Happy New Year to our Triton Families

Happy New Year! The New Year brings new goals and new adventures for many of us, and most especially for our students. What are their plans for this winter quarter? Encourage them to take advantage of all that UC San Diego has to offer, from trips abroad with the Programs Abroad Office, visiting the Career Services Center, to getting fit with UC San Diego Recreation!

Graduating students 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!

This is also a good time for your student to start thinking about their spring break plans and summer plans. Maybe they want to get a summer job or an internship in their area of study?

Wishing your family the best for 2014!

Laci Weeden
Director, Parent & Family Programs

Families and Friends Invited to UC San Diego’s 2nd Annual Siblings Weekend - UC San Diego Explorers!

The University of California, San Diego hosted its 2nd Annual Siblings Weekend, on Saturday, January 11th. Students invited their brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends age 7-16, to share the UC San Diego student experience. Guests participated in a variety of activities inspired by the movie “Up.” Activities included science and engineering experiments, touring campus landmarks, and men’s and women’s basketball games.

Click here to view a slideshow of highlights from the event.
Remind Your Student to Get Their Flu Shot!

Student Health is providing a walk-in flu clinic at The Zone located in Price Center Plaza on January 24th from 12 - 4 p.m. There is no charge for students with SHIP. For rates for students without SHIP, visit the link below.

More dates and additional information can be found at studenthealth.ucsd.edu

Get Well Kits are also available at Student Health Services Pharmacy, Cashier and Health Promotion Department - just $5.00.

January 27-31 is Medication Education Week

Encourage your students to watch for opportunities to test their knowledge and win prizes!

Winter quarter is all about exploring future career interests. Whether that’s trying to figure out what your student wants to do with their major or finding the steps needed to become a nurse. The Career Services Center has something for your student. Click here to learn more about upcoming events.

Check parents.ucsd.edu for the latest updates!
UC San Diego students have something new to cheer about this season. Dean Spanos, chairman of the board and president of the San Diego Chargers, has pledged $500,000 to campus to support a new Athletic Performance Center. The gift will support the expansion of the existing Alex G. Spanos Training Facility, located at the north end of campus, and the revamped facility will be renamed the Alex G. Spanos Athletic Performance Center.

The new center, overlooking Triton Track and Field Stadium, will include a strength and conditioning area, outdoor performance plaza, hydrotherapy room for student-athletes. The additional training space, thanks to the Spanos gift, will benefit all UC San Diego students with improved access to campus weight-training equipment.

“We truly appreciate Dean Spanos’ generosity to UC San Diego Athletics. This gift represents a continuation of the Spanos family’s support which has spanned the decades,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “This new facility will have a significant impact for our Triton student-athletes, as well as our student body as a whole.”

The Spanos family’s support of UC San Diego Athletics dates back as early as 1976. For many years, the San Diego Chargers had an annual agreement to use UC San Diego as a training camp. In 1988, Chargers owner Alex Spanos offered to construct and donate a locker room and training facility in the north campus recreation area—an in-kind donation that was valued at $1.1 million. In recognition of his generosity, UC Regents approved the naming of the Alex G. Spanos Training Facility that same year.

“I’m proud to be able to support UC San Diego Athletics and the university where our family, the Chargers and Chargers fans have so many great memories,” said Dean Spanos. “The donation will continue my father’s legacy of giving to the university while helping to provide an athletic experience on par with the school’s first-class academic experience.”

UC San Diego offers many different opportunities for students to get involved with athletics, fitness and wellness activities. From joining a Triton Athletics team to participating in a club sport or recreation class, students can find an activity to fit their personal interests and schedules. Generous contributions from alumni,
parents, families and community friends—like the Spanos family—continually improve the wellness resources and student life opportunities available to UC San Diego students.

Whether your passion is for athletics or theater, undergraduate research or professional development, there are many ways that you can make a difference in your student’s educational experience at UC San Diego. Gifts of any size, especially when pooled with contributions from other parents and families, make a big impact on our campus.

To learn more, visit parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu or contact Paulyne Becerra, senior director of development and community engagement, at (858) 534-7424 or pbecerra@ucsd.edu.

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.

Important News for All Parents Regarding 2014 Tax Statements:

The University of California has contracted with the Tax Credit Reporting Service (TCRS) to electronically produce your IRS Form 1098-T Tuition Statement.

You’ll receive an e-mail notification from TCRS when your 1098-T is available online at www.1098T.com.

Be sure your spam filter does not capture e-mail from the TCRS domain tcrs@xerox.com.

Check your official UCSD e-mail account for the notification and link to the 1098-T Statement (log into the Address Tool to confirm your official address).

The IRS Form 1098-T Tuition Statement is used to assist the taxpayer in determining eligibility for an educational tax credit and/or deduction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please click here.
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Encourage your student to apply for UCSD Summer 2014 Research Scholarships and for 2014-2015 Continuing Student Scholarships.

February 3, 2014 is the deadline to submit the online application for Undergraduate Scholarships for Summer 2014 Research Scholarships and 2014-2015 Continuing Student Scholarships. Application available at: https://students.ucsd.edu (on TritonLink in toolbox section, under Finance Tools, selection Financial Aid to access the application).

Undergraduate Summer 2014 Research Scholarship

- More than 45 research scholarship for $4,000 will be awarded for Summer 2014
- Questions: aep@ucsd.edu or call (858) 534-1774

Undergraduate Continuing/Current Student Scholarship Application for 2014-2015

- More than 300 scholarships of $1,000 to $5,000 will be awarded for 2014-2015 academic year
- Questions: scholarship@ucsd.edu or call (848) 534-1067

For those of you who are San Diego County residents, your student may also wish to apply for private scholarships through The San Diego Foundation.

February 3, 2014 is the deadline register and February 5, 2014 is the deadline to complete an application for scholarships from The San Diego Foundation, a private scholarship provider in San Diego County.

Last year the San Diego Foundation awarded $2.2 million in scholarship funds to 800 local San Diego County students.

- Over 100 scholarships are available with awards from $1,000 to more than $5,000
- Questions: www.sdfoundation.org/ScholarshipApplication or call (619) 814-1343
SPRING BREAK OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRIPS WITH UC SAN DIEGO

Is your student looking for a great way to spend spring break, de-stress and make some new friends? Outback Adventures, UCSD’s outdoor recreation program offers many affordable spring break trips for those looking to do something different than the norm. Each trip is led by UCSD students and includes transportation, some meals, park entrance fees and housing (in tents). All the options are listed at http://bit.ly/UCSDspringbreak. Choices include Grand Canyon Backpacking, Catalina Island Service Adventure, two National Parks Road Trips and a Black Canyon Kayak Adventure.

Zion National Park

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