Hello all!

I had a great time meeting with students Brian and Sarah this week who are interested in graduate studies at UCSB. I am really looking forward to doing it again next month! If you'd like to be considered for a possible graduate student at UCSB, please reach out to me.

The UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement is hosting its inaugural conference -- #Speech Matters: The Future of Free Expression on Campus -- in Washington D.C. to attend the conference and participate in a panel. It is the Center's first major event and will contain Urgent Storm and Safety Information.

- **Urgent Storm & Safety Information**: As of this morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) is predicting this Saturday (February 9th) to contain Urgent Storm and Safety Information.

- **Road Conditions/Closures**: Caltrans website at https://twitter.com/CaltransD5 contains Road Conditions/Closures.

- **Weather**: Visit National Weather Service.

- **Santa Barbara County Storm Alerts & Resources**: All UCSB community members can assist you with communicating to yourself both physically and mentally.

- **Food Pantries and Prepared Meals**: For County updates and to visit the Food Pantries and Prepared Meals shown above or visit food.ucsb.edu/resources/financial/food-pantries.

- **Emergency Shelters**: In the event of any displacement of residents due to storm events, the County has agreements in place with the Red Cross to open up emergency shelters.

- **Fire Safety**: To encourage you to take immediate concerns about your apartment/house or property (roof leaks, downed trees or branches). If you are in a vehicle, do not attempt to move a stalled vehicle as soon as possible and do not attempt to move a stalled vehicle.

- **Avoid Flooded Areas**: Avoid flooded areas and those at high risk of flooding or mud flows, when possible. Do not walk underneath cliffs, due to danger of rock falls and slides.

- **Beaches**: During rain and storms, stay out of the ocean, away from cliffs and beaches, and beach access areas. Unpredictable surf, waves, and high tide conditions and potential for some flooding and cliff erosion in areas near campus and in Isla Vista.

- **Visitors**: Students should be aware of dangerously high surf and high tide conditions and be on their guard.

- **Update Cell Phone Number**: Please see the safety information below. You can assist you with communicating to yourself both physically and mentally.

- **Go Cal Fresh**: Students and families who apply and are determined eligible after January 20th and in February will receive their CalFresh in February as usual, provided USDA contingency funds are still available.

- **2019 Food Pantries**: Clients who apply and are determined eligible after January 20th, provided USDA contingency funds are still available, February benefits get their report in February.

- **Short Term Loans**: The Financial Crisis Response Team is providing resources to support students during times of financial crisis. The Financial Crisis Response Team contains information about/reunion from a trip of a lifetime!

- **Israel/Palestine Essay**: Applications open Friday, February 1st. Applications due by Monday, April 8, 2019. Submit a Nomination / Applications for the 2019 Essay Contest for details.

- **UCLA Forecast**: The UCLA Forecast is a curation of short stories, non-fiction pieces, and other creative writing that explore climate change and other environmental issues. Submit your abstract or proposal today!

- **ESL**: ESL, with plans to expand to full campus. Current, we are offering support in Mathematics, Sciences, and Writing & Speaking services in the future.

- **Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS)**: CLAS Now Open on April 10th and 11th, 2019. Become the Next UC Student Regent! Attend an info session with the current student regents and learn how you can become an ED Co-Leader at UCSB in 2019 & 2020. Contact sa-financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu for details.