



dear parents & family members:

Parents and family members play an integral role in a student's life and academic career. Your ongoing support and encouragement help students to thrive and excel. Research shows that parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement outcomes. You are an invaluable member of our UC San Diego family, and we are proud that your child is a Triton.

welcome to uc san diego!

As you and your family are enjoying the last weeks of summer, we here at UC San Diego are gearing up for your Triton students' arrival in September. The first week of the new academic year is an exciting time. The week is filled with information fairs, student organization sign-ups, and a host of social activities and events of every type and size one can imagine. There is indeed something for everyone and if it does not exist, our students can create it. In addition to what we provide students, a service for our Triton parents and families is available for you. Parent & Family Programs, which is a part of my office, is a resource dedicated to Triton families. We know navigating a large public university can be challenging; therefore, we make available a website and telephone helpline exclusive for parents and families. Here you can find information about student billing, student health, the college system, and more. You can also find information on services, programs, and events for parents and families, such as Family Weekend occurring on October 24-26, 2014. Chancellor Khosla and I invite you and your family to attend this cherished campus tradition, so please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

Please remember no question is too small or insignificant when it comes to your students' wellbeing. We recognize your role as a supporter and resource for your student's college success. As Vice Chancellor it is my priority and that of the entire Student Affairs division to provide an experience where your student can thrive and succeed. Please call upon us if we can be of service.

I hope to see you on campus in October at Family Weekend.

All the best,

Juan C. González, PhD
Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs



This is an exciting time on our campus. We recently completed our first-ever Strategic Plan, which you can read about at <http://plan.ucsd.edu>. The planning process led us to develop five overarching goals for the future of our campus and helped us to sharpen our vision to be a student-centered, research-oriented, service-oriented public university. We've already taken several steps to improve the academic and social experience for students at UC San Diego, including reviewing our curriculum requirements and working with faculty to decrease time-to-degree, renovating lab space, investing in interdisciplinary research projects that pair faculty with students, and enhancing college access and affordability through the creation of new scholarships.

At UC San Diego, we are committed to providing a high-quality education that will prepare students to think critically, creatively and collaboratively, so they can become our next-generation citizens who will tackle the world's most pressing and complex challenges. I cannot think of a better education than the one provided by UC San Diego because of our diverse strengths in a vast array of disciplines – from arts and humanities to the social and physical sciences.

I encourage you to learn more about campus happenings by signing up for our weekly online news magazine at <http://thisweek.ucsd.edu>. I also invite you to campus for Family Weekend, October 24-26. It's an opportunity to see firsthand how UC San Diego students live and learn the Triton experience. Together, we are changing lives and helping students to achieve their goals and dreams.

Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor, UC San Diego

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family WEEKEND

UC SAN DIEGO

7th Annual Family Weekend 2014 • Your Triton Family Tradition!

Join us for this special campus-wide event created just for families! UC San Diego invites you to spend the weekend with your student, have fun, and learn more about the UC San Diego experience! Make sure to read through the weekend's highlights to plan your family's stay in San Diego, and be prepared for tons of Triton fun!

2014 schedule of events

(For a complete schedule of events visit parents.ucsd.edu).

Register for Family Weekend 2014 today! Register and purchase Family Weekend Tickets online at <http://parents.ucsd.edu> or call (858) 534-7273.

friday, october 24, 2014

Check-in

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Price Center East Foyer

Make sure and check-in at the Family Weekend booth to pick up your official Family Weekend 2014 gifts, program, and other fun stuff! Don't forget to pick up your free discounted UCSD Bookstore coupons!

Go to Class!

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Experience what it's like to be a student at UC San Diego, and sit in on a class.

Climb Time at Outback Adventures

Climbing Center

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Climbing Center, Canyon View Pool

This event is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The UC San Diego Outback Adventures Climbing Center is a custom-built indoor facility that offers a wide range of routes for all levels of climbers. Check it out!

Zipline and Family Challenge with Outback Adventures

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

UCSD Challenge Course

This event is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Is your family ready for some adventure and challenge? Come check out the UCSD Challenge Course. First, your family will ascend the Odyssey Course. Once your heart slows down a bit, you will have a chance to work together to complete a fun family challenge 25 feet off the ground. The exciting zipline is your method of travel to return to the earth.

Undergraduate Research Poster Presentations

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

UC San Diego undergraduate students are extremely accomplished researchers! Come learn more about the innovative and cutting-edge research being conducted by our very own undergraduate students. David Artis, Director of Academic Enrichment Programs, will be your host as students present their most current research.

