Dear Gaucho Parents and Family Members,

On behalf of UCSB and the Division of Student Affairs, I’d like to welcome our newest Gaucho Parents to our campus. Welcome back, as well, to the Gaucho Parents of our continuing students. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to an exciting and eventful 2009-2010 academic year.

Just a reminder that I am available to assist you with any questions or concerns that may arise while your student attends UCSB. Please feel free to call or e-mail me 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

Mark Your Calendar for Parents’ & Family Weekend 2009!

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 here 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 so stimulating, impressive, and special. Some highlights from the weekend include:

- Breakfast with Chancellor Henry Yang. Meet UCSB’s chancellor at this complimentary continental breakfast.
- Touch Tank Tours at the REEF. The Research Experience and Education Facility provides a hands-on introduction to marine biology and over 100 different species of marine plants and animals.
- Climbing Wall at the Recreation Center. UCSB’s 30-foot imprint climbing wall—the largest on the West Coast—has natural features built in to make it look and feel more like real rock. $15 for students and $22 for family members.
- UCSB Arts & Lectures presents The Carolina Chocolate Drops. This group of young African-American string band musicians is leading the revival of fiddle and banjo music in North Carolina’s Piedmont region. $19 for students and $37 for family members.
- Adventure Programs Ropes Course. This jungle gym-like experience includes a zip line and a jump off a platform 18 feet above the ground. $15 for students and $20 for family members.
- African diasporic Cultural Resource Center’s Family Reunion Barbeque. Join the Black Student Union and friends for delicious food and a celebration of the rich culture of the Black community.

For parents of new students, this weekend may be the first time you will 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!

Parents’ and Family Weekend is November 6-8. Families can attend any combination of days during the weekend. At check-in, be sure to stop by the Gaucho Parents table and learn more about the UCSB resources available to you.

More information will be sent to your home address. Contact Julie Miller at (805) 893-7382 or visit www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw for more information.
Campus Learning Assistance Services

Students may begin signing up for CLAS tutorial groups on the first day of classes—Thursday, September 24. Tutorial groups are course specific and are usually offered for lower division math and science courses. The groups generally meet twice a week and attendance is required.

Common tutorial group subject offerings include calculus, statistics, biology, chemistry, physics, economics, and accounting. Students can view the schedule for fall quarter at www.clas.ucsb.edu/schedule/Grpschd.htm.

Advance enrollment is required. Students may visit the CLAS office on the 3rd floor of the Student Resource Building or https://my.sa.ucsb.edu/clas to sign up. More information about tutorial groups and other CLAS services is available at www.clas.ucsb.edu.

Activities Faire

Get Involved and Learn about UCSB

The 24th Annual Activities Faire will be held Wednesday, October 21, in Storke Plaza. The event is a great opportunity for both new and continuing students 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 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 the Activities Faire!

Move-In Info

Students will be moving into their assigned residence halls on September 19 and 20. Roommate, residence hall rooms, and move-in date and time assignments were included in the move-in packet your student received from Housing and Residential Services. Students may move in to their residence hall at their assigned time or later, but must be moved in by the first day of classes—Thursday, September 24.

Additional move-in information, including a suggested packing list, is available at www.housing.ucsb.edu/hchoices/reshalls-movein.htm. The Residence Hall Life Handbook, including all policies and procedures, is available at www.housing.ucsb.edu/hchoices/documents-policies.htm.

If you have any questions regarding Move-In, contact Housing and Residential Services at (805) 893-2760.
Reminders for New Students

BIKE REGISTRATION

UCSB requires all bikes to be registered with the Community Service Organization (CSO). Registered bikes are easier to recover when reported stolen. The registration fee is $6 and lasts for three years. Students can register bikes at the CSO office, which is located at the corner of Mesa and Stadium Road in Lot 32 behind the Public Safety Building. Students should bring their bike, valid photo I.D., and the registration fee. More information is available at http://police.ucsb.edu/bikes.html.

CONVOCATION

New student convocation will be held Monday, September 21 from 3-4 p.m. on the Faculty Club Lawn. All new freshmen and transfer students are invited to attend UCSB’s formal welcome to the campus. For more information, students should visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/Convocation.

DISCOVERY DAYS

During the days between Move-In Weekend and the first day of classes, UCSB coordinates hundreds of campus events and gives students the chance to become familiar with the campus, meet other new students, visit academic departments, and take care of campus business. The schedule for Discovery Days 2009 is available on-line at www.sa.ucsb.edu/orientation/ddays.

Make Move-In Day Meaningful

Moving into a new residence hall, meeting a new roommate, and saying goodbye can undoubtedly be 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 UC Santa Barbara 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 Sevile 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.

Move-In Phone Numbers

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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 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 with regard to 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 important topic:

• Ask your son or daughter his or her opinion regarding current news items related to alcohol. Be prepared to accept whatever that opinion might be.

• Get informed. Know the alcohol policies at UCSB and learn about the 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 impacts 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 Associate Dean of Students Debbie Fleming at (805) 893-4094 or Debbie.Fleming@sa.ucsb.edu.

questions? comments? email gauchoparents@sa.ucsb.edu