Deadlines, Cookies and Flowers...Oh My!

Parent & Family Programs staff and participants are still smiling about our successful Siblings Weekend! A great time was had by all and we have already starting planning the next one. To read more about the weekend – click here.

Our motto in Parent & Family Programs is “when parents are informed, students benefit” so we encourage you to read this e-newsletter from start to finish to learn more about -

1) Deadlines for FAFSA and the California Dream Act Application.
2) How to send your students flowers or cookies next week for Valentine’s Day (or anytime).
3) Encourage your student to start thinking about spring break plans and housing accommodations for next year.

We, too, are in planning mode for this spring, summer and fall as we prepare information and programs for families for Commencement, summer orientation and Family Weekend 2013.

Happy Reading!

Laci Weeden
Director, Parent & Family Programs

Sending Love Home...

In an article written by Natalie Wong for The Zone, “Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder,” Natalie reminds students that it is easy to be busy with life on campus, but don’t forget to communicate and send love back home to your family when you can.

Several students shared how they keep in touch with their families through social media, email, text messages and mailing letters home.

To read the full article in the winter edition of The Good Life, click here.
Younger Siblings Get Snapshot of College Life as Part of the Inaugural Siblings Weekend – Click here to read about the fun filled weekend.

IMPORTANT 2013-2014 Financial Aid Deadline: March 2nd

The priority deadline to complete the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application for 2013-2014 Financial Aid is March 2nd.

Students who are AB540 eligible and who are not eligible to submit a FAFSA, can submit the California Dream Act Application at www.CalDreamAct.org and use UCSD School Code: 001317.

Estimate your 2012 income tax return amounts

Use estimated amounts when filing your application if you have not yet filed your tax returns.

- FAFSA filers can update the income tax figures using the IRS Data Retrieval tool via FAFSA on the web once your tax returns are filed.

Department of Education PIN for FAFSA filers

Obtain both a student and a parent Department of Education Personal Identification Number (PIN). Use it as an electronic signature for online FAFSA filing and corrections, and later for Federal Direct Loan promissory notes. Go to pin.ed.gov and select “apply for a PIN.”

By May 21, 2013 if the student is selected for verification:

Submit any requested financial aid documents or complete any required actions which may include using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to verify 2012 IRS Tax information or provide IRS Tax Transcripts.

NEED HELP?

Contact the UC San Diego Financial Aid Office if you have any questions at (858) 534-4480 or email finaid@ucsd.edu.

The new generation of commercial jets constructed with high-strength carbon fiber composite materials are lightweight and fuel-efficient. However, blunt impacts from baggages can result in damage nearly invisible to the naked eye. Professor Kim will describe research underway at UC San Diego's Composite Aviation Safety Center to detect, predict and avoid damage to modern composite airframes.

Hyunky Kim, Ph.D.
Professor of Structural Engineering
 Jacobs School of Engineering

6 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Program
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Participate in UC San Diego’s Strategic Planning Process

In its short, 52-year history, UC San Diego has risen to prominence as a world-class research university known for its academic prowess, innovation and public service. Looking toward the next 50 years and beyond, UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla is leading a campus-wide strategic planning process to define shared goals and a unifying vision for UC San Diego—and students, parents and families are invited to be a part of that process.

Last month, UC San Diego students had the opportunity to give their input during a special town hall with the chancellor. “Students are an important part of this strategic planning process and your participation is vital,” Chancellor Khosla emphasized during the event. “We need to be a student-centered, student-focused university. At the end of the day, you are the reason we are here.”

The event opened with a presentation from Khosla explaining how the planning process will work. The Chancellor outlined key goals that he believes are imperative to UC San Diego’s continued success, such as growing the number of graduate students on campus, increasing private support and improving the campus’ student-to-faculty ratio.

In the brainstorming session that followed, students expressed pride and satisfaction in UC San Diego’s stellar academic reputation, professors who challenge students intellectually, dynamic interdisciplinary programs and the small campus experience provided by the six-college system. They also discussed ways to improve the academic experience and student life on campus.

Junior Cody Marshall said he wanted to see the university’s role in the San Diego community continue to grow. “I am from San Diego,” he said. “It was Chancellor [Marye Anne] Fox’s presence in the community that made me want to attend UCSD.”

Grant Burger-White, a member of the campus’s Black Student Union, talked about the need for increased diversity among UC San Diego’s students. “To improve the academic experience, there needs to be an emphasis of reaching a critical mass of students of color, underrepresented and underserved students,” Burger-White said.

The need to help students make connections between theoretical learning and real-world applications also was discussed.

Hearing directly from students about their campus experiences provided valuable input that will help to define the next chapter of UC San Diego. Parents and families are also encouraged to provide feedback about the university’s strengths and areas for improvement. To learn more about the strategic planning process and to submit a comment, please visit http://plan.ucsd.edu/.

From participating in the strategic planning process to volunteering at campus events and making a gift to the Parents Innovation Fund, there are many ways for parents and families to get involved and make a difference at UC San Diego.

To learn more about supporting your student’s university, visit parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu or contact Suzanne McClain, director of Parent Family and Giving, at sumcclain@ucsd.edu or (858) 822-3867.

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Let It Flow... A Soulful Night at Sixth

February 26th, Price Center East Ballroom
7 p.m. • FREE

Join us at Sixth College's annual Black History month celebration, “Let it Flow... A Soulful Night at Sixth.” Guests will enjoy delicious soul food as they listen to spoken word artists. Once the artists are finished, we’ll turn the floor over to UCSD students for open mic.

Join ArtPower! for Two Nights with Jazz Vocalist Meklit Hadero at The Loft!

Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21, 2013 / 8:00 PM
The Loft

Born in Ethiopia, raised in the U.S., and nurtured by San Francisco’s richly diverse arts scene, this acclaimed singer embodies multiple worlds. Connecting her soulful phrasing to a songwriter’s craft, her music’s influences range widely—from the jazz and soul favorites she grew up on, to the hip-hop and art-rock she loves, to folk traditions from the Americas and her East African roots. But this singular artist’s sound, drawn of multitudes, is hers alone. Hailed by Filter magazine for combining “New York jazz with West Coast folk and African florishes, all bound together by Hadero’s beguiling voice,” Meklit is an irresistible artist who becomes even more compelling with repeat listening.

Bites and Beverages - Available for purchase at The Loft starting at 7pm. Click here to purchase tickets.