A Message from Dean Genetti

Hello,

We hope this message finds you healthy and safe. As we navigate through these unprecedented times, it is important to stay connected and informed.

COVID-19

The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of our campus community. To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, UCSB is offering only remote instruction for Spring Quarter. Additionally, all on-campus research has been shut down. This is obviously having a large impact on our graduate student community and we understand that our students continue to receive the same great world class education that you have come to expect. We appreciate all of your support as we work hard to ensure that our graduate students are provided with all of their regular services via email and Zoom calls.

The Graduate Division is working hard to assist and provide support to our students during this difficult period. We encourage our students to use GradPost and the Graduate Programs support page to communicate with their department.

In order to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community, we have made changes to our campus life. The Virtual Gaucho Gallop, an annual event that typically takes place on the UC Santa Barbara campus, has been postponed until further notice. We will be providing updates on the event as we continue to monitor the situation.

We understand that this time is also a challenging one for our alumni. A select group of graduate students will be moving on to the global finals of the $20K Impact Challenge. This is an initiative that aims to help high-school students identify and develop solutions to real-world economic challenges.

We are also proud to announce that Dr. Nien-Tsu Shen, a mathematician and award-winning leader, will be receiving the 2020 UC Startup Innovation Award. The University of California is one of the world's leading public research universities, and we are committed to supporting innovation and entrepreneurship.

We hope you will join us in congratulating our recipients and supporting our students. Please stay tuned for updates as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Dean Genetti

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