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Above: Matt O'Carroll, left, UCSB's refuse, recycling and water efficiency manager, and Jewel Snavelly, right, campus sustainability coordinator.

At right: Solar panels on the roof of Bren Hall.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The League of American Bicyclists recognized UCSB as a **Gold Level Bicycle Friendly University**. The campus has held this designation since 2011 when the award program was first launched.
- Last academic year, over 4MWs of onsite solar energy generation was installed, which will supply about a **third of the energy** required by campus buildings on an average day.
- The Campaign for UC Santa Barbara has thus far raised more than **\$1.12 billion** to ensure the excellence of the campus and its programs for future generations.

UCSB Points of Pride

- *Princeton Review* ranks UCSB as the **#1 Green School** among public universities.
- UCSB received **109,803 applications** for fall 2018! Continuing a decades-long trend, the seaside campus set a record for the number of first-year students seeking admission — 92,017 applications

from prospective freshmen, an increase of more than 12 percent, and 17,876 applications from transfer students, an increase of 5.9% over last year.



- *U.S. News and World Report* 2018 “Best Colleges” guide, the most widely read college guide in the country, ranks UCSB **#8** among all public universities.

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Field Tripping for Undergraduates

UCSB invests in students and augments their learning with fieldwork, an increasingly rare practice among universities. At UCSB, students can take myriad classes that include field trips or fieldwork. A class lecture on the beach, a science lab on a ranch, and for more advanced students, coursework at Yosemite or even as far away as Iceland are just some of the opportunities available for undergraduates. Sounds like an idyllic, and ideal, way to study — learn about nature while actually in nature.

At UC Santa Barbara, such field trips are a key part of undergraduate education— a practice that differentiates the University from many other institutions of higher learning. “Universities are scaling back on their investments in field learning because it’s expensive and time-consuming and it requires a lot of teaching assistants,” said Douglas McCauley, an assistant professor in UCSB’s Department of

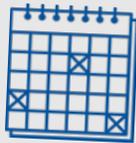


Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology (EEMB). He co-teaches the course Ecology and Evolution of Vertebrate Biology with EEMB associate professor Hillary Young. “What an undergraduate can expect in terms of uniqueness at UCSB is being able to learn outdoors and learn in nature,” McCauley continued. “That’s part of the reason Hillary and I came to UCSB — because fieldwork was

Did You Know?
Many UCSB field trips are made possible by donors. The Environmental Studies Program, for example, uses its Freudenberg Fund, an alumni-supported endowment named for the late UCSB professor William Freudenberg. For its vertebrate biology supplemental field trip to Santa Cruz Island, EEMB takes advantage of alumni donor funds. The Department of Earth Science relies on philanthropy — also largely from alumni — to subsidize more than half the cost of its field trips.

important in our own training and we feel it is a very valuable tool in education.” To learn more about opportunities for fieldwork at UCSB, visit <http://www.news.ucsb.edu/2018/018616/field-tripping>.

MARK THE DATE/ REMINDERS



Spring Insight Open House – April 14

■ UCSB welcomes admitted and prospective students and their families for a campus-wide open house. Enjoy faculty lectures, informational presentations, tabling by student organizations, a housing fair, special exhibits, campus tours and more. Register now at <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house>.

Virtual Open House – April 4

■ For students and families who cannot make it to campus for Spring Insight, a Virtual Open House will be held April 4 from noon–7 p.m. PST. The open house includes live text chats with Financial

Aid, Housing, Admissions and current UCSB students. Register now at <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house>.

Spring Career and Internship Fair – April 19

■ UCSB’s largest recruiting event of the year will take place on April 19 at the Events Center (Thunderdome) from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Early Admission Pass holders are admitted at 10 a.m. Visit career.ucsb.edu to learn how students can obtain an Early Admission Pass and to check the calendar of events for all spring programming.

Gacho Transfer Fridays – May 4, 11, and 18

■ UCSB welcomes admitted transfer students to attend open house events tailored specifically for them. These events allow transfer students and their guests to

visit UCSB, tour the campus, speak with advisors and explore the academic and extracurricular opportunities available at UCSB. Visit <http://admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/visit-ucsb/open-house> for more information.

Commencement Weekend 2018 – June 16-17

■ Commencement weekend 2018 details will be posted as they become available at <http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement>.

