Greetings! We are all excited to welcome our students and families. In fact, this is our favorite time of the year because the staff and faculty are eager to welcome and assist our students. One way we show our excitement is through the activities planned for Welcome Week. Encourage your student to attend events for their College and other fun events to learn about campus life and get connected.

Our office is preparing for our 6th Annual Family Weekend which occurs on October 18-20th. If you haven’t already registered for Family Weekend, we encourage you do so...it will be a fun-filled weekend for all!

Have a question? Not sure where to start? Call our Parents’ Helpline at (858) 534-7273 or email us at parents@ucsd.edu.

Best wishes for a great year!

Laci Weeden
Director, Parent & Family Programs

UC San Diego is pleased to introduce a new resource and Campus Community Center for all students on campus - The Black Resource Center. The Black Resource (BRC) is a unit of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, which serves the entire population of UC San Diego while emphasizing the black student experience.

Services include but are not limited to: academic support services, mentoring/leadership development, co-and extra-curricular programming, and non-academic counseling. The BRC is located in the original Student Center, Suite 202.

Encourage your student to visit during the Open House event during Welcome Week - September 23 from 4pm-6pm. It will be a great opportunity to interact with incoming students, departments, student organizations and meet the BRC Staff. Refreshments will be served.

How’s your relationship with your roommate?
Students often come to college with the expectation that their roommate is or will be their best friend forever. This occasionally happens. However, most often it does not. Setting realistic expectations for the relationship may help create a more collaborative living arrangement conducive to respect and negotiation as opposed to social priorities. Encourage your student to negotiate study hours, cleaning responsibilities, sleeping habits, visiting hours, etc. This will be useful should a conflict arise in the future – and it will.

How’s your class schedule?
There are many students with schedule issues the first week. Are they in the correct classes? Do they have enough hours (12 units is considered full-time)? Dropping in on professors during their office hours is also a good activity for students to pursue the first week. Many students find this activity intimidating. Suggesting that they go with a classmate may help to relieve some of the anxiety.
Getting Involved

We have a wide range of programs available for international students. Whether your student would like to be paired with a mentor, learn more about American culture, join an English language conversation group, get some advice on career planning, or take a day hike in the desert, we have programs that are sure to be of interest. Programs are offered through the International Center and in combination with our UC San Diego partners. Please see our website for more information: http://icenter.ucsd.edu/ispo/programs/index.html.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Official financial aid awards have been generated on a rolling basis throughout August. Students should regularly access the Financial Aid Checklist on Tritonlink and review his/her UC San Diego email account for messages from the Financial Aid Office. More financial aid information is available at fao.ucsd.edu.

Support your UC San Diego LGBT student by sending them to Q Camp!

If your incoming UC San Diego student is a part of the LGBT community, please encourage them to attend Q Camp: an orientation to the UC San Diego Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community for incoming students!

It is on Wednesday, September 25th at 9am at the LGBT Resource Center, and registration is online at http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/events/Q-Camp.html.

Join us for some Triton fun on 10/18-10/20

Registration Closes on 9/30
UC San Diego Ranked
Nation’s Best University by Washington Monthly

Parents and families already have many reasons to be proud of their UC San Diego student. We are pleased to share one more: for the fourth year in a row, UC San Diego has been ranked as the top university in the nation by Washington Monthly. The magazine’s annual “College Rankings” considers how universities are “acting on behalf of the true public interest,” measuring institutions based on three criteria: social mobility, research and civic engagement.

“This ranking is a testament to UC San Diego’s efforts to remain accessible and affordable, and to offer opportunities of upward social mobility for students from all backgrounds,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “We are committed to being a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university that provides opportunity for all.”

Part of the ranking was based on civic engagement, including community service participation, students who serve in the ROTC and alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps after graduating. UC San Diego students who are looking to get involved on campus and give back to the community can find plenty of opportunities to do so. A few examples of the activities available to students this fall include:

- **Volunteer50** – UC San Diego’s Volunteer50 program challenges campus community members to complete 50 hours of service during the academic year. The program helps connect students, staff, faculty and alumni with volunteer opportunities on campus and in the local community.

- **Tutoring Middle and High School Students** – UC San Diego works with three partnership schools, The Preuss School UCSD, Gompers Preparatory Academy and Lincoln High School, to help students in historically underserved communities become college-ready. UC San Diego students are essential to this partnership, serving as tutors and positive role models for the younger students.

- **Alternative Breaks** – National and international service learning trips offer an opportunity for students to learn about social justice issues while participating in direct service projects that will have a lasting impact—for both the students and the communities in which they serve.

Private support ensures UC San Diego’s reputation as a world-class student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university. The breadth of student educational enrichment opportunities—including civic engagement activities—offered at UC San Diego would not be possible without the contributions of parents, families, alumni and other campus friends.

