

upcoming events

October 8

UCSB Arts & Lectures presents an evening of bluegrass and banjo with **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers**
8 p.m., Granada Theater

October 22-24

Parents' and Family Weekend
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.

important dates

September 15

Fall Quarter Fees Due

September 18-19

Residence Hall Move-In Days

September 20-22

Discovery Days

September 23

Fall Quarter Classes Begin

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.

Dear Gaucho Parents and Family Members,

On behalf of UCSB, the Division of Student Affairs, and Parent Services, I'd like to welcome our newest Gaucho Parents to the campus. Welcome back, as well, to the Gaucho Parents of our continuing students. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. We look forward to an exciting and eventful 2010-2011 academic year.

I encourage you to utilize Parent Services if you ever have questions or concerns that arise while your student attends UCSB. Feel free to call or e-mail anytime. And don't forget to visit the Gaucho Parents Web site at www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents to learn more about the university and the many services and opportunities available for your student.

Best wishes to you and your student for a successful year!

-Whitney White

UCSB Ranked Among Best U.S. Universities

UC Santa Barbara has achieved its highest rankings ever in U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of the nation's best universities. The university is ranked 9th among the "Top 50 Public National Universities" and 39th among the "Best National Universities."

Additionally, the College of Engineering's undergraduate program is ranked 36th among "Best Programs at Engineering Schools Whose Highest Degree is a Doctorate" and 47th in a new category, "The High School Counselors' Picks."

For more college rankings and information about how rankings are calculated by U.S. News & World Report, visit <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com>.

Important Fall Quarter Events for Students

New Student Convocation: All new freshmen and transfer students are invited to attend UCSB's New Student Convocation, a formal welcome to the campus, on Monday, September 20 from 3-4 p.m. on the Faculty Club Lawn. Kip Fulbeck (UCSB professor of art, American artist, slam poet, author, and filmmaker) will serve as the keynote speaker. Professor Fulbeck received UCSB's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2009. UCSB's all-male a capella group "Brothas from Otha Mothas" will also perform.

Discovery Days: Many parents ask "What do students do before classes start?" The answer is Discovery Days. From September 20-22, UCSB coordinates hundreds of campus events and gives students the chance to become familiar with the campus, meet other students, visit academic departments, and take care of campus business. The schedule for Discovery Days 2010 is available on-line at www.sa.ucsb.edu/orientation/ddays.

Activities Faire: The annual Activities Faire will be held Wednesday, October 20, in Storke Plaza. The event is a great opportunity for students (both new and continuing) to learn about joining clubs and organizations and utilizing campus departments and services that can help them be successful at UCSB. Students can visit the Office of Student Life's Web site (www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs) before attending the Activities Faire to learn more about the 250+ organizations at UCSB. And, if students are unable to find an organization related to their specific interests, the Office of Student Life can help them start their own club!

Encourage your student to attend these key events during fall quarter.

Bicycle Locks and Registration

Students are required to register their bikes with UCSB's Community Service Organization (CSOs). The \$6 registration fee lasts for three years. Students can register bikes at the CSO office located at the corner of Mesa and Stadium Roads in parking lot 32 behind the Public Safety Building. Students should bring their bike, a valid photo I.D., and the registration fee.

Registered bikes are much easier to recover when reported stolen. Encourage your student to always secure his or her bike to one of the designated racks on campus. More information is available at <http://police.ucsb.edu/Web/CSO/BicycleProgram.html>.

Parents' and Family Weekend 2010

Attending class lectures, cheering on athletic teams, and soaking up the sun at Campus Point will all be a part of your student's life at UC Santa Barbara. You and your family can participate in these and many other activities during Parents' and Family Weekend, an event designed to showcase all our campus has to offer and give families the true UCSB experience.

Come explore our unique campus and learn about its many facets. Discover what makes UCSB stimulating, impressive, and special. Parents' and Family Weekend 2010 will be held October 22-24. Families can attend any combination of days during the long weekend. Check out highlights from this year's schedule below.