28th Annual GIVE Project and Sale – June 23-24

■ GIVE provides students with a convenient way to donate, rather than toss, reusable and recyclable goods at the end of the academic year. One hundred percent of the sale’s proceeds benefit organizations and projects that improve the quality of life in Isla Vista. For more information visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/giveiv.



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Welcome to Spring Quarter!

Dear UCSB families,

With the Thomas Fire, Montecito mudslide, evacuations, and closure of the 101 now in the past, our campus community has returned to clear skies, classroom learning, and all the exciting events of the final quarter of the school year. It is important to recognize, however, the tough months Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties had between December and March. We are still mourning for those families who lost houses and beloved individuals during these events.

The UCSB community participated in recovery and relief operations on and off-campus to extend our support to our neighbors. We ran an evacuation center for local residents on campus. Our Student Health Services distributed thousands of masks, our student affairs team staffed a parent hotline, and many of our students, faculty, and staff volunteered in Santa Barbara and Montecito

assisting local agencies.

As I meet with and see students, I have been asking about their experience with the shortened winter quarter. Some were feeling significant impact while others were less affected. Everyone felt busy as there was a lot to accomplish in a slightly compressed time. We adapted services to make sure we were providing the best possible support that we could. For example, Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) adapted by adding tutors, increasing office hours, and offering more skills appointments for time management as well as holding more individual advising sessions. At Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), they are continuing to offer stress-reduction workshops and wellness seminars on a drop-in basis.

As a campus, we have held a number of meetings to evaluate lessons learned in emergency management and crisis communication. Thank you to all

those who provided helpful feedback throughout the crises. Our services are adaptable, our community is resilient, and the Division of Student Affairs is here to help students with what they need at any given moment.

For parents who do feel that their student would benefit from additional support, please refer them to our campus Counseling & Psychological Services, academic advisors in their college and/or major, Alcohol and Drug Program, CLAS, or Social Work Services.

As always, we are happy to consult with UCSB parents and families. We look forward to seeing you on campus to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. We hope all of our students and their families have a non-eventful spring quarter!

Sincerely,

Margaret Klawunn,
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Student Health Supports Students During Recent Natural Disasters

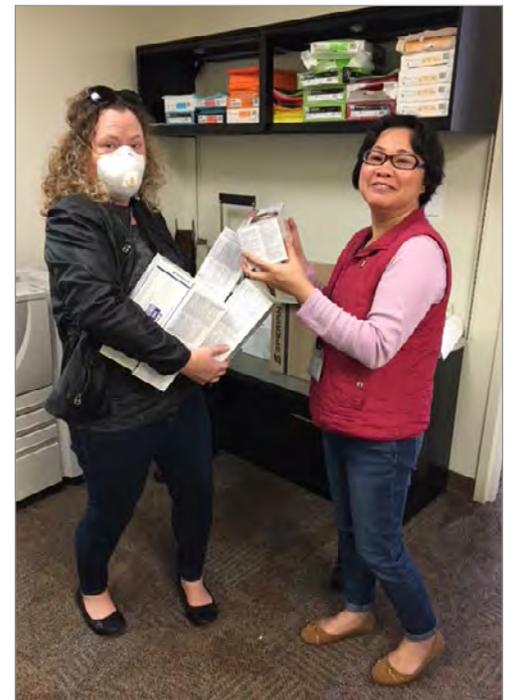
Faced with the sudden deterioration of air quality in December during the massive Thomas Fire, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department issued warnings and recommendations for the use of specific N-95 masks, particularly for persons with underlying respiratory conditions. Student Health immediately publicized these warnings and began distributing the campus's emergency supply of 5,000 masks (at no cost) to students, staff, and faculty. Students streamed into Student Health after availability was publicized through Twitter and Facebook; additionally, boxes of masks were distributed to the residence halls, the Recreation Center, Pardall Center, and Student Resource Building, so that students could pick them up during evenings and weekends.

Once the initial supply of masks was exhausted, and despite a temporary shortage in the local area, dedicated staff members worked quickly to obtain additional masks via an express shipment. By the time students left for the campus closure,



Student Health had distributed 19,435 masks. In cooperation with various departments across campus, Student Health was able to provide reassurance and support to serve the needs of students in the midst of a very challenging time.

