

# Campus Connection

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UCSB is a leader in addressing food security issues by making healthy food accessible across campus, including at the Associated Students Food Bank, below.

## UCSB Points of Pride

- *U.S. News and World Report* ranks UCSB #8 among the country's top public universities and #24 "Best Global University."
- *Princeton Review* reports that UCSB has the **happiest college students** in California.
- *Washington Monthly* ranks UC Santa Barbara #9 among public universities and #19 in the magazine's "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings in the Western Schools category. "UC Santa Barbara is among the institutions that are doing the best job of helping students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices," said Paul Glastris, *Washington Monthly* editor-in-chief. "As students



consider UCSB, they can be confident that the institution is committed to serving them — and the nation — well."

- Campus Pride ranks UCSB, UCLA, and UCD in the top 15 most **LGBT-Friendly Campuses**.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Continuing a decades-long trend, UC Santa Barbara set a record for the number of first-year students seeking admission to the seaside campus by receiving 81,782 applications from prospective freshmen, an increase of more than 6% over last year.
- UCSB celebrated the completion of the library construction project with a grand opening ceremony showcasing 150,000 square feet of new and renovated space. If you missed it, you can still [watch a short highlights video](#). Since then, more than 300,000 students, faculty, staff, and visitors have passed through the doors each month, doubling the numbers prior to renovation. "I love the Library. It is my second home" — UCSB student

- Ninety-six percent of incoming domestic freshman and 90% of incoming domestic transfer students attended one of 17 Orientation sessions offered last summer. If you missed Orientation or want a refresher, the 2016-2017 Parent Webinar Series is available! Click [http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents/2016-17\\_parent\\_webinar\\_series.aspx](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents/2016-17_parent_webinar_series.aspx) for more information.

# The Club and Guest House Opens its Doors

After undergoing an extensive renovation and expansion, The Club & Guest House at UCSB is officially open for business. With a view overlooking the campus lagoon and the ocean, it's the perfect place to stay and dine while visiting your son or daughter!

The Guest House offers 34 boutique hotel-style guest rooms with lagoon and ocean views and a deluxe complimentary continental breakfast for overnight guests. The dining room is also open for lunch weekdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and features a seasonal menu incorporating fresh, local, and organic items. Want to host a graduation party for your student? The facility has state-of-the-art gathering spaces and an outdoor terrace with a breathtaking view, all of which are available for special occasions.

Enthusiastic student workers



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are a highlight of visiting The Club & Guest House. Leadership and employment opportunities for Gauchos are a great opportunity for students who are the backbone of the workforce, making up more than 80% of the staff!

The next time you visit campus, consider staying or dining at The Club & Guest House. For more information, please visit [www.theclub.ucsb.edu](http://www.theclub.ucsb.edu) or follow The Club & Guest House on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

# Living Out Loud: Free Speech on Campus

*“The University is not engaged in making ideas safe for students. It is engaged in making students safe for ideas.”*

– Clark Kerr (1961), Former UC President

What are some of the images that come to mind when you think about college life? Memories of studying in the library, performing experiments in a lab, and staying up late talking with friends in the dorms likely come to mind. You might also think of protests — swarms of students marching across campus with banners and bullhorns. All of these experiences are part of the learning lab that makes up the total college experience.

Protests and free expression are a natural part of college campuses. Students are exposed to and consider a wide variety of perspectives and ideologies alongside experts in the humanities, mathematics, fine arts, social and physical sciences, and engineering. Free expression might include distributing literature, proselytizing (religious or not), displaying signs or banners, or hosting a special event.

As a public institution, UCSB has an obligation to all community members to uphold the right to free expression. These rights extend to students, staff, faculty members, and even non-affiliated visitors. Even many private colleges, that do not have the same legal obligations as public institutions, maintain similar protections as a matter of principle: free expression helps to expose ideas, so that the best ideas can rise to the surface. **UCSB cannot prevent an individual or organization from presenting an idea even when it is**



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**contrary to the University's core values.** Instead, our community members engage in the “marketplace of ideas” and work, through their own speech and actions, to promote some ideas and critique or criticize others.