For parents of new students, this weekend may be the first time you see your student after Move-In Day. The event is a wonderful way to reconnect with your student, learn all about his or her life on campus, and spend valuable time as a family. All family members are invited to the event—grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and more! At check-in, be sure to stop by the Gaucho Parents table to meet our staff and learn more about the services and resources available to you.

More information will be sent to your home address. Contact Public Events at (805) 893-7382 or visit www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw for more information and a complete schedule.



Weekend Highlights

- **Breakfast with Chancellor Henry Yang.** Meet UCSB's chancellor at this complimentary continental breakfast.
- **Recreational Events.** Try out UCSB's 30-foot climbing wall (the largest on the west coast) or the Adventure Programs Ropes Course, a jungle gym-like experience that includes a zip line and a jump off of a platform 18 feet above the ground.
- **African diasporic Cultural Resource Center's Family Reunion Barbeque.** A celebration of the rich culture of the Black community.

Alcohol Education for New Students

If you haven't done so already, the start of fall quarter presents a perfect opportunity to initiate a conversation with your son or daughter about alcohol and drug use in college. Research consistently indicates that parental involvement is an important protective factor when it comes to alcohol use among college students.

In fact, UCSB requires all newly enrolled first-year students and transfer students to complete an on-line alcohol education course within the first five weeks of their first quarter. The on-line course, provided by MyStudentBody.com, helps students examine personal beliefs, risk behaviors, and consequences, while delivering prevention education through engaging interactive tools, flash animation peer stories, and student-friendly information pieces. The course provides students with detailed information such as how alcohol is processed by the body; how to cope with peer pressure; how to moderate drinking; and signs and symptoms of alcohol poisoning.

Although not all students will choose to use alcohol in college, alcohol abuse and experimentation is an issue that affects every college campus. The goal of UCSB's alcohol education requirement is to ensure that all incoming students have the basic information they need to make safer choices around alcohol use.

Be sure to remind your student about the on-line alcohol education requirement and follow up later with questions about the content of the course. Was it interesting? What did your student learn? Here are some additional tips for staying informed and keeping the lines of communication open around this topic:

- Ask your son or daughter his or her opinion regarding current news items related to alcohol. Be prepared to accept whatever opinion that might be.
- Get informed. Know the alcohol policies at UCSB and learn about alcohol regulations, penalties, and interventions. You can find details at <http://alcohol.sa.ucsb.edu>.
- Ask about the social life on campus. Is your son or daughter finding a variety of positive ways to meet new friends and get involved? The UCSB After Dark Web site (<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl/afterdarkcalendar/>) provides a weekly listing of late night social and entertainment events that are alternatives to the college party scene.
- Set clear and realistic expectations regarding academic performance and discuss the impact of college alcohol use on academics.

For more information on UCSB's alcohol and drug prevention efforts, visit <http://alcohol.sa.ucsb.edu>, call the Alcohol and Drug Program at (805) 893-5013, or contact Senior Associate Dean of Students Debbie Fleming at (805) 893-4094 or Debbie.Fleming@sa.ucsb.edu.

Follow Gaucho Parents on Twitter!

Gaucho Parents is now on Twitter! Twitter is a Web-based service that allows for easy sharing of snippets of information, called "tweets." To start reading Gaucho Parents tweets, all you need is an internet connection or mobile phone. Our Twitter page features events happening on campus, support services for students, upcoming deadlines, and other information that will assist you and your student.

Visit <http://twitter.com/GauchoParents> to read updates and view Gaucho Parents on Twitter. You do not need an account to view our page. However, if you already have a Twitter account or would like to create one, you can subscribe to our tweets by clicking "Follow" at the top of our page. Then, each time you log into your Twitter account, our tweets will be listed on the main page.



Residence Hall Move-In Procedures

Students will be moving into their assigned residence halls on September 18 and 19. Roommate, residence hall room, and move-in date and time information were included in the move-in packet your student received from Housing and Residential Services. Students may move into the residence halls at their assigned time or later, but must be moved in by the first day of classes—Thursday, September 23.