Please help us make a strong start to the new school year with a gift to UC San Diego. Many parents and families choose to contribute to the Parents Innovation Fund, which supports student activities and resources such as tutoring services, leadership development programs, special guest lecturers and much more. It is a simple way to have a widespread impact on our students’ education and college experience.

No matter where you choose to give—the Parents Innovation Fund, your student’s college or academic department, or another area of campus—please know that your contribution will make a difference for today’s students and for future generations.

For more information and to make a gift, visit [parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu](http://parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu) or contact Paulyne Becerra, Senior Director of Development and Community Engagement, at (858) 534-7424 or pbecerra@ucsd.edu.
Parents & Families - Because a lot is happening in your life right now, we thought you would appreciate receiving four important pieces of information that will save you and your student time, money, and make their life a lot easier at the beginning of your first fall quarter.

1. **TEXTBOOKS - OK to mix & match these options:**

   **BEST CHOICE:**
   It’s easy. It’s fast. It’s efficient. Use UCSD’s textbook course builder [online service](#) to pick your courses, pick your books, and then check out. Choose to have them shipped or to pick them up inside the UCSD Bookstore (located in the Price Center west complex.) All major credit cards and student accounts accepted.

   **COMPARE PRICES:**
   To get the best price, enter your courses [online](#) to compare the UCSD Bookstore prices to other web sources.

   **RENT:**
   Save up to 75%! For the biggest selection rent [online](#). Certain texts are available to rent from inside the UCSD Bookstore too. It’s easier and faster if you set up your rental [My Account](#) before visiting the UCSD Bookstore.

   **VISIT THE UC SAN DIEGO BOOKSTORE:**
   Whether new, used or rentals - bring your textbook list into the UCSD Bookstore (located in the Price Center west complex) and the staff will help you find your books. Log into [My TritonLink](#), view your class schedule, click on “All My Books,” and print out your book list. Most of the UCSD Bookstore staff members are also students. Dropping and/or changing classes? [Returns and refunds](#) are easy.

2. **COMPUTERS @ the UCSD Bookstore**

   We are an Apple Authorized Campus Store. Take advantage of our special Apple Academic Pricing when you purchase from the UCSD Computer Store (located inside the UCSD Bookstore.) We also carry Dell, Lenovo, Sony, Asus and HP computers and tablets.

   You can rely on the expert service and support you’ll receive from the UCSD Computer Store staff. Choose to have your computer shipped now, to your home, so you’re ready to hit the ground running when fall quarter starts.

   Students eligible for financial aid may qualify to receive computer purchasing assistance [details](#). The UCSD Bookstore provides quotes for the UCSD Financial Aid office and processes approved disbursements for computer purchases.

   [Apple, Notebooks, Desktops and more!](#)
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3. **Rent a combo microwave/refrigerator/freezer for your apartment or room:**

   New and used [pricing](#) + free delivery and pick up at the beginning and end of the academic year.

   Welcome to the Triton Family and we’ll see you soon!

   - UC San Diego Bookstore Staff

   P.S. Please don’t hesitate to [contact us](#) - it'd be great to hear from you!

   Check it out = 52 weeks of contests and [insider access](#). Convenient [hours](#).
Marshall Welcome

Greetings Marshall College families! We hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to welcoming your student to campus later this month. We hope to see each and every one of our new and returning students during this year’s Welcome Week (September 22 – September 28) for lots of fun, sun, and school spirit! For more information, visit the Welcome Week Website.

Also, we encourage interested family members to check out the Resources for Parents section of the Marshall website for information about different Marshall resources, ways to stay connected to Marshall College, suggesting reading, and more.

- Marshall College Staff

Make Hotel Reservations Today!

Families are encouraged to make travel plans, hotel arrangements, and car rental reservations early. Approximately 4,000 undergraduate students graduate from UC San Diego each year, and therefore hotels in the area reach occupancy quickly.

UC San Diego Parent & Family Programs has partnered with Bartell Hotels to offer parents, students, families, alumni, and friends reduced hotel rates at some of the finest properties in San Diego. Every time you stay at one of the Bartell Hotels’ seven distinguished properties, they will donate a percentage of that total room cost to support student scholarships at UC San Diego and promote university events. To take advantage of these special rates and make a reservation for your family, call (800) 345-9995 or visit tritonfamilydestinations.com.

Ultimate Produce

Providing San Diego’s students, businesses, families, and athletes with affordable, organic, local and seasonal produce!

Our UP Options are created for our members with a mix of items that can be found at the grocery store as well as farmers market, and we deliver to UCSD

We provide parents with the ability to Buy UP online, and forward those purchases to their students at UCSD. Know your student is being fueled with the very best for ultimate health and performance with UP! Learn how to receive 15% off your first purchase of UP!
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