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Michael D. Young's Legacy at UCSB

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs from 1990-2015

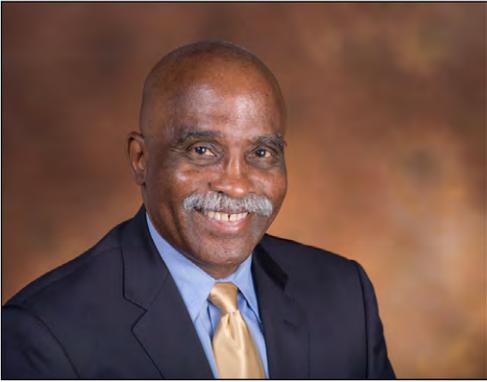


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Former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael D. Young retires after 25 years of service at UCSB.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Michael D. Young retired at the end of January from the leadership position he held at UC Santa Barbara for 25 years. Vice Chancellor Young was beloved and respected for his genuine warmth, commitment to supporting students, and his efforts to improve the quality of life for our campus community. The outpouring of good feelings and the number of celebrations were beyond our wildest expectations! Hundreds of staff, faculty, students, alumni, colleagues, politicians,

and family from near and far gathered—some in small groups and others at a large public celebration in Corwin Pavilion on January 23 to offer Dr. Young their thanks, congratulations, and best wishes.

UC President Janet Napolitano wrote in a tribute to Dr. Young, “On behalf of the University of California community, our heartfelt and deep respect for your many accomplishments, not least of which were your dedicated efforts to call attention to student mental health issues and to provide funding for the University’s efforts to help students in distress.”

Former Associated Students President Harrison Weber’s tribute reflected Dr. Young’s commitment to students, “As vice chancellor, you repeatedly engaged in a visionary charge to ensure that students were prioritized amid the myriad (and often conflicting) interests of the University.”

Michael D. Young’s guidance and caring defined generations of students. In his honor, colleagues, friends, and alumni established The **Michael D. Young Endowed Fund for Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship**, the three pillars of excellence that Dr. Young championed during his career. The new fund

recognizes Dr. Michael D. Young’s 25 years as vice chancellor for Student Affairs at UC Santa Barbara and an exemplary 40-year career in higher education. To honor his long standing commitment to students and our campus community, the fund will support Student Affairs services and programs at UC Santa Barbara that serve low-income, underserved, and first-generation college students and initiatives that promote student mental health and wellness. ■

Your gift will help to build this legacy fund. Please consider making a gift:

■ **ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD** using our secure online giving website: www.giveucsb.com/studentaffairs.htm

■ **OVER THE PHONE** to discuss the various giving options, including pledges. Student Affairs Grants and Development: Catherine Boyer (805) 893-5037 or Susan Goodale (805) 893-3530

■ **BY MAIL.** Mail your gift check payable to “UC REGENTS” with “MDY Fund” written in the check’s memo line. Mailing address: Student Affairs Grants and Development, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-5015

Mary Jacob Appointed Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Following Michael D. Young’s retirement, the search for our next vice chancellor for Student Affairs is well underway. In the interim, Mary Jacob has graciously agreed to serve as the acting vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

Since first joining UC Santa Barbara in 1996, Mary Jacob has provided exemplary leadership within our Division of Student Affairs in multiple roles, including director of the Office of International Students and Scholars, senior associate dean and executive

director of Student Academic Support Services, and senior associate dean of Enrollment Services. She has served on a broad range of campus committees, including participating as a member of the Student Affairs Executive Group and Computer Policy Team responsible for long-range planning, fiscal management, and policy development for the Division of Student Affairs. Dr. Jacob has been deeply engaged in education-related activities at the national and international levels. She has been recognized

with a UCSB Staff Citation for Excellence Award, and a Margaret T. Getman Service to Students Award.

Mary Jacob holds a Ph.D. in geography from Syracuse University. Before coming to UC Santa Barbara, she was a faculty member at Mount Holyoke College, where she taught courses on global, human, and urban geography. She went on to serve as associate dean of International Affairs, acting director of Admissions, and dean of International Affairs at Mount Holyoke. ■

Student Affairs Annual Report:

Everything You Need to Know About Student Affairs That You May Not Have Known to Ask

The student experience at UC Santa Barbara includes many Student Affairs sponsored opportunities for engagement, wellness, and learning. Did you know that in the academic year 2013-2014...

