Greetings Triton Parents and Families!

It’s week five at UC San Diego and we are half way through the quarter!

Highlights in this month’s e-newsletter include information about flu-shot, ordering care packages for your student, involvement opportunities for your student, and the groundbreaking of the ballpark at UC San Diego. If your student is unable to travel for the Thanksgiving Holiday, learn about optional lodging near the campus. Students traveling home for the holiday needing more information about shuttles to the airport, can visit https://students.ucsd.edu/campus-services/parking-and-transportation/commuting/holiday-airport-shuttle.html

All my best,

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Family Weekend Was a Blast!

Thank you to the nearly 2,000 parents, families, and students who attended the 7th Annual Family Weekend, Oct 24-26. Highlights include an almost sold out Comedy Nite with Justin Willman and Andy Hayes, Dinner and Night Time at the San Diego Zoo, and College Connections. Some pictures will be featured at www.facebook.com/TritonParents. A survey will arrive in your email inbox early November to tell us about your experience. The weekend was a huge success and we hope you had a Triton terrific time!

Siblings Weekend, January 24, 2015 Save the Date!

Join us for the 3rd Annual Siblings Weekend, inviting UC San Diego students’ siblings ages 7-16 for a day of college-related activities and fun. If you missed Family Weekend, this is another opportunity to have some family fun right here on campus. For more information, visit http://parents.ucsd.edu/events/siblings-weekend/index.html

CONVERSATION CORNER

Designed to facilitate meaningful conversations about timely student issues, the “Conversation Corner” provides suggested conversations parents and families may want to have with their student.

You’re never alone while pedaling up hills

Your student is now settled in, made a few friends, discovered their favorite classes and is traveling around campus and the community at night and on weekends. During your regular phone calls with your student – somewhere in between the discussions of course work, dating, and money – you should also carve time to discuss their general health. This is more than just how they are feeling or if they are sick. A healthy lifestyle is one that encompasses mental and physical health, too. This can include alcohol use, getting enough sleep, exercise, nutrition, and overall general wellness. At UC San Diego, there are ample ways to sustain a healthy lifestyle. From healthy dining choices to on-campus counseling services, healthy lifestyles are a priority at UC San Diego and are needed to be successful.
More than 1,700 fans crammed into Canyonview Pool on Wednesday of Zero Week to witness the now No. 6 UC San Diego Men’s Water Polo team defeat conference rival Loyola Marymount, 7-2. UC San Diego is shooting for an unprecedented 17th Western Water Polo Association title which would earn the Tritons a berth in the NCAA Championships, scheduled to be hosted at UC San Diego, Dec. 6-7. For more information on UC San Diego Water Polo and the NCAA Championships, go to http://ucsdtritons.com/

UCSD senior Matt Michalko (photo by Erik Jepsen)

Huge Crowd Sees Big Waterpolo Win
Your Student Has Lots of Textbook Choices

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Alternative Breaks at UC San Diego

Alternative Breaks are national and international service learning trips that engage college students in a social justice service-related issue. Each trip partners with a local nonprofit organization familiar with the local community to inform social injustice issues in that area to ensure a continuous growth process. By working with a local nonprofit, Alternative Breaks ensures the service has a positive impact that transcends involvement in the local community. After the trip, members are expected to use acquired knowledge and life experiences to continue making a positive impact in their own community, thereby becoming Active Citizens. For more information please visit: http://www.abatucsd.org/

Muir’s MOM & POP Shop

Offers a special opportunity to show your favorite student you are thinking of them. Throughout the year, a variety of specialty baskets (or care packages) can be delivered directly to the door of any Muir College Resident. The selections may vary, but the thoughtful message remains the same. Check out http://mom.ucsd.edu to see current baskets; check back as new offerings become available throughout the quarter.

Questions: muircollegecenter@ucsd.edu.
Financial Aid Office Update

Unexpected expenses can occur despite careful planning of your student’s academic year budget. If your student incurs additional educational costs above the expenses shown on UCSD’s estimated budgets and costs of attendance [https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/budgeting/index.html](https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/budgeting/index.html) the Financial Aid Office may be able to add them to your student’s budget and cover them with student loans, based on availability of funds. On occasion, other types of funding may be available, including some grants.

Families who experience unexpected and significant loss of income during the academic year can also request a review by the Financial Aid Office. See how to file a “special circumstance” appeal for Loss of Income [https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/applying/appeals/appeal.html](https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/applying/appeals/appeal.html)

Short Term Emergency Loans for students are also available through the Financial Aid Office to help your student who may be in need of immediate funds for emergency situations such as car repairs, specialized course equipment, etc. A processing fee of $20 is charged and the loan repayment is typically 30 days after receipt of the funds.

Winter Break Housing Options! Discounted UCSD Rate!

Winter break at UCSD is 2 weeks (Dec. 20 – Jan. 5). The Residence Halls close at noon on Dec. 21 and re-open at noon on Jan. 3. This is a great time to spend time with family, but if your student is unable to travel home, plan ahead for winter break now! Marriott La Jolla Hotel is offering UCSD students a special winter break rate! Reserve a room for $79/night, 20% off on hotel food outlets, coin laundry, and a shuttle to/from UCSD, Target, and a grocery store! Students can reserve the room on their own or share a room with other students to save money!

