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Following a new trend on our nation’s campuses, this spring Associated Students launched UCSB’s first campus food bank to support students in need. Early in the 2010-2011 academic year, increasing anecdotal reports about UCSB students struggling to make ends meet led staff, faculty, and student government officers to join forces to assess the situation on our campus.

Associated Students (AS) President Paul Monge-Rodriguez and Commissioner for Student Services Guadalupe Cruz led the charge, distributing a financial need survey to all registered students. “We wanted to assess the degree of hunger UCSB students are facing,” said Monge-Rodriguez. “Over 2,000 students participated in the survey, far more than usual for our surveys. Students were responding in the hundreds that they were skipping meals on a daily basis to be able to afford school expenses.” Monge-Rodriguez said it’s not a coincidence that AS is starting the food bank now: “This is closely tied to the budgetary circumstances with UC and the state.”

“It’s hard to believe that some of our students are in such circumstances that they lack basic necessities, but it is an unfortunate reality,” said Michael Young, UCSB’s vice chancellor for student affairs. “These are very difficult times – even for UCSB students. The Associated Students Food Bank is a much-needed service and just another example of how caring UCSB students are. They watch out for one another and support one another. We have a strong sense of community here at UCSB that inspires students to be generous to one another, as well as generous to people across the world and at home.”

Paul Monge-Rodriguez and Guadalupe Cruz of Associated Students display some of the canned goods collected for the AS Food Bank.

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it had received over 5,000 food and toiletry items, 50 percent of which were donated by the fraternity and sorority community, followed by a sizable donation of over 700 pounds of non-perishables from Isla Vista’s GIVE fundraiser. Additionally, a portion of this year’s Senior Class Gift and UCSB Alumni Association funds were generously earmarked to support AS Food Bank operations into the coming year.

UCSB staff and student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. “Student Affairs staff are thrilled to have one more tool in their arsenal of resources for students in financial need. AS has done a great job of providing an accessible, no-questions-asked option for our students,” said Debbie Fleming, senior associate dean of students. “We want students to understand that there is a lot of support for them here and they shouldn’t hesitate to make use of it.”

Students seem to be catching on. From its launch on April 19 until the end of spring quarter, food bank traffic grew from 5 to 55 visits per week and is expected to increase as outreach to specific departments and student populations continues.

Centrally located on the third floor of the University Center, the food bank is open two days a week (including summer) to all registered UCSB students. To learn more about AS Food Bank, including hours of operation, visit http://www.as.ucsb.edu/foodbank.
UCSB Honors Extraordinary Student Leaders

At the end of each year, UCSB recognizes a handful of graduating students who demonstrated excellence both inside and outside the classroom and who made extraordinary contributions to campus life. This year’s University Awards Ceremony, which took place on June 10, continued this long tradition by honoring 52 students with some of the university’s most prestigious awards. Among these students, three remarkable graduating seniors received the university’s top awards for their scholastic achievement, their extraordinary service to the university and the community, and their personal courage and persistence.

Paul Monge-Rodriguez, of American Canyon, was the recipient of the Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence, the campus’s highest student honor, for outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service. He is described by a nominator as someone “destined for major leadership positions in his life.” An honors student majoring in global studies and sociology, Monge-Rodriguez distinguished himself in support of higher education and social equality.

At UCSB, Monge-Rodriguez served as president of Associated Students where he was an advocate for public higher education and new student retention services. He lobbied state legislators to increase higher education funding and met with UC President Mark Yudof to help generate university support for legislation that allows undocumented high school graduates to pay resident fees in California’s public colleges and universities. In addition, he was a driving force behind the creation of a campus food bank for students with limited resources.

As co-chair of UCSB’s Student Commission on Racial Equality, Monge-Rodriguez organized state conferences and led a successful campaign to focus university resources on hate crime awareness. He also served as mentor for the Educational Opportunity Program; founder of the Recruitment and Retention Center and the Salvadoran Student Union; and community liaison for the United States Student Association. Monge-Rodriguez is a first-generation college student, and one of seven children of immigrant parents who escaped civil war in El Salvador.

