

## upcoming events

October 20  
**Activities Faire**

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Storke Plaza  
Encourage your student to attend to learn more about getting involved at UCSB.

October 20  
**Tips for Financial Success Workshop**

5 p.m., Corwin Pavilion  
More information on page 3.

October 22-24  
**Parents' and Family Weekend**  
[www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw)

October 23  
UCSB Arts & Lectures presents  
Grammy Award-winning ensemble **Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano**  
8 p.m., Arlington Theater

*Arts & Lectures tickets may be purchased by calling (805) 893-3535 or at [www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu](http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu).*

## important dates

November 2  
**Election Day**  
Encourage your student to vote!

November 7  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

November 11  
**Veterans Day**  
No Classes

November 25-28  
**Thanksgiving Break**  
Students must be out of residence halls by 6 p.m. on Nov. 24.  
Students may return to residence halls after 1 p.m. on Nov. 28.

December 6-11  
**Fall Quarter Final Exams**

December 12-January 2  
**Winter Break**  
Students must be out of residence halls by 10 a.m. on Dec. 12.  
Students may return to residence halls after 1 p.m. on Jan. 2.

## Winter Quarter Registration Tips

Registration for winter quarter for continuing undergraduate and graduate students begins **October 23**. Students should follow the tips below to ensure course registration is a smooth and enjoyable process. Please share this information with your student.

### *The Registration Process*

- Register using GOLD (UCSB's registration system) at your designated appointment time to obtain the best possible priority for your class level. As of October 16, your assigned appointment time is visible on GOLD.
- Contact the Registrar's Office at (805) 893-3592 if you have trouble accessing or using GOLD.

### *Choosing Classes*

- Meet with an academic advisor in your college to ensure you are completing academic requirements for graduation and selecting appropriate courses. More information regarding upcoming schedule planning sessions is listed below.
- Meet with the undergraduate advisor in your major department to ensure you are taking appropriate prerequisite courses for your major and to get approval codes for any courses that require instructor permission.
- Prior to meeting with advisors, develop a list of possible courses that you can reference during the meeting and later during registration. Being open-minded about early morning and evening courses will give you more options to choose from.

### *After Registration*

- Pay your student fees by December 15 to avoid being dropped from your classes.
- If a course you need is full, add your name to the on-line waitlist at [www.waitlist.ucsb.edu](http://www.waitlist.ucsb.edu).
- Attend class on the first day. Instructors often drop students who do not attend on the first day in order to open up spots for students who show up to add the class or "crash" the class.

## Schedule Planning Sessions Offered

The College of Letters and Science, the College of Engineering, and the Writing Program will offer five walk-in advising sessions during fall quarter to help students plan their winter quarter course schedules. Advisors will be available to help students on a first come, first served basis. The sessions are very helpful for students in determining appropriate courses and placements.

### **Walk-In Schedule Planning Dates and Times:**

**Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2-4 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 27, 3-5 p.m.**

**Thursday, Oct. 21, 1-3 p.m.**

**Thursday, Oct. 28, 1-3 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-12 noon**

The College of Letters and Science and the College of Engineering will still conduct standard academic advising during fall quarter. If your student is unable to attend a schedule planning session, he or she is encouraged to meet with an advisor in the appropriate college. Students in the College of Letters and Science may schedule an advising appointment on-line at [http://my.sa.ucsb.edu/lsaa\\_appts/](http://my.sa.ucsb.edu/lsaa_appts/) or by phone at (805) 893-2038. Students in the College of Engineering should call (805) 893-3809. Students in the College of Creative Studies are *required* to meet with their assigned faculty advisor each quarter prior to the registration deadline.

## 2011-2012 Housing Decisions

Students often begin thinking about housing for the upcoming year around this time. This can be stressful for students who have not been through the housing search and decision process at UCSB. Please reassure your student that there is plenty of time to make a decision about housing and not to rush into a decision with roommates that she or he has known for only a short period of time.

We encourage students to wait until at least January to sign leases so they can attend housing workshops offered in the residence halls during winter quarter, learn about all available housing options, and make a more informed decision. More information about housing options and upcoming workshops will be featured in the December issue of *The Gaucho Parents Gazette*.



