Students are back on campus and that means the campus is buzzing with energy again. From students carrying bags with all their new books from the UCSD Bookstore, to chatting with friends they haven’t seen in a month, to planning ahead for all of the exciting campus events. The campus is alive again!

The New Year brings new goals and new adventures for many of us, and especially for our students. Encourage your students to start thinking about their spring break and summer plans, jobs and internships, utilizing all that this campus has to offer from trips abroad to recreation! When our seniors graduate they often share that they wish they would have taken more time to experience some of the great opportunities that UC San Diego has to offer. Encourage your student to go see a performance at the La Jolla Playhouse, to visit Birch Aquarium, and get involved in a student organization!

Wishing your family a healthy and happy new year!

Laci Weeden
Director, Parent & Family Programs

Happy New Year to our Triton Families

The University of California, San Diego is launching a new tradition with the first-annual Sibling Weekend, Friday, Jan. 11 through Saturday, Jan. 12. Students are invited to host their brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends, ages 7-16, to share the UC San Diego student experience and participate in a variety of activities. Click here to read the full story from UCSD News Center.

Follow the events this weekend on Twitter, #UCSDSiblingsWeekend

What are your hopes for this quarter?
As with the new calendar year, the new quarter brings opportunities to make resolutions for change. If last quarter’s grades did not meet your student’s or your expectations, remind your son or daughter that you love them no matter what, let him or her identify the possible problems, and discuss plans for improvement for the winter quarter. Perhaps, your student is eager to get more involved on campus or has goals of study or service abroad. Identifying those goals now, in order to meet deadlines and make financial plans will help your student get closer to achieving their vision.

What are you doing this summer?
Actually, you were supposed to start hinting in September. Realistically, it is hard to get students to start thinking about summer before the winter holiday. Students can use employment opportunities to try out career options. They can also build their resume with relevant internships and study abroad opportunities. That lifeguard job is fun, but unless you are majoring in Parks and Recreation, it is not likely to move you any closer to your dream job.
Jaysond Miclat, a UCSD alumni, realized as a student that whiteboards are expensive ($6-$10) and bulky. So he thought, why not make paper just like a whiteboard to keep it economical and portable? Thus the Scratch Sheet was created. This study tool is a sheet of paper made with a biodegradable coating (not laminated) that allows any dry erase pens to write on and wipe off cleanly. Students now have an option to use an affordable study tool starting at $1.95 to prepare for midterms, finals, and entrance exams.

Surprise your student by ordering the Scratch Sheet for them: www.scratchsheet.com or simply let them know that it’s available at the UCSD Bookstore.

**Flu Clinics**

**Remind Your Student to Get Their Flu Shot!**

Student Health is providing walk-in flu clinics at The Zone located in Price Center Plaza on January 11, 15, and 18 from 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free for SHIP students, $15 all other students. Get Well Kits are available at SHS Pharmacy $5.00.

More information can be found at studenthealth.ucsd.edu

**Career Discovery Week**

Are your students still undecided about their major? Are they interesting in seeing what other opportunities are out there? What the hot careers are right now? If so, make sure your student check this out! Click here to learn more.

**A Campus Tradition...**

Encourage your student to join UC San Diego’s Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Penny Rue, students, staff, faculty and alumni as they march in the 33rd Annual San Diego Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and day of service. For more information about the parade and day of service, click here.
Going Global


The Programs Abroad Office (PAO) sends approximately 22% of students (based on graduating class) abroad each year to study, intern, research or volunteer. Won’t you help encourage your student to go abroad? Application deadlines for Summer 2013 and Semester/Year 2013-2014 are coming up in January, February and March 2013. We have more scholarship and aid money available this year than ever before (close to $650,000) and look forward to working with your son or daughter to find the best academic program to complement his or her studies at UC San Diego.

Check out our website today! pao.ucsd.edu.

Invent the Future Surpasses $50 Million Fundraising Goal

At UC San Diego, a growing number of students need financial support to offset rising fees and the cost of living. We are pleased to announce that our campus will be able to continue offering scholarships and graduate student fellowships thanks to the success of “Invent the Future: The UC San Diego Student Support Campaign.”

“UC San Diego’s ability to advance research and impact the regional economy is directly related to the quality of its faculty and student body,” said Steve Relyea, vice chancellor for External and Business Affairs. “We thank the many generous donors who invested in UC San Diego students so that we can continue to recruit the best and brightest to our campus.”

