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First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! Welcome to Spring Quarter. We hope you're off to a good start. Check out our events section to find student-based events coming up this week, and be sure to register for our UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference! As always, we invite you to visit our social media sites in the LinkTree below. We are excited for a great spring!

Linktree

Spring Spotlight



Our mission is to make bikes accessible to students, faculty, and staff of UCSC to promote transportation sustainability and self-sufficiency. We believe that financial limitations should not be a barrier and provide our services free of charac-

Do you need a bike??

The Bike Library promotes bicycle commuting by providing FREE quarter-long bike loans!

To apply, go to <u>bikelibrary.weebly.com</u>. Applications are currently open and are due by April 6th!

Want to learn about BIKE SAFETY??

TAPS also sponsors FREE Bicycle Street Skills classes!

RSVP by going to slugbikelife.org

The Bike Library is sponsored by







Borrow a Bike from the Bike Library This Spring!

The UCSC Transportation and Parking Services is offering free bike loans to selected students this spring. You will be provided with a helmet, light, locks, and your own bike for the entire quarter for FREE! Please apply before April 6th to get your bike.

Apply Here!

Alumni Engagement

UCSC Staff Member Guides Students On Path to Higher Education For nearly 20 years, Osiris Ortiz has worked hard to help as many low-income students attend college as possible. Much of that time has been with UC Santa Cruz's Educational Partnership Center, which increases access to higher education for underrepresented students across the Monterey Bay, Pajaro Valley, and Silicon Valley. The EPC helps educationally-disadvantaged students in the region reach and succeed in college. Read More Below!



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Upcoming Events



Register Now for the UC First-Gen Systemwide Conference!

The UC First-Gen Systemwide
Conference will be held on Saturday,
April 17th at 11 am. The conference
will feature UC First-Gen alumni
panelists that specialize in the FirstGen 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.

Register Here!

Attend the Diverse Voices Professional Speaker Series



You are invited to join the Baskin Engineering upcoming third season of the Diverse Voices Speaker Series. They have a terrific group of speakers who are leaders in the tech industry and who will discuss their journeys to success.

Those who attend the webinars will be able to ask questions and network with each speaker. This series is open to all students, staff, faculty, and guests who may be interested in technology or entrepreneurship. Speaking events will occur throughout the Spring Semester

April 6 at 5 pm with Mothusi Pahl, CCO B3Bar Holdings: "Spring Board: A UCSC Founder's Path to Driving Change in Heavy Industry"

Register Here



More Info!

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.

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



Register Here

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

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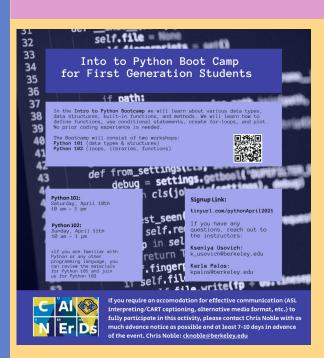
Register Here!

Provide Feedback On UC Financial Aid Award Letters

Earn an Amazon gift card for participating in a one-hour student focus group that will take place on **April 8**, **2021** through uAspire, a national nonprofit focused on college affordability that advises over 10,000 students annually to access financial aid and manage college costs.

A limited number of slots are available for each focus group, if you are interested please click the link to register.

Participants will receive a \$30 Amazon gift card at the end of the session.



Register Here!

Intro to Python Boot Camp for First-Gen UC STEM Students

Cal NERDS has created a weekend Python coding boot camp for UC STEM students with no coding experience needed. They will be offering a Python 101 and Python 102 course. Each experience is three hours and you can enroll in one or both of the boot camps. This is a great opportunity if you want to learn more about coding.

These events are free.

Python 101 Saturday, April 10th @ 10 am to 1 pm via zoom

Python 102 Sunday, April 11th @ 10 am to 1 pm via zoom



Register Here

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

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