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Students cheer for their friends at Commencement 2013. Photo by Erik Jepsen/UC San Diego Publications

A Fond Farewell

This is the final newsletter of the academic year and I hope all our families have had an incredible journey this year with their student. Congratulations to all our graduates and families. Enjoy your special weekend and make some lasting memories together!

It is also my final newsletter for UC San Diego families. I recently accepted a new position at a university on the east coast and my family and I will be leaving San Diego at the end of June. A search for my replacement will begin next week. Our current staff will continue to assist you with any questions or concerns.

I have enjoyed working with all of my Triton families and I will miss UC San Diego. I wish you all the best as you continue your educational journey with your student! It has truly been my pleasure to serve you.

With gratitude,

Laci Weeden,
Director, Parent & Family Programs

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.

Final Exam Week Tips

Emphasize the wisdom of approaching finals with the attitude of doing the very best he or she can, and not worrying tediously about what has or has not happened so far in the quarter. Send an encouraging text message or email to give your student a little boost during exam week. Remind your student to get a good night’s sleep before their exam(s), eat healthy, use some stress management strategies during finals week.

Let’s discuss the rules for being back at home.

Parents and students may have different expectations for each other for the summer. Discussing expectations for coming and going late at night, attendance at family events, household chores, visiting hours for friends, money management, and using the family car will be helpful as you prepare for them to come home.

Families and Friends Invited to UC San Diego’s All Campus Graduation Celebration (ACGC)

You are invited to join more than 2,500 attendees at ACGC for UC San Diego’s only all-campus commencement event! ACGC kicks off the UCSD Commencement Weekend by bringing together graduates from all 6 colleges with their families and friends to celebrate this amazing moment in their lives! Tickets are FREE to students participating in commencement weekend and $7/$12 for guests. To learn more, visit seniors.ucsd.edu.
Commencement Information

Commencement will take place on June 14 & 15 and the All Campus Graduation Celebration will take place on Friday, June 13th.

Visit commencement.ucsd.edu for more information.

Saturday, June 14
- Roosevelt College - 8 a.m.
- Revelle College - 1 p.m.
- Warren College - 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 15
- Marshall College - 8 a.m.
- Muir College - 1 p.m.
- Sixth College - 5 p.m.

Congratulate the Class of 2014

Help celebrate our new grads by tweeting a special message or advice tagged with #UCSD2014. Tweets will be live streamed on screen during the commencement ceremonies.

Summer Sessions

This summer UC San Diego is offering over 600 courses from a variety of disciplines and departments during three convenient sessions:

Session 1: June 30-Aug 2, 2014
Session 2: August 4-September 6, 2014

Summer Session is a great way to:
- Accelerate progress towards a degree
- Focus on a challenging subject
- Reduce fall/winter/spring course load
- Enroll in courses difficult to enroll in during the fall, winter or spring quarters
- Enhance career prospects
- Enrich cultural and intellectual knowledge

Summer Session isn’t only for UCSD students! It is also open to:
- Other college students
- Adult learners
- High school students in grades 10 to 12
- International students

On-Campus Move Out

As students prepare to move out, encourage them to think about recycling the things they don’t want or need anymore. Click here for more information. Last day to move out is June 14th at Noon.

The Student Health Insurance Office wishes you a nice summer and asks that you keep the following in mind:
- Students who were enrolled in UCSHIP for Spring 2014 have continued coverage through September 28, 2014.
- Student Health Services is open during the summer! Check our website for hours.
- Students are still required to obtain a written referral from SHS prior to all non-emergency medical care, regardless of the distance from campus. Can the insurance office at 858-534-2124 if care is needed and the student is out-of-area.
- For students returning for FALL 2014, a new health fee waiver will need to be submitted by the waiver deadline: September 26, 2014. See (insert link http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/ucshipwaiver.shtml) for more information.
- The cost for UCSHIP for 2014-2015 will be: $544/quarter for undergraduates; $1067/quarter for graduate students.
- RAFT will be offered again for 2014-2015! Please refer to http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/raft.shtml for more information about RAFT.
Adam D. Kamil Gallery Named in Memory of Visual Arts Student
Kamil family endows $150,000 towards undergraduate media awards program

Intrigued by the stories of others, Adam Kamil had a special way of getting people to share their life on film. A visual arts student at UC San Diego, Adam would traverse the sandy avenues of Ocean Beach with his video camera, approaching varied groups of people to capture their narrative. Since his passing in 2009, the Kamil family has established the Adam Douglas Kamil (ADK) Media Awards, and this year endowed the program with a $150,000 gift. In memory of Adam and in recognition of their generous support, the Mandeville Center Gallery Annex has been named the Adam D. Kamil Gallery.