## UCSB's Davidson Library

UCSB's Davidson Library is located at the physical and intellectual center of campus. The building, towering eight stories high, holds over 3 million books, 30,000 on-line journals, 165,000 sound recordings, 5 million maps and aerial photos, and miles of archival and special collections that support the teaching and research of the University. And if UCSB's library cannot meet your student's specific research needs, he or she can easily access more than 36 million volumes from the greater University of California library system. Students can borrow a book from UC Berkeley, or UC San Diego, or from around the world with the click of a button.

Librarians are available every day to help students navigate the extensive resources at the library. There is a librarian for every subject, from physics to poetry to political science. Librarians also meet with individual classes to teach students how to best utilize library resources to complete projects and papers for that particular course. Students can also get course credit while learning how to use the library. Interdisciplinary Studies 1: Introduction to Library Research is a one-credit course that teaches students how to find and evaluate books, scholarly articles and other information sources.

The library is also a great place to study. Davidson Library allows food and drink (it even has a coffee cart) and is one of the most popular study spots and gathering places on campus. Individual study carrels, large group study tables, and comfortable sofas and chairs give students many options to meet their study needs. The library's secure reading room is open 24 hours a day and allows students to study at their own preferred time. Over 200 computers are available, as well as wireless Internet access for personal laptop use.

To learn more about Davidson Library and resources for students, visit [www.library.ucsb.edu](http://www.library.ucsb.edu) or call (805) 893-2478.

## Roommates and Housing Issues

### Tips for a Healthy Roommate Relationship

Living with a roommate can be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences your student will have in college. Students learn a lot about themselves and interacting with others through this newfound relationship. Students can avoid some of the biggest roommate conflicts by following these tips:

- Clean up after yourself.
- Try to be quiet when your roommate is studying or sleeping.
- Discuss visits from friends and significant others with your roommate in advance.
- Ask permission before borrowing or using something that belongs to your roommate.
- Refrain from discussing roommate issues with other hallmates.

### Room and Roommate Changes

At some point, your student will undoubtedly feel frustrated with her or his roommate. Encourage your daughter or son to actively work through these issues. If your student and her or his roommate are having troubles that cannot be resolved, your student should speak with a resident assistant (RA). The RA will work with the students to resolve the situation. If the situation cannot be resolved, the RA will refer the students to the resident director (RD) to discuss further options. Please note that room changes are not granted before the second week of the quarter, after dead week occurs (the week immediately preceding final exams week), or if another space is not available.

## Easing Your Student's Transition to College

Beginning college can be a challenging new experience for many students. Here are a few things you can do to help your student and your family during this period of adjustment.

- Write a letter or e-mail telling your student how proud you are to have him or her as a son or daughter.
- Visit campus during Parents' and Family Weekend (October 22-24, 2010) and have your student show you around his or her new community.
- Encourage your student to join an interesting club or organization.
- Send a care package with healthy snacks or items that will remind your student of home.
- Reassure your student that a transitional period is a normal, natural part of the adjustment process.

## Don't Forget to Follow Gaucho Parent Tweets!

Visit <http://twitter.com/GauchosParents> to read the latest details about campus events, support services for students, upcoming deadlines, and other information that will assist you and your student.

If you sign up for a free account, our tweets will be listed on your homepage each time you log in. Alternately, you can view our tweets at the Web site listed above.



## REMINDER:

### Parents' & Family Weekend

October 22-24, 2010

More information:

[www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw](http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw)

## Should First Year Students Work? By Micael Kemp Director of Career Services

This is a question we are frequently asked by both parents and students at UCSB. Our typical advice is that students should wait at least one quarter to work, so they can adjust to their new environment. If, after the first quarter, the student is still adjusting to the quarter system or the level of work required at a UC, we recommend holding off on working until the academic side of life is flowing smoothly.

However, if a student completes four years of school without ever setting foot outside of the classroom, employers cringe. They are seeking that magical combination of education and experience in their new hires. Even if a student has a killer GPA, most employers are hesitant to hire them without any work history. Students need to get involved in part-time or seasonal employment, internships, volunteer work, or student clubs and organizations. They'll need something to put in the ominous white space under the "Education" section of their resumes.