Click the link for online room reservation for UCSD winter break special rate: [http://tinyurl.com/qej5evt](http://tinyurl.com/qej5evt)

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Last quarter, “Coffee With a Prof” (CWAP) program launched and it was an overwhelming success! We are very happy with student/faculty participation and will continue CWAP for Fall Quarter 2014.

Students can stop by any college Student Affairs Office to pick up a voucher. All students are welcome to participate. All colleges are included. Students should take advantage of this great opportunity to get to know their faculty member by meeting over a free cup of coffee! We encourage students to participate and enjoy the opportunity!

Program Process:
We provide each student with a beverage voucher to be turned in to any participating coffee vendor at the time of their visit. Each student may participate twice per quarter. Students must have verification that their invitation is accepted by their professor or Teaching Assistant (T.A.), along with the date arranged to meet for coffee BEFORE requesting a voucher.

Participating Vendors:
- Art of Espresso Café
- Cups Outdoor Café
- Fairbanks
- Perks
- Muir Woods Coffee House

Every year during Welcome Week, the six colleges compete at the UnOlympics on RIMAC Field and the winning college takes home the fabled Golden Shoe for one year. The theme for performances this year, “A World of Muir Imagination,” inspired by Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, was the golden ticket to Muir College's victory! Muir took first-place and proudly carried off the shoe for the first time in sixteen years! Congratulations Muir!
UC San Diego Breaks Ground on Triton Ballpark
The University of California, San Diego broke ground this fall on the new Triton Ballpark. The ceremonial groundbreaking—with engraved baseball bats—represents the next step in the transformation of the existing baseball field into a state-of-the-art facility for UC San Diego’s intercollegiate baseball team. Triton Ballpark is made possible with the support of lead donors including Bill Scripps, Gary Jacobs, ’79, John Moores, Malin Burnham and Richard Atkinson, UC San Diego’s fifth Chancellor.

“We are creating our own ‘field of dreams’ for our students, the campus and our community,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “Triton Ballpark exemplifies our mission of being a student-centered university, and we are grateful to the generous donors who have helped make this project possible.”

Highlights of Triton Ballpark will include sunken team dugouts, a press box, an area for food trucks, permanent spectator seating and restroom facilities. Triton Ballpark will also feature the Marye Anne Fox Clubhouse, named in honor of UC San Diego’s seventh Chancellor. During her tenure as Chancellor from 2004 to 2012, Marye Anne Fox was an advocate for athletics and championed updates to the baseball field. The 4,000 square foot clubhouse will include a locker room, team showers, coaches’ offices, laundry, storage area for athletic equipment, and multipurpose room and hall of fame area. The UC San Diego baseball program is one of the most successful in NCAA Division II. The Tritons reached the national final in 2010, and in 2004 won a record sixth California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Tournament championship. Yet, the players currently practice and compete on a field without the basic amenities that many of their competitors take for granted—from showers to permanent restroom facilities. “Having a facility to match the excellence of our talented student-athletes will contribute greatly to our team spirit and Triton pride,” said UC San Diego Athletics Director Earl W. Edwards. Athletics and other student life activities rely on private support from community members, alumni, parents and families to maintain and enhance the opportunities provided to students. Whether your student plays a team sport or intramurals, participates in community service or cultural events seeks out advice from the Writing Center or Career Services Center, he or she is benefitting from the generosity of others who have invested in the Triton student experience. A simple way to make a difference is with a contribution to the Parents Fund. Gifts of all sizes—especially when pooled together with support from fellow Triton families—make possible the programs and opportunities outside of the classroom that add up to an outstanding college experience. To learn more, or to make a gift, visit http://giving.ucsd.edu/parentandfamilygiving/ or contact Sumner Paterson, associate director of Parent and Family Giving, at (858) 822-3867 or sumner@ucsd.edu. To learn more about supporting Triton athletics, visit http://giving.ucsd.edu/where/athletics/

HALL OF FAME
On Sunday, October 12 seven former Triton greats were officially inducted into the UC San Diego Athletics Hall. The seven were Julia Cuder (Women’s Soccer, UCSD 2002), Jamie Dailey (Women’s Water Polo, ’92), Carol Lipson (Women’s Volleyball, ’88), Bob Natal (Baseball, ’87), Shannon Quigley (Track & Field/Women’s Volleyball, ’89), Chris Romey (Men’s Soccer/Volleyball, ’93) and Paul Trainer (Men’s Basketball, ’75). The event was the culmination of Homecoming Weekend which saw more than 800 ex-UCSD athletic standouts return to campus for a variety of festivities.

The Hall of Famers also had commemorative banners unveiled in RIMAC Arena prior to Saturday night’s Women’s Volleyball match against Cal State East Bay. For more information on the UC San Diego Athletic Hall of Fame, go to http://ucsdtritons.com/