Hey Slugs! We hope that the quarter has been fun and successful for you so far. We are so excited to bring you our second newsletter of the winter quarter with many more to come filled with resources, exciting activities, and more! As always we encourage you to visit our website to learn more about our team, access parent resources, and to check out the events and resources we offer to first generation students.

Visit Our Website!

FGI Team Spotlight

Dr. Rebecca Covarrubias, Associate Professor of Psychology, Faculty Director of the Student Success Equity Research Center (SSERC)

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Rebecca is the faculty lead for the UC Santa Cruz First Generation Initiative. In this role, she provides consultation support and on First Gen Initiative events, messaging, and programming.

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FGI Team Spotlight

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Anya Batra is a second-year
undergraduate student at UCSC pursuing a degree in Psychology. She is an intern for the First Generation Initiative and the Student Success Equity Research Center. Read More

2021 Remote Learning Resources

Quick tips for Remote Success

1. Attend virtual office hours with your Professors and Teaching Assistants: Building relationships with staff will help your success in the long-run.
2. Get Involved in Student Groups: Look into student groups that are meeting virtually this semester.
3. Check out the Employee Request (ER) System: Stay up to date on internships and jobs available to students.

UCSC Career Center (ER System)

Check out these resources to help you answer any concerns you may have regarding Canvas, Zoom, Internet Access, Tutoring, or even staying motivated! We even have a student-led network where you can receive help from a fellow slug!

Remote Learning Resources

Upcoming Events
Womxn in Leadership Panel

The Womxn's Center is holding the Womxn in Leadership Panel on February 11th! There will be four different panelists answering questions about their career journeys and the adversity they've faced and overcome. The panelists for this event are Dr. Mayen Udoetuk, Director of Engineering and Technology at UCSC's Silicon Valley Campus; Yvette Brooks, the first Hispanic Mayor for the City of Capitola; Maria Elena De La Garza, Executive Director of Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County; and Christy Martin, UCSC Alumni Council member.

February 11th from 4:00 to 6:00pm
Registration open to all students

Apply to UCDC!

The UCDC Program supervises and supports students who pursue a quarter of academic study and internship work in the nation’s capital. Internship placements are geared toward student interests, including but not limited to government and public policy, science and the environment, education and the arts, advocacy and nonprofit organizations, law, and business and finance.

Humanities Institute launches 2021 Deep Read with Tommy Orange’s novel ‘There There’

Following the success of last year’s Deep Read with guest author Margaret Atwood, The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz
More Info

The Humanities Institute is offering free copies of 'There There' to the first 1,000 students to sign up.

EOP Bridge Mentor Positions Available!

EOP Bridge, as you may or may not know, is designed to help first-generation, low-income freshman transition into university life. Each mentor has about six mentees and helps support them mentally, academically, and emotionally. We are hiring for our next school year. Join the info night for this position on January 27th from 5:30-6:30 where current mentors can teach you more about the work EOP does and details regarding the position.

We Want to Hear Your Story!

Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters
If you are a first generation student or not we want to hear from you! If you would like to be featured on our Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter send in a picture of yourself and a paragraph talking about either what it means to be a first generation student to you or why you support first generation students. DM us your picture and paragraph @ucscfirstgen to be featured. We are also looking for first gen students that we can feature on our website to tell their stories about being first generation students and what it means to them. If you would like to be featured on the website fill out the google form attached.

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