Launched three years ago with a $2 million fellowship endowment from the Siebel Foundation, the campaign recently exceeded its fundraising goal of $50 million with a gift of $1.6 million from longtime university supporters Joan and Irwin Jacobs.

Undergraduate scholarships help to ensure access and affordability to UC San Diego for students like mathematics major George Santellano. He plans to use his skills in finance and accounting to start a foundation that provides scholarships for low-income students from Southeast San Diego, where he grew up.

“I come from a blue-collar background,” said Santellano. “My parents both immigrated to San Diego from Mexico in the early 1980s, and eventually raised a family. My parents always stressed the importance of school.”

Santellano is grateful to his parents for helping him “make it” to UC San Diego, yet it was support from the Jack in the Box Preuss Scholarship that made his dream of attending the campus a reality. “Without scholarships, I would not be able to afford school and my potential would never have been tested,” said Santellano.

Although the Invent the Future campaign exceeded its goal, with declining state funds UC San Diego will continue to face a critical need to raise enough student scholarships and fellowships. To learn more and make a gift to support students in need, please visit www.studentsupport.ucsd.edu and www.giving.ucsd.edu/fellowships.

Parents and families can also help make sure that once students arrive at UC San Diego, they have an outstanding college experience that broadens their education and marketability after graduation. The Parents Innovation Fund provides flexible funding for campus-wide student enrichment initiatives, from tutoring services to leadership and career development workshops to wellness resources.

To learn more and make a gift, visit parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu or contact Suzanne McClain, director of Parent and Family Giving, at (858) 822-2867 or summclain@ucsd.edu.
**College Leadership Opportunities**

Is your student looking for leadership experience, avenues for personal and professional growth, and the opportunity to make a positive impact in their community? If so, they should apply to be an Orientation Leader or a Resident Assistant!

Below are the links for each of the Colleges:

- **Marshall College** – Marshall Orientation Leader or Resident Assistant
- **Muir College** – Muir Orientation Leader or House Advisor
- **Warren College** – Warren Orientation Leader (applications available during Spring quarter) or Resident Assistant
- **Roosevelt College** – Roosevelt Orientation Leader or Resident Advisor
- **Revelle College** – Revelle Orientation Leader or Resident Assistant
- **Sixth College** – Sixth Orientation Leader or Resident Assistant

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**UC San Diego Students Give Back**

As in previous years, UC San Diego’s co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, hosted “Operation Santa” on the UCSD campus during the holiday season. Operation Santa is a program that donates food, clothing, and gifts to families in San Diego who cannot afford them during the Christmas season.

In the past many Muir College students have volunteered for Operation Santa. This year, the Muir College house advisor staff, all undergraduate students, participated in this program. Their efforts were spearheaded by Jessica Chong. Muir HAs shopped for things on their family’s wish list. Jessica and HA, Mikayla Garvin, presented these gifts to a single mother whose son has Cerebral Palsy. Paying for medical bills has been very hard for her, let alone handling all the other household expenses. Operation Santa’s donations provided the only Christmas this family was going to have this year.

The family was overjoyed with their gifts, saying that they were just what they wanted. They were also very excited to meet Jessica and Mikayla. The HAs spent time getting to know the family and building more than just a passing relationship together. Plans are in the works for follow-up visits.
Adelaide's has been the premier floral & event company in San Diego for over 75 years. We are proud to partner with the Office of Parent & Family Programs. Adelaide's provides flowers, plants, and gift baskets to send throughout San Diego County. Remember to send your student a cheerful bouquet or gift basket to let them know they are loved and missed!

As a sponsor of UC San Diego, Adelaide's offers a **10% discount** on all orders through UCSD Parent & Family Programs. You can order online, in person at our store in La Jolla, or by calling us at the number listed below. Please reference UCSD-PFP to receive your 10% discount. *Not applicable with other discounts or wire out orders*

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Sixth College Tech Committee Presents... Gamefest!

Ever wonder what the PC Ballrooms would look like if video gamers took them over for a weekend? Encourage your students to find out at this year's Winter Gamefest! Tournaments include: Halo 4, League of Legends, StarCraft II, Street Fighter 4, Marvel vs. Capcom, Black Ops II, Smash Melee, DoTA 2. Great prizes and giveaways! Free play area for the new or casual gamer. Visit http://sctechcomm.org/wgf for more info.