- Campus Learning Assistance Services had 226,000+ “tutorial” contacts.
- Career Services hosted 500 companies and graduate schools at their annual Career Fair.
- Financial Aid & Scholarships awarded \$65 million in grants to 10,484 students.
- Health & Wellness provided 12,296 pieces of free fruit and 3,359 free massages.
- The MultiCultural Center had 10,193 students attend student-led events.
- Recreation offered 65 adventure programs that served 8,000 participants.
- The Registrar’s office conferred 7,828 degrees.
- Student Mental Health Coordination responded to 726 referrals.

Student Affairs at UC Santa Barbara is made up of 27 diverse departments, each with a unique student service mission, history, and wealth of service offerings. Visit the annual report link below to discover other facts and learn about services that are offered to students by the Division of Student Affairs:
www.sa.ucsb.edu/home/student-affairs-annual-report



Art Aldritt, Professor Emeritus, Department of Exercise and Sport Studies, was responsible for the sports coaching minor program within the department.

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Flip the Switch for Student Recreation:

Robertson Gymnasium Welcomes the Next Fifty+ Years

In the spring of 2013, UCSB students voted to support the *Flip the Switch for Student Recreation* facilities enhancement referendum. The initiative was designed to support repair, renovation, restoration, and lighting projects for Robertson Gymnasium, Pauley Track, and Storke Field. At the beginning of winter quarter 2015, students saw the completion of phase I of the project — a much needed remodel of the Robertson Gymnasium main court. What was once a dimly lit, cavernous space now sparkles with bright LED lighting, fresh paint, new basketball hoops, and a gleaming refinished floor.

First opened in 1959, Robertson Gym has served the campus as a hub of student and community activity. If these

walls could talk! Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, Bruce Springsteen, and the Grateful Dead entertained here; Kobe Bryant and Shaq practiced here; in the 1980s students endured long lines while registering for classes here; and scores of Gauchos have played countless hours of Intramural Sports within these walls. Now, the facility is home to the Department of Recreation’s Gaucho REC programming, Sport Club Teams, ICA Men’s Volleyball, Exercise and Sports Studies classes, student groups, and summer camps.

Fifty-five years of non-stop use took its toll, but with renovations now complete the facility shines as never before and welcomes another fifty plus years of action. ■

A Commitment to Diversity: UCSB Named a Hispanic-Serving Institution

In recognition of its longstanding commitment to diversity and excellence, UCSB has been named a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities. With six Nobel laureates on its faculty and a ranking among the top 10 public universities in the country, UCSB is the only HSI that is also a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities.

Hispanic-Serving Institutions are defined

as colleges or universities in which Hispanic enrollment comprises a minimum of 25 percent of the total enrollment. Total enrollment includes undergraduate and graduate students, both full- and part-time. As an HSI, UCSB may compete for grants and funding for a variety of initiatives, including support services for all students, faculty development, and the acquisition of scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching.

“I am extremely proud that UC Santa Barbara has been recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities,” said UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang. “This milestone achievement reflects our vision and decades of collaborative effort and commitment to enhance excellence and diversity at UC Santa Barbara and to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all of our students. ■



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Associated Students Making a Difference in Isla Vista

Associated Students, the voice of undergraduate students at UCSB, is heavily involved and invested in the community of Isla Vista (I.V.), working through its various boards, commissions, units, and elected officials to address the needs of students and support the community as a whole. Every year, Associated Students (A.S.) invests more than \$500,000 in direct funding to Isla Vista community-based programs and services. Student-led groups based in A.S. focus on issues of public safety, environmental stewardship, housing, community service and civic engagement, arts, culture and alternative programming, food access, legal assistance, and academic support and study space, to name a few. In addition, Associated Students provides funding for numerous efforts and initiatives that support the Isla Vista community.

On issues of **public safety**, the Public Safety Commission, External Vice President for Local Affairs, Take Back the Night, and others spearhead awareness and advocacy as it relates to personal safety, including sexual violence, and community planning efforts to improve

sidewalks, lighting, and bluff fencing.

The Community Affairs Board organizes volunteers for **community service** activities, including street cleanups, tutoring and after-school programs, providing meals for the houseless, and working with the elderly, as well as partnering with other organizations to serve the needs of the community.

