



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! This February is Black History Month. This week, we have featured notable leaders in the UCSC community, along with engaging virtual activities and events centered around BIPOC voices for you all to participate in. As always, we encourage you to check out all of our social media and visit our website to view some awesome remote learning tips in one easy click below!

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Staff Spotlight



**LaTecia Yarbrough,
Coordinator for Residential
Education Residential Life
and Housing, Rachel Carson
College**

I am a first-generation multiracial black woman born in Riverside California. I grew up in the Inland Empire (IE). I grew up poor with lots of love around me. I wanted a better life for myself and my children in the future and I felt college could do that. College was like a walk through a dark maze with a blindfold on. I learned that asking questions, getting to know my professor and getting involved help me navigate college smoother. [Read More](#)

Student Engagement

Listening and bringing change

Aaron Jones, interim Educational Opportunity Programs director, founded the orientation program Black Academy, which has dramatically increased African Black Caribbean students' retention rate at UCSC.

Read the Full Article Below.



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Upcoming Events



[Google Form](#)

SEEKING YOUR INPUT!

Planning is just now beginning for a UC systemwide first-gen conference to be held virtually in spring 2021. This will be the first-ever, first-generation conference focused on sharing the undergraduate experience across the UC campuses. It is our hope that both first-gen and continuing-gen undergraduate students across the UC System will attend this *free* virtual event. Complete the Google form attached so that we know what you want to see at this event!

Check out the UCSC Virtual Global Internships!

Go global (virtually)! Explore your career goals, expand your professional network

Join the info session with



March 2
10 am (PST)

Global

VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS

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and skills, and gain real work experience by participating in a remote internship for an organization based abroad all without traveling abroad. Internships are customized according to your career interests and skills and are available in a wide variety of fields and disciplines. You will earn UCSC credit!

Attend the Virtual Internships Info Session at 10 am on March 2nd to learn more!



[Registration Link](#)

VISUALIZING ABOLITION: POPULAR CULTURE AND THE RADICAL IMAGINARY

Join Patrice Cullors, co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network, and artist and activist Maxwell Addae for "Popular Culture and the Radical Imaginary." Their conversation will focus on their collaborative project researching the media portrayals of Black women and incarceration as well the real-world impact of the narratives told about crime and punishment in the United States. This event is part of the Visualizing Abolition series.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

2021 American Indian Grads!

Join us for the American Indian Year End Celebration
Thursday, June 10, 2021 via Zoom
4:00 - 6:00 PM



If you are an American Indian/Indigenous student or worked as an Intern for the UCSC American Indian Resource Center or People of Color Sustainability Collective, please plan to participate!

Register here: bit.ly/YEC2021
Questions? Email airc@ucsc.edu

DEADLINES:

To participate with a sash - May 5, 2021
To participate without a sash and be included in the printed program - June 1, 2021

Are You a Graduating Native Student? Register Now for Our Annual Year End: AIRC Special Event

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To participate without a sash and be included in the printed program- June 1st, 2021.

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We invite you to participate in the Self and Emotions Daily Study (SEDS), a research study about your personality and emotional experiences. The study is entirely online and will ask you to fill out multiple surveys each day across several days. Total participation time is approximately 1 hour and **you can receive up to \$10 in compensation + a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.** Your participation also helps to support the research work of a first-generation graduate student!

[Register Here](#)

We Want to Hear Your Story!



[Google Form](#)

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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