Sadly, in early January, as a result of the devastating mudslides, many campus employees were prevented from reaching UCSB because of the two-week closure of the 101 freeway between Ventura and Santa Barbara. Many Student Health staff members made heroic efforts to come to work, arriving by air, sea, and special escorted buses for essential personnel. Many staff members opened their homes to provide lodging for colleagues who were evacuated or could not return home due to blocked roads. Others volunteered at local emergency shelters. Student Health was able to continue to



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Student Health staff distributed 19,435 N-95 masks to students, staff, and faculty while the air quality was poor during the December Thomas Fire.

provide services throughout these disasters, knowing that many students depend on the campus health services to be available for their needs.

Flu Fact: Did You Know?

During a typical flu season, multiple strains are circulating simultaneously. The influenza vaccine covers the most common strains. This year, the rapid laboratory tests for flu performed at Student Health revealed that some students had strain A, some had strain B, while others had both strains at the same time! Student Health recommends the flu shot, even if a student believes they have already had the flu, because the immunization can protect against other strains.

Fraternity & Sorority Life: Fostering Leadership and Building Foundations

The University of California, Santa Barbara is home to 38 social fraternities and sororities. These organizations provide students with opportunities to build community, find support, and create self-authorship for their stories and experiences. Dating back to 1947, the fraternal movement is well intertwined with the campus's history. UCSB has truly been molded by the impact of fraternity and sorority membership. Leaders in the fraternity and sorority community can be found in student government, various campus organizations, and as student employees and interns working in numerous campus departments.

When the values of fraternity and sorority life are embraced and applied to real life situations, they have the potential to result in life-affirming experiences. Membership opens doors to opportunities throughout and beyond the years spent at a university, teaches what it means to live a values-driven life, provides foundational skills to be successful, and gives students the support they need in an otherwise unfamiliar university environment.

Colleges and universities across the nation have recently taken action to reform their fraternity and sorority communities. Many of these changes were spurred by highly publicized cases of hazing, alcohol use, and an apparent disregard for the values of the organizations and host institutions. At UCSB, the fraternity and sorority life staff work diligently with the student leaders to assess, mitigate, and prevent these same risks. One of the truly unique aspects of the fraternity and sorority community at UCSB is the proactive approach



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students are taking to address areas of concern within their organizations and within the campus community at large. Fraternity and sorority presidents and executive officers meet regularly with staff from the Office of Student Life as well as hold quarterly meetings with the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and the dean of student life to discuss the state of the community and how they, as leaders, can take an active role in ensuring the safety of members and the relevance of their organizations. Beginning last summer, fraternity and sorority leaders met biweekly to initiate a peer-led risk reduction program for new members. They also implemented a new social code and discussed how to better utilize an active bystander model when issues arise. New fraternity and sorority leaders recently returned from the

Annual Greek Leadership Retreat impassioned and energized to lead their community and keep members safe. UCSB is proud of how these students are recognizing problems and addressing them as they build a strong foundation for the future.

Parents play a role in fraternity and sorority success as well. If your student is a member of a Greek-lettered organization, please ask them about their group's values and how they live those values in their service, philanthropic, and social endeavors. Encourage them to speak up for their right to a positive environment, and report any concerns to the Office of Student Life, so that they may be addressed. With your help we can continue to provide a positive, affirming undergraduate experience for students through participation in fraternity and sorority life.

Through Fire and Flood, Careers Carry On

In the 21st century global workforce, disruption, resilience, and adaptability lead the way. Technological breakthroughs open new production workflows, policy changes reroute regional commerce, and emerging industries yield meandering career trajectories.

Last fall and winter, UCSB students faced similarly unpredictable conditions: the Thomas Fire and Montecito mudslides. As multiple rounds of natural disasters obstructed access to campus, delayed finals week, and shortened winter quarter, Mother Nature asked UCSB students to adapt. With a future of constant change in front of them, Gauchos rose to the challenge and forged ahead. Just days after Highway 101 re-opened, 1,195 students attended the two-day Winter Career & Internship Fair and were joined by companies ranging from Continental AG to Enterprise and local software company, Appfolio. With 119 employers on campus for the fall fair, 33 employers for Finance Night, and 10,000+ job/internship positions posted this year on UCSB's new interactive career platform, [Handshake](#), the path is paved for many meaningful employment opportunities.