There are times when free speech is controversial, offensive, and even hateful — but it remains protected by the Constitution. Keep in mind that such speech is not representative of the University or our community as a whole, but of the individual speaker (and often a sponsoring campus organization). When students object to ideas they find offensive we encourage them to respond in whatever way they are most comfortable, including:

■ **Engagement:** Students may choose to attend a challenging event and they may choose to leave the event at any time (like attending an event with a guest speaker with whom they disagree). The campus encourages organizations to host a

collaborative event or a debate to span ideological boundaries.

■ **Protest:** Students may choose to participate in non-violent free expression to express opposition; another organization may host an alternative event at the same time.

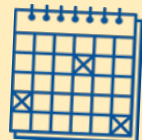
■ **Intentional avoidance:** Students may choose not to attend or engage or they may choose to participate in indirect forms of engagement (like talking with friends or blogging).

Campus professional staff advise students on Campus Regulations, which specify what is permissible. Violence and other serious crimes are never permissible, per our Campus Regulations.

Free expression is alive and well at UC Santa Barbara and we believe that, as Clark Kerr asserted, it is at the core of a well-functioning, democratic society. Dealing with the challenges that flow from free speech on campus helps to prepare students for a lifetime of civic engagement in our diverse and globalized society. These challenges present opportunities for students to think critically, organize, effect change, and even practice self-care.

If your student has questions or concerns about free expression (or unprotected speech) on campus, encourage them to contact the Office of Student Life at [StudentLife@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:StudentLife@sa.ucsb.edu) or by calling (805) 893-4569. We also encourage students to report bias/hate incidents at <http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu/Hate.aspx>.

## MARK THE DATE/ REMINDERS



Housing, Admissions and current UCSB students. Register now at <https://www.collegeweeklive.com/sign-up!>

### Spring Career and Internship Fair – April 19

■ UCSB's largest recruiting event of the year will take place on April 19 at the Events Center (Thunderdome) from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Early Admission Pass Holders are admitted at 10 a.m. Visit [career.ucsb.edu](http://career.ucsb.edu) to learn how students can obtain an Early Admission Pass and to check the calendar of events for all spring programming.

### Gaucha Transfer Fridays – May 5, 12, and 19

■ UCSB welcomes admitted transfer students to attend open house events tailored specifically for them. These events allow transfer students and their guests to visit UCSB, tour the campus, speak with

advisors and explore the academic and extracurricular opportunities available at UCSB. Visit <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house> for more information.

### Commencement Weekend 2017 – June 17-18

■ Commencement weekend 2017 details will be posted as they become available at <http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement>.

### 27th Annual GIVE Project and Sale – June 24-25

■ 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](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/giveiv).

# Powerful Programming for Challenging Times

The Division of Student Affairs at UC Santa Barbara has initiated a year-long series titled *Resilient Love in a Time of Hate*. Countering the polarization and divisiveness that is impacting the world around us, the series was conceptualized as a way to bring people together to find common ground and hope in challenging times. Students, staff, faculty, and community members have participated in the series, which features UCSB professors and visiting faculty, artists, activists, and musicians exploring current social issues.

Highlights of the series to-date include:

- **An Evening of Spoken Word with Sunni Patterson.** Presented in Isla Vista on October 4, 2016. Sunni Patterson, a poet, Def Poetry artist, and visionary combined the heritage and tradition of her Native New Orleans with an enlightened modern world view set to timeless and provocative music and poetry.

- **Resilient Love in a Time of Hate, a Discussion.** October 5, 2016. Poet and educator, Sunni Patterson, and Department Chair of Religious Studies at Connecticut College, David Kim, in conversation with Professor of Sociology and Black Studies at UCSB, George Lipsitz

- **Out of Our Constrictions: Love, Justice, and Imagination for a Broken World with Tricia Rose.** Lecture. January 19, 2017. Tricia Rose touched upon the current climate of the US and how love, justice, and imagination all play a part of the current times. Author of *The Hip Hop Wars*, *Longing to Tell*, and *Black Noise*, Rose brought to life much needed conversations around race, gender, sexuality, and culture.

- **The Radical Imagination with Favianna Rodriguez.** Lecture and

**Art Opening.** January 24, 2017. Favianna Rodriguez's art serves as a tool for education, agitation, and social critique. In a special lecture she examined current social issues and how art can inform our Radical Imagination.

