

Campus Connection

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Students visit a table at last year's Campus Organizations and Activities Fair.

Office of Student Life Invites Students to Get Involved

One of the main goals of the Office of Student Life (OSL) is to provide many activities and growth opportunities for new and returning students to get involved outside of the classroom. Every fall, OSL hosts a Campus Organizations and Activities Fair where students can learn about some of the more than 500 registered student organizations at UCSB. The OSL staff share the belief that students who are engaged in campus and local Isla Vista community programs have the opportunity to develop leadership skills while participating in social, educational, and service initiatives. These students succeed not only academically during their college years, but also as community members beyond college. With more than 100 campus organizations represented

at the fair, it's a great opportunity for students to meet club members and leaders. Food, fun, and music await on Wednesday, October 19 in Storke Plaza. For questions about getting involved, email campusorgs@sa.ucsb.edu.

The Office of Student Life in partnership with Associated Students will host the 15th Annual Student Leader Retreat in Corwin Pavilion on Saturday, October 1. This event is geared toward Gaucho Student Leaders who serve in formal leadership roles in campus organizations or on an Associated Students board, committee, or commission. Training and networking opportunities will be provided at this free event. Questions about the retreat can be directed to leadership@sa.ucsb.edu.

MEET THE CLASS OF 2020

4.02

Average GPA for freshman class

94K

Number of undergraduates who applied to UCSB

206K

Record number of applications received by the UC system for the 2016-17 school year — 166K freshman and 40K transfer applications

40%

Percentage of this year's freshman class who are "first-generation" — the first in their families to attend a four-year college

34%

Percentage of freshman class who self-identify as a member of a racial or ethnic minority

84%

Percentage of new students who are California residents

UCSB Points of Pride

- *U.S. News and World Report's* 2016 "Best Colleges" guide, the most widely read college guide in the country, ranks UCSB #8 among all public universities.
- UCSB continues to be one of the world's top 10 universities in terms of research impact, as reported by the 2016 Leiden Rankings.
- UCSB is the largest employer in the county and a primary engine of economic activity on the South Coast. Almost 60 local companies have been established based on technology developed or discovered at UCSB. On average, four to six new companies based on UCSB research are formed annually.
- UCSB is the editorial headquarters for The

Writings of Henry D. Thoreau, a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) project that is publishing scholarly editions of the complete works of literary artist Henry David Thoreau.

- The UCSB Library has opened up the world of historic sound recordings by mounting thousands of digitized cylinder recordings at <http://cylinders.library.ucsb.edu>.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The UCSB laboratory of physicist Paul Hansma is considered to be the birthplace of practical scanning microscopes, especially atomic force microscopes, which are ubiquitous in laboratories all over the world.



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One Class of '16 graduate from the College of Creative Studies is all smiles.

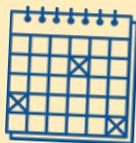
Congratulations to the Class of 2016!



UCSB's commencement exercises celebrated 5,745 graduates during Commencement Weekend 2016. From the pre-ceremony set-ups to the black caps being tossed skyward, families, friends, faculty, and staff honored our graduates

and our cameras captured it all. <https://player.vimeo.com/video/170502334>

MARK THE DATE/ REMINDERS



Student Leader Retreat — October 1

- The Office of Student Life in partnership with Associated Students hosts the 15th Annual Student Leader Retreat in Corwin Pavilion. For more information, contact leadership@sa.ucsb.edu.

Fall Career & Internship Fair — October 12

- This one-day event will host more than 100 companies and organizations and will take place at the Events Center (Thunderdome). UCSB registered students from all majors and class levels are invited to attend. Visit <http://career>.

sa.ucsb.edu/recruiting-events for more information.

Campus Organizations & Activities Fair — October 19

- Over 100+ student organizations will be represented at this one-day fair in Storke Tower Plaza hosted by the Office of Student Life. Contact campusorgs@sa.ucsb.edu with questions about this event.

Parents & Family Weekend — November 4-6

- Parents & Family Weekend 2016 will be held on November 4, 5, and 6 to welcome hundreds of Gaucho families to explore the campus and get a firsthand look at life at UCSB. Family members will have the opportunity to attend classes, hear faculty presentations, take part in campus area tours and

activities, and meet UCSB faculty and administrators, including Chancellor Henry T. Yang and his wife, Dilling Yang. Registration and events information can be found at <http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/ParentsFamilyWeekend>. If you have questions, email parent@ia.ucsb.edu or call the Office of Event Management and Protocol at (805) 893-7382.

Commencement 2017 — June 17-18

- Commencement weekend 2017 will be held on June 17-18. Full details will be posted as they become available at <http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement>.

Flu shots and other routine immunizations available at Student Health

- Immunizations for students are available without appointment weekdays until 4 p.m.

Isla Vista Thrives

UCSB faculty, staff, administrators, and students continue to work collaboratively with Isla Vista residents, local business and property owners, the County of Santa Barbara and others on a number of exciting initiatives to build and support community in our campus-adjacent neighborhood.

