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upcoming events

June 24
Magic Lantern Films presents
"**Rango**"
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.,
Isla Vista Theater, $4

July 1-August 31
UCSB Faculty Club presents
works by celebrated local
landscape painter
Kate Yarbrough

October 21-23
**Parents' and Family
Weekend 2011**
Visit www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw/
or call (805) 893-7382
for more information.

important dates

June 20
Summer Session A Begins

July 4
Independence Day Holiday
UCSB Closed

July 29
Summer Session A Ends

August 1
Summer Session B Begins

September 5
Labor Day Holiday
UCSB Closed

September 10
Summer Session B Ends

September 15
**Fall Quarter Fee
Payment Deadline**

September 17-18
UCSB Residence Hall Move In

September 22
Fall Quarter Classes Begin

December 9
Fall Quarter Classes End

Congratulations to graduates of the Class of 2011!

Job Search Support

- Recent graduates can utilize UCSB Career Services and GauchoLink (UCSB's official on-line job database) for free for up to three months after commencement. After three months, students who are members of the UCSB Alumni Association may utilize Career Services programs for a fee. For more details, visit http://career.ucsb.edu/alumni.

- Young alumni can join the UCSB Alumni Association for discounted rates. Membership supports UCSB and provides benefits such as career networking, travel discounts, library access and more. Visit www.ucsbalum.com for more info.

- Career Services encourages graduates to join LinkedIn, an on-line networking site focused on career and professional connections. Students are also encouraged to clean up their pages on social networking sites, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter, as employers often review these before making hiring decisions.

Summer Events in Santa Barbara

If your student is going to remain in Santa Barbara this summer, encourage them to attend one of Santa Barbara's local summer events. These fun and relaxing occasions are also enjoyable for family members during a visit to see your student.

June 25
Santa Barbara Summer Solstice Parade
State Street, Downtown Santa Barbara
www.solsticeparade.com

August 3-7
Old Spanish Days/Santa Barbara Fiesta
Multiple locations around Santa Barbara
www.oldspanishdays-fiesta.org

Every Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cabrillo Boulevard Arts and Crafts Walk
From east of Stearns Wharf to Calle César Chávez, Downtown Santa Barbara

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)

Easily one of the most widely used Student Affairs services at UCSB, Campus Learning Assistance Services—or CLAS, as it is known on campus—helps over 7,000 students each year to achieve their academic goals through free academic skills workshops and tutorial services that complement University courses.

Study skills workshops help students learn memory techniques, exam strategies, time management, and reading efficiency and comprehension. Tutorial groups are offered for primarily lower division courses in biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, probability and statistics, and economics. The groups meet one to two times per week and follow course lecture content. Instructors answer student questions, provide supplemental instruction, and assist in exam preparation. Drop-in services are also available for these subjects.

Writing services are available one-to-one or on a drop-in basis and assist with thesis development, organization, clarity, and much more. Drop-in foreign language services assist with fluency, literacy, and language acquisition skills.

Registration for CLAS programs begins on the first day of each quarter. Students can sign up with their student ID number on-line at http://my.sa.ucsb.edu/clas or in-person at the Student Resource Building, Room 3210. Students may contact the CLAS office at (805) 893-3269 for more information.

Campus Learning Assistance Services is hoping to expand their programs to serve even more UCSB students. If you wish to support the CLAS mission or any other service provided by UCSB Student Affairs, please contact Acting Director of Student Affairs Grants and Development Catherine Boyer at (805) 893-5037 or catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu. Thank you for your support!

Campus Sustainability Update

UCSB continues to excel as a leader in sustainability among higher education institutes. Home to one of the nation's first Environmental Studies programs and the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, UCSB has a long history of promoting sustainability, conducting environmental research, and encouraging resource conservation. Today, UCSB's sustainability programs have expanded to reduce environmental impacts and improve the campus' operations in 11 areas: academics & research; the built environment; communication; energy; food; labs, shops & studios; landscape & the biotic environment; procurement; transportation; waste; and water.

By turning off lights, printing double-sided, or taking the extra moment to recycle, individuals make the everyday choices that drive the success of UCSB's sustainability programs and drastically reduce the campus' impacts on the environment. Students address environmental issues through over 25 environmentally-related campus organizations, including the Environmental Affairs Board which is the largest student group at UCSB. From organizing beach clean-ups to partaking in international energy policy discussions, these organizations offer a full spectrum of opportunities to students who want to get involved with sustainability. For example, the student-directed Green Initiative Fund awards over $150,000 each year to students, staff, and faculty to finance projects that aim to reduce UCSB's environmental impacts. Similarly, the student-led Renewable Energy Initiative Governance Board facilitates the implementation of projects to supply the campus with sustainable energy. Additionally, students from the Green Campus and LabRATS programs audit campus facilities to assess their performance and provide suggestions for improvement. While these are just a few examples of the campus' numerous sustainability programs, UCSB also encourages students to promote sustainability at the regional, national, and international levels as well.

To accomplish UCSB's aggressive sustainability goals, Chancellor Yang assembled deans, Nobel Laureates, senior faculty, staff, administrators, and students from across the campus to form the Chancellor's Sustainability Committee (CSC) in 2008. The CSC members provide guidance to enhance the campus' sustainability and make recommendations for reducing environmental impacts. In order to officially incorporate sustainability into UCSB's mission and goals, CSC created eight interim sustainability policies that went into effect on campus in 2010. While CSC provides leadership for UCSB's sustainability efforts, the entire campus community contributes to UCSB's sustainability achievements.

The nationally-recognized Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) maintains over 238 acres of non-irrigated open space on campus (including areas of intact native vegetation and wetlands), and 85 percent of the remaining landscape is irrigated with reclaimed water. In addition, the campus has extensive traditional and non-traditional waste management programs, including: recycling electronic-waste; collecting used kitchen oil to produce biofuel; and composting at all the dining commons to produce fertilizer from food waste. Last year, the Trayless Dining Program reduced food waste at the dining commons by 54 percent; the associated savings were utilized to increase the amount of local, organic, and sustainable foods offered to student diners. In this manner, sustainability initiatives at UCSB not only improve the campus but also produce long-term savings that are reinvested to further enhance the campus' operational performance.

In partnership with the US Green Building Council, UCSB is piloting a program to certify 25 campus buildings under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™. Currently, the campus is home to the most LEED Certified buildings in the UC system; in fact, UCSB's Donald Bren Hall is the nation's first LEED 'Double Platinum' building (achieving LEED for New Construction Platinum Certification and LEED for Existing Buildings Platinum Certification). Since 1998, the campus has decreased its electricity consumption by 31 percent and natural gas consumption by 23 percent per square foot through efficiency projects to help reduce fossil fuel dependence and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, the UCSB Recreation Center utilizes electricity produced by a 133 kW solar energy system and was recently designated by Southern California Edison as a "Zero Net Energy Demonstration Showcase" because of the facility's aggressive efficiency improvements and sustainability projects.

In 2010, UCSB was recognized by *US News* as one of the nation's Top-Ten Eco-Friendly Colleges and also received a perfect score on *Princeton Review*'s 2010 Green Rating Honor Roll. Additionally, the League of American Bicyclists awarded UCSB with the Gold Level Bicycle Friendly University Award, and Santa Barbara County recognized two campus facilities with Green Business Certifications. The campus also received multiple best-practice awards at last year's California Higher Education Sustainability Conference for its student sustainability programs, sustainable food initiatives, and water efficiency/management projects.

As the goals of sustainability continue to evolve at UCSB, new challenges provide the everyday stimulus for developing fresh solutions. Some of these solutions will be discovered through the research of our campus' scientists and engineers, while others will result from the insight of our behaviorists, humanists, staff, faculty and students. We all share a future - let's share the solutions that make it better!

For more information about UCSB's sustainability programs and achievements, please visit www.sustainability.ucsb.edu.