- **An Evening with Tim Wise – A White Anti-Racist Advocate.** Lecture. January 25, 2017. Prominent author, educator, and anti-racist activist Tim Wise discussed the importance of being a white ally to communities of color.

- **Collective Songwriting with Martha González and Quetzal Flores.** February 24, 2017. Dr. Martha González, assistant professor of Chicana/o/Latina/o Studies at Scripps College, singer/songwriter/percussionist, and founding member of East LA rock group Quetzal discussed how songwriting, practiced in community, can be a powerful exercise in consensus building and collective knowledge production.

## COMING IN SPRING QUARTER:

- **A Reception with Colson Whitehead,** April 2017, a prominent New York based author of six novels, including his debut work, *The Intuitionist*, and the National Book Award winning novel *The Underground Railroad*

- **An Evening with Nikita Oliver,** May 2017, Grand Slam Champion and recipient of the Human Rights Leader Award from the City of Seattle for her spoken word work and activism with the Black Lives Matter movement

- **A Lecture by Bernd Reiter,** TBD, professor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida on Bridging Scholarship and Activism

Students have reacted positively to



CAROL DINH ARTWORK/MCC

the hopeful messages that have been central to the series. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn, who conceptualized the series with the help of UCSB's MultiCultural Center Director Zaveeni Khan-Marcus, hopes "our students are inspired and will continue to work towards an inclusive community here at UCSB."

## ABOUT THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER (MCC)

MCC has been at the forefront of change for 27 years, educating and empowering UCSB students and advocating for marginalized communities. Through the medium of high-powered educational programming, the MCC has been an agent for change on campus and in the greater Santa Barbara area. By partnering with academic departments, the Division of Student Affairs, and student groups, the Center conceptualizes and presents scholarly programs, performances, art shows, and facilitated discussions that enhance awareness and inclusivity of all people. For a listing of upcoming events, visit <http://mcc.sa.ucsb.edu>.



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# Promoting Health & Wellness for 40 Years

In 2017 the Health & Wellness Department celebrates 40 years of providing health education and wellness programming with the goal of promoting the physical, emotional, and social health of students. The department facilitates health education and skills workshops, awareness events, health-promotion campaigns, and advocacy. The department also helps to create a healthy campus culture, and advocates for learning and living environments that support the health and well-being of students.

Health & Wellness programs are provided in multiple locations across campus. Programs include: meal planning and cooking workshops, weekly mindfulness practice, dog therapy day, alcohol-free social gatherings, and free fruit. Online programming includes a sleep challenge that aims to increase students' awareness of their sleep needs, and the impact of insufficient sleep on academic performance, alertness, and mood.

The Health & Wellness

Department is staffed by five professional health educators with expertise covering a range of health issues including: nutrition, body image, sexual health and relationships, stress management, sleep, alcohol and drugs, and general well-being. The program also includes twenty-six paid student peer educators. Together, educators teach, inspire, encourage, and support students to gain a better understanding of their health needs, so they are empowered to turn knowledge into practice. Students are encouraged to maintain on-going participation and to make a personal commitment to their health. Ultimately, the goal is to support students to be active participants in maintaining their health, and to help them find the balance that brings about their greatest health, well-being, and life success.

For more information and a calendar of events, please visit the Health & Wellness website at <http://wellness.sa.ucsb.edu> or call (805) 893-2630.

# New in Financial Aid: Submit Your Documents Online

Starting with the 2017-2018 academic year, FAFSA applicants will be able to submit their financial aid documents online. Students will be able to use a new portal to complete and submit many of the documents that have previously only been accepted by mail or in person. This change is made possible through the implementation of CampusLogic Student Forms, a cloud-based software designed to improve the financial aid application process.

CampusLogic will provide a student portal through UCSB that will enable students to securely submit financial aid paperwork to the office electronically. Some of the highlights are that students can upload W2s and other required verification documents using their phones, provide student and parent signatures electronically, submit their financial aid appeals, opt in for text message updates, and request email notifications be sent directly to their parents. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships looks forward to using these new features to streamline the financial aid process. This is the most recent step taken to make obtaining financial aid easier for students and families.