■ Planning continues for the renovation of a County-owned property (a former church building at 976 Embarcadero Del Mar) that will soon become the **Isla Vista Community Center**. A committee made up of local residents, students, and business people has been working closely over the last year with County officials and a local architect to plan necessary improvements and enhancements using \$450,000 in funds provided by the County of Santa Barbara. Community forums and workshops have been held to solicit input from residents about potential uses of the new community center which will open in 2017. Remodeled indoor and outdoor spaces will provide opportunities for students and local residents to gather for activities such as concerts, art shows, yoga, Zumba, meditation, community meetings, dances, and community celebrations such as quinceañeras and graduations. The community center may also provide space for local non-profit agencies that serve the community to connect with residents in need.

■ UCSB Department of Art faculty member Kim Yasuda literally and figuratively lit up Isla Vista nights this past May with **LightWorks Isla Vista**, a light-based public arts festival that took place **May 20-21, 2016**, in downtown Isla Vista. Seventeen selected artists from across California were commissioned to create temporary outdoor artworks designed to transform the central parks of Isla



GUSTAVO GONZALEZ / THE BOTTOM LINE STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An installation piece from *LightWorks Isla Vista* on display earlier this year.



Vista into illuminated spaces for art, performance, and evening engagement by the community. **LightWorks Isla Vista** (<http://www.arts.ucsb.edu/lightworksiv>) is part of a long-term community improvement effort led by a strategic group of partners and agencies, including the UCSB Visual and Public Art Programs, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, Office of the 3rd Supervisorial District and County Sheriff, Isla

Vista Recreation and Parks District (IVRPD), UCSB Materials Research Laboratory, The Santa Barbara Center for Art, Science and Technology (SBCAST), Santa Barbara Foundation, and the community of Isla Vista.

■ This fall **UCSB Associated Students' Public Safety Commission** will launch a new initiative in Isla Vista called **UCIV** dedicated to promoting safety and impacting culture change in Isla Vista. Initial funding and support is being provided by UCSB's Division of Student Affairs, Associated Students, and from community business sponsors such as UCSB alumnus-owned Santa Barbara Airbus. With this generous support, UCIV will recruit and train student volunteers to provide knowledge and resources to the community to help students make informed decisions about their own and the community's well-being, and to help prevent conflict and promote peaceful interactions ▶

◀ between public safety officers and Isla Vista residents and visitors. When needed, volunteers will connect people with assistance in the form of medical or other public safety response. UCIV volunteers will use a non-judgmental approach to help promote responsibility and culture change through peer-to-peer accountability. Beginning in early October, trained volunteers will work in teams on Fridays and Saturdays on the streets of Isla Vista providing water and snacks at hydration stations, reminders to residents about local ordinances enforced by the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, and assistance in securing escorts from UCSB's UC Police Department-based Community Service Officer Program. If you are interested in supporting the new UCIV initiative, please contact Catherine Boyer, Director of Student Affairs Grants and Development at catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-5037.

■ **The Isla Vista Safe Committee (IV Safe)**, formed in 2014 by Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce Dudley, comprises dedicated individuals and community agencies committed to helping Isla Vista reach its full potential. Meeting monthly since 2014, Isla Vista Safe has focused on “putting into place strategic policies and sustainable actions to promote safety and security, civic responsibility, and community well-being.” An Isla Vista **communication campaign** was designed in 2015 by Kenneth Berris to promote community safety and positive images of Isla Vista. With extensive input from Isla Vista community members and students, the communication campaign for 2016 will be launched in mid-September through a series of TV, newsprint, and social media ads. Themes such as “GIVE back to your community;” “LIVE a life that makes you proud;” “STRIVE to do your best;” “THRIVE in our great environment;” and “VIVA Isla Vista!” are the foundation of the campaign.



Chef Mickael Blanco of UCSB's University Center Dining Services, better known as the UCSB Soup Guy, gives a cooking demonstration to kick off the new Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills Program for students.

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Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills Program Cultivates Healthier Student Lifestyles

In response to a recent University of California Food Access and Security Study (UC FASS) examining food insecurity among college students, UC Santa Barbara launched a new pilot initiative with the goal of providing students with “information about economic and food access resources, financial aid, and making healthy choices on a limited budget.” UCSB's Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills Program offers students comprehensive instruction in budgeting and meal planning, basic kitchen skills, cooking, nutrition, and insight into food as a critical piece of the sustainability puzzle. The program's overall goal is to provide students with foundational skills that will better equip them to live on their own. The Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills Program offers multiple workshops throughout the year on subjects such as navigating and maximizing the dining commons, cooking with five ingredients or less, shopping on a budget, managing debt, and staying healthy in times of stress.

