As one of the top public research universities in the world, UC San Diego attracts the best and brightest students who are academically talented, immensely imaginative and naturally inquisitive. We are committed to giving them the highest-quality learning experience. Our goal is to inspire these bright minds, to empower them with the courage to create, to nurture their ambitions, and to prepare them for successful and rewarding careers and lives.

Above all else, UC San Diego is a student-centered university. From our unique six-college system and our student resource centers, to our academic enrichment and career development programs, we cultivate intellectual and social growth, we build community, and we ensure that our students have the best possible opportunities and experiences. This emphasis on excellence leads to passionate and well-rounded graduates who become leading scholars in their fields and who use their education to change our world for the better.

As parents and family members, you play a vital role in our students’ lives and academic careers. Your ongoing support and encouragement helps students to thrive and excel, and research shows that parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement outcomes. Thank you for being our partner in our students’ success and for being an important part of our UC San Diego family. I look forward to seeing you at Family Weekend.

With kind regards,
Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor

Welcome To UC San Diego!

As you and your family are enjoying the last weeks of summer, we at UC San Diego are gearing up for your student’s arrival. The start of the academic year is an exciting time. The first week known as Welcome Week is filled with information fairs, New Student Convocation, student organization sign-ups, and a host of social activities and events of every type and size.

While your student adjusts to campus life, there is a service dedicated to families to help you navigate the university and stay connected. The Office of Parent & Family Programs will keep you informed and is available to answer questions about student life, the college system, billing, student health and much more. In addition, Parent & Family Programs hosts the fun filled Family Weekend, which will take place October 21–23, 2016. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It is an event not to be missed and will reconnect you with your student after an epic first-month at UC San Diego.

Please remember no question is too small or insignificant when it comes to your student’s success at UC San Diego. It is my priority and that of the entire Student Affairs team to provide an experience where your student can grow and thrive in a safe and welcoming environment. Parent & Family Programs is here to serve you.

I hope to see you in October at Family Weekend.

Juan C. González
Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs
Pre-Check-In Activities

CRASH A COURSE!
Various Locations
Experience what it’s like to be a UC San Diego student and sit in on a class. A list of available classes will be available at http://parents.ucsd.edu/events/family-weekend/schedule.html.

SHOP AT THE UC SAN DIEGO BOOKSTORE AND THE SURF SHOP:
8 a.m. – 6 p.m. UC San Diego Bookstore
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Surf Shop

ICAFÉ:
12 – 1:15 p.m.
Join the International Center for an international lunch inspired meal and entertainment. Only $5, cash only.

Saturday, October 22

A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST OF TRITONS & UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SHOWCASE
8 – 10:30 a.m.
Multipurpose Room, Student Services Center
At UC San Diego, anyone can do research! Enjoy a continental breakfast while being amazed by research conducted by our very own Triton students. They’ll take your questions, too!

CONCURRENT TRITON ED SESSIONS
8:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Various Locations
Select from a variety of Triton Ed Sessions including a panel of students from the School of Medicine, Study Abroad, Building Blocks of Career Development, and more. Designed for both families and students, learn great ways to be successful at UC San Diego and beyond!

WILD & WACKY ZUMBA
9 – 9:30 a.m.
Town Square
Get your blood flowing with a morning Zumba class. Wear your wackiest Zumba outfit!

SELF-DEFENSE DEMONSTRATION
9:30 – 10 a.m.
Town Square
Everyone can learn some great self-defense tips from UCSD’s finest. Campus Officers will demonstrate skills relevant to all participants.

Family Weekend Highlights

SPECIAL FAMILY WEEKEND CAMPUS TOUR
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
This campus tour is crafted specifically for Family Weekend guests with an emphasis on resources students use daily. Guests will enter buildings, a unique feature not normally offered.

SELF-GUIDED CAMPUS TOUR OF THE STUART COLLECTION
Various Locations
Visit the 18 Stuart Collections sporadically placed on campus with each telling a story. Learn more at http://stuartcollection.ucsd.edu/

A SWEET START WELCOME & EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT
7 – 10 p.m.
Price Center East & West Ballrooms
Join us for entertainment-inspired goodies before our opening event. Mix and mingle with families, students and staff, and laugh your heart out in this family-friendly show.

Family Weekend Kick-Off

PARENT & FAMILY GIVING RECEPTION
5 – 6:30 p.m.
Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club
Parent & Family Giving recognizes that many families have talents and resources that enhance the student experience. Families interested in learning about the Parent Leadership Council, the Parents’ Fund and the culture of philanthropy at UCSD are welcomed to attend.
COLLEGE (RE)CONNECTIONS
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Join your student’s college for an afternoon of guest speakers, student performances, food, entertainment and more. Meet the staff that help make this large university feel like a closed-knit community.

CLIMB TIME WITH OUTBACK ADVENTURES
1:30 – 4 p.m.
Climbing Center, Canyon View Pool
Join UC San Diego Climb Time Recreation staff and try your hands and feet at the Outback Climbing Center. The indoor climbing facility accommodates beginners and experienced climbers. No experience required.

