

# February is for You!



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# Please note: this newsletter conatains Urgent Storm and Safety information.

#### Hello all!

I know the quarter is reaching one of its most hectic times as midterms approach, so I want to encourage you to take some time to care for yourselves both physically and

mentally.

<u>UCSB Health and Wellness</u> is hosting a ton of events to keep you energized, well, and motivated throughout the quarter. Also, if you are a student currently utlizing CalFresh, please read below for <u>food</u> <u>resources</u> at UCSB.

I had a great time having lunch with students Brian and Sarah this week who entered **A Chance to Chat** and am really looking forward to doing it again next month! If you'd like to have lunch with me, please email <u>sa-</u>



studentlife@ucsb.edu. Any number of students may be chosen per month.



Please do not hesitate to contact us at StudentLife@sa.ucsb.edu if you

### Academic and Professsional Opportunities

#### Become an ED20 Co-Leader! • Mentor new Gauchos • Earn 4 units of credit • Develop leadership, teaching, mentorship, and organizational skills • Network with professional staff and students Apply online at tinyurl.com/ed20application

# Become an ED Coleader!

Mentor new Gauchos in the freshman success course and develop leadership skills while earning course credit.



have any questions or comments. Happy February!

# **Campus Updates**

## **Urgent Storm & Safety Information**

As of this morning, the National Weather Service (NWS) is predicting this weekend's storm (beginning after midnight tonight and continuing late into Saturday) **is likely to be the strongest we have seen this season.** The NWS has issued a Flash Flood Watch, High Surf Advisory, Coastal Flooding Advisory, and High Wind Warning for the UCSB/Isla Vista area.

Students should be aware of dangerously high surf and high tide conditions and potential for some flooding and cliff erosion in areas near campus and in Isla Vista. Certain areas west of Goleta and east of Santa Barbara are at an increased risk of flooding and mud flows due to recent wildfires; exercise extreme caution if you live in or travel through these areas. Please see the safety information below. For up-to-date forecast information: <u>www.weather.gov</u>.

#### Safety Tips

- During rain and storms, stay out of the ocean, away from cliffs and beaches, and beach access areas. Unpredictable surf, waves, and high tides can be dangerous.
- Do not walk underneath cliffs, due to danger of rock falls and slides
- Avoid flooded areas and those at high risk of flooding or mud flows, when driving, biking, and walking. If your car stalls in a flooded area, evacuate the vehicle as soon as possible and do not attempt to move a stalled vehicle
- Do not swim in the ocean for three days following rain because of potentially high levels of contaminants and bacteria in the water
- Stay away from downed power lines, and do not attempt to remove any downed trees or branches

#### For Isla Vista and Del Playa Residents

- Stay off of balconies and patios during heavy rain and storms.
- Concerns about cliff erosion that may threaten the stability of a building in Isla Vista can be reported to Santa Barbara County Planning and Development, Building & Safety Division at (805) 568-3558
- Immediate concerns about your apartment/house or property (roof leaks, clogged rain gutters, flooding, unstable railings/pilings/supports, or cliff erosion) should be reported to your property owner or manager. <u>University</u>
  <u>& Community Housing Services</u> can assist you with communicating to your property provider or manager.
- Emergencies should be reported to 911
- 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.



### **Call for Papers**

The Latin American and Iberian Studies Program at UCSB is calling for papers for its upcoming first Undergraduate Student Conference, "Displacements: Peoples, Politics, and Rights in the Latin American and Iberian World."

April 10th and 11th, 2019

Submit your abstract or attend the conference



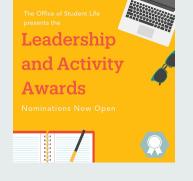
# Become the Next UC Student Regent

Attend an info session with the current student regents and learn how you could be the 4th ever Gaucho to impact the entire UC system.