Students will be able to start using the portal beginning in April and will receive instructions from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships on how to log in for the first time. Students selected for the verification process will be notified of their requirements in early May and need to turn in their documents through the portal by June 16.

# Reimagining Campus to Grow Food

The Edible Campus Program, a partnership between the UCSB Sustainability Program, the Associated Students Food Bank, and the Associated Students Department of Public Worms, aims to address community food insecurity by repurposing underutilized campus spaces into small farm areas for sustainable food production. Student interns and volunteers maintain the various projects while Food Bank volunteers distribute the produce to students in need. Furthermore, the program provides educational workshops for the campus community.

The Program encourages students to be growers, producers, and environmental stewards through practices that foster positive social, economic, and environmental aspects of sustainability. It also helps students reclaim their personal connection to the land and their food. The Edible Campus Program started with the Urban Orchard, in which six citrus trees were planted in Storke Plaza, a gift from the Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation. Upon maturity, each tree will produce between 400-600 pounds of produce per year. There was also a hydroponic vertical garden installed recently, which allows for abundant production in dense areas, and an experimental garden plot behind Harder Stadium for trying out different methods of



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Through the Edible Campus Program, students connect gardening with several aspects of sustainability. Below, Jack Johnson, UCSB alumnus and singer-songwriter, plants a citrus tree at Storke Plaza.

sustainable agriculture. This spring, tower gardens are set to be installed at the Recreation Center, and the Campus Farm will open in the fall. The Farm will be a community and educational space that connects students back to their food source and the land.

In addition to growing food, the Edible Campus Program also provides workshops and field trips for UCSB students. During winter quarter, students went to Chapala Gardens in downtown Santa Barbara and Fairview Gardens in Goleta to learn about various urban agriculture methods in the local area. The program also held campus workshops



that showed students how to grow food in their kitchens and apartments. More workshops are planned for the remainder of the school year. For more information about how to get involved, please visit: <http://www.sustainability.ucsb.edu/getinvolved>.

# Flip the Switch for Student Recreation Phase II Ground Breaks for Pauley Track Restoration in Spring

Pauley Track will begin an extensive refurbishment this spring with the goal of providing students with a safe environment for general recreation as well as formal track and field activities.

The track's condition has deteriorated in recent years, rendering it unusable for both NCAA track meets and drop-in recreation. Pauley Track was built in the late 1950s without amenities that

are considered standard today such as lighting for nighttime activities. Some of the key improvements include LED sports lighting and a complete resurfacing of the track. ▶

# UCSB Reads 2017: *Into the Beautiful North*

UCSB Reads, a program led by the UCSB Library, brings the campus together to explore important issues of our time through a common book. This year, the Library invites parents to read *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea and to join the author for a free reading and book signing in Campbell Hall on April 24 at 8:00 p.m.

In the story, 19-year old Nayeli is inspired by the movie *The Magnificent Seven* to journey from Mexico to the U.S. in search of her father and other men to protect her village. *Into the Beautiful North* uses humor to explore issues of border crossings, immigration, and return migration.

UCSB Reads 2017 kicked off in January with the Chancellor distributing free books to students in the Library. More than 1,000 students are reading the book as part of assigned coursework.

◀ Additional enhancements are planned to bring Pauley Track into conformity with current competition standards. A new, improved root barrier will protect the facility from future root intrusion caused by the adjacent line of eucalyptus trees located along the south side. The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the winter 2018 quarter.

The restoration is a part of the Flip the Switch for Student Recreation initiative, for which UCSB students overwhelmingly voted in favor in 2013. The initiative consists of a three-phase repair, renovation, and restoration to some of UCSB's most-used recreational facilities. Phase I was completed in 2015 with the renovation of Robertson Gymnasium, which is once again home to daily recreational and athletic events. The newly refurbished gymnasium played host to the NBA



Chancellor Henry Yang passes out copies of the UCSB Reads 2017 book *Into the Beautiful North* at the Library.

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Throughout winter and spring, the Library sponsors free discussions, film screenings, exhibitions, and performances related to the book and its themes.

A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Urrea is the bestselling author of *The Water Museum*, *The Devil's Highway*, *The Hummingbird's Daughter*, and *Queen of America*. His honors include the Lannan Literary Award, the Pacific Rim Kiriya Prize, an American

Book Award, the Christopher Award, and an Edgar Award. In 2000, he was inducted into the Latino Literature Hall of Fame. Born in Tijuana to a Mexican father and American mother, Urrea received his undergraduate degree in writing from UC San Diego, and did his graduate studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder. He currently serves as a distinguished professor of creative writing at the University of Illinois-Chicago.



Pre-Season Training Camps for the Memphis Grizzlies in 2015 and the Los Angeles Lakers in 2016. Pauley Track's updates mark the beginning of Phase II, while Phase III will focus on installing all-weather artificial turf on Storke Field.

In its glory years, Pauley Track was used as a training facility by world class decathletes under the leadership of longtime coach Sam Adams. The

track has been host to many large-scale events throughout its history; in 1975 and 1981 the National Decathlon Championship, and in 1982 the United States-Soviet Union Multi-Event Meet. Pauley Track's restoration will certainly bring about more opportunities to host events but, more importantly, it will offer students a place to enjoy recreational activities for years to come.

# Student Health Service: Meeting the Needs of Students

## Student Health: Patient Transportation Program

Student Health offers a *Student Health Patient Transportation Program* which provides rides for injured or ill students seen at [Student Health](#) (after being seen for an appointment or in urgent care) back to the residence halls, Isla Vista apartments, or to class. The on-campus health center has established protocols, trained student drivers, and provides use of a small electric car approved for travel within a limited, specified area.

The pilot for this program began fall 2016 with campus-wide advertising of the service beginning in winter 2017. The service is available to students, at no charge, who have been approved for a medically necessary transport by one of Student Health's [clinical staff members](#). Students who are eligible are encouraged to request the transportation option. As of February 10, 2017, the program has provided 85 rides for ill or injured students seen at Student Health. Students who have received rides have been positive about the availability of this new service and have reported that otherwise they would have had to take an Uber or Lyft ride at their own personal expense. If funding can be found to purchase a dedicated electric car for the program, Student Health hopes to expand the service to provide transportation for ill and injured students from student residences to their facility. Student Health strives to make the lives of UCSB students easier any way possible.

Student Health would like to thank James Campos, a fourth year UCSB student employee, who designed, implemented, and currently manages



Student Health Service's Health Marketing Assistant James Campos, a fourth-year UCSB student, designed, implemented, and manages the *Student Health Patient Transportation Program*. This service provides free rides to injured or ill students who receive care at Student Health.

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the program. James is the Health Marketing Assistant at Student Health, gaining experience in public relations and health promotion campaigns, while also serving as an undergraduate representative on the campus Gaucho Health Insurance Advisory Committee and the Student Health Advisory Committee. Another huge thank you goes to all of the student employees who are the program drivers, and to our clinicians and medical assistants who make this program possible each day.

## STI Testing Requests Now Available Online

Ensuring easy access to testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) is important to find and treat these conditions before they cause

later complications. Student Health has had innovative "self-directed" testing (no appointment needed) for many years, along with strong health promotion for prevention and responsible behaviors. The program has recently been expanded to allow testing requests to be submitted online through the online [Gateway Portal](#), which allows Student Health to perform better screening and determine which students should be seen in person, versus only a laboratory visit. Once an on-line request has been submitted, a Student Health staff member will contact the student within one business day to let them know labs have been ordered and to come to Student Health for testing.

Additional questions about the ▶

# Career Services Works with Students for Success

## Best Return on Your College Investment

How can your student get the best return on your investment in their college education, a good job, and a promising first career? Working hard in college and getting good grades in coursework provides a solid foundation for success, but there are other steps students can take to increase their value to potential employers.

## Find an Internship

One of the most important things a student can do is to find an internship and get real-life work experience in a particular field or industry. Many employers look within their own internship programs when they need to fill entry-level positions. If a student demonstrates success while participating in an internship, the result may be a job offer from the organization. While an internship can be the foot-in-the-door that a new grad needs, it also gives a student a realistic look at the prospective job, company, and career path.