ZIPLINE & FAMILY CHALLENGE WITH OUTBACK ADVENTURES
1:30 – 4 p.m.
UC San Diego Challenge Course, Grove Reserve
Try out the UC San Diego Odyssey Challenge Course, an exciting, fun-family challenge course 25 feet off the ground.

UC SAN DIEGO NIGHT AT THE REUBEN H. FLEET SCIENCE CENTER
7 – 11 p.m.
San Diego Balboa Park
The Science Center will be open exclusively for our Triton Families! Relish in this educational space, great for all ages. And, enjoy the traveling exhibit, “The Art of the Brick,” featuring classic and new works of art brought to life through Lego. Beverages and desserts will be served. Transportation will be provided for those who register for space.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR PROJECT LINUS
9 – 11 a.m.
Multipurpose Room, Student Services Center
Make blankets for Project Linus to give to our local San Diego hospitals for children in need.

FAREWELL BRUNCH AND FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Price Center East Ballroom
Join us for a delicious brunch before heading home and for the acknowledgement of The Family of the Year Award. Don’t miss out on a photo slide show capturing the weekend’s events and a chance to win exciting prizes.

*This is the last event of the weekend.

Check-in
Friday, October 21 at 3 – 8 p.m
Saturday, October 22 at 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Bring a non-perishable item to help stock UC San Diego’s Triton Food Pantry.

Every time we come to the campus we love it more and more.

ONLINE REGISTRATION is now open and closes Monday, October 3
http://parents.ucsd.edu

PRICE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

$55 per guest age 8 & up
$25 per UCSD Student
FREE admission for children 7 & under

FEE WAIVER: Need-based fee waiver application is available September 1 and on a first-come, first serve basis. For more information, visit http://parents.ucsd.edu or contact parents@ucsd.edu • (858) 534-7273.

Note: The schedule is subject to change. Office of Parent & Family Programs (858) 534-7273 • parents@ucsd.edu • http://parents.ucsd.edu • www.facebook.com/TritonParents • www.twitter.com/UCSDParents
Join the Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program!

A great way to connect to the campus and to your student’s college experience.

The Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program is a unique opportunity for parents and families of current UC San Diego undergraduate students and alumni to help enhance the campus community. As ambassadors for UC San Diego, you participate in activities that will reach local and regional, prospective and current families and students. Opportunities include participating in:

- on-campus events (i.e., Family Weekend, Siblings Day, Triton Days, and Parent/Family Panels)
- off-campus events occurring in your hometown (i.e., College Fairs and Summer Send-Offs)
- making congratulatory calls to admitted students

No matter where you are, you can be an ambassador. You’ll receive an ambassador pin and guide to help you learn about UC San Diego. Sign up today at http://parents.ucsd.edu/get-involved/parentambassadors.html

Parents Fund

The Parents Fund provides valuable resources that support UC San Diego’s top priority: your sons and daughters—our students. Your contributions help support the university’s educational mission through innovative programs and services that promote student learning, encourage personal development and well-being and facilitate strong bonds among students. Your gift enhances and empowers students’ lives within the UC San Diego community, now and after graduation. Your support ensures students have access to the resources they need to be successful, fostering a balance of academics, personal growth opportunities and extracurricular activities that transform your student’s college experience. For more information, contact Jen Stanley at (858) 822-3867. Make a gift online at parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu.

THE PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

is comprised of a select group of parent volunteers who play a leadership role at UC San Diego. PLC members are University ambassadors, representing the university through a variety of outreach and development activities. With a minimum annual gift of $5,000, you inspire philanthropy from fellow parents, while enhancing the student experience.

Save the Date for the 5th Annual Siblings Day
February 4, 2017

Triton Family Connection E-Newsletter

Look for the first Triton Family Connection E-Newsletter of the year coming to your email inbox in September. Be sure your email is updated in your student’s Triton Link.
http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/index.html

UC San Diego Parent & Family Guide

The Parent & Family Guide assists families of undergraduate students through their student’s transition into college life. It is especially helpful for new families.
http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/index.html

Order your Triton Transitions Calendar

This annual calendar helps families stay informed about campus activities, traditions, and several campus resources.
http://parents.ucsd.edu/news-pubs/index.html

Now Taking Nominations For The Family Of The Year Award 2016!

UC San Diego believes and acknowledges family relationships as an important part of the college experience. We welcome students and families to nominate their family for the Family of the Year Award, honored at Family Weekend. For more information and to learn what the award recipient receives, visit http://parents.ucsd.edu/events/foty/index.html
VISITING SAN DIEGO

BARTELL HOTELS

UC San Diego and Bartell Hotels have partnered to offer alumni, student, friends and families reduced hotel rates at some of the finest properties in San Diego. Every time you stay at one of Bartell Hotels’ eight distinguished properties, they will donate a percentage of the total room cost to support student scholarships at UC San Diego and promote university events.

Family-owned and operated Bartell Hotels has provided first — rate hotel accommodations with uncompromising service for over 30 years.

To take advantage of these special rates call the toll free number 800.345.9995 and mention that you are part of the UC San Diego community or visit tritonfamilydestinations.com to book your stay at any of the Bartell Hotels.

All eight Bartell Hotel properties are conveniently located to the campus and local attractions. In addition to the discounted rates, you will be treated to a daily continental breakfast and welcome beverage.