In addition to fairs and mixers, the latest Career Services outreach efforts seek to make career education more accessible to students. The



experiential workshop series, Internships 101, debuted in winter to provide internship guidance tailored to students' individualized needs: students still deciding on careers, EOP students, humanities/social sciences

students, and transfer students.

Given the shortened 9-week winter quarter, students also took advantage of the new Jumpstart Your Career workshops at Career Services. These 20-minute presentations provided a starting point for quick help with resumes, cover letters, interviews, LinkedIn, and career planning. Check out the [Spring Quarter calendar](#) for upcoming Jumpstart dates, industry career events, and more! Students are invited to visit Career Services during drop-in hours with any career questions, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Myth of the *Practical* Major

Since families invest significant resources in their students' education at UC Santa Barbara, it's only natural for them to wonder which majors might lead to the best return on that investment. Conversations with alumni, however, demonstrate that over-focusing on major may be

misguided in today's job market.

Google Recruiting Manager, Craig Beveridge points out that no undergraduate major exists for his role. "Most of my colleagues studied some kind of liberal art and they were able to transfer those skills quite easily." Music editors to financial analysts talk

candidly in the Letters and Science Alumni Spotlights at <http://duels.ucsb.edu/news/spotlights> about how their resumes, interviewing skills, or networking kick-started their careers. Often, their college majors were not a close match with their future careers.

Students who follow their academic strengths when choosing a major are able to achieve high GPAs, competitive internships, and research ▶

UCSB Reads 2018: *Lab Girl*

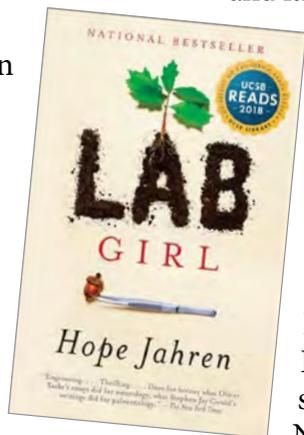
UCSB Reads, an annual program led by the UCSB Library, brings the campus together to explore important issues of our time through a common book.

This year, the Library invites parents to read *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren and to join the author for a free reading and book signing in Campbell Hall on April 3 at 8 p.m.

The award-winning *Lab Girl* chronicles Jahren's coming-of-age experience as a female scientist and juxtaposes this with beautifully-rendered meditations on the life of plants. Jahren courageously describes the difficult passages of her life, from her struggles with mental illness to the financial hardships of starting a research lab, while celebrating the joys of scientific discovery and her own deep friendships.

UCSB Reads 2018 kicked off in January with the Chancellor distributing free books to students in the Library. More than 1,000 students are reading the book

as part of assigned coursework. Throughout winter and spring, the Library is sponsoring free discussions, tours, lectures, and exhibitions related to the book and its themes.



Hope Jahren received her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley, and was a tenured professor at the University of Hawai'i from 2008 to 2016, where she built the Isotope Geobiology Laboratories with support from the National Science

Department of Energy, and the National Institutes of Health. Jahren is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is one of four scientists, and the only woman, to have been awarded both of the Young Investigator Medals given in the earth sciences. She currently holds the J. Tuzo Wilson Professorship at the University of Oslo, Norway. Find out more about the book, author, and campus events at <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/ucsbreads2018>.

Important Updates from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Dates & Deadlines for 2018-19

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has begun requesting and collecting verification documents from students and parents for the 2018-19 academic year. Students may have already received an email regarding the need to submit these required documents. All documents can now be submitted online via the student's portal <https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/aidstatus/SignIn>. Required documents for the 2018-19 academic year must be submitted by June 15, 2018 for students to be considered for work-study and UCSB grant funding.

Summer Pell Grant Available

Summer Pell Grant is back! Students who are eligible for Pell Grant will qualify to receive additional funding to attend Summer Sessions at UCSB. Students do not need to submit a separate application for financial aid to attend Summer Sessions — just enroll in a minimum of six units. The additional funding allows students the opportunity to attend UCSB Summer Sessions with substantial financial support while making progress toward their degree year round. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships encourages students to take advantage of this funding during summer 2018!