Will all this affect their GPA? Probably not. If they keep their internship, volunteer, and employment involvement under 20 hours per week, having structure in those out-of-class hours can actually improve a student's performance in class.

When they're ready, how can students find employment? By visiting Career Services. We serve as the campus hub for information on jobs and internships, both on and off campus. We also want to connect with students who need jobs as soon as they arrive at UCSB. We can help them look for on-campus employment that is flexible and won't interfere with their studies. To see the range of services available, visit <http://career.ucsb.edu>. Click on the "Parents" tab to see how you can best support your student.

\* Don't miss Micael's presentation on helping your student select a major, Friday, Oct. 22, 1 p.m. at Parents' and Family Weekend 2010! \*



## Visitor Center

While making a decision about which university to attend, you and your student may have visited the UCSB campus. Hopefully, your first time on campus began with a stop at our Visitor Center.

Each year, over 40,000 prospective students and family members take advantage of the chance to see our beautiful campus, get insights

into the student experience, discover the wide range of opportunities at UCSB, and learn about the university's admissions requirements.

The Visitor Center is located on the 1st floor of the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building. Campus tours led by student volunteers depart Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admissions presentations given by professional staff are offered at 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations can be made on the Visitor Center Web site at [www.admissions.ucsb.edu/ToursAndPresentations.asp](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/ToursAndPresentations.asp).

If you have not already been to the Visitor Center, we hope to see you the next time you are on campus. Additionally, younger siblings who may be making college decisions soon are encouraged to visit.

*If you wish to support the mission of the Visitor Center or any other service provided by UCSB Student Affairs, please contact Laurie Hoyle in Student Affairs Grants and Development at (805) 893-5037.*

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## Helping Your Student Understand and Manage College Finances

Preparing your student to manage the many financial issues and situations related to attending college can be a daunting task. Here are some tips to guide you while helping your son or daughter make sound financial decisions while at UCSB.

- Encourage your student to meet with a financial aid counselor to learn more about grants, scholarships, and work-study programs that may be available. Students seeking financial aid for fall 2011 should apply by March 2, 2011. Visit [www.finaid.ucsb.edu](http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu) for more information.
- Be clear with your student about the level of resources you can or cannot commit toward college expenses.
- Encourage your student to carefully monitor activity on his or her BARC (billing) account to prevent penalties such as late fees, course registration blocks, or being dropped from classes. If your student wishes, he or she may give you access to financial statements on-line at [www.barc.ucsb.edu](http://www.barc.ucsb.edu).
- Fraternities, sororities, student groups, study abroad, summer internships, and off-campus housing are some of the activities that may result in additional costs. Talk with your student about what he or she may wish to participate in and how these activities will be funded.
- Ask your student how much spending money he or she believes is needed each month. If you are planning to provide support, discuss a reasonable amount. Discuss other ways your student can obtain spending money. Help your student create a budget and discuss ways to adhere to the plan.
- Students may be interested in applying for a credit card in their own name. Talk with your student about how to choose a credit card and understand interest rates, annual fees, and credit card debt.
- Encourage your student to attend the "Tips for Financial Success" workshop on October 20. See below for more information.
- Discuss the cost of attending college with your son or daughter. Even if you are covering some or all college-related expenses, it is important for students to understand the value of the education they are receiving. Encourage him or her to make the most of all that UCSB has to offer!

## Financial Success Workshop

Students are encouraged to attend a finance workshop Monday, October 20, from 5-7 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion. The "Tips for Financial Success" workshop, co-sponsored by the UCSB Alumni Association and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, will give students the opportunity to discuss their concerns and questions with a panel of finance experts, including UCSB alumni and faculty. Students will learn how to better manage their money, hear tips and strategies for financing their education, and find out how to build wealth. Free pizza and refreshments will be served. Students who wish to attend the event should RSVP at [http://ucsb.modules.com/FinancialTips\\_10](http://ucsb.modules.com/FinancialTips_10).