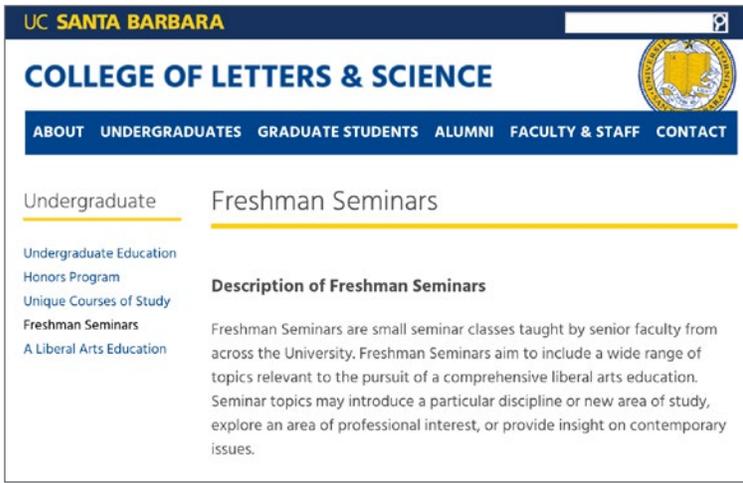
The Plan, Purchase, and Prepare Workshop is a shining example of collaboration in action between Melissa Cohen of the Isla Vista Food Co-Op and John Lazarus of

University Center Dining Services who share personal stories and expertise with students about how to plan, shop, and purchase groceries to make an affordable meal. Newly acquired, interactive mobile demonstration stations are available for students to practice basic cooking skills and cutting techniques.

With over 36 workshops made possible by the shared knowledge, resources, and enthusiasm of many campus and community partners, UCSB is helping to ensure that students will finish their first year with the foundational skills to be independent and thrive. “Living a healthy lifestyle while at UCSB and during life after UCSB is vital,” according to Mike Miller, leader of the UCSB Food Security Working Group and Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services. “My hope is that our students will look back at the Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills Program and realize it was one of the key beneficial things they did here at UCSB. These are skills that will last a lifetime.”

Visit <https://foodbank.as.ucsb.edu/partners/food-nutrition-basic-skills-program/workshop-calendar/workshopdescriptions> for information about upcoming workshops.

A screenshot from the College of Letters & Science website describes the purpose and benefits of enrolling in a Freshman Seminar. COURTESY PHOTO



Enrollment Services Welcomes Additional California Students

Earlier this year, the University of California agreed to enroll an additional 5,000 California residents systemwide. While this is fantastic news for deserving California students, it also means UCSB will welcome a larger than normal freshman and transfer class this fall. To accommodate this increase in enrollment, the following basic tips for students will help ensure their time at UCSB goes smoothly:

1. **Monitor umail and GOLD messages on a regular basis.** Most important messages will arrive via umail and/or GOLD, so it is important for students to check both regularly. Unread messages could result in missed deadlines, late fees, or dropped classes.

2. **Use registration passes wisely.** With more students on campus, popular classes will fill up quickly, so students should be sure to register for their classes early on in the process using their first pass. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis to stay on track for graduation and ensure they are taking the correct classes.

3. **Drop unwanted courses in a timely manner.** Students often register for classes they wish to hold while they wait to determine their status in another course. Once your student realizes they will not need a course, we strongly encourage them to drop it as soon as possible, so the next student in line can register for the course.

4. **Pay attention to deadlines.** College life is full of deadlines, so students need to keep a detailed calendar of events and deadlines. With more students on campus, missed deadlines could mean waiting longer for important programs and services.

Freshman Seminars: Learning ‘Under the Hood’ at UCSB

“Know Your Brain!” “The Exploration of Identity and Art: Personal, Cultural, Familial and Sexual.” “The Beauty of Mathematics.” These are just some of the freshman seminars available to UCSB students during the 2016-17 academic year.

New ideas, new subjects, and new ways of thinking are at the core of students’ learning experiences at UCSB. Freshman seminars provide engaging and accessible pathways to all for first (and second) year students.

Freshman seminars are one-unit, passed/not passed courses that enroll a maximum of 20 students. Faculty members propose seminars, which are then vetted by the dean in the Division of Undergraduate Education, the sponsoring unit for the courses.

“These courses provide students with a fantastic opportunity to learn about a topic in depth from a faculty member passionate about the subject,” said Linda Adler-Kassner, Interim Co-Dean of Undergraduate Education. Adler-Kassner has

coordinated the freshman seminar program since 2015. “Students learn about how faculty think about these subjects – how they ask questions, explore issues, show what they know and have learned. In a way, it’s a chance to look under the hood of the engine that drives faculty members’ thinking.”

There are over 100 freshman seminars on the books for the 2016-17 academic year. In some, students study subjects closely in the classroom or lab. Others have students moving out of the classroom and into the community, such as “The U-See” Project, in which students write content about events and activities in Santa Barbara and surrounds and link these to QR codes so that others can access the information. Still others, like “Freshman Health and Wellness,” focus on strategies for healthy living.

Students can locate available freshman seminars by looking for “INT94” courses in the GOLD system during registration pass times. In the process, they’ll discover a world of possibility.

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) has the Formulas for Success

CLAS is the on-campus tutoring center that offers academic support services for UCSB students at no extra cost. CLAS offerings include workshops, consultations, instructional groups, and drop-in centers for the following areas:

Academic Skills, Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Engineering, ESL, Math, Physics, PSTAT, Writing, GRE Prep and 11 Foreign Languages.

Every year, nearly 50% of all undergraduates attend sessions at CLAS — an impressive number for a service that is optional. For the 2015-16 school year, 9,618 students across all class levels, curriculum, and performance levels utilized CLAS services in approximately 220,000 instructional sessions.