◀ experiences. A recent article in *Inside Higher Ed*, "It's Time to Change the Conversations on Majors and Income," <https://www.insidehighered.com/admissions/views/2017/06/26/essay-calls-changing-conversation-prospective-students-about-majors-and>, contends that strength within a field is a critical factor in lifetime earnings. This finding contradicts the common belief that a STEM major

acts as a golden ticket to job security. In fact, the *New York Times* piece, "Where the STEM Jobs Are," <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/01/education/edlife/stem-jobs-industry-careers.html> suggests the number of graduates in STEM fields may be outpacing the demand. Without strong GPAs and hands-on experiences, students may be left floundering for opportunities.

For students wanting to explore their academic options, the College of Letters and Science academic advisors can help identify major options that fit a student's needs and talents. Career Services can help students get started with hands-on experiences. In this way, UCSB is thinking beyond the practical major to help students build undergraduate experiences that are uniquely practical for them.

UCSB Expands Resources to Support Students' Access to Healthy and Affordable Food

Throughout the country, universities are opening dialogues about food security among students. The UC's Global Food Initiative surveyed students across the UC system and found that 44% of undergraduate and 26% of graduate students surveyed report having experienced food insecurity. The California State University (CSU) Basic Needs Initiative recently released a report showing similar results for CSU students, that 41.6% of those surveyed report experiencing food insecurity.

UCSB is committed to ensuring that all students have access to healthy and affordable food so that they may thrive at UCSB. UCSB ranks #2 in the third annual New York Times College Access Index as one of the campuses demonstrating a commitment to economic diversity and the American

Dream. It is a point of pride that the top rankings are dominated by campuses in the University of California system — holding the top five positions. Forty-two percent of undergraduates across the UC system are first-generation college students and 80% of UCSB first-generation students graduate within six years. The national average is only 11%.

Recently, UCSB launched a campaign to increase student enrollment in CalFresh, a program that provides financial benefits for individuals to purchase groceries. Through this program, students can receive up to \$197/month for groceries. During the previous academic year, 660 applications were submitted from UCSB. As a result of the new campaign, 1,489 applications were submitted from UCSB from July

2017 through January 2018. UCSB also hosts two campus food pantries with the primary campus pantry, the Associated Students Food Bank, seeing approximately 600 visitors per day.

In addition to helping students to access healthy foods, UCSB offers programs on food and financial literacy. The Food, Nutrition, and Basic Skills (FNBS) Program offers students hands-on curriculum in financial planning, cooking and nutrition, kitchen basics, and connection to the food system. During the 2016-2017 school year, FNBS worked with 21 departments and hosted 67 educational and hands-on workshops. For more information about the Food, Nutrition, and Basic Skills Program, please visit <https://foodbank.as.ucsb.edu/food-nutrition-and-basic-skills>.

Housing Designed for Living, Learning, Connecting, Succeeding

UCSB Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises, home of the Gauchos, is proud to be a part of your student's UCSB experience. As a department at the University, UCSB Housing is committed to providing a superior residential experience for students by guaranteeing housing for four years in campus communities through the 2 & 2 program: 2 years in the residence halls guarantees 2 years in the apartments. Housing not only provides well-appointed living spaces, but also environments conducive to learning, connecting, and succeeding.

UCSB Housing offers educational and social programs as well as themed Living Learning Communities where students with similar interests can participate in activities with faculty and staff



mentors.

In order to continue to meet the goal of offering four years of University housing, San Joaquin Villages opened this past fall to 1,000

students. This urban style apartment complex includes an on-site market, Tenaya Market & Eatery, and a new Portola Dining Commons. The newly completed project recently received a LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) platinum certification.

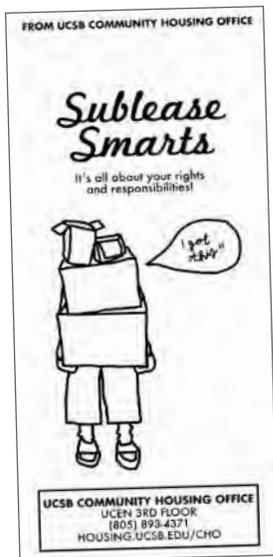
To earn this rating, many sustainable measures were incorporated into the design and building of this apartment complex including water-saving landscaping and bath fixtures, high-efficiency lighting, Energy Star appliances, occupancy sensors within each unit, and reclaimed water in toilets.