Visit www.housing.ucsb.edu/hchoices/reshalls-movein.htm for a suggested packing list and additional move-in information. Additionally, students are encouraged to read the Residence Hall policies and procedures (http://appl.housing.ucsb.edu/contracts/policies_residence_halls.pdf) before arriving on campus.

Important Phone Numbers

These telephone numbers will be useful for you and your student during his or her first few weeks on campus.

BARC/Billing (805) 893-3756

Counseling Services (805) 893-4411 (*Available 24 hours a day*)

CSO Escorts (805) 893-2000

Financial Aid (805) 893-2432

Gaicho Parents (805) 893-3643

Housing & Residential Services (805) 893-2760

Registrar's Office (805) 893-3592

Student Health (805) 893-3371

Making Move-In Day Meaningful for Your Family

Moving into a new residence hall, meeting a new roommate, and saying goodbye can undoubtedly make for a stressful and busy day for new students and their families. After unpacking the car, rearranging the furniture, and helping your student make his or her room a new home away from home, take a few moments to enjoy all that UCSB and the surrounding communities have to offer your student.

Here are some suggested activities to celebrate this new chapter in your lives and make Move-In Day memorable for everyone in your family:

- Take a family photo at a UCSB landmark such as Storke Tower or our basketball stadium, the Thunderdome.
- Visit the Isla Vista Food Co-op (6575 Seville Road) to stock your student's room with healthy and organic snacks.
- Take a walk together around the lagoon or to the end of the pier at nearby Goleta Beach.



Campus Learning Assistance Services Sign-Ups Begin 9/23

Easily one of the most widely used Student Affairs services, Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) helps over 7,000 students each year to achieve their academic goals through free tutorial group services, drop-in academic support, and study skills workshops that complement university courses.

Students may begin signing up for Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) tutorial groups on the first day of classes—Thursday, September 23. Advance enrollment is required. Students may enroll by visiting the CLAS office on the 3rd floor of the Student Resource Building or on-line at <https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/clas>.

Common tutorial group subject offerings include calculus, statistics, biology, chemistry, physics, economics, and accounting. Tutorial groups generally meet twice a week and are course-specific. Attendance is required.

Alternatively, drop-in services are available for these subjects, as well as for writing and foreign languages. CLAS tutors can assist students with thesis development, organization, and clarity to take their writing skills to the college level. Drop-in foreign language services assist with fluency, literacy, and language acquisition skills.

Study skills workshops are offered throughout the quarter to help students learn memory techniques, exam strategies, time management, and reading efficiency and comprehension.

Students can view the fall schedule for tutorial groups, drop-in hours, and study skills workshops at www.clas.ucsb.edu. Call (805) 893-3269 for more information about CLAS services.



Arts & Lectures

The mission of Arts & Lectures is to "Educate. Entertain. Inspire." Going into its 51st year of enriching the lives of students and community members through year-round performances, films, and lecture series, the on-campus performing arts organization is doing that and more.

Students are exposed to world-class theater, dance, and music professionals, some of the world's foremost scholars speaking on various global and political issues, and award-winning films from around the world. Each quarter's schedule also includes free film screenings for UCSB students. *Oceans*, the free film for fall quarter, will be presented on September 29 at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m.

Seventeen thousand students and community members attend events each year. Arts & Lectures coordinates programming with academic departments and students are often required or encouraged to attend events supporting their coursework.

Arts & Lectures events are also a wonderful way to spend time with your student on campus. With events often occurring on weekends, family members can travel to campus to spend time with their student and attend a program.

Highlights of this season's programming include Grammy Award-winning reggae artist Ziggy Marley, humor writer David Sedaris, pianist Yuja Wang, *Food Rules* author Michael Pollan, crossword puzzlemaster Will Shortz, and Grupo Corpo Brazilian Dance Theater.

Arts & Lectures events are usually discounted 50% or more for UCSB students and tickets range from \$5-20. Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the on-campus ticket office. For more information about Arts & Lectures programming and a complete 2010-2011 season schedule, visit www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu.

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