One of the most popular CLAS resources is the Math Science Engineering (MSE) Drop-in Center — a place where students can get help with specific questions and work with other students who are enrolled in the same course. In the spring of 2016,



In spring 2016, CLAS Coordinator for the Math Science Engineering (MSE) Drop-in Center, Lee De Anda, at left, created two new services: Priority Courses and Learning Communities.

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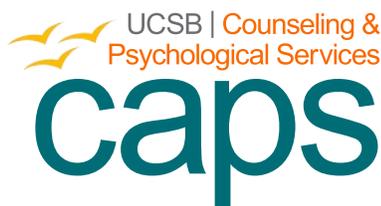
Priority Courses encourage students who are attending the same class to meet and work with their classmates in the MSE Drop-in Center at a time when the CLAS group instructor is available to offer support and additional insights into course material. Learning Communities

are student-centered study groups facilitated by a CLAS tutor and serve as a catalyst for students to meet one another and then continue to study together on their own. Both learning environments allow students to meet their classmates and work together, which helps students develop good learning skills while building a community.

For more information about CLAS services or to sign-up, go to www.clas.ucsb.edu.

Student Mental Health Peer Program Expands its Reach

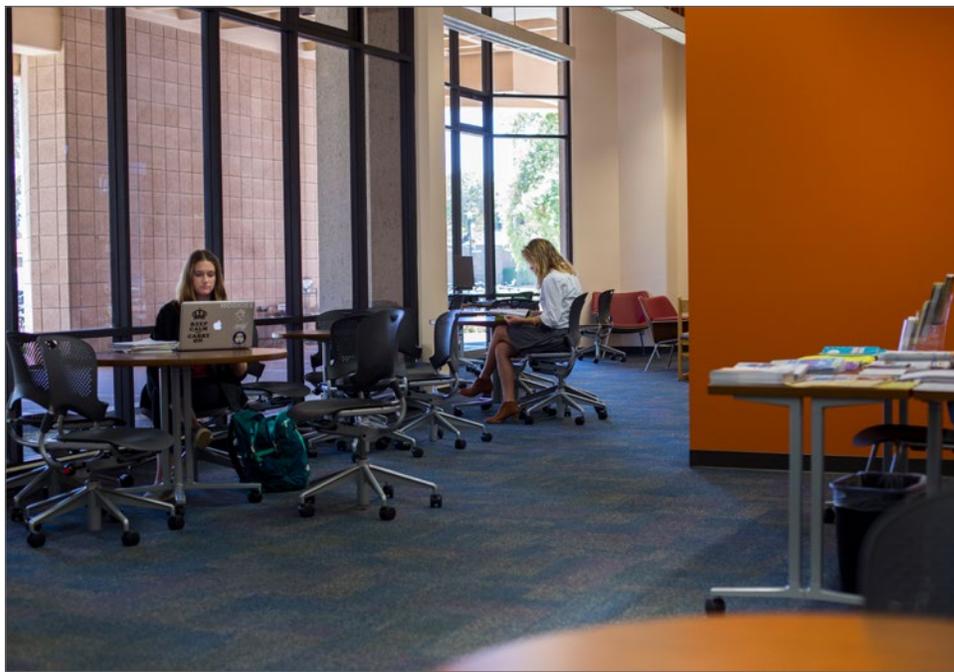
In addition to an increase in professional staff, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) welcomes a total of 21 Mental Health Peers this fall. The Mental Health Peer Program has been in existence since the 1970s and CAPS truly values the impact that student staff have had on their peers over the years. This year's peer staff doubles the size of the program. The decision to increase staffing is in response to an increase in campus enrollment and the need for a more diverse team. A larger team will have a



wider reach for providing mental health promotion and prevention services within campus student communities.

The Mental Health Peer Program offers drop-in peer counseling, access to the relaxation areas (massage chairs and the Alpha-Wave chair, otherwise known as the “egg chair”), workshops addressing topics such as stress reduction, coping with academic anxiety, fostering healthy relationships, and how to talk to a friend about mental health concerns. Our 2016-17 team speaks nine languages and is diverse

in gender, race, cultural background, and sexual orientation. This upcoming year, peers will assess the needs of the UCSB student communities and create intentional and informed programming to reach populations that may not typically seek out mental health support or may be at risk. Please encourage your student to stop by the main CAPS building to visit the Mental Health Peers or like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/UCSB.MentalHealthPeers) for updates on services and programming @UCSB Mental Health Peers. For more information about CAPS or the Mental Health Peer Program, please visit [caps.sa.ucsb.edu](http://sa.ucsb.edu) or call the 24/7 CAPS phone number at (805) 893-4411.



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The Transfer Student Center in the UCSB Library has space, resources, and personnel dedicated to the specific needs of transfer students.

Centralized Resources for Transfer Students Now Available

The new UCSB Transfer Student Center, a partnership between the Division of Undergraduate Education and the UCSB Library, opened its doors in spring 2016 to offer centralized support services for UCSB's increasing number of transfer students. To meet the needs of a transfer student population comprising close to 30% of undergraduates, the Center provides a place for transfer students to study, meet other students, talk with peer mentors, and build a shared community of support and learning.