Triton Family Comedy Nite!

8:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Price Center West Ballroom

Enjoy a hilarious, fast moving and the most fun you can have sitting down at the Triton Family Comedy Nite! We'll provide the entertainment, you provide the laughs!

saturday, october 25, 2014

Check-in

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Price Center East Foyer

UCSD Recreation Presents Triton Yoga

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Matthews Quad (by Student Services Center)

College Events

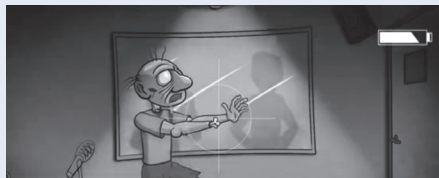
Beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Your student's College is their home base, and as such the Colleges have a special program prepared for you for Family Weekend 2014. Join your student's College on Saturday to get to know what our college system is all about.

Triton Ed. Sessions

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

These informational sessions will help you discover what opportunities your Triton has at their fingertips here at UC San Diego. Enjoy sessions ranging from The Nuances of the Zombie Brain, First in the Family, Out of State Families, Study Abroad, The Reality of Med School and more.



ucsd night at the zoo

UC San Diego Night at the Zoo - San Diego Zoo & Dinner

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Zoo Time

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner and Nighttime Zoo

Whether you joined us last year or this is your first time visiting the world-famous San Diego Zoo, it is sure to be a wonderful experience! After the official zoo hours of operation, the zoo will be exclusively open for the entire Triton Family for a special one-of-a-kind UCSD Night at the Zoo! Meet some animals up close and personal, while enjoying the evening with the entire family! Dinner is provided, adventure is on you! See you there!

Please note that a ticket to the zoo, as well as an exclusive "UCSD Night at the Zoo" dinner and after-hours event ticket is included with every Family Weekend registration.

sunday, october 26, 2014



Campus-wide Community Service Event

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Sun God Lawn

Join other students and families by enhancing the beauty of the campus through community service. Help leave your mark on UC San Diego this year while working with other families to beautify the college areas.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Mandell Weiss Theater • Tickets available at

<http://www.lajollaplayhouse.org/hunchback>

The Hunchback of Notre Dame is the only stage collaboration from two masters of the American musical theatre, composer Alan Menken and lyricist Stephen Schwartz. In this brand new production, a lush, emotionally rich score highlights the music's orchestral power and choral beauty in an intimate retelling of the famous love story.

Family Weekend
Exclusive Event
Saturday, October 25
You don't
want to miss
the fun!





triton parent & family ambassador program

A great way for parents and family members to get involved at UC San Diego.

Parent & Family Programs, Undergraduate Admissions and UCSD Alumni are partnering together to create a new program to help with recruitment, yield, involvement, retention and philanthropic support. The newly created program, Triton Parent & Family Ambassadors will be housed in the Parent & Family

Programs and will begin recruitment efforts for current parent and family involvement in winter quarter 2014.

What is the Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program?

Parents and families of current and past UC San Diego students have the opportunity to serve as an ambassador for UC San Diego by reaching out to both prospective and current students and families, locally and regionally. Ambassadors can enhance the UC San Diego student experience by sharing their knowledge and offering support.

Why should you get involved with the Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program?

As an Ambassador, you will become increasingly knowledgeable about UC San Diego (i.e. campus resources, top stories, etc.). This knowledge will equip ambassadors to serve as mentors to prospective and current parents/families and most importantly, better support your student.

Research has shown that 'family' in the form of parental involvement is one of the best predictors for postsecondary educational aspirations (McCarron & Inkelas, 2006).

What is the responsibility of a Triton Parent & Family Ambassador?

Through this program, parents and families will serve as ambassadors for programs and events sponsored by UC San Diego. Ambassadors outreach to families and students, form relationships, help each other create and sustain ties to the university, and become vested in their student's college experience. Ambassadors are supporters of the University of California, San Diego!

As a Triton Parent & Family Ambassador, you will:

- Assist in building the UC San Diego Triton Family both locally and regionally
- Engage with prospective students and families
- Connect with current students and families
- Serve as an informed agent of the university
- Assist with publicizing and supporting events

Lead by example.

As ambassadors, you set an example for all UC San Diego families. Therefore, we strive for 100% yearly participation in our Parents Innovation Fund campaