



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! We are kicking off February and Black History Month with some awesome virtual resources, activities, and student engagement opportunities for you all to participate in. We hope you are enjoying your Winter Quarter and look forward to sharing fun and helpful opportunities throughout this winter. As always, we encourage you to check out all of our social media and visit our website in one easy click below!

[Visit Our Website!](#)

FGI Team Spotlight



**Michael Sim (*he/him/his*)
Crown College | Computer Science:
Computer Game Design Major**

Michael is a fourth-year student majoring in Computer Science: Computer Game Design. He is a Communications & Events Assistant for the Student Success Equity Research Center (SSERC) and the First Generation Initiative (FGI). Michael is interested in connecting students with the services available to them through UCSC, as well as foster a community for first-generation students and supporters. [Read More](#)

FGI Team Spotlight

**Sai Tummala (*he/him/his*)
College Ten | MCD Biology
Major**



Sai is a third-year student working as a Research Intern at the First Generation Initiative and Student Success Equity Research Center. Sai is an advocate for community outreach and strives to support student involvement at UCSC. [Read More](#)

Alumni Spotlight



Rafael López (Oakes '05, Women's Studies)

A few years ago, as Rafael López, then a White House senior policy adviser, addressed an early-education and high-tech crowd in Silicon Valley, he realized the land on which he stood was where his mother and grandfather had once picked fruits and vegetables as farmworkers. [Read More](#)

Student Engagement

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We Need Your Input!

The FGI team is seeking your input on our **new** sticker designs.



Please complete this form:
bit.ly/FGIsticker

Follow us @ucscfirstgen

Digital NEST founder, Jacob Martinez, is set to serve as external adviser to chancellor at UCSC. Click the link below to read full article.

Take a minute to help us choose an FGI sticker that will be available to all Santa Cruz students!

Vote on a sticker!



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Upcoming Events



Google Form

UCSC first-gen undergraduate students! We are 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!

Collectively Reading Groups

explore in small groups

Come to our launch meeting!

Friday, February 12th at 7:00 PM PST
Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4gjh4w8>

Join a diverse cohort from freshmen to PhD students across many disciplines. No prior knowledge is expected! Groups meet one-hour a week for four weeks.

More Info

Join the Collectively Reading Groups Launch

Are you looking to stretch your imagination and creativity? Do you need something interesting to talk about in job interviews? Looking to join a research lab?

Join Collectively! They organize extremely low time commitment reading groups that explore the latest innovations at the intersection of computing and society.



Attend Changing Climate: The Role of Environmental Justice with Rhiana Gunn-Wright

Join your fellow UCSC students to discuss meaningful climate policy and environmental justice reform. In this conversation, Rhiana Gunn-Wright, Director of Climate Policy at the Roosevelt Institute and an architect of the Green New Deal, will speak to:

- Why climate policy must include environmental justice
- Why climate must be part of our post-COVID economic recovery
- Opportunities for the Biden administration to tackle climate change and environmental justice

The event will be held on **Wednesday, February 10** at 5:30 pm
Registration is free and open to all students

[Registration Link](#)

STARS
Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students

WINTER 2021 DROP-IN HOURS
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY
9 AM TO 12 PM AND 3 PM TO 6 PM

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EMAIL US AT STARPEER@UCSC.EDU
OR SEND A CHAT THROUGH
GOOGLE HANGOUTS TO
"STARS TRANSITION MENTORS"
TO CONNECT WITH A PEER MENTOR

Attend the STARS (Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students) Winter Drop-ins

STARS is a great resources for Transfer and Re-entry students. STARS encourages transfer and re-entry students to chat with their Transition Mentors about time management, self-advocacy, important dates and deadlines, and more.

Winter Drop- In Hours: Monday-Thursday from 3-6 pm

Email: starpeer@ucsc.edu

[More Info](#)



NETWORK: Leveraging social media to launch or grow your business

[Register Here](#)

Join the UC Alumni Career Network for a workshop-style session focused on leveraging social media to launch or grow your business. This interactive web event will feature UCLA alumna Bonique Edwards, Owner of Kaleidoscope Consulting Group. This will be an interactive workshop and attendees will have an opportunity to meet fellow UC alumni through breakout activities during the event.

Held on Wednesday, February 17th at Noon

We Want to Hear Your Story!

Calling all First Generation Students and First Generation Supporters



[Google Form](#)

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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