“We established the Adam Douglas Kamil Student Media Awards in our son’s memory, especially as a tribute to his creativity and to his belief in the power of the media to connect people,” explained Elaine Kamil. “We are thrilled to know that Adam’s creative spirit will live on through the Adam D. Kamil Gallery, where students can showcase their talents, share inspiration and connect with one another.”

Learning to play guitar at a young age, Adam always resonated with the arts. Entering UC San Diego as a transfer student in economics, he soon followed his passion for visual arts and pursued filmmaking and media production. Relishing the chance to see how his classmates interpreted the world around them, Adam would transform class critiques into a movie premiere event, complete with Red Vines.

His desire to explore the lives of others inspired the ADK Media Awards theme—“So What’s Your Story?” Open to all UC San Diego students with an interest in filmmaking, more than 30 films were premiered at the May 8 reception in the Adam D. Kamil Gallery.

“Drawing more students each year, the Kamil Awards drive creativity and build confidence among UC San Diego students,” said Jordan Crandall, UC San Diego visual arts professor and department chair. “We are grateful for the support of the Kamil Family, which allows us to foster and showcase the talents of our visual arts students.”

Launched four years ago, the award program strives to nurture creativity and polish media production skills among students. A panel of visual arts faculty and graduate students judge the films and present one $2,000 grand prize and two $1,000 finalist awards. This year’s top prize went to Yu Chen for her film, “Grandma,” which blends Chinese folk art dance with a fairy tale motif to explore cultural and social connections.

“The Kamil Award inspires me to pursue my passions as a filmmaker artist and capture beauty from a different perspective,” said Chen, a senior majoring in visual arts. “I appreciate the Kamil Family for helping artists like me gain exposure. It makes me happy to know that people enjoy my work.”

Located on the lower level of the Mandeville Center, the Adam D. Kamil Gallery is a flexible space where undergraduate visual arts students can exhibit their artwork, organize a performance or curate a group exhibition. The ADK Media Awards exhibition is just one of numerous shows that take place each year.

Support from parents and families, like the Kamil family, plays an important role in the educational experience of UC San Diego students. Our campus continually strives to improve and expand the opportunities available to students. Every gift—whether it be to support the arts or sciences, scholarships or research opportunities—helps give our students a well-rounded, challenging and fulfilling undergraduate education that will prepare them for the next chapter of their lives.

To learn more, or to make a gift, 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 Grad Central**

This is the place to find out about all the events and services the UCSD Bookstore has to offer for so many things that matter at this special time in your graduate's life.


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**Therapy Fluffies Extravaganza**

June 10th, 10am - 2pm @ Library Walk

The popular pups are back! The Zone will be bringing nearly two dozen certified therapy dogs to campus to help your students de-stress during finals! Studies show that animal therapy has many health benefits, including stress reduction. Encourage your students to come play, relax and de-stress with nearly two dozen fun-loving canines during finals week!

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**2013-14 Athletic Year in Review**

Andisheh Bagheri (8) celebrates with teammates after scoring the game-winning goal against Cal State Monterey Bay. UC San Diego men’s soccer team completed the program’s best season since moving up from the NCAA Division III to Division II in 2000, at 14-3-5 overall.

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Make Hotel Reservations Today for Commencement Weekend

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 the 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.

June 14 & 15: Commencement Grad Shop

The UCSD Bookstore will have a tent set up near your commencement ceremony with UCSD emblematic merchandise and souvenirs for sale. Look for the banners and directional signage that will lead you to the tent situated in the RIMAC outdoor plaza entrance - just south of Peet’s coffee shop.


- Please remind your student to check the Financial Aid tool on TritonLink for additional documents or required actions needed to complete his/her financial aid for 2014-15. Documents must be submitted by the June 17th deadline to qualify for the best financial aid awards. Funding is limited and based on availability.
- Additional documents/actions may include verification worksheets, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to update your FAFSA, tax return transcripts, and resolving FAFSA processing holds indicated on your FAFSA Student Aid Report.
- To be considered for the best financial aid package, your student must have filed his/her FAFSA or California Dream application by March 2 and submit all missing documents and/or clear all processing holds by the June 17th deadline. Applications completed after the deadline WILL NOT be considered for University grants, Work-Study, University or Perkins Loans.

Summer 2014 Financial Aid Available

Limited financial aid for attending summer session at UCSD or other UC campus is available. Your student can access the summer application on TritonLink.
Summer Storage Options!

Summer is coming quickly! Help your students spend the last few days of the quarter with their friends and enjoying the beach, not panicking on where to store their stuff! Plan ahead! Check out a few local storage companies that are offering deals for non-resident UCSD students. Services range from self-ship box storage to traditional storage facilities. Review your options and make the best choice for your student’s summer needs! For more information visit: [http://nonresidentinfo.ucsd.edu/](http://nonresidentinfo.ucsd.edu/)