More Information

#### **More Information**

- University Emergency Alerts: Activate your <u>UCSB Alerts System</u> account and/or update the cell phone number to receive important information via text.
- Santa Barbara County Storm Alerts & Resources: All UCSB community members are encouraged to sign up for Santa Barbara County alerts and to monitor the county preparedness website. For County updates and to sign up for Aware and Prepare emergency alerts, visit http://readysbc.org/ and/or Twitter at https://twitter.com/countyofsb
- Weather: National Weather Service
- Road Conditions/Closures: Caltrans website at <u>http://www.dot.ca.gov/</u> or Twitter at <u>https://twitter.com/CaltransD5</u>.
- Campus Emergency Information: Will be posted on <u>ucsb.edu</u>, if needed.



#### Submit a Nomination



## Speak at Commencement!

Applications due by Monday, April 8, 2019



# CLAS Now Open on Sunday!

Campus Learning Assistance Services is open on Sundays 1pm - 7pm. Currently, we are offering support in Mathematics, Sciences, and Writing & ESL, with plans to expand to full services in the future.

# #SPEECHMATTERS: The Future of Free Expression on Campus

# Thursday, March 21, 2019

University of California, Washington Center (UCDC)

## Apply to Attend UC Conference in DC

The UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement is hosting its inaugural conference -- <u>#Speech Matters: The Future of</u> <u>Free Expression on Campus</u> -- on March 21,, 2019 at the UCDC Center in Washington D.C. It is the Center's first major event and will be attended by policymakers, academics, journalists and others from the D.C. community.

The Center will invite up to three students from each UC campus to Washington D.C. to attend the conference and participate in a dialogue with other students and Center fellows. Student travel, accommodations, and food costs will be covered by the Center.

Students must complete the following application by February 9th: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6MY7BF</u>



# CalFresh Updates and Food Resources

- If you currently have CalFresh, you will have received your February benefits between 1/16 and 1/20.
- If current clients are re-certifying in January and do not get their report in



before January 16th, they will receive their February allotment between February 1st and February 10th, provided USDA contingency funds are still available.

- Clients 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.
- EBT will continue to work at local grocery stores and the UCSB Arbor.

#### More Resources

- Food pantries and prepared meals shown above or visit <u>food.ucsb.edu/resources/food-nutrition/food-banks-pantries</u>
- The Financial Crisis Response Team at <u>financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu</u>.
- Short Term Loans through BARC. Visit the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to learn more about this opportunity or visit <u>food.ucsb.edu/resources/financial/financial-crisis-team</u>

## SB Hillel "Perspectives"

SB Hillel "Perspectives" (formerly "Fact Finders") is seeking a diverse pool of applicants to travel with us to Israel/Palestine in Aug. 2019. We invite past participants to pay it forward and bring 2-4 excellent candidates to our info dinner on Tuesday, February 5 at 5:45 PM – 8 PM. Contact <u>Rabbi Evan</u> <u>Goodman</u> or <u>Ben Kern</u> for details. Applications open Friday, February 1st. Come for delicious food, interesting people, and info about/reunion from a trip of a lifetime! STUDENT AFFAIRS STUDENT STAFF SPOTLIGHT

# SEREENA PATEL



# FROM SRB INFO DESK

SEREENA IS A 4TH-YEAR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR FROM DUBLIN, CA.

SHE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING'S INFORMATION DESK SUPERVISOR. AFTER GRADUATION, SHE PLANS ON TRAVELING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH HER FRIENDS!

## Advice to freshman:

"Be open to meeting people and joining organizations as soon as possible. Joining the organizations I did, working the campus job I do, and going through my four years here with some of my best friends is what made my college career so amazing and unforgettable. Also, be true to who you are and always kind to others because when you graduate and tell stories of your college experience in the future you want to be able to express how proud you are of yourself for being kind and hardworking. Being social is just as important as your academics, so make sure to find that balance. With that being said, don't be too hard on yourself when everything seems to be getting too tough to maintain. College is a learning experience, so when mistakes are made, own up to them and grow better as a person; be willing to take advice from others and lean on others for help; also be willing to push yourself and find your strong independent self when things get challenging! And of course, HAVE FUN! "

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