Students focused on **civic engagement** are involved in organizing community town hall meetings and forums, voter registration and education drives, and working with University administration and local, county, and state officials to address issues of concern to the community, through Associated Students Office of the President, the External Vice President for Local Affairs, and External Vice President for Statewide Affairs. Some students report community news through KCSB, the campus radio station, or in The Bottom Line newspaper.

Students interested in **environmental issues** are involved in Isla Vista beach and street cleanups and environmental stewardship through the Environmental Affairs Board, the Coastal Fund, and the A.S. Recycling Program.

The A. S. Program Board, Isla Vista Arts, Isla Vista Community Relations Committee, and many others provide robust **arts and culture programming** within Isla Vista, such as Isla Vista First Fridays, Isla Vista Earth Day, Concerts for the Coast, Chilla Vista, Pardall Carnival, Movies in the Parks, and Meet Your Neighbor Day, to name a few. Additionally, A.S. groups like Finance Board and the Isla Vista Community Resource Center provide financial support to other organizations providing these services in Isla Vista.

The A.S. Pardall Center in Isla Vista offers **study spaces**, group work areas, meeting space, and free access to computers, printing, and Internet. On the second floor of the Pardall Center, the Isla Vista Tenants Union and the Legal Resource Center address **housing issues** and provide **legal services** to students.

Currently, Associated Students is undergoing a strategic planning process to determine ways to maximize the impact of its investments in Isla Vista. Please visit www.asiniv.org to learn more about the work of Associated Students in Isla Vista. ■

Parents, Please Help Discourage “Deltopia”

Fall quarter saw a successful (read quiet and uneventful) 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 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 daytime festival on April 4 and a variety of late-night events on campus, open only to UCSB students, on April 3 and 4. Parents, please join UCSB in communicating “Keep It Local, Keep It Safe” messages to your students in the weeks leading up to Deltopia.

For information about the University’s efforts to improve the quality of life in Isla Vista, visit <https://chancellor.ucsb.edu> to view recent updates from Chancellor Henry T. Yang.



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The Project IV Love project, started by UCSB alumnus Jordan Killebrew, aims to build a botanic garden at People’s Park in Isla Vista, in memory of the six lives lost on May 23, 2014.

Project IV Love Creates a Place of Beauty and Remembrance

The [Project IV Love website](#) was started by UCSB alumnus Jordan Killebrew, Class of 2010, on the Sunday following the tragic Friday night events in Isla Vista last May 23. His hope was to collect money for a permanent memorial honoring the victims in Isla Vista. Jordan has teamed up with Associate Dean of Student Life and Activities Katya Armistead, Woodstock’s Pizza owner Laura Ambrose and manager James Glover, Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District Manager Rodney Gould, art professor and Isla Vista resident Kim Yasuda, and Greek leaders Laura Dyer and Cricket Cleary to create a lasting memorial honoring the lives that were lost during the I.V. tragedy. The committee has raised funds to create a botanic garden of native plants in the heart of Isla Vista on what is currently an undeveloped area of People’s Park.

As part of the project, art students in a UCSB sculpture class will design six memorials to place along a garden path to honor each of the six lives that were lost. Benches will be placed throughout the garden to encourage contemplation and remembrance. A community planting day is planned for Saturday, May 2 when students and other Isla Vista and campus community members can join together to create this lasting memorial. The committee



meets regularly to continue the planning efforts and to host fundraisers to raise money to pay for the project and to sustain the garden. Regular updates are available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Project-IV-Love/504020476391835>. Killebrew, quoted in a Noozhawk article about the project, said, “Our goal is that the park never dies. I think this just speaks to the power of being a Gaucho. I want to permanently remember these lives.” http://www.noozhawk.com/article/botanic_garden_sculptures_memorial_isla_vista_rampage_20140803. ■

Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity Celebrates 15 Years

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) is proud to celebrate fifteen years of providing educational programming, social activities, advocacy, and consultation with the goal of enhancing safety, tolerance, and the quality of life in the UCSB community. RCSGD is designed to be a safe and supportive environment for all students, staff, and faculty, emphasizing resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex students, as well as allies and those who are questioning their sexual orientation and/or identity. Students at UCSB began organizing and voicing a need for support for their community in the 1970s, resulting in students, faculty, and staff making formal bids for the creation of an LGBT Center in 1994 and 1998. Following the vigil for University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard and student protests for the protection and growth of queer support services on campus, the University pledged its support and an LGBT Center opened in fall 1999. Fifteen years later, recognizing the value of LGBTQ student voices and the needs of this community remains the focus of the RCSGD.

UCSB has a large and active LGBTQ



RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEXUAL & GENDER DIVERSITY

Celebrating 15 years

community that continues to grow in diversity and visibility. The center provides a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ students and supporters to study and congregate and provides local and national resources, a media and reference library, a computer lab, access to contraceptives, and referrals to a variety of campus organizations. The supportive and engaging professional and student staff and volunteers seek to advocate for all students, hosting ongoing awareness trainings, educational and social programs relating to various intersections of their identities, and leadership and mentor opportunities for students.

Through ongoing collaborations with campus departments and organizations, the RCSGD provides opportunities to celebrate

the identity and diversity of the LGBTQ community, and advocates for systemic change to create services, policies, and procedures that are inclusive of sexual and gender diversity. Dave Whitman, the center's new director, is excited to share his vision for continuing to grow LGBTQ initiatives at UCSB. He states, "The opportunities we have before us to continue to support and challenge the UCSB and larger community to be a safe, welcoming, and nourishing environment for LGBTQ and all people are truly incredible. Through our collaborative efforts, I believe that people's identities and best selves can be fostered in the spirit of love, respect, celebration and learning."

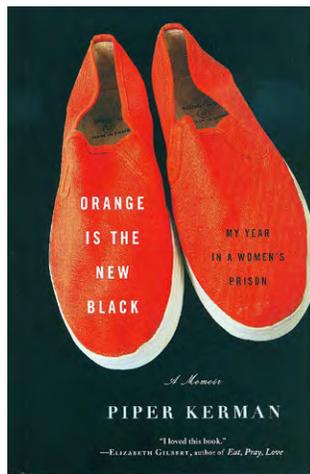
For more information about available resources, support, and events, please visit <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd>. ■

Library Presents UCSB Reads 2015

Every year, UCSB and the Santa Barbara community are invited to read and explore the same book in multidisciplinary ways. UCSB Reads, now in its ninth year, is presented by the UCSB Library and the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor. This year's book is *Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison*, the best-selling memoir by Piper Kerman that's also been turned into an Emmy-winning Netflix series.

In *Orange Is the New Black*, Kerman chronicles the 13 months she spent at a federal women's minimum-security prison for laundering drug money. She endured humiliation and abuse, but also found friendship, generosity, and acceptance in relationships with her prison peers.

During the winter quarter, the Library has been hosting book-related discussions, readings, and a photo exhibition. Activities will continue through spring quarter as well. Several UCSB professors have assigned the



SAVE THE DATE

Orange Is the New Black author Piper Kerman will give a free lecture on April 15 at 8 p.m. in Campbell Hall, at UCSB.

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book in their courses. Piper Kerman will visit UCSB to give a free talk on April 15th at 8 p.m. in Campbell Hall — you are welcome to attend, or watch online videos of other events the Library is sponsoring leading up to Kerman's appearance. You're also invited to read along with your UCSB student. "This book is impossible to put down because [Kerman] could be your daughter," said a *Los Angeles Times* review. For more information, visit www.library.ucsb.edu/UCSBReads2015. ■

POINTS OF PRIDE

■ UCSB is home to 6 Nobel laureates, 11 national institutes and centers, and more than 100 research units. Our campus combines breathtaking natural beauty with immense intellectual vitality and unparalleled learning opportunities for undergraduate students.

■ Ranked #8 in the world in terms of research impact, UCSB is shaping the future of science, engineering, and medicine. <http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2014/014130/ucsb-places-among-top-10-leiden-ranking-750-major-universities-world>

■ UCSB faculty member, Shuji Nakamura, was awarded the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics.

■ UCSB's Sociology Department ranked #1 nationally in *USA Today* based on findings by online database *College Factual*.

MARK THE DATE/ REMINDERS

■ **Meningitis B Vaccine Now Available at Student Health** — Drop-in immunization clinic open weekdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30-4 p.m., for UCSB students up to and including age 25.

■ **Spring Insight Open House, April 11** — UCSB welcomes admitted and prospective students and their families for a campus-wide open house. Visit <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house> for more information. Browse through the schedule of events for a look at sample lectures, activities, presentations, tours and more offered throughout the day.

■ **Spring Career Fair, April 14** — UCSB's largest recruiting event of the year will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at the UCSB Events Center. Visit <http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-fairs/spring-career-fair> for more information.

■ **Community Housing Office Spring Rental Faire, April 16** — Students will have the opportunity to meet and greet Isla Vista property providers and University housing representatives to secure a place for the 2015-16 rental year. Visit <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/cho> for more information.

■ **Project IV Love Community Planting Day, May 2** — Community members are invited to join together to create a lasting memorial for those who lost their lives in the Isla Vista tragedy in May 2014. For information about the event or to make a donation, visit <http://www.projectivlove.com>.

■ **Commencement 2015, June 13-14** — Commencement weekend 2015 details will be posted as they become available at <http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement>.

■ **25th Annual GIVE Project and Sale, June 20 and 21** — 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.

Class of 2015

Commencement Planning Begins Now

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES:

- Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. — College of Creative Studies, Campbell Hall
- Friday, June 12, 10 a.m. — Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, Bren Courtyard

All Saturday (June 13) and Sunday (June 14) ceremonies take place on the Faculty Club Green

- Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. — Sciences
- Saturday, June 13, 1 p.m. — Engineering and Sciences
- Saturday, June 13, 4 p.m. — Social Sciences I
- Sunday, June 14, 9 a.m. — Social Sciences II
- Sunday, June 14, 1 p.m. — Humanities and Arts
- Sunday, June 14, 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@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 2015 commencement ceremonies, there will be a live webcast of the Sunday, June 7; Saturday, June 13; and Sunday, June 14 ceremonies. The web link will be posted on the UC Santa Barbara commencement website www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement at the beginning of June 2015.

Grad Fair 2015

UCSB Bookstore's annual Grad Fair and cap & gown photo shoot will be held on Wednesday, April 29, and Thursday, April 30, 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.

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. 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 www.ucsbalum.com.

2014-15 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. ■



NEW...

MenB Vaccine is now available at Student Health

UCSB Student Health now has available the newly approved vaccine for meningococcal serogroup B disease for all students up to age 25.

*Drop-in immunization clinic
Daily 9am-12pm and 1:30-4pm*

Important News from Student Health

Immediately upon its approval by the FDA in the fall, UCSB Student Health made available to students the vaccine for Meningococcal Serogroup B ("MenB") called Trumenba®. A second vaccine (Bexsero®) has now been approved and will also be stocked at Student Health. Students can drop in without an appointment every weekday to obtain this and any other needed immunizations. Although official recommendations for MenB immunizations have not yet been issued from the national authorities (the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices), **UCSB Student Health strongly encourages anyone in the approved age range of 10-25 years to receive the full series.** MenB cases are random and devastating in this age group, and MenB immunization is the most effective way to prevent the disease. Further information from the National Meningitis Association is available at <http://www.nmaus.org>, or feel free to contact UCSB's Student Health Infection Control Nurse at shsinfectioncontrol@sa.ucsb.edu or phone (805) 893-3559.

Special permission has been obtained from Aetna, provider of the Gaucho Student Health Insurance (GHI) plan, to **fully cover the cost of the MenB vaccine for UCSB students enrolled in GHI**; for those covered by other health insurance plans, the MenB shots can be provided for a charge that can be billed to a student's BARC account. We strongly encourage parents of students covered by other insurance plans to contact network providers to urge them to make these vaccines available.

New UC Immunizations Requirement

National attention to recent outbreaks of serious communicable diseases has raised the level of concern about proper immunization and the role that this plays in protecting the public health. All of the Student Health directors on the ten UC campuses have been working together for several years to promote required immunizations at college entry to

better protect our campus communities. We are now closer to achieving that goal, which was announced recently by the UC Office of the President (<http://universityofcalifornia.edu/news/uc-plans-require-vaccinations-incoming-students>). Continuing students are welcome to make an appointment at Student Health if they would like their immunizations records reviewed for any deficiencies, and Gaucho Student Health Insurance (GHI) covers all recommended immunizations.

We greatly appreciate parents sending in their student's past immunization records by email as an attachment to SHSImmunizationRecords@sa.ucsb.edu or fax to 805-893-2758 (be sure to include student's name, perm number, and date of birth).

Choosing the Best Health Care Plan for Your Student

New health insurance plans available to students through Covered California and other state exchanges as a result of the Affordable Care Act may possibly reduce premium costs for students, but some plans with limited coverage have had negative consequences for students who did not realize their coverage would be limited. **Insurance plans that are county-based (for example, MediCal) with narrow networks will not provide anything but hospital emergency care while students are attending school in Santa Barbara.** Students with this limited coverage will not be able to see an orthopedist, psychiatrist, gynecologist or surgeon without going back to their home county, and in many cases such coverage makes it difficult to obtain prescribed medications in Santa Barbara without large cash payments. Students may think they are saving money by choosing these minimal plans, yet they may end up spending much more for out-of-pocket expenses due to minimal coverage. UCSB Financial Aid awards include the cost of the Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) premiums for medical, vision, and dental coverage, and we encourage

families to use these funds for this purpose. Please consider these consequences seriously when making choices for your student's health insurance coverage, and don't hesitate to contact our UCSB Student Health Insurance Office by email at SHSInsurance@sa.ucsb.edu or phone (805) 893-2592 for assistance.

NEW Student Health Insurance Requirement Waiver Process

Many parents and students had trouble last year with the UC Student Health insurance waiver criteria and with the difficult online web interface to submit the waiver application. Since then, we have been working hard to improve the entire process and have redesigned and reduced the required information needed. Even better, we will now be able to verify most health insurance information continuously online for many students, eliminating the need to re-submit waiver applications each fall.

If your student has a Student Health insurance waiver approved for the current academic year, please alert him or her to watch for an email from Student Health in May. This email will indicate if we have been able to verify their current waiver for the upcoming academic year 2015-16, so that they will not have to submit a new waiver application. If we are unable to verify insurance information online, we will ask the student to email or fax us a copy of their current insurance card, so we can confirm compliance with the UC Regents' mandate that all UC students be covered by health insurance meeting minimum criteria. Further information can be found at <http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu/gaucho-health-insurance/waive-ghi>. Insurance waivers can be cancelled at any time if coverage is lost, and the Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) student insurance plan can be joined at the beginning of each quarter by contacting the UCSB Student Health Insurance Office by email at SHSInsurance@sa.ucsb.edu or phone (805) 893-2592. ■



Dear UCSB Parent,

If your student is a financial aid applicant, I would like to make you aware of a new 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 15 to be considered for all sources of financial aid. Documents submitted after the June 15 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 15 document deadline should not be confused with the March 2 priority deadline to file the FAFSA or California Dream Application.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships appreciates your attention to and compliance with this new 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

UCSB**Briefs**

Department of Education Grant Awarded to UCSB to Expand Mental Health Services

UCSB has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to expand access to mental health services for students, faculty, and staff. Project SERV (School Emergency Response to Violence) provides federal funding to schools to help restore the learning environment following major disruptive incidents on campus or in the community. Nearly \$570,000 in one-time funding has been made available to the campus to expand support services through the hire of additional counseling psychologists, an additional social worker, and an additional student mental health coordinator. "UC Santa Barbara is pleased to be the recipient of these Department of Education funds which will allow us to continue our work to ensure that students, faculty, and staff have ready access to support services and psychological counseling," said Senior Associate Dean for Student Life Debbie Fleming.

Student Affairs Expanding Services in Isla Vista

Student Affairs will soon expand key services into the community of Isla Vista improving access and increasing visibility for the nearly 9,000 UCSB students who live in the community. Lease negotiations and building improvements are underway for a second-story suite in a county-owned building that also houses the Isla Vista Medical Clinic. Three critical student services, Counseling and Psychological Services; Student Mental Health Coordination; and CARE: Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Misconduct will share a suite of offices with an anticipated move-in date of June 2015.

Spring Career Fair – Tuesday, April 14

Taking the time to plan for a career greatly increases a student's chances of leading a happy, fulfilling career and life. Research shows that students who take time to actively manage their career goals while in school have a stronger sense of purpose, earn higher incomes, are less stressed, and make better job and education choices that help them achieve their personal goals. These same students are also better equipped to cope with changes such as moving between jobs, getting laid off, or changing careers. Studies show that young people who graduate without a career action plan are likely to face higher levels of unemployment, have lower incomes, and often find themselves in jobs with fewer opportunities for advancement.

The biggest recruiting event of the year is open to all students regardless of grade level



or major and will be held at the UCSB Events Center. Career Services is expecting 100+ employers including: Adobe Systems, Amazon.com, California State Auditor, Oracle, Enterprise Holdings, Verizon Wireless, Citrix Systems, Intel, Macy's, Microsoft, Northwestern Mutual, and Yelp, among others. (For a full list of participants visit <https://ucsb-csm.symplicity.com/events/students.php?mode=list&cf=SpringCareerFair>). Students can take advantage of several workshops and events in advance designed to help students prepare for making the most of this opportunity.



Transcripts at the Speed of Life

The Office of the Registrar recently began offering a new option for students sending their academic records to employers and other schools – secure, official PDF transcripts. PDF transcripts are electronically delivered official UCSB transcripts sent over a secure network to the email address of the recipient designated by the student. They are certified by a digital signature and contain a variety of special security characteristics. In addition, each page of the transcript contains the signature of the Registrar and the University seal, just like their more traditional paper counterparts.

This represents an exciting shift for students applying for jobs or graduate programs. In the past, students often had to wait a week or more for official transcripts to be delivered, by mail, to their intended destination. Now recipients can have a student's transcript in-hand the same day it was ordered. This means that students are less likely to miss out on last-minute scholarship or employment opportunities. Though not every recipient will accept an electronic transcript, since the new option became available in November, nearly 40% of transcript orders have been for PDFs.

This is also good news for students ordering paper transcripts. As the volume of paper transcripts to be printed has decreased, they are getting out the door more quickly. Most paper transcripts are now in the mail within a single business day. Students (and alums) needing to order a transcript should log into GOLD at <https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/gold/Login.aspx> and select “Transcripts/Verifications” from the menu.



Hello from UCSB Housing & Residential Services ... Home of the Gauchos!

Housing and Residential Services (H&RS) is committed to providing the very best in University-owned housing for our students. Students can maximize their housing experience by opting for our 2&2 Program which guarantees housing for four years in our communities: 2 years in the residence halls guarantees 2 years in our apartments. We offer more than just a place to live — we provide comfortable settings in which to learn, connect, and succeed. H&RS sponsors educational and social programs as well as themed Living-Learning Communities where students with similar interests can participate in activities with faculty and staff mentors. It's been a great year thus far as we've had record-breaking attendance at many of our programs, most recently the *All Hall Brawl*, an event that encourages residents of every hall to compete in teams in a series of games to prove their hall is the best. This year, the Anacapa Anacondas were crowned champions.

Our dining commons offer educational opportunities such as Sustainability Week, Green Mondays, Gaucho Bright Bite, and Nutrition Week. Residential Dining continues their earth-friendly dining efforts by serving fresh produce, of which 46% is grown within 250 miles of UCSB, over 25% is organic, and 38% of total food purchases are considered sustainable. Our Off-campus Meal Plan offers students the option of continuing to eat in our dining commons after they've moved into an apartment — a perfect transition for students preparing to live on their own after graduation.

In order to meet our commitment to provide four years of University housing, we are developing new properties. Sierra Madre Apartments will open this fall and will provide housing for more than 500 students. UCSB has also started

construction on the San Joaquin Apartments which are slated for completion in 2016 and will provide housing for approximately 1,000 residents. Housing and Residential Services strives to provide an atmosphere that is conducive to living and learning for our residents and for those who use our services. You can find out more about housing, dining, and our projects by visiting our website at <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu>.

Community Housing Office Supports Students Living Off Campus

UCSB's Community Housing Office (CHO) knows how important it is for students to live in a comfortable environment where they can relax and feel at home. CHO is available to assist students who live in privately-owned housing with housing questions, concerns, and conflicts. The Community Housing Office, located on the third floor of the UCen, is the “one-stop shop” for off-campus housing needs and offers the following resources:

- **CHO List** — Online rental listing database
- **Rental Advice and Information** — Education about rights and responsibilities (e.g., reviewing leases, maintenance questions, etc.)
- **Conflict Resolution** — Dispute resolution and mediation services
- **Videotaping Services** — Move-in and move-out videotaping to protect security deposits
- **Rental Forms** — Subleasing, inventory condition reports, tenant applications, and more
- **Setting up a Successful Household** — Roommate agreement forms, how to choose a roommate
- **Subleasing Smarts Guide** — CHO can help students set up a successful subleasing agreement and walk students through the process
- **Housing Guides** — Parent Housing Success Guide, Success Guide, Move-out Handbook, Roommate Handbook, Green Guide, and more
- **Other Resources** — Bus schedules, maps, storage company lists, hotel/motel list, furniture lists, etc.

If your student is looking for housing, encourage them to contact the Community Housing Office and to attend the CHO's Spring Rental Faire on April 16, where they will have the opportunity to meet and greet Isla Vista property providers and University housing representatives to secure a place for the 2015-16 rental year. Visit <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/cho> for a list of resources and publications and check out the Rental Housing Success Guide at <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/cho/success-guide>. “Like” us on Facebook — [ucscho](https://www.facebook.com/ucscho).



Food Justice for All

Students, staff, and faculty members from universities across the state congregated at UCSB during the weekend of January 16-18 for the first California Higher Education Food Summit to explore the issue of student hunger through the lens of food justice and food security. The summit began in downtown Santa Barbara at Slingshot Gallery, where Chef Pink, winner of Food Network's *Cutthroat Kitchen* and owner of local restaurant Bacon and Brine, prepared several delicious appetizers featuring locally raised pork for summit attendees. On Saturday morning, the summit's keynote speaker, Nikki Silvestri, spoke passionately of her efforts to make nutritious food more accessible to low-income individuals at People's Grocery in Oakland. The accessibility of healthy food options is a struggle faced by many college students, particularly in Isla Vista, where cheeseburgers are far more affordable than fresh produce. After Silvestri's speech, workshops were held to allow attendees to explore the numerous issues surrounding food justice and security in further depth. Workshop leaders included local food producers, founders of campus food pantries, and AshEL Seasonz, a spoken word artist known for his songs about food justice and civil rights. Although this first summit was fairly small, the number of people working to fight student hunger is growing. UC Riverside has offered to host the California Higher Education Food Summit next year when we hope to see many new faces in the crowd.

Students and Faculty Share Dinner and Discussion

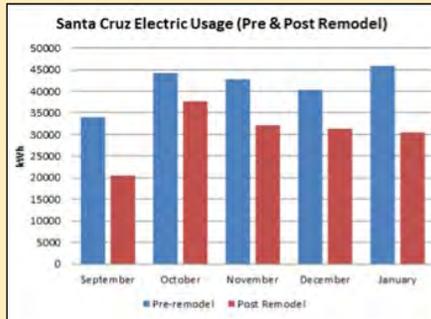
For years, students clamored for the opportunity to share tables at the UCSB Faculty Club with their professors during Faculty Nights, a chance to break bread and share opinions during open discussion on a “hot topic.” With the Faculty Club under renovation, Academic Initiatives invited dozens of faculty members to join students for dinner in an alternate location: Carrillo Dining Commons.

Mark Shishim, associate director of Student Affairs Academic Initiatives, welcomed the diverse group for the evening to discuss the hot topic, “Undocumented Students.” Professor John Park, Chair of Asian American Studies, whose research focuses on the legal history of human migration, provided historical context for the discussion. Between chicken piccata and soft-serve ice cream, faculty and student participants discussed such topics as the history of immigration in the U.S. and the personal challenges facing Dream Scholars who are not eligible for some forms of financial support, including Federal Work-Study. Diners lingered long after plates were emptied, the room abuzz with suggestions for the next “hot topic.”

DID YOU KNOW?

85,208

■ UCSB undergraduate applications for fall 2015 **set a record at 85,208!** Continuing a decades-long trend, UC Santa Barbara saw an increase of more than 5% over last year for the number of first-year and transfer students seeking admission to the seaside campus.



■ **Santa Cruz Residence Hall is going for the gold, LEED Gold!** Santa Cruz Residence Hall was extensively renovated this past summer and now offers earth-friendly living to UCSB students. Housing & Residential Services is seeking a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold rating through a program administered by the U.S. Green Building Council. Many sustainable measures were incorporated into the project, including energy efficient lighting, new bathroom exhaust fans and motors, double glazed windows, water efficient low-flow and dual flush fixtures, and flooring and finish materials with high recycled content. The graph above represents energy savings since the renovation.

ROBERTSON GYMNASIUM



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Phase 1 of the *Flip the Switch for Student Recreation*, a remodel of the Robertson Gymnasium, is now complete and features bright LED lighting, fresh paint, new basketball hoops, and a gleaming refinished floor.

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