Please visit <http://www.housing.ucsb.edu> to find out more about UCSB Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises.

Subleasing and Security Deposit Tips from the Community Housing Office

Since many rental agreements in Isla Vista run through the summer, students who do not plan to be in the area often decide to sublet to another student. Subleasing, however, can be a risky endeavor. In fact, it is the third most problematic issue reported to the Community Housing Office (CHO) after roommate conflicts and deposit disputes. Fortunately, CHO provides a “Sublease Smarts” brochure to help students navigate this process. Students who are considering subleasing should:

- Check their rental agreement to be sure that subleasing is an option. If subleasing is allowed, students need to follow the process that is defined in the agreement.
- Discuss their plan to sublease with current roommates to avoid potential conflicts.



■ Get EVERYTHING in writing between the sublessor and the sublessee. CHO has tenant

applications and sublet agreement forms online and in their office.

■ Collect a deposit! Deposits can be used for unpaid rent, cleaning, or repairs of damaged property.

■ Rent only to UCSB students. Non-students have been known to create a lot of damage that ends up being the responsibility of the student who is on the original lease.

■ List their summer sublet early. Supply increases during the summer and rents are often discounted.

■ Try to have one person who is on the original lease remain in the house or apartment to minimize problems with the property.

■ Advertise on CHO’s rental site as well as on some of the public

housing sites.

Security deposits are another “hot” topic for summer. We suggest the following proactive steps:

■ Request that CHO make a move-in/move-out video for a fee of \$25.

■ Fill out an Inventory and Condition Report during move-in and move-out and keep a copy.

■ Hire a certified, insured cleaning company to professionally clean the rental property and keep a copy of the receipt. A list of cleaning companies is available in the CHO.

Owners have 21 days to return the security deposit, minus charges for unpaid rent and cleaning. If the bill is over \$125, owners are required to provide receipts for each charge. CHO is open throughout the summer to answer questions about subleasing and security deposits. Please encourage your student to visit the office on the third floor of the UCen, call (805) 893-4371, or email ucsbcho@housing.ucsb.edu. Students can join the Facebook Fan page to receive information and updates from CHO.

Parents, Please Help Discourage Deltopia

Fall quarter 2017 saw an eerily quiet Halloween in the community of Isla Vista! Similar preparations are now underway for Deltopia, an unsanctioned and unsponsored event in Isla Vista that historically takes place annually at the beginning of April. In anticipation of the presence of out-of-town visitors, UCSB’s Police Department (UCPD) and the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Department are collaborating on enforcing laws and ordinances in the community. UCSB will be enforcing no-guest policies

in all University-owned residence halls and apartments and restricting parking on campus only to those with official university business. Student Affairs will team up with Associated Students to use social media, email communications, and campus newspaper advertising to remind UCSB students of the negative consequences of breaking the law, inviting out-of-town guests, and forgetting to take safety precautions. UCSB Public Affairs will focus its efforts on a social media marketing

campaign targeting 18-25 year olds from outside the UCSB/Isla Vista/Santa Barbara communities. Following on the success of a campus-sponsored late-night concert on Halloween that provided a safe, fun alternative for UCSB students, the campus will offer a variety of events on campus, open only to UCSB students, on April 7 and 8. Parents, please join UCSB in communicating “Keep it Local, Keep it Safe” messages to your students in the days leading up to Deltopia.

Class of 2018

Commencement Planning Begins Now

Webcast of Commencement Ceremonies

For those who cannot visit campus to attend the 2018 commencement ceremonies, there will be a live webcast of the Sunday, June 10; Friday, June 15; Saturday, June 16; and Sunday, June 17 ceremonies. The web link will be posted on the UC Santa Barbara commencement website www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement at the beginning of June 2018.

The official hashtag of 2018 Commencement is #UCSB2018.

Join us on social media to celebrate and congratulate our graduates.

Grad Fair 2018

UCSB Bookstore's annual Grad Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the UCen lobby. A cap & gown photo shoot will also be available during these times for undergraduates earning a bachelor's degree. Various campus departments and vendors will be on hand to answer students' commencement questions. Undergraduate students should attend dressed to impress for their free photo sitting. Students can pre-purchase their grad packs online at www.bookstore.ucsb.edu or in the UCSB Bookstore from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning March 1.