## Partner with Career Services

According to research by the National Association of Colleges & Employers, tapping into the resources offered by Career Services early and often can increase the likelihood of getting a job offer. In the past few

◀ new [STI testing process](#) and/or the *Student Health Patient Transportation Program* can be answered by calling (805) 893-5361 or by sending an email to [SHSstudenthealth@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:SHSstudenthealth@sa.ucsb.edu).

## Gaucho Access Plan for Student Health Service

This past fall, Student Health began offering the [Gaucho Access Plan \(GAP\)](#) to students who choose to use their personal health insurance

years, job-seeking students have become increasingly likely to make multiple visits to their university's career center during a single semester (51.2 percent) resulting in an increase in confidence and results during the job search.

While our career counselors won't "place" a student in a job, they will teach professional skills to help students find their way onto and up the career ladder. They teach students how to put together winning resumes and cover letters, how to interview successfully, and how to dress professionally. They also critique resumes, practice interview techniques, and provide access to job listings. All of these services (and more) are available to your student at no cost. UCSB's career professionals know the employers that hire at UCSB and can put your student in touch with the organizations looking for new hires. Share the following tips with your student to encourage beginning the job search process early:

- Choose a major and begin to develop a career action plan.
- Start exploring internship opportunities. What's better than an internship the summer after junior year? Multiple internships. Freshmen and sophomores may find internships, too.

while at UCSB, and who are referred to as "waived" students since they waive the UCSB student insurance plan (Gaucho Health Insurance). For a fixed quarterly fee of \$155, waived students can use Student Health for appointments, Urgent Care, in-house laboratory tests and X-rays at no additional charge. Students enrolled in GAP during spring quarter have coverage throughout the summer until fall quarter begins.

## SPRING CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR

- Wednesday, April 19, 2017
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Events Center (Thunderdome)

■ Note: Early Admission Pass Holders are admitted at 10 a.m. Contact Career Services to learn how to get a pass.

- Be ready to be recruited in the fall. Employers do many of their on-campus interviews — for internships and entry-level positions — in the fall as well as in the spring.

## Mark Your Calendar

The biggest and best recruiting event of the year will take place on April 19 on campus in the Events Center. Employers who have participated in past events include Intel, Lockheed Martin, Oracle, Peace Corps, QAD, Balboa Capital, CA State Auditor, Hulu, Microsoft, Walt Disney, Yelp, Robert Bosch, and many more. Students from all majors and grade levels are encouraged to attend.

To learn more about how Career Services can help your student get career ready, encourage them to stop by or visit online at [career.ucsb.edu](http://career.ucsb.edu). Check the calendar for a listing of winter and spring programming at <http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-services-calendar>.

GAP has been a resounding success at UCSB with enrollment of over 4,000 students. Fully 17% of students seen at Student Health in fall 2016 were covered by GAP, indicating that GAP helps serve a group of students that would otherwise have had to seek care with more difficulty in our local community. [Enrollment](#) for GAP is now open before each quarter begins, and lasts through the remainder of the academic year.

# Parents, Please Help Discourage Deltopia

Fall quarter 2016 saw an eerily quiet Halloween in the community of Isla Vista! Similar preparations are now underway for Deltopia, an unsanctioned and unsponsored event in Isla Vista that historically 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 collaborating on 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 only to 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 7 and 8. These events include a concert in UCSB's 4,000+ seat Events Center (Thunderdome).

Parents, please join UCSB in communicating "Keep it Local, Keep it Safe" messages to your students in the days leading up to Deltopia.

# Give, Live, Strive, and Thrive in Isla Vista

Originally created by Santa Barbara County District Attorney, Joyce Dudley, the Isla Vista Safe Committee (IV Safe) is a collaborative effort of leaders

from UCSB, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District, Santa Barbara City College, and many others, working to increase the well-being of those visiting, living, and working in Isla Vista. A primary goal has been to assist the community with re-branding itself in a way that more accurately represents the community's strengths and values—supportive, safe, intellectually stimulating, and full of community pride. Numerous programs and initiatives have successfully been implemented in support of these goals. A Community Resource Deputy was established to serve as a liaison between the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and business/property owners, local residents, student groups, and local organizations; Meet Your Neighbor Day was hosted by the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District; the Green Dot Program for Bystander Intervention was brought to the community; large-scale alternative events during Halloween and Deltopia weekends were initiated; and UCSB established increased communication and collaboration between Santa Barbara County officials, law enforcement, Santa

Barbara City College, and Isla Vista property owners to respond to neighborhood complaints and promote respectful and considerate neighbor interactions. Additionally,



many on-going community events, such as First Fridays and Isla Vista Open Lab, have been established and the area has been enhanced by a new community center, downtown business association, improved lighting and sidewalk installations, fencing along the bluffs, and a community resource building.

It is an exciting time to live, study, and work in Isla Vista. In the words of the IV Safe campaign:

**GIVE** back to your community.  
**LIVE** a life that makes you proud.  
**STRIVE** to do your best.  
**THRIVE** in our great environment.



**IV SAFE 2016 League:**  
<https://youtu.be/l8BJdUXNHdc>

**IV SAFE 2016 Treasure:**  
<https://youtu.be/z-wXkXzEwmk>

**IV SAFE 2016 New Voices:**  
<https://youtu.be/2X56WS04Dzc>

# Class of 2017 Commencement Planning Begins Now

## Webcast of Commencement Ceremonies

For those who cannot visit campus to attend the 2017 commencement ceremonies, there will be a live webcast of the Sunday, June 11; Friday, June 16; Saturday, June 17; and Sunday, June 18 ceremonies. The web link will be posted on the UC Santa Barbara commencement website [www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement) at the beginning of June 2017.

The official hashtag of 2017 Commencement is #UCSB2017.

Join us on social media to celebrate and congratulate our graduates.

## Grad Fair 2017

UCSB Bookstore's annual Grad Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the UCen lobby. A cap & gown photo shoot will also be available during these times for undergraduates earning a bachelor's degree. Various campus departments and vendors will be on hand to answer students' commencement questions. Undergraduate students should attend dressed to impress for their free photo sitting. Students can pre-purchase their grad packs online at [www.bookstore.ucsb.edu](http://www.bookstore.ucsb.edu) or in the UCSB Bookstore from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning April 3.

## 2016-17 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.

## SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES:

- Sunday, June 11, 11 a.m. – College of Creative Studies, Campbell Hall
- Friday, June 16, 10 a.m. – Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, Bren Courtyard

*All Saturday (June 17) and Sunday (June 18) ceremonies take place on the Faculty Club Green*

- Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. – Sciences
- Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m. – Engineering and Sciences
- Saturday, June 17, 4 p.m. – Social Sciences I
- Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m. – Social Sciences II
- Sunday, June 18, 1 p.m. – Humanities and Arts
- Sunday, June 18, 4 p.m. – Graduate Division

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.

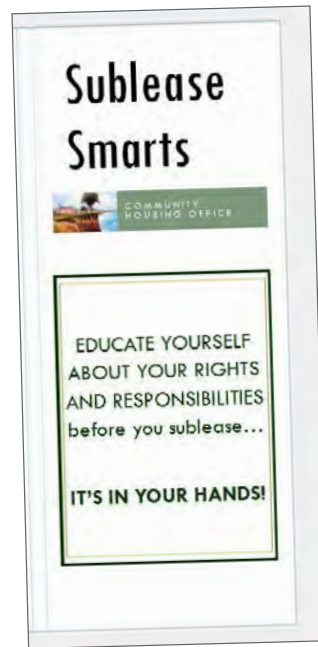
Please keep in mind that thousands of graduating seniors will be inviting family and friends to the commencement ceremonies. Students should limit their number of guests to a maximum of six to help maintain a high level of comfort and decorum. For more information, call the commencement hotline at (805) 893-8289, send an email to [commencement@ia.ucsb.edu](mailto:commencement@ia.ucsb.edu), or visit the website at [www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement). For accommodations information, visit [Santa Barbara Visitors Bureau](http://Santa Barbara Visitors Bureau). 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.



# 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 lessor and the lessee. 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 their 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](mailto:ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu). Students can join the Facebook Fan page to receive information and updates from CHO.



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Students stay plugged in at the newly renovated UCSB Library, now a LEED-certified building that uses recycled and regionally-sourced materials, energy-efficient lighting, and water-efficient plumbing and landscaping — and it is beautiful!

## UCSBriefs

### UCSB Financial Crisis Response Team Supports Students

The UCSB Student Emergency Fund provides support for undergraduate and graduate students who are facing significant financial difficulties that may jeopardize their path to graduation. In most cases, urgent financial situations can be resolved through regular Financial Aid processes with the guidance and assistance of an advisor, but those that cannot be addressed in this way will be forwarded to a new Financial Crisis Response Team for review and consideration. The team has access to limited emergency funds that allow for one-time grant awards to be made to students in cases that cannot be resolved in other ways by existing emergency funds or Financial Aid resources. For more information about how to apply for emergency funds, students can contact Rebecca Plotkin, financial aid advisor at [rebecca.plotkin@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:rebecca.plotkin@sa.ucsb.edu) or send an email to [FinancialCrisis@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:FinancialCrisis@sa.ucsb.edu).

### Jack Canfield Chicken Soup for the Soul®/Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF)

The UCSB Department of Recreation administers the Jack Canfield Chicken Soup for the Soul®/Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF for short) to assist students with unexpected medical expenses that might otherwise jeopardize their progress toward graduation. This emergency fund was originally established in memory of Ina Kristiansen, a former UCSB Recreational Sports student employee, to assist students experiencing a medical emergency. In 1997, the fund grew with a generous endowed gift from Jack Canfield, the beloved originator and bestselling author of the Chicken Soup for the Soul® series with additional support from UCSB Recreational Sports fundraisers. Since 2008, a student fee initiative passed to approve quarterly contributions to SMERF. UCSB students



### One Step Closer to Zero Net Energy

The Division of Student Affairs is working with partners to bring a new source of alternative energy to the Recreation Center Complex in the form of a 1.1 Mega-Watt hybrid solar thermal/photovoltaic array. Implementing this new technology will enable the facility to be taken off of the gas grid and will help bring the entire center closer to zero net energy for electricity and natural gas use. The energy generated by this project is expected to heat the pools fossil free and cool the weight rooms year round by late 2017.

with medical, dental, psychological, and optical related emergencies who have paid student registration fees and have unpaid medical emergency bills are eligible to apply for a grant. Each application is reviewed and considered on its merits by the SMERF committee and awards are paid directly to medical providers. Please visit <http://sa.ucsb.edu/SMERF> for more information or call (805) 893-3253.



### New Library Service: Personalized Research Appointments

The UCSB Library is offering a new service to address student need for personalized research assistance. Via the Library’s website, UCSB students can now schedule one-on-one appointments with a reference librarian to gain help with research papers and assignments. Appointments last 20 minutes and are held in the Library’s Research Consultation Room (1515A). Topics that librarians can cover during consultations include:

- What is a scholarly, peer-reviewed journal article and how do I find one?
- Identifying and locating books

using the Library’s Catalogs;

- Finding primary source materials for papers and assignments;
- Evaluating sources in order to focus on more scholarly research;
- Identifying statistics to support thesis statements;
- Citing sources using specific style manuals, such as APA or MLA;
- Requesting interlibrary loan of materials owned by other libraries; and
- Off-campus access to Library databases.

When in need of research help, encourage your student to sign up at <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/ask>.

## Giving at UCSB

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To learn more about how your gift can make a difference for students at UC Santa Barbara, please contact Catherine Boyer, executive director, Student Affairs Grants and Development: [catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu), (805) 893-5037, [www.sa.ucsb.edu/giving](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/giving).



UCSB Urban Art Workshop students, working under the direction of instructor Gabriel Cardenas, unveil the latest community building mural in Isla Vista. The public art project was made possible through the cooperation of UCSB Art and Design Department, the Community Housing Office, and the Koto Group, a local property management company.

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## Staying Connected

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**Educational Opportunity Program:** <http://eop.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-3235

**Gaicho Parents website:** [www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents)

**Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships:** [www.finaid.ucsb.edu](http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu) or (805) 893-2432

**Office of Student Life:** <http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-4569

**Office of the Registrar:** [www.registrar.ucsb.edu](http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu) or call (805) 893-3592

**Orientation Programs:** <http://orientation.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-3443

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**Student Health:** <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-3371

**UCSB Police Department:** [www.police.ucsb.edu](http://www.police.ucsb.edu) or (805) 893-3446

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