The Center houses two full-time academic advisors from the College of Letters & Science, undergraduate student mentors, graduate student mentors, and a professional staff to support transfer students. A revolving office is available to campus partners who offer drop-in office hours specifically for transfer

students. These partners include, but are not limited to, the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships, the Education Abroad Program, the Educational Opportunity Program, and Career Services. The space is also open for students to study, collaborate with peers, or take a break from their busy schedules.

The goal of the Transfer Student Center is to help students make

successful transitions

to academic and social life at UCSB and beyond. To achieve this, the Center connects transfer students to resources and programming, as well as helps them engage with peers and the campus community. Programs, activities, and support are offered year-round and will continue to expand as the Center continues its development.

To learn more about the Center and its resources, visit <http://transfercenter.ucsb.edu>.



Important Changes to the FAFSA and Dream Act Filing Timeline

On September 14, 2015, President Obama announced significant changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process that will impact millions of students. Starting with the 2017-18 application cycle, the FAFSA and California DREAM Act Application will be available October 1, 2016, instead of January 1, 2017. This is a permanent change designed to give students more time to file financial aid applications and will allow additional time for the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to process awards for the upcoming year. As a result of this change, students and their families will be able to use earlier tax information. When filing the 2017-18 application, applicants will use 2015 tax information, rather than 2016 tax information, and will therefore be able to use final tax information from completed taxes, rather than estimates with the need to update the application once taxes are finalized.

If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool at the time you file the FAFSA, we encourage you to do so. The Data Retrieval Tool will simplify the verification process if you are selected for verification. Please note that there has been no change to the California Priority Filing deadline of March 2nd. Applications filed by this date will be considered for all types of financial aid.

The Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity Supports Students

The Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity (RCSGD), located on the third floor of the Student Resource Building, works with students, staff, and faculty to ensure that LGBTQ identities, experiences, and concerns are represented and addressed at UCSB. The Center aims to create a vibrant and engaging environment through community-building and educational programming, provide volunteer and leadership opportunities, offer a comfortable and welcoming social and study space, and provide access to professional and student staff members for support and advocacy. The RCSGD hopes that all LGBTQ students can thrive at UCSB, while feeling safe, affirmed, and valued on campus. The

establishment of the RCSGD can be credited to the efforts of students, staff, and faculty, whose presence, requests, demands, and activism led to the creation of the Center in 1999.

The RCSGD offers a study and social lounge along with a David Bohnett Cyber Center, featuring new Apple computers. The Center's library contains reference books for the LGBTQ minor and over 1,000 books and 300 DVDs. Reference materials are also available to reserve on a variety of topics.

The Center connects individuals to student organizations as well as campus, local, and national LGBTQ resources and offers quarterly awareness workshops in addition to a peer training program. Training topics include

LGBTQ identities and terminology, transgender identities, queer people of color, religion, and intervening as an ally in response to hate or bias incidents and microaggressions. Sexual health kits are also offered at the Center.

The Center's mentorship program connects students to a staff or faculty member to guide them throughout the year in their growth and development. The Center also hosts the annual Rick Berry Emerging Leaders Institute, founded by a UCSB alumnus. Students can attend local and national LGBTQ conferences and can apply to be a volunteer with the RCSGD.

For more information about available resources, support, and events, please visit <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd>.

The Club and Guest House Doubles in Size to Meet the Needs of the Campus and Community

The former Faculty Club at UCSB (built in 1968 by renowned architect Charles Moore) is in the completion stages of a world-class upgrade. The Club & Guest House (as it is now known) has been undergoing an extensive renovation and expansion with an anticipated reopening in late fall 2016. The Club is the "living room" of the campus where faculty and staff, notable visitors from around the world, families of students, and members of the community come to relax, socialize, dine, meet, and stay overnight in beautiful accommodations. The Club is open to the public in addition to being a membership organization for the purpose of supporting social relationships and intellectual interests. The renovated venue will continue the long-standing tradition of celebration, conversation, and connection for its variety of guests. In partnership



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The Club will feature an upgraded dining room.

with Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises, the lagoon-front Club with ocean views now boasts a modernized design by acclaimed architects Moore Ruble Yudell. The facility will be offering full-service lunch settings in its spacious main dining room, a boutique hotel-

style Guest House, private meeting areas, an inviting bar and lounge, state-of-the-art conference space, and an outdoor terrace for special occasions. Enhanced services and amenities include:

- 34 well-appointed guest rooms with eco-friendly products
- Daily continental breakfast for overnight guests
- Weekday luncheon service with fresh, local, and sustainable menu selections
- Venue rental options for celebrations like weddings, receptions, and graduation parties
- Invitation to special events for Club members and their guests

For more information about The Club's renovation, expansion, and services, please visit www.theclub.ucsb.edu or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Diversity and the Pursuit of a More Just Society

The UCSB MultiCultural Center (MCC) presents free lectures, film screenings, and performances that are educational and thought-provoking. Since 1987, the MCC has been chartered by students to provide a space for underrepresented students while serving as a bridge to the entire campus community. The MCC strives to support student activism and maintain a mutually supportive relationship with students as they work together in pursuit of a more just society.

This fall, with the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Academic Policy and the Office of Equal Opportunity & Sexual Harassment/Title IX Compliance, the MCC is excited to present Dr. Pedro Noguera as the Diversity Lecture speaker.