2017-18 Senior Book

The Senior Book will feature a list of all graduating seniors and senior portraits taken on campus. Graduating students can schedule a portrait appointment at <http://seniorbook.sa.ucsb.edu>. Senior Books can be pre-ordered at <http://seniorbook.sa.ucsb.edu> for \$30.

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES:

- Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m. – College of Creative Studies, Campbell Hall
- Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. – Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, Bren Courtyard

All Saturday (June 16) and Sunday (June 17) ceremonies take place on the Commencement Green

- Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. – Mathematical, Life & Physical Sciences I
- Saturday, June 16, 1 p.m. – Mathematical, Life & Physical Sciences II
- Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m. – Social Sciences I
- Sunday, June 17, 9 a.m. – Humanities and Fine Arts and Social Sciences II
- Sunday, June 17, 1 p.m. – College of Engineering
- Sunday, June 17, 4 p.m. – Graduate Division

Students must make a commencement reservation for an open and available ceremony in order to participate in commencement. **Special note:** Parents, please remind your student that declaring candidacy for an official degree and making a commencement reservation are **two separate actions** in the GOLD system. Please keep in mind that thousands of graduating seniors will be inviting family and friends to the commencement ceremonies. Students should limit their number of guests to a maximum of six to help maintain a high level of comfort and decorum. For more information, call the commencement hotline at (805) 893-8289, send an email to commencement@ia.ucsb.edu, or visit the website at www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement. For accommodations information, visit www.theclub.ucsb.edu/stay, [Santa Barbara Visitors Bureau](http://SantaBarbaraVisitorsBureau.com), or www.gogoleta.com. It is wise to book hotel rooms soon since space is limited, but be sure to coordinate with your student as he or she reserves a space in a particular commencement ceremony.



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Greener than Ever

As [UC's 14th Annual Report on Sustainable Practices](#) makes clear, UC is not only growing, it's greener than ever. All 10 University of California campuses now have on-site solar power, and more progress is in the works as UC campuses make big strides toward zero emission vehicles and work to cut water use. The 2017 report, which was presented to the UC Board of Regents at its January meeting, lays out the progress made over the past year on all aspects of sustainability, as well as the recommendations from three new reports designed to help the university transition away from natural gas and reach operational carbon neutrality by 2025, the goal of UC's Carbon Neutrality Initiative. Read more about UC's sustainability efforts, including features on students, staff, and faculty using the campuses as living laboratories to test sustainable solutions for UC, California, and the world, in the full [2017 UC Annual Report on Sustainable Practices](#).

UC Launches National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement

The University of California established the National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement as part of a concerted educational, research and advocacy effort centered on the First Amendment's critical importance to

America's democracy.

Housed at the Washington, D.C. location of the University of California, the Center brings together people of different backgrounds, experiences and views from across the country to apply the best legal, social science, journalistic and other research, along with real world experience, to inform free speech and civic engagement policies on our campuses, in our state legislatures, and in Washington D.C.

As college campuses across the country have grappled with questions of free speech and civic engagement, many have experienced a level of activism, controversy, and backlash unlike anything seen in this generation. As a result, a wide range of people – from college students to university presidents to leading legal scholars to the president of the United States – have questioned the meaning and role of free speech on college campuses. These questions have sparked a national debate about the

intention, scope, and application of the First Amendment and challenged long-held views about freedom of expression developed in the wake of the Free Speech Movement born at UC Berkeley.

Cognizant of both the enduring constitutional principles of free speech and the nature of our changing times, the Center focuses on addressing if and how college students' relationship to the First Amendment has fundamentally shifted from the 1960s and what can be done to restore trust in the value and importance of free speech among college students, other members of university communities, and broader society.

In addition to the policy work conducted by members of its Fellowship Program, the Center hosts activities and events aimed at restoring trust in the value and importance of free speech. For more information, visit <https://freespeechcenter.universityofcalifornia.edu>.

The Club & GUEST HOUSE

UC SANTA BARBARA

Parents, staff, faculty, members and anyone with University business are eligible to stay at The Guest House!

- Conveniently located in the heart of campus with views from every room.
- 34 stylish guest rooms and daily complimentary breakfast with fresh, local and sustainable menu selections.
- \$199/\$235 per night (Club member/non-member rate).
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Gauchos enjoy a giggle by the koi pond near Storke Tower.

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