



# 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 charge.

### Do you need a bike??

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

To apply, go to [bikelibrary.weebly.com](http://bikelibrary.weebly.com). 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](http://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 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.

#### UC FIRST-GEN SYSTEMWIDE CONFERENCE!

JOIN US ON APRIL 17TH  
FROM 12:00 PM TO  
3:00PM!



Featuring First Gen Alumni Panelists  
Specializing in:

- UCSC
  - UCLA
  - UCB
  - UC Merced
  - UCSD
  - UCSB
  - UC Irvine
  - UC Riverside
  - UC Davis
- The First-Gen student experience
  - Mental Health & imposter syndrome
  - How to get jobs and internships in your field
  - Financial literacy

**REGISTER NOW!**

at [tinyurl.com/ucfirstgen](https://tinyurl.com/ucfirstgen)

For accommodations please email [firstgen@ucsc.edu](mailto:firstgen@ucsc.edu)

[Register Here!](#)

**Attend the Diverse Voices Professional Speaker Series**

BASKIN ENGINEERING PRESENTS

# DIVERSE VOICES

A PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER SERIES  
SPOTLIGHTING INDUSTRY LEADERS  
& BASKIN ENGINEERING STUDENTS

5-7pm via zoom After you register, you will receive a link to the zoom event by email before the start of the event

<p><b>APRIL 6</b></p>  <p><b>Mothusi Pahl</b> CHIEF COMMERCIAL OFFICER -STRAB HOLDINGS Spring Board: A UCSC Founder's Path on Driving Change in Heavy Industry</p>	<p><b>APRIL 21</b></p>  <p><b>Kelly Harkins Kincaid</b> CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER -CAREER BROKERAGE AND ASTREA PAPERWORKS LLC Living on the Edge of Your Comfort Zone: Women in Executive Leadership</p>
<p><b>MAY 11</b></p>  <p><b>Jossie Haines</b> SR PRODUCT ENGINEERING DIRECTOR-TILE Building Women in Tech: The Skills Needed by Women to Help Face the Challenges of Staying and Thriving in the Tech Industry</p>	<p><b>MAY 26</b></p>  <p><b>Sheldon Logan</b> SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER- GOOGLE My Journey from Jamaica to Google: From Majority to Minority</p>

Register for the Events <https://leh.soe.ucsc.edu/diverse-voices-2021>





[Register Here](#)

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"**

## Feeling Stressed?

Be in community to promote mental health and wellbeing, resilience, practice self-care, connection, and empathy for others.  
Sponsored by the Radical Resilience Initiative



**WHO**  
All are welcome!  
Undergrad Students  
Graduate Students  
Staff & Faculty

**WHAT**  
Three 90-minute  
Online Workshops  
+  
Self-Paced Online  
Canvas Course

**WHERE**  
Synchronously on  
Zoom, not recorded  
+  
Asynchronously  
on Canvas

**WHEN**  
Tues / Thurs / Sat:  
May 4 at 5-6:30PM  
May 13 at 12-1:30PM  
May 22 at 10-11:30AM

**WHY**  
Explore themes of:  
Self-Care  
Supporting Others  
Community Care

**HOW**  
Use the links for  
Zoom registration,  
Canvas, and more:  
[linktr.ee/RRIP](http://linktr.ee/RRIP)

Certificate of Completion offered to those who complete the self-paced course in Canvas and the three workshops.



Workshop Facilitator: Nikita Gupta, MPH specializes in designing and implementing Trauma Healing and Resiliency programs and initiatives in educational as well as public and private settings.

[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**

UC  
SANTA CRUZ  
VIRTUAL  
ALUMNI WEEK  
2021



[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**

## Provide Feedback On UC Financial Aid Award Letters



[Register Here!](#)

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.*

**Intro to Python Boot Camp for First Generation Students**

In the **Intro to Python Bootcamp** we will learn about various data types, data structures, built-in functions, and methods. We will learn how to define functions, use conditional statements, create for-loops, and plot. No prior coding experience is needed.

The Bootcamp will consist of two workshops:  
Python 101 (data types & structures)  
Python 102 (loops, libraries, functions)

**Python 101:**  
Saturday, April 10th  
10 am - 1 pm

**Python 102:**  
Sunday, April 11th  
10 am - 1 pm

\*If you are familiar with Python or any other programming language, you can review the materials for Python 101 and join us for Python 102.

**Signup Link:**  
[tinyurl.com/pythonApril2021](https://tinyurl.com/pythonApril2021)

If you have any questions, reach out to the instructors:  
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If you require an accommodation for effective communication (ASL interpreting/CART captioning, alternative media format, etc.) to fully participate in this activity, please contact Chris Noble with as much advance notice as possible and at least 7-10 days in advance of the event. Chris Noble: [cknoble@berkeley.edu](mailto:cknoble@berkeley.edu)

## 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!](#)

## Career Advice Panel by First-Gen Alumni

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

**Featuring recent Graduate Jocelyn Arreaga,  
NASA researcher Tom Greene, and more!**

Hear from UCSC Alumni as  
they offer advice and experiences in  
entering the work force, tools for  
career development, and  
post-grad financing  
from the First-Gen perspective.  
*With a Live Q&A Session!*



### REGISTER HERE!



[https://ucsc.zoom.us/me  
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wEixntusp](https://ucsc.zoom.us/j/91227939807)

[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](mailto:firstgen@ucsc.edu)*

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