As social and economic inequality



RACE AND OPPORTUNITY: THE LIMITS AND POSSIBILITIES OF SCHOOLING IN AN UNEQUAL SOCIETY

- **Lecturer:** Dr. Pedro Noguera
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 18
- **Time:** 6-7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** MultiCultural Center Theater

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increases, the pressure on schools to meet the needs of impoverished children grows. Pervasive school failure in poor communities is proof to some that schools can never

succeed unless, or until, inequality is addressed. However, a small number of schools and communities are demonstrating that even under adverse conditions, progress can be made in creating schools that meet the needs of students. Drawing upon research in poor communities in the U.S. and several other nations, this presentation will examine the work of these schools and the role of agency in countering oppressive conditions, including the political mandates that often obstruct progress. The presentation will also consider what role educational researchers should play in the effort to create just schools during unjust times. Dr. Pedro Noguera is a distinguished Professor of Education at UCLA, and the Director of the Center for the Study of School Transformation.

For more information, visit <http://mcc.sa.ucsb.edu>.

Student Health Fall Update

New Primary Care Provider Program

Student Health is beginning the first phase of its Primary Care Provider (PCP) program by assigning every incoming student a PCP on campus. The PCP will be the student's primary point of contact for medical concerns throughout their UCSB career. Having a primary care provider is associated with better health outcomes, improved patient satisfaction, and reduced costs. Each PCP will be part of a team of 2-3 other PCPs to improve access to care.

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can be submitted to other insurance carriers. Student Health encourages students to protect themselves from this preventable disease, which can interfere with a student's ability to successfully complete a 10-week academic quarter.

All other [routine immunizations](#) are available at Student Health weekdays, on a drop-in basis. An appointment

can be made with an advice nurse for a complete review of past immunization records, if needed.

Annual Flu Shots Available Now

Student Health has [flu shots](#) available on campus, without any appointment needed. The cost is included in Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) for students with this coverage, and for others a charge of \$30 is billed to the BARC account and

Student Medical Assistance Funds

Last spring, a UCSB student accrued over \$800 in medical bills after suffering a concussion requiring multiple follow-up visits, medications, and tests; unfortunately, these charges were not covered by health insurance since the

closest exclusive network provider was over 40 miles away, and the student had limited access to transportation.

For these situations, UCSB Student Health provides [social workers](#) at no charge, to help students explore their options and provide emotional support. Assistance is also available from the [Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund \(SMERF\)](#) which began with a generous donation from Jack Canfield, author of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, and has been continued through fundraisers from UCSB Recreational Sports and now by a student-voted initiative of \$0.89 per student, per quarter.

Student Health also has a small endowment fund called "Legends" to help students pay for unexpected bills from medical, dental, or mental health conditions, especially when these costs would otherwise prevent access to recommended care. If you would like to contribute to this fund and provide crucial assistance to students in need, please contact Student Health at (805) 893-5339.

Career Services: Ensuring that Students are *Career Ready*

Career readiness of college graduates is a key issue in higher education, in the labor market, and in the public arena. Recently, the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) assigned a task force to identify seven competencies associated with career readiness. The competencies recognized include: critical thinking/problem solving, oral/written communication, teamwork/collaboration, information technology application, leadership, professionalism/work ethic, and career management. Furthermore, when a NACE survey asked employers to rate these competencies, they deemed the top four career readiness competencies—critical thinking/problem solving, professionalism/work ethic, teamwork, and communication skills—to be “essential” or “absolutely essential” in the college graduates they look to hire.

Fortunately, UCSB students are in the perfect environment to develop many of these seven competencies. Career Services is dedicated to helping students expand their leadership abilities, fine-tune their teamwork skills, improve their critical thinking, and develop effective professional

communication skills. The mission of Career Services is to educate and empower all students to prepare for success in their chosen career.

Our team of career professionals is dedicated to helping students connect with campus resources to develop the confidence and skills they need to be career ready upon graduation. Some of the programs, services, and recommendations offered include:

■ **Gauchos Paths to Success (GPS):**

A career education program offering a framework for effectively pursuing various occupational areas while optimizing academic, experiential, and career development preparation.

■ **Leadership Certification**

Program: A leadership program that develops awareness, understanding, and application of various leadership theories and practices in environments that support leaders with a wide variety of individual interests.

■ **Campus Involvement:** Building collaborative relationships through campus involvement is critical to developing effective teamwork skills. Students are encouraged to participate in student organizations, intramural

sports, undergraduate research, internships, on-campus employment, fraternities and sororities, and to volunteer in their community.

■ **Career Assessment Program:**

A collection of assessment tools that provide students with insight into their strengths, values, interests, and personal attributes in order to help them analyze issues, overcome problems, and obtain the knowledge needed to make informed career decisions.

■ **Career Education Workshops & Individual Coaching:** A variety of professional skill development workshops and individual consultations designed to help students navigate and explore career options, develop effective communication abilities, understand the steps necessary to pursue experiences, and assist in developing an understanding of how to leverage one's experience in pursuit of post-graduate opportunities.