BASHIR HASSAN, of Long Beach, was the recipient of the Jeremy D. Friedman Memorial Award, which recognizes outstanding leadership, superior scholarship, and a particularly innovative contribution to the quality of student life. Hassan’s commitment to social justice and communal values and his creative accomplishments in the performing arts have left a unique mark on our campus.

An honors student and double major in black studies and sociology, Hassan participated in the McNair Scholars Program, where he conducted ethnographic research on racial politics that was praised by faculty members for its depth of analysis and originality. He served as a peer advisor for the Educational Opportunity Program, resident assistant for the Summer Transitional Enrichment Program, and mentor and board member for the Ujima Peer Mentor Program for African and African-American students.

A multi-talented dancer, choreographer, singer, actor, and writer, Hassan performed in numerous campus productions and made his mark as founder of Amatory Dance Crew, a fusion dance troupe characterized by its fluid assimilation of different dance traditions and its inclusiveness. The highly popular troupe helped break down identity stereotypes and promote a more positive campus climate. One nominator described him as “one of those students who come along only once in a great while; someone with exceptional skills and unusually strong motivation … who seems destined to do great things in life.” This fall, Hassan will attend graduate school at Cornell University to pursue a master’s degree in African-American studies and performance.

Jonathan Weber, of Carpinteria, is the recipient of the Alyce Marita Whitted Memorial Award, which recognizes a non-traditional student’s endurance and courage in the face of extraordinary challenges. In addition to experiencing difficulties common to first-generation college students, a decade ago Weber lost his dominant hand in an accident – an experience from which he learned about forgiveness and facing great challenges with creativity and optimism.

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Dear Parents,

Greetings from my new office on the second floor of the Student Resource Building, fondly known as SRB. This summer I began a new position as acting director in Student Affairs Grants and Development, following a career as UCSB liaison in the community of Isla Vista. During nearly two decades, I developed a broad knowledge of our community and have worked to improve the quality of life for students and other residents. I’ve seen numerous “good neighbor” relationships develop among UCSB students, staff, faculty, and the community.

I am enthusiastic about collaborating with you, my colleagues, and friends of Student Affairs to explore avenues of support for our student services and programs. You may have read or heard accounts from your son or daughter about our wealth of services – from recreational sports to CLAS tutoring to wellness and leadership activities and much more.

Gifts to Student Affairs allow us to maintain and expand our services as we support your students’ growth as active scholars, emerging leaders, and responsible citizens. Gifts, both large and small, make a huge difference in the scope of our services to students. A recent gift from a local non-profit, for example, will provide undergraduate student scholarships, as well as grants to student organizations and the MultiCultural Center. These grants will fund student-generated activities and conversations around tolerance and social justice issues. This is just one of many creative ways that support can be focused on donors’ personal areas of interest.

I hope you have an opportunity to visit UCSB and tour the SRB. To learn more about giving to Student Affairs, visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/giving and/or contact me at catherine.boyer@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-5037. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Boyer, Acting Director
Student Affairs Grants and Development

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Welcome to Greek Life!

UCSB is home to a growing Greek community of over 2,000 students (approximately 10 percent of the undergraduate student body) who participate in the life of 20 fraternities and 22 sororities. While movies and media abound in extreme – both tragic and comedic – images of fraternity and sorority life, the reality is that these organizations offer a positive, enriching college experience for students at UCSB and on many other campuses nationwide.

Among their many benefits, fraternities and sororities help students feel connected to a community, develop lifelong friendships, participate in clubs and sports, and engage in educational activities outside the classroom. In addition, they tend to support academic success, leadership, and civic engagement. In fact, UCSB’s Greek community boasts a higher overall GPA than that of the undergraduate student body as a whole, as well as higher retention and degree completion rates. Fraternities and sororities also offer many opportunities for students to engage in meaningful service projects within the local community. This last spring, the Greek community donated over 4,000 food items to the campus food bank, organized the Isla Vista Elementary School carnival, raised over $9,000 for Isla Vista Elementary School science programs, and engaged in beach clean-ups, tree planting, and more.

Greek organizations belong to one of four different councils: the Collegiate Panhellenic Council (social sororities), the Interfraternity Council (social fraternities), the National Panhellenic Council (traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities), and the United Fraternity and Sorority Council (special-interest and multi-cultural fraternities and sororities). Students who would like to learn more about the councils and individual chapters can visit the Greek Life website (see below) as well as gather perspectives from organization members and peers.

Interested students will want to participate in the yearly recruitment process (also known as “rushing”). While this varies in style and requirements for each council, it generally involves a variety of social events where chapter members meet potential new recruits, who in turn can explore which organization is the best fit for them. At the end of recruitment, fraternities and sororities extend invitations to interested students to join their chapter. Once students decide to be potential new members, they will learn more about that chapter over the following months before making their final decision.

This process can be at once exciting and intense. Parents can support their students by encouraging them to do their research and ask plenty of questions about each organization. For example: What are the costs involved? What type of member is the chapter looking for? Is the chapter recognized by the university? How much community service or other programming do they do? What are the chapter’s values? And so on. The more information students have before joining, the more likely they are to make the right decision. If you or your student would like to learn more, here is a good place to get started: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl/greeklife/index.aspx.
On the Admissions Front

UCSB’s fall 2011 entering class has the distinction of being drawn from the largest pool of applicants in campus history. More than 63,000 hopefuls submitted their academic records for consideration – 49,041 freshmen and 14,285 transfer students. The total was 4,311 more than last year, an increase of 7.3 percent. The strong group of freshman applicants came with an average self-reported GPA of 3.74. One third of applicants had a GPA above 4.0. The average total score on the three-part SAT exam was 1,750 (down two points from last year).

Freshman applications to the UC system overall increased by 5.7 percent, including higher numbers of California residents, out-of-state applicants, and international students. Of the 106,070 prospective freshmen applying to one or more UC campuses, close to half of them (46.2 percent) included UCSB among the campuses to which they applied.

After the evaluation period from November to March, 22,410 freshman applicants were offered admission to UCSB. The GPA for this admitted pool of freshmen was 4.08. Of that strong group, which had many college choices, 4,438 submitted their statement of intent to register (SIR) at UCSB, slightly above the stated target of 3,900. The actual count of freshmen starting this fall is expected to be about 4,100 when the final tally is taken in October. The average GPA of the incoming freshman class is 3.91. The average score on the three-part SAT test is 1848.

Of the 14,285 transfer applicants, whose numbers have grown dramatically in recent years (by 16 percent this year alone), 6,554 were offered admission and 1,608 submitted their statement of intent to register. The final number of transfer students in the new class will be about 1,500, which was the goal.

UCSB Director of Admissions Christine Van Gieson said she was extremely pleased by the quality and diversity of this year’s applicant pool: “We have to applaud all the great work being done by our faculty and staff to get the word out about UC Santa Barbara and its outstanding programs, which is reflected in the increase in applications from both California residents and non-residents.”

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<td><strong>MARY MILLER, M.D.</strong> has joined UCSB as the new medical director of Student Health. Prior to this, Dr. Miller worked at UC Davis as a clinical professor and the clinic medical director for obstetrics and gynecology, as well as the HIV gynecologist at the Center for AIDS Research, Education, and Services in Sacramento. Dr. Miller is a graduate of the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy and Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine. She completed her obstetrics and gynecology residency at UC Davis Medical Center. When she’s not working, she loves driving her converted plug-in hybrid Prius, riding recumbent or “crank-forward” bikes, listening to great music, walking on the beach, reading novels, writing, playing guitar, and spending time with her wife, family, and friends.</td>
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| **DARREN DEL CASTILLO, PH.D.** has recently joined Counseling Services as a staff psychologist providing counseling and psychotherapy for UCSB students. He completed his doctoral training in clinical psychology at Miami University, a pre-doctoral internship at UCSB Counseling Services, and a post-doctoral fellowship at UCLA Counseling and Psychological Services. Dr. Del Castillo was trained as a generalist and works with a broad spectrum of mental health issues. His interests include increasing access and providing effective treatment for non-traditional students, minority populations, and young men who are reluctant to seek mental health services. Outside of work, Dr. Del Castillo enjoys spending time with his wife Darcy and five-year-old son Nathan, walking/running/biking around Santa Barbara, and listening to and (very occasionally) playing music. |

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**BY THE NUMBERS**

| **63,000** | Number of freshmen and transfer students who submitted academic records to UCSB for consideration |
| **7.3%** | Increase, since last year, of students interested in coming to UCSB |
| **5,600** | Approximate total number of admitted freshmen and transfer students |
| **3.91** | Average GPA of the incoming freshman class |
Planning for the Unexpected

As you help your student pack and get ready for the school year, it is wise to plan for the unexpected. Most people know where to find a flashlight or other emergency supplies in their own home. The well prepared will know their local resources and have emergency kits ready for use. When students leave home for college, they should prepare in the same way. Parents can help them establish an emergency plan for their new location and prepare supplies, as well as write a new situation into their family emergency plan. Here are three ways to prepare for emergencies:

**1. KNOW UCSB'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION RESOURCES**

UCSB Alert is the campus' primary emergency notification system, which sends out timely information to its subscribers via mobile phone and email. Parents and students can both register for UCSB Alert by visiting https://alert.ucsb.edu. Other modes of emergency communication include:

- The UCSB homepage, accessible at http://www.ucsb.edu, which will provide news updates during a major campus emergency.
- A recorded information line accessible by dialing (888) 488-UCSB (8272).
- Outdoor notification speakers that send emergency notifications to campus pedestrians.
- 91.9 FM (KCSB) campus radio station.
- 1610 AM (within 3 miles of UCSB).

**2. PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT AND CONSIDER EMERGENCY TRAINING OPTIONS**

Students are encouraged to bring an emergency kit with them to campus. Contents might include prescription medicine, extra eye glasses, contact lenses/solution, toiletries, a first aid kit, flashlight, batteries, an am/fm radio, comfort items, snacks, water, cash, and an extra set of clothes and shoes. Students can make their own kit or visit http://www.nexisprep.com/universityofcalifornia to purchase one. Parents can also encourage their students to take emergency preparedness training, such as UCSB’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes or life safety classes from the American Red Cross.

**3. DEVELOP A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Parents and students should designate an out-of-state emergency contact phone number through which they can check in with each other if an emergency occurs at either of their locations. This is critically important for instances when local telecommunications services are inundated.

If you would like more information on emergency preparedness, visit http://www.ready.gov/america. You can also reference UCSB’s emergency preparedness site at http://emergency.ucsb.edu/student.html.

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**Student Health Reminders**

Before coming to campus in the fall, there are a number of ways that students can plan ahead to avoid the complications that may be caused by an illness. Student Health encourages the following:

- Bring a first-aid kit, including a thermometer and over-the-counter medications. Students can purchase these items at the Student Health pharmacy when they run out.
- Those who are covered under a health insurance plan other than UC SHIP (the University of California’s student health insurance plan) should bring a copy of their health card (front and back) and make sure that they are covered out of area for non-emergencies. *Note: Even though private insurance is not accepted at Student Health, all students can use their services.*
- Bring a health summary from your health care provider or have your medical records faxed to Student Health at (805) 893-2758.
- Bring a copy of your immunization records to campus and to your first appointment, or fax it to Student Health at (805) 893-2758.
- In addition to the required Hepatitis B series, Student Health recommends that students consider the following vaccines: Gardasil (human papilloma virus), MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), Menactra (meningitis), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), and Varicella (chickenpox). All of these immunizations are available at Student Health.
- Bring enough medications for the first month of school, along with a copy of any prescriptions, or have your medical provider call them in directly to our pharmacy at (805) 893-2116. This year, a new 90-day supply mail-order service to students’ local and permanent addresses is available.

Note that UC SHIP coverage begins on September 18, 2011, and lasts a full year. All students who do not waive UC SHIP for the year are automatically signed up for this plan. Insurance cards will be mailed to a student’s local address during the third week of fall quarter. If a student doesn’t receive the card in the mail, he/she should visit the kiosk in the Student Health lobby to request another one. We encourage students to get connected with UCSB’s Student Health by making it their medical “home” and by keeping up with the latest updates on Facebook, Twitter, and the website at http://studenthealth.sa.ucsb.edu.
The following information addresses students’ most commonly asked questions about financial aid. Should you have additional questions or need assistance, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships directly at (805) 893-2432 or visit www.finaid.ucsb.edu.

**FINANCIAL AID 101 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The UCSB Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships would like to invite you to an interactive online presentation covering financial aid basics for new students and their families. The session will cover all the hot topics in financial aid that incoming families typically want to know.

Parents and students can participate in one of two sessions scheduled for **August 17** and **August 31 at 6 p.m.** Just visit https://ucsb.adobeconnect.com/finaid shortly before the scheduled time. There is no need to sign up for an account; simply log in as a guest. If you are unable to attend, you can access recorded sessions through the Bulletins – Online Presentation link on the right-hand side of the Financial Aid home page at https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu.

**HOW IS FINANCIAL AID DETERMINED?**

Financial aid is determined by comparing the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), an amount determined by the FAFSA, with the estimated cost of attendance at UCSB. When the EFC is lower than the estimated cost of attendance, the student is eligible for more need-based aid, such as grants and work-study. Students who are not eligible for need-based aid, however, will still be eligible for other types of aid, including loans and scholarships. Almost every student will have some form of loan in their financial aid package. For an individual estimate of the cost of attendance, visit http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu > Undergraduate > Cost of Attendance. In order to find out the types and amount of financial aid a student will be awarded during an academic year, he/she must complete a FAFSA and turn in all documents requested by the “Request for Additional Documents” (RAD).

**HOW DO I ACCEPT MY FINANCIAL AID?**

Grants and scholarships awarded to students are automatically accepted. However, students and parents must accept loans and complete specific requirements, including promissory notes and entrance interviews, for loans to be credited to a student’s BARC account.

**HOW DO I RECEIVE MY WORK-STUDY FUNDS?**

Unlike other types of financial aid, work-study funding is not disbursed to a student’s BARC account but is paid directly to a student’s employer, who in turn pays the student for work completed. For more information, visit http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu > Work-Study.

**WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY FINANCIAL AID?**

Financial aid is disbursed to a student’s BARC account each quarter. For this to happen on time, a student must have: (1) completed a FAFSA; (2) completed Cal Grant requirements (if applicable), such as the GPA Verification; (3) turned in all the documents requested by the “Request for Additional Documents” (RAD); (4) accepted loans and completed loan requirements, such as an entrance interview and a master promissory note; and (5) enrolled in at least six units.

One third of accepted aid is disbursed each quarter (fall, winter, and spring). After aid has been disbursed to the BARC account, university fees are deducted from the account. These fees include tuition, student services fees, healthcare, and housing (if you live in university-owned housing). If there is a credit remaining, this amount will be sent either to the student’s local address (as specified on GOLD) or directly to his/her bank account (if enrolled in Gaucho Direct Deposit through BARC).

**HOW WILL THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS CONTACT ME?**

Students are usually contacted through their personal UCSB U-mail account, which students should activate at http://www.umail.ucsb.edu/ if they have not done so already. Students should check and clear their inboxes frequently to ensure that they don’t become too full and automatically reject incoming emails. Furthermore, if a student chooses to forward their U-mail to a different address, they should update the mail filters of the forwarding address to accept emails from “ucsb.edu.”

**WHAT IF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE REDUCED MY ABILITY TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?**

If a student or custodial parents have been adversely affected by extraordinary circumstances that have reduced their ability to pay for college expenses, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can review those circumstances in order to recalculate the expected family contribution. This could potentially increase eligibility for need-based aid subject to the availability of funding. Please visit http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu > Services > Request for Review for more information. Note: Requests for review are reserved for extraordinary circumstances only and require documentation supporting these circumstances.

**WHAT IF MY ACTUAL EDUCATIONAL COSTS EXCEED THE ESTIMATED EXPENSES?**

Students who believe the cost of attendance used in determining their financial aid was insufficient may request to increase their budget (and aid eligibility) with a “Student’s Request for a Budget Increase” (SRFBI), accessible at https://www.finaid.ucsb.edu > Forms. To view cost of attendance estimates, visit http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu > Undergraduate > Cost of Attendance. Due to fund limitations, budget increases are funded with additional loan eligibility.

**HOW WILL THE JULY 14, 2011, FEE INCREASE IMPACT MY FINANCIAL AID?**

On July 14, 2011, the University of California Board of Regents approved a 9.6 percent fee increase ($1,068) for the 2011-2012 academic year. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships understands the impact that fee increases have on UCSB students and wants all families to know that they will be working to ensure that additional resources are added to their financial aid awards to account for this $1,068 increase.

In the coming weeks, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be increasing student cost of attendance budgets and adjusting financial aid awards. Students do not need to initiate these revisions themselves. Through a combination of larger Cal Grant and UC grant awards, financially needy undergraduates with family income up to $120,000 and who meet grant eligibility requirements will receive additional grant support to offset 2011-2012 systemwide tuition and fee increases, including the $1,068 increase approved on July 14. Students who have already been notified about their financial aid awards for 2011-2012 will receive revised award letters with the increased tuition amounts along with any adjustments to their financial aid well before the fall fee payment deadline of September 15. Some students may be offered additional loan eligibility. Student and parent borrowers who have already accepted their loans and want to accept the additional eligibility must reapply by logging into My Aid Status on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships website.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is committed to ensuring that UCSB is affordable for all students. Staff will be working to adjust awards as quickly as possible. As always, we recommend that students check their U-Mail accounts and http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu for important updates and reminders. For more information regarding the fee increase, please visit http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/25942.
This March saw the launch of the highly successful “Stop Burglaries in Isla Vista” campaign, an educational effort aimed at promoting neighborhood safety and preventing crimes of opportunity in Isla Vista. The campaign was initiated in response to data showing that over two thirds of Isla Vista burglaries reported in 2010 involved an unlocked point of entry. A coalition involving the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, Supervisor Doreen Farr, UCSB administrators, Associated Students, and local business and property owners joined forces to spread a simple message: “lock your doors and windows.” The campaign included the distribution of thousands of stickers, postcards, and refrigerator magnets to students and other residents throughout Isla Vista. According to Lt. Ray Vuillemainroy of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol, “initial results are promising and impact will continue to be tracked as the campaign is continued during the upcoming academic year.”

This year marked the 21st anniversary of the GIVE Sale, which raised $25,701 for distribution to 11 Isla Vista non-profit organizations this June. Each year, GIVE collects donations of re-usable goods from residents during June move-out and organizes a sale open to the community. In addition to donating its monetary proceeds, GIVE provided 774 pounds of non-perishable food to the newly-established Associated Students Food Bank and the remaining unsold items to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. GIVE was spearheaded by the Isla Vista/UCSB Liaison and the Energy and Environmental Office (UCSB Housing & Residential Services), with the generous collaboration of the Isla Vista Tenants Union, A.S. Community Affairs Board, the A.S. Isla Vista Community Relations Committee, Associated Students Recycling, MarBorg Industries, UCSB Parking and Transportation Services, UCSB Facilities Management, the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District, UCSB’s Community Housing Office, UCSB’s Office of Student Life, UCSB’s Office of Public Affairs, KCBS FM 91.9, and the County of Santa Barbara. A Labyrinth Trail, six-tenths of a mile long, on UC Santa Barbara’s Lagoon Island was dedicated in May. At the dedication ceremony, Dean of Students Yonie Harris commented, “When a person walks the labyrinth, he or she finds a place of calm that allows meditation, reflection, and rejuvenation. The beautiful location of the labyrinth — on the bluff above the Pacific Ocean — invites an appreciation of nature in a very special way. There are sights, sounds, and scents of nature that have tremendous restorative power.” Access to lagoon island is via a path southeast of Manzanita Village, which is located on the southwest portion of the campus.

UCSB Campus Calendar: http://events.sa.ucsb.edu/calendar/
UCSB Home: http://www.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-8000
Campus Connection Newsletter: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parentnewsletter
Campus Learning Assistance Services: http://www.clas.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3269
Associated Students: http://www.as.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2566
Counseling Services: http://counseling.sa.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-4411
Career Services: http://career.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-4412
Division of Student Affairs: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3651
Educational Opportunity Program: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop or call (805) 893-3235
Gaucho Parents website: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents
Housing & Residential Services: http://www.housing.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2760
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2432
Office of Student Life: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl or call (805) 893-4569
Office of the Registrar: http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3592
Orientation Programs: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orientation or call (805) 893-3443
Student Health: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/studenthealth or call (805) 893-3371
UCSB Crime Statistics: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/Policies/CleryAct or call (805) 893-7884
UCSB Bookstore: http://www.bookstore.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3271
UCSB Wellness Program: http://wellness.sa.ucsb.edu/

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Campus Connection Newsletter: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parentnewsletter
Campus Learning Assistance Services: http://www.clas.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3269
Associated Students: http://www.as.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2566
Counseling Services: http://counseling.sa.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-4411
Career Services: http://career.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-4412
Division of Student Affairs: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3651
Educational Opportunity Program: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop or call (805) 893-3235
Gaucho Parents website: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/parents
Housing & Residential Services: http://www.housing.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2760
Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-2432
Office of Student Life: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/osl or call (805) 893-4569
Office of the Registrar: http://www.registrar.ucsb.edu or call (805) 893-3592
Orientation Programs: http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orientation or call (805) 893-3443
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UCSB’s First-Year Outdoor Adventure Programs gives incoming students the opportunity to meet other first-year students who share their love for the outdoors. Students can choose from four different programs. On the Colorado Canoe Adventure (September 4-9), students canoe down the Colorado River, explore the region’s unique ecology and geology, soak in hot springs and sauna caves, and camp along the river. On the Climbing and Canyoneering Adventure (September 4-9), participants will rappel down canyon waterfalls and explore climbing in the local foothills of Santa Barbara. During the Multi-Sport Adventure (September 10-17), students engage in sea cave kayaking at Santa Cruz Island, climbing different sites around Santa Barbara, and camping at a local state beach. Finally, the Backpacking Adventure (September 14-17) offers views of spectacular scenery during a four-day trip in the backcountry where students will explore the wilderness, learn outdoor survival skills, and hear about local history. For more information about Adventure Programs, visit http://gauchosplay.com/adventure-programs/first-year-outdoor-programs.

In UCSB’s residence halls, the welcome lasts a whole week! With a variety of social and educational activities happening before the start of classes, Week of Welcome helps students get their year off to a great start. Events include an all-hall ice cream social in Storke Plaza, campus bike tours, kayaking, study success workshops, diversity awareness socials, and much more. Resident assistants and elected Residence Halls Association student leaders move in three weeks early to attend leadership development training and plan events for incoming students. There are many opportunities for residents to become involved as well – through running for Hall Council or becoming one of 700+ student employees in Housing & Residential Services. Week of Welcome begins on move-in day (September 17). Students will receive their event calendars with more details when they move in. For general information about move-in, please visit http://www.housing.ucsb.edu/hchoices/reshalls-movein.htm.

Parents are invited to don their blue and gold and join us for Parents and Family Weekend on October 21, 22, and 23 to celebrate the beginning of their student’s new life on campus. Families can meet the faculty, watch the men’s soccer team take on UC Riverside, tour the Coal Oil Point Reserve, accompany their students to class, and much more. To be part of this Gaucho tradition and enjoy a close-up look at your student’s living and learning environment, please register online at www.ua.ucsb.edu/pfw or call the Office of Public Events at (805) 893-7382 for more information.