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First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! We're three weeks into Spring Quarter. We hope you're off to a good start. Check out our events section to find student-based events coming up soon. It's your last chance to register for the UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference being held TOMORROW if you haven't already! As always, we invite you to visit our social media sites in the LinkTree below. Happy Spring!

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Alumni Spotlight



Reyna Grande (Kresge '99)

Reyna Grande is an Award-winning novelist and memoirist. She attended UC Santa Cruz after her junior college English teacher urged her to leave the urban confines of Los Angeles and try living somewhere different.

In 2007, she received an American Book Award for her debut novel, *Across a Hundred Mountains*. She wrote the first 80 pages of the novel—a poignant story about immigration and family based on her own personal experience—as part of her senior project in the Literature Department. In 2012, Reyna was a finalist for the prestigious National Book Critics Circle Award. In 2015, she was honored with a Luis Leal Award for Distinction in Chicano/Latino Literature. Her works have been published internationally.

News Spotlight

Inaugural Hayden White lecture to explore the afterlife of slavery with author Saidiya Hartman

Award-winning literary scholar and cultural historian Saidiya Hartman will be the featured guest at the inaugural *Hayden V. White Distinguished Annual Lecture*, a virtual event that takes place on April 19..<u>Read More</u>



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Upcoming FGI Events!



Join us for the UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference TOMORROW!

Join us for tomorrow for The UC
First-Gen Systemwide Conference at
11 am. The conference will feature UC
First-Gen alumni panelists that
specialize in the First-Gen student
experience, mental health and
battling imposter syndrome, how to
get jobs in your career field, and
financial literacy. There will also be an
interactive Q&A session with the each
of the panelists. We are excited to
invite you to this event! Students from
all UC Campuses are invited to attend
this free virtual conference.

Career Advice Panel by First-Gen Alumni

Saturday, April 24th from 11 am to 1 pm!

This event will feature sharing of advice and experiences from UCSC First-Gen Alumni including:

- **Thomas Greene:** Astrophysicist at Ames Research Center, NASA
- Joseph Aguilera: PhD Student in Molecular Biology at Brown University
- Raul Lara: Engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Joseline Arreaga: Pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work at CSU Fullerton and former UCSC First Generation Initiative intern

With a Live Q&A Session!



REGISTER HERE!

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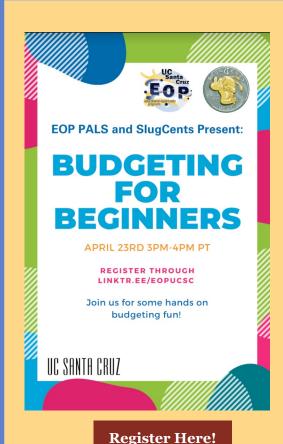
Attend the Career Advice Panel by First-Gen Alumni!

The Career Advice Panel will feature a lineup of UCSC First-Generation alumni from different career fields offering advice and experiences in entering the workforce, career development, and post-grad financing from the First-Gen perspective. This event will include conversations with Jocelyn Arreaga, a recent UCSC Graduate, along with Tom Greene of the NASA Ames Research Center, along with other UCSC First-Gen Alumni. There will be a live Q&A session with all panelists!

This event will be held on Saturday, April 24th, from 11 am to 1 pm. Register Now!

If you need accommodations to attend this event, please contact firstgen@ucsc.edu

Other Opportunities!



Date/Time: Friday April 23, 2021 3PM-4PM

ATTEND EOP PALS x SlugCents Budgeting for Beginners Workshop!

The EOP PALs and SlugCents programs will be coming together to host a workshop covering the basics about budgeting and managing your money as a college student. Need help learning how to budget? Want to know why a budget matters? Students will learn how to create an effective budget grid and start managing their money more effectively during this workshop! All students are invited to join.



Register Here

Attend the conversation with Terri McCullough, chief of staff to Nancy Pelosi, in memory of Gabe Zimmerman

Gabe Zimmerman (Stevenson '02, sociology) was U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords's community outreach director. He organized the "Congress on Your Corner" event on January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Ariz., where he was among six people killed in a shooting that also severely wounded Giffords and 13 others. To mark 10 years since Gabe's tragic death, we are honoring his legacy with a conversation that celebrates the transformative power of honest and conciliatory public service.

This Event will be held on April 24th at 5:30 pm



Learn More Here

Attend the Radical **Resilience Training** Workshop!

Join Workshop Facilitator Nikita Gupta, M.P.H., who specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives. Gupta will lead three workshops and researched and designed a new online self-paced Canvas course promoting *self-care*, connection, mental health, and wellbeing for our campus community.

This Program includes Three, 90-minute facilitated workshops with Nikita: Self-Care: Tuesday, May 4 (5:00 PM to 6:30 PM)

Supporting Others: Thursday, May 13

(12:00 PM to 1:30 PM)

Community Care: Saturday, May 22 (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM)

You must register to participate in this workshop series. Click each link to register.

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