

## Upcoming Year End Events

### *Finals Week*

Spring quarter final exams are June 5-11, 2010. Below are some tips for you and your student for a successful finals week:

- To accommodate students needing to study, the library is open longer and 24-hour quiet hours are enforced in the residence halls.
- This is a great time to send your student a note or gift basket. A note telling your student how proud you are of him or her can be a real booster during what can be a stressful time of year.
- Remember that your student will be studying frequently and completing exams, which are up to three hours in length. Don't worry if your student doesn't contact you or return your call right away.

### *Residence Hall Move Out*

For students in campus residence halls, Move Out begins June 11, 2010. Here are some suggestions to make Move Out a smooth process for your family:

- Start early in the day. Moving out can be a long process.
- Remind your student to have his or her room in its original order before you arrive. It is a good idea to have this done before finals week so your student does not have to worry about this while studying for exams.
- If your student is coming home or you are visiting campus prior to Move Out, plan to take some items home with you. This will minimize what needs to be picked up on Move Out day.
- Allow time for summer goodbyes, pictures with friends, and check-out inspections.

### *Commencement*

Commencement ceremonies for the College of Letters and Science and the College of Engineering will be held June 12-13, 2010. The College of Creative Studies commencement will be held June 6, 2010.

- Visit the Commencement Web site ([www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement)) to look up the exact time of your student's ceremony by college and major. Double check with your student to confirm the time of the ceremony in which he or she is registered.
- Commencement DVDs and photos can be purchased from [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).
- The UCSB Bookstore has a wide selection of graduation gifts, including diploma frames, class rings, and alumni logo wear. Visit [www.ucsbstuff.com](http://www.ucsbstuff.com) to order.

### important dates

**May 24**

Deadline to Register to Vote  
in June 8 Elections

**May 31**

Memorial Day  
*UCSB Closed*

**June 4**

Last Day of Classes

**June 5-11**

Final Exams

**June 6**

College of Creative Studies  
Commencement

**June 12-13**

College of Engineering and  
College of Letters and Science  
Commencement



## Save the Date for Parents' and Family Weekend

October 22-24,  
2010

For more information,  
visit: [www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw)



## Office of the Registrar

The Office of the Registrar is essential to the university's academic mission and to UCSB student success. The office establishes and maintains the academic records of the university and provides students with the enrollment services necessary to attain their educational goals. Minimally, students utilize the Office of the Registrar on a quarterly basis. The office's services include:

### Academic Calendar

Dates for instruction, holidays, final exams and commencement comprise some notable dates included on the Academic Calendar maintained by the Office of the Registrar. Upcoming calendars are available at [www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/calinfo.htm](http://www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/calinfo.htm).

### Registration and Enrollment Services

The *Schedule of Classes* and *General Catalog*, on-line resources published by the Office of the Registrar, make students aware of course availability for upcoming quarters, course descriptions, important dates and deadlines, degree requirements, and more. View the publications on-line at <http://catalog.sa.ucsb.edu/> and [www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/soc.htm](http://www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/soc.htm). Additionally, the office houses and maintains UCSB's on-line student data system, GOLD. Students use GOLD to register for classes, view their schedule, receive messages from administration and more. The Office of the Registrar also provides enrollment verifications, which are commonly required by health insurance companies to ensure that a student is enrolled full time. To obtain an enrollment verification, students should visit [www.registrar.ucsb.edu/verif.html](http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/verif.html).

### Grade Reporting

At the end of each quarter, the office processes grades submitted by instructors and reports them to students via GOLD. The grades are available approximately ten days after the last day of final exams. Please note that students who believe an incorrect grade has been reported should consult their instructor before contacting the Office of the Registrar.

### Degree Services and Transcripts

The Office of the Registrar evaluates each student's academic record before awarding a degree and issuing a diploma. Diplomas are mailed approximately 3-4 months after graduation and are mailed to the student's permanent address. If a student needs verification of graduation prior to receiving his or her diploma, or at any point post-graduation, transcripts may be ordered by visiting [www.registrar.ucsb.edu/trans.html](http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu/trans.html). The office encourages students to proactively assess their progress towards graduation by running periodic progress checks on GOLD.

### California Residency Services

The Office of the Registrar assists students in establishing California residency for fee reduction purposes. The office's residence deputy is available to help students through this extensive process.

### Veterans Benefits

The office also provides support for UCSB's student veterans, serving an average of 125 individuals each year. Veterans should contact [regveterans@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:regveterans@sa.ucsb.edu) for more information.

For more information about the Office of the Registrar, call (805) 893-3592 or visit [www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu](http://www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu).

## What Are Your Favorite Things to Do When Your Family Visits Santa Barbara?

Commencement and Move Out day are fast approaching and family members will soon be descending on the UC Santa Barbara campus. *The Gaucho Parents Gazette* asked current students to share what they like to do—on campus and in UCSB's surrounding communities—when their parents visit.

"I like to have them meet my friends."

"I take them on a walk around campus and the surrounding beaches. They don't live by the beach, so I try to get them to the water as much as possible during their visit."

"Go out to dinner downtown. Go to the beach. Then, eat some more."

"Drive to the mountains and go for a hike. Most people think of the beautiful beaches in Santa Barbara and forget about the beauty of our mountains."

"Now that I'm 21, I'm hoping to take them wine tasting in the Santa Ynez valley. It's only about 30 minutes away, so it would be a nice day trip."

"Recently, I took my parents to the bluffs at Campus Point to show my parents where I just learned to surf."



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# Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD)

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) provides a visible presence on campus for—and enhances connection and community among—lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students, alumni, faculty, and staff members.

The RCSGD, located on the third floor of UCSB's Student Resource Building, provides resources for the entire UCSB community. These resources, offered by career and student staff in the RCSGD's safe, supportive, and welcoming environment, include:

- Student support groups that address the specific needs of LGBT students
- Informational, educational, and social programming presented by speakers, through workshops, and via films
- A computer center established with funding from the David Bohnett Foundation's Cyber Center initiative
- The Rainbow Lounge, a safe space in which students can study; use materials from the RCSGD's lending library of DVDs, books, and videos; hold committee meetings; or get together with others informally.

In addition, LGBT-related student groups are active on campus under the guidance of staff advisors, including the Queer Student Union and Friendly Undergraduate Queers In It Together.

For more information about the RCSGD, please visit [www.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd](http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd) or contact Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resources Samuel Santos, Jr. at (805) 893-5846. To support the RCSGD with a financial contribution, please contact Director Laurie Hoyle in the student affairs grants and development office at [laurie.hoyle@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:laurie.hoyle@sa.ucsb.edu) or (805) 893-5037.

Parent contributions help the RCSGD to:

- Employ student staff, thereby providing students with important pre-professional experience while enhancing peer-to-peer support
- Make advisors available to students and student groups
- Update its lending library with the most current information
- Maintain its computer center with Internet and printing capability
- Offer a variety of programs and attract high-caliber speakers that reflect the campus's commitment to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.



[www.gauchosplay.com](http://www.gauchosplay.com)

Check out UCSB's Recreational Sports Web site! The site, which was launched last year, provides information about joining intramural and sports club teams. Students can see which sports are currently offered, as well as a calendar of upcoming activities. Additionally, students can join the on-line community by creating a personal profile that displays their recreational activities. Finally, students can learn about upcoming offerings from Adventure Programs, which include kayaking, the ropes course, a trip to Yosemite, and rock climbing.

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