To learn more about how Career Services can help students get career ready, visit career.ucsb.edu. Upcoming events can be found at <http://career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-services-calendar>.

Tips from Community Housing Office

As early as November, students who are planning to live in non-university-owned housing the following year begin feeling the pressure to find a place for next June. The Community Housing Office (CHO) suggests that parents talk to their students about all housing options before their student signs a lease. Top five suggestions before students sign a lease:

1. DO attend CHO housing programs around campus in mid-January to learn about all housing options. “Like” CHO on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ucsbcho) for dates and locations.

2. DON'T let peer pressure determine housing decisions. CHO has a great questionnaire for students to help them learn about the preferences and expectations of potential roommate(s).

3. DO determine the budget ahead of time. Parents and students should talk about how much money is allocated for housing, so the decision will fit the budget.

4. DON'T think that Isla Vista is the only place for students to live. University-owned residence halls, apartments, and nearby communities also offer places for students to live. If students are interested in renting outside of Isla Vista, they may only need to look about 30-45 days

before desired move-in date. An updated listings database is available online.

5. DON'T sign a contract that isn't thoroughly understood. CHO encourages students to review their lease agreement with a CHO staff member. In many cases, parents are also asked to sign as a parent guarantor, so it is important for parents to know with whom their student is signing a lease because they may be held accountable jointly and severally for all of the students on the lease.

For more information please visit the CHO website at <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/cho> or email ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu.

UCSB**Briefs**

Promoting Student Mental Health at UC

With the purpose of equipping our staff and faculty with the education and resources to recognize and respond appropriately to students in distress, the University of California recently released our latest mental health resource, a full-text handbook for faculty and staff entitled, *Promoting Student Mental Health: A Guide for UC Faculty and Staff*. This handbook provides in-depth information about mental health and examines the role faculty and staff can play in providing a supportive academic environment and assisting students who may be in distress. The main text is meant to be universal for all 10 UC campuses, but includes a custom insert with campus-specific resources and contact information.

Although this handbook was designed as a guide for faculty and staff, it may also be of interest to parents and is available at [student mental health website](http://studentmentalhealth.ucsb.edu).

Orientation Webinars Now Available for Parents and Families of Incoming Students

Orientation Programs & Parent Services introduces the 2016-17 Parent Webinar Series for parents of freshman and transfer students who are beginning their studies at UCSB this year. The webinar series covers many important topics related to UCSB student support

and success. Each session will take place live and provide the opportunity for parents and families to ask questions and engage with the presenters. While the focus of the webinars is to provide information relevant to new incoming students, parents or guardians of any UCSB student are welcome to participate.

Current webinar topics include: navigating your student's first year at UCSB (a favorite parent session at New Student Orientation); an overview of UCSB's Student Health Service and student insurance options; academic messages for parents from the College of Letters & Science; and important conversations to have with your student about safety, alcohol, and other drugs.

The webinar series is ongoing and new sessions will be announced and provided each quarter. To learn more about the summer and fall webinars currently offered, or to RSVP for a webinar, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016ParentWebinars>.

UCSB Alert and Your Student

UCSB Alert is a system that allows university officials to quickly distribute critical information to students, faculty, and staff during an emergency. UCSB Alert helps users stay informed in the event of an emergency by sending text and email alerts to email accounts (school, work, home, other) and to cell phones, smartphones, and other handheld devices. ▶

Dear Parents and Families:

Each Halloween, out-of-town visitors converge on Isla Vista to participate in an un-hosted, unsponsored street party. The University is working with Associated Students, the IV Safe Committee, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department, the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta, and local businesses on an annual Halloween campaign called *Keep it Safe, Keep it Local*. The intent of the campaign is to discourage out-of-town visitors and to promote awareness of Halloween-related safety issues among UCSB students. To provide UCSB students with safe alternatives to being in Isla Vista, Student Affairs and Associated Students will be hosting late-night activities on campus on both October 29 and 31, including a concert at the Events Center on Saturday night, October 29, requiring a UCSB ID for entry.

With the goal of deterring out-of-towners and increasing safety during Halloween for our students, and with support from our sister UC campuses, the UCSB Police Department expects to increase the number of UC officers in Isla Vista during Halloween and will promote a zero tolerance approach to enforcing laws and ordinances in the community throughout the weekend. Overnight visitors will be prohibited in campus-owned housing and there will be no visitor parking allowed on campus. Parking restrictions in Isla Vista and Goleta will also be implemented. UCSB students who wish to move their cars on to campus for the weekend may purchase an Annual Night and Weekend Parking Permit from UCSB Parking and Transportation Services at www.tps.ucsb.edu.

Please join with the University in our efforts to keep Halloween safe and local by talking with your son or daughter about Halloween safety and security. Please reinforce our messages that discourage out-of-town guests and the hosting of open parties in Isla Vista that attract people from out of the area.

Sincerely,



Debbie Fleming
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

◀ Students' email accounts are automatically registered with UCSB Alert, however it is recommended that students add their cell phone numbers and personal email accounts to receive alerts in multiple ways. Students will receive instructions for the use of the system to their email account prior to the beginning of fall quarter. When the email is received students should log in and update their account to ensure timely receipt of information. Students may also add parent email and/or cell phone to their student account, so parents can receive alerts as well.

During critical incidents, the University posts updates on the UCSB homepage at www.ucsb.edu and recorded informational updates on UCSB's Emergency Information Line (888) 488-UCSB. Live updates may also be provided on the campus radio station KCSB 91.9 FM.

For additional information and frequently asked questions visit: <https://alert.ucsb.edu/#/faq>.

Voter Registration Gearing Up for the Presidential Election

The Voter Registration Volunteer Coalition at UCSB (VRVC), the 2008 national Ultimate College Bowl Champ, is gearing up once again for a major registration and get-out-the-vote campaign for the presidential election on November 8, 2016. VRVC at UCSB is ready to once again register more students than any other college campus. Last June, the VRVC at UCSB registered 7,200 students compared to 6,000 for all of the other UC campuses combined!

Complying with federal legislation requiring higher education institutions to make a "good faith effort" to distribute voter registration forms to all enrolled students, UCSB provides the student body with several options for registering to vote both in person and online. Student volunteers, who make up the non-partisan Coalition, conduct registration in residence halls during Move-in Weekend and hall meetings, in classrooms, at student meetings, and in

high traffic areas across campus. They will also canvas door-to-door in Isla Vista. Students at UCSB can request a voter registration form on the UCSB Gaucho On-Line Data (GOLD) system at the same time that they are searching and registering for academic classes. A direct link to the California Secretary of State website <http://registertovote.ca.gov/student> allows students to fill out the National Voter Registration Card, print the form, sign it, and mail it to their county elections official.

In anticipation of the presidential election on November 8, 2016, the VRVC will launch its voter registration drive on September 17-18, Move-In Weekend. The voter registration deadline for this election is October 24, 2016. The Coalition campaign, a joint effort between Associated Students at UCSB, the UCSB campus, and the Voter Registration Volunteer Coalition, reminds students of the importance of exercising their right to vote for candidates and on national, state, and local measures.

Don't Toss, Donate! GIVE 2016

Each June, thousands of UCSB students move out of their residence halls and apartments and generate tons of trash. Each year, GIVE reduces waste that would otherwise litter the streets and campus and end up in the county landfill. GIVE provides students with a convenient way to donate reusable and recyclable goods. The project educates students about this cost-effective and efficient approach that supports their local community. Donated items are sold at a giant two-day GIVE sale and 100% of the sale's proceeds benefit organizations and projects that improve the quality of life in Isla Vista.

The *26th Annual GIVE* project, organized by Student Affairs in collaboration with Housing and Residential Life and several other UCSB departments and local organizations, was a great success this year! GIVE processed over 25 tons of goods that were recycled during move-out. The AS Food Bank received 2,373 items of canned



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Community members wait for the 26th Annual GIVE sale to begin.

and packaged food for distribution to university students and their families in need. This year, 166 GIVE volunteers spent 1,564 hours collecting, sorting and selling the donations. Proceeds of the sale, \$27,300, were distributed to 14 Isla Vista non-profits and community improvement projects identified for support by the GIVE volunteers.

Major sponsors of GIVE 2016 include Associated Students Community Affairs Board, Associated Students Finance Board, the Community Affairs Board Foundation, the Isla Vista Community Relations Committee, Isla Vista Tenants Union, UCSB Housing and Residential Services, and The Green Initiative Fund. Additional support was provided by MarBorg Industries, Goodwill Industries, the Santa Barbara *Independent*, community volunteers, and UCSB departments, including the Community Housing Office, the Office of Student Life, Parking and Transportation Services, and Physical Facilities.

For Melissa Albarenga, a UCSB graduate and former GIVE Student Coordinator, "The GIVE project is an amazing opportunity to give, buy and give again! We're helping the environment, as well as giving back to our Isla Vista community!"

More information about GIVE, volunteers and beneficiaries can be found at www.sa.ucsb.edu/give-iv.

Giving at UCSB

Thank you to our generous donors who support Student Affairs at UC Santa Barbara!

Tax-deductible, charitable gifts to Student Affairs enable us to enrich and expand our vital, student-focused, and exemplary programs and services. Gifts provide scholarships to recognize students' academic performance and reduce their student loan debt. Other gifts help our 500+ registered student organizations sponsor successful events, such as last year's cotillion dance on the beach, Dream Scholar workshops, or the Model UN conference. Parents, alumni, friends, foundations, and businesses make gifts to sports clubs, CLAS tutoring, career mentoring, counseling, health and wellness, cultural programs, childcare. The list goes on!

To learn more about how your gift can make a difference for students at UC Santa Barbara, please contact Catherine Boyer, executive director, Student Affairs Grants and Development: catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu, (805) 893-5037, www.sa.ucsb.edu/giving.



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UCSB Home: www.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-8000

UCSB Current: www.news.ucsb.edu

Campus Connection newsletter: www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents/StayInformed

Campus Learning Assistance Services: <http://www.clas.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-3269

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Counseling & Psychological Services: <http://caps.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-4411

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Division of Student Affairs: www.sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-3651

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Gacho Parents website: www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: www.finaid.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2432

Office of Student Life: <http://osl.sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-4569

Office of the Registrar: www.registrar.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3592

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