceremonies. The web link will be posted on the UC Santa Barbara commencement website www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement at the beginning of June 2016.

**Grad Fair 2016**

UCSB Bookstore’s annual Grad Fair and cap and gown photo shoot will be held on Wednesday, April 20, and Thursday, April 21, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the UCen lobby. Various campus departments and vendors will be on hand to answer students’ commencement questions. Students should attend dressed to impress for their free photo sitting. Students can pre-purchase their grad packs online at www.bookstore.ucsb.edu.

**SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES**

- **Sunday, June 5, 11 a.m.** — College of Creative Studies, Campbell Hall
- **Friday, June 10, 10 a.m.** — Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, Bren Courtyard

All Saturday (June 11) and Sunday (June 12) ceremonies take place on the Faculty Club Green:

- **Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.** — Sciences
- **Saturday, June 11, 1 p.m.** — Engineering and Sciences
- **Saturday, June 11, 4 p.m.** — Social Sciences I
- **Sunday, June 12, 9 a.m.** — Social Sciences II
- **Sunday, June 12, 1 p.m.** — Humanities and Arts
- **Sunday, June 12, 4 p.m.** — Graduate Division

**A Gift for Your Grad: Gaucho for Life**

Need a special graduation gift for your son or daughter? Consider giving a gift that will last a lifetime — a life membership in the UCSB Alumni Association. As a special gift to the class of 2016, all graduates who become a life member will also receive a UCSB embossed leather portfolio and business card holder, as well as 100 personalized UCSB alumni business cards. Benefits include career connections, job postings, networking opportunities, the Coastlines publication, travel tours, and access to the alumni directory and locator service. More information can be found on the Alumni Association’s website at ucsb.imodules.com/giftforgrad.

**2015-16 Senior Book**

The Senior Book will feature a list of all graduating seniors and senior portraits taken on campus. Graduating students can schedule a portrait appointment at http://seniorbook.sa.ucsb.edu. Senior Books can be pre-ordered at http://seniorbook.sa.ucsb.edu for $25.
Career Services Connects Students to Possibilities

It is never too late for students to begin career planning. Finding a career path may seem overwhelming at first, but Career Services offers valuable resources to guide students in the direction they want to go. After a year-long analysis of the benefits gained from the career counseling process, findings indicate that 80 percent of students feel more confident in their ability to discover career options related to their interests after meeting with UCSB’s professional counseling staff. Counselors with special training in career development, academic advising, research, STEM careers, as well as a graduate student consultant who focuses on career-related matters of interest to graduate students, are available in the Career Resources Room (CCR) to meet one-on-one with students during drop-in hours that are posted on the Career Services website http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-resources/career-resource-room. Counselors can answer questions, review drafts of resumes, and help students brainstorm how to uncover jobs in a particular field. As the hub of Career Services, the CCR houses reference materials on hundreds of careers, including job responsibilities, training requirements, pay scales, and projected future growth for various career positions. Career assessments are available in the CCR’s computer lab which also houses information about finding part-time or full-time jobs and internships.

Among the many workshops, information sessions, and special events that Career Services hosts each quarter, the Spring Career and Internship Fair is the largest recruiting event that provides students with the opportunity to meet employers face-to-face. Last spring, the one-day fair hosted 114 employers and 1,036 students attended. This year, the Spring Fair will be a two-day event: Day 1 will host organizations seeking Science, Technology, & Engineering Majors; Day 2 will host organizations seeking all majors. The event will take place in Corwin Pavilion and will include employers such as Microsoft, County of Santa Barbara, Enterprise, QAD, Bacara Resort & Spa, Walt Disney, Young’s Market, and many others.

SPRING CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR
- Wednesday, April 13, 2016 for STEM majors and Thursday, April 14, 2016 for all majors
- General Admission: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Early Admission Pass ONLY: 10-11 a.m.
- Location: Corwin Pavilion
- Event info and FAQs: http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-fairs/2016-spring-career-internship-fair

UCSB Briefs

Students Volunteer to Improve Safety in Isla Vista

A new effort is underway through the leadership of forward-thinking students who are interested in creating a safer Isla Vista community. UCSB’s Associated Students Public Safety Commission collaborated with local law enforcement agencies last April during Deltopia and in October during Halloween weekend on the pilot launch of a program called UCIV. Through this program students received training from the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department and the UC Police Department to serve as liaisons between students and officers and deputies to ensure safety and security during the weekend. Students took part in law enforcement briefings to help those on patrol understand the students’ perspectives; likewise, student
volunteers learned about the goals and objectives of those on duty who are tasked with enforcing the law and keeping the peace. UCIV student volunteer teams took turns staffing information/assistance and water distribution stations along Del Playa, where students and visitors from out-of-town often gather. Other teams of students walked around the busiest areas of Isla Vista to offer assistance, directions, and to encourage safe behavior and respect for local laws and ordinances. To help students avoid costly citations, UCIV student volunteers issued reminders to residents about the festival ordinance enacted annually for Halloween and Deltopia, which prohibits live or recorded music after 6 p.m. nightly.

The UCIV effort was deemed a success by both students and law enforcement, and was credited with helping to ensure a relatively quiet and uneventful Deltopia and Halloween. Similar efforts are underway this year to have students volunteer in the community during the annual unsponsored Deltopia event that takes place in early April. At the same time, students are working with UCSB administration and Associated Students leadership to secure ongoing funding to implement a UCIV effort on weekend nights year-round.

**Reducing Interpersonal Violence:**
**A Community Effort Using the “Green Dot Strategy”**

UCSB recently adopted the Green Dot Strategy, a nationally-recognized, research-based community program designed to reduce forms of power-based personal violence, specifically: domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This campus-wide initiative is built upon two fundamental principles: 1) violence will not be tolerated in our community, and 2) everyone can make a difference. Trainings on the strategy are being offered to all University faculty and staff and it is our goal that a core group of approximately 2,000 self-identified students will volunteer for a full-day training to become leaders and change agents on our campus and in Isla Vista. More than 20 staff have completed a four-day implementation training and several departments have hosted staff and faculty overview talks.

In future years, all students will receive a brief training on the Green Dot Strategy, which enables participants to recognize potential problematic situations (e.g. harassment, intimidation, isolation) before they escalate and to respond with a variety of simple, low-risk interventions. Green Dot behaviors include the following strategies:

1. **Direct:** Address the situation directly
2. **Distract:** Disrupt concerning behavior
3. **Delegate:** Call on reinforcements

When acting as an upstanding bystander or an “upstander,” students are always instructed to prioritize their personal safety in choosing how to respond to a situation.

The Green Dot Strategy is an exciting innovation in violence prevention. United under the banner that violence will not be tolerated at UCSB and that Gauchos can make a difference, it is the goal of this program that together our community can significantly reduce the incidence of power-based personal violence on and around campus. Please encourage your student to learn more about the Green Dot Strategy and to join the movement!

For more information:
- Like our Facebook page: [facebook.com/GauchoGreenDot](http://facebook.com/GauchoGreenDot)
- Encourage students to get involved through CARE (Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education): [http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/care](http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/care).

**TGIF Gives the Green Light for Solar Charging Table**

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) and the Student Resource Building (SRB) Governance Board recently combined resources to bring UCSB’s first solar charging table to campus. One goal of this project is to focus attention on solar generation as an outreach tool to remind everyone of the recently completed solar array on the top of the adjacent Lot 22 parking structure. The Renewable Energy Initiative, which funded the 425kW array, is a self-imposed student fee which funds renewable energy infrastructure for the campus.

The table, which sports two high efficiency solar modules, batteries, and other equipment, can be used to charge phones, laptops, and tablets. It also
comes with standard household outlets that can be used to power just about anything up to 300W such as music and audio-visual equipment for impromptu screenings. With a large shade canopy and wheelchair access at either end, the table can accommodate a small group of students and has been popular with many since its installation in late January.

Three students applied for funding through TGIF, which is a fund supported by a fee referendum proposed by students and has been renewed by a student majority vote three times. After TGIF approved the funding request, matching funds from the SRB Governance Board helped make the project possible. The table was chosen for its high quality components, its finish, and its durability. The new table is even providing a bit of inspiration for an engineering group on campus, which is currently designing its own prototype of a solar charging table with plans to build it in the coming months as part of their capstone project.

Donations Make a New Home Advantage Possible for Ice Hockey Team

To jump start their new home advantage at Ice in Paradise (a new Goleta ice rink), local hockey enthusiasts UCSB trustee Alex Pananides, H ’06, and part-time Santa Barbara resident Jack Norqual, a board member of The USA Hockey Foundation, made generous charitable gifts to the ice hockey team. Both Pananides and Norqual see a bright future for student athletes at UCSB who desire to play the game, given the rapid growth of the sport on the West Coast. Their generous support outfitted the team with official uniforms, continues to volunteer as the on-site medical contact during home games.

“I can’t begin to tell you how excited we are,” said Alex Wood-Doughty, a Ph.D. student and team captain. “The new facility is amazing and we are so thankful to everyone who helped make it happen. Now we can practice twice a week and play actual home games!”

The ice hockey team at UCSB, one of 450+ active registered student organizations in the Office of Student Life, captured the National Collegiate Hockey Association’s Playoff Runner-Up honors in their first season at their new home rink Ice in Paradise.

Your charitable gift will help support the programs and activities of any of the 450+ registered student organizations at UC Santa Barbara. To learn more, go to: http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu/OrgList.

To make a charitable gift, please contact Student Affairs Grants and Development:
Catherine.Boyer@sa.ucsb.edu,
(805) 893-5037 or
Susan.Goodale@sa.ucsb.edu,
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UCSB Hosts Conference for Students in Recovery

Support programs for college students in recovery from addictive behaviors are growing across the nation, and UCSB’s own Gauchos for Recovery Program has been at the forefront of this important movement. Founded in 2012, Gauchos for Recovery (GFR) is a program within the UCSB Alcohol & Drug Program that offers weekly 12-step meetings, provides a recovery lounge/study space for students, and holds regular sober group activities. The program also includes Recovery Peer Interns, students in recovery themselves, who are available to provide peer counseling and mentoring.

On November 7-8, 2015, Gauchos for Recovery and the Alcohol & Drug Program hosted the California Unified Collegiate Recovery Conference, attracting 200 attendees from across the country. The theme of the conference was “Riding the Wave,” and presenters provided information around three tracks: collegiate recovery program (CRP) development (how to build and sustain a recovery program on a college campus), personal recovery and wellness, and trends in the field of addiction and collegiate recovery. The goals of the conference were to provide networking opportunities and information for students and staff from colleges with existing or potential CRPs, bring awareness to the UCSB campus and community of the resources available to those in recovery here, and reduce the stigma around seeking support for addictive behaviors. For more information about the Gauchos for Recovery program, please contact Angie Bryan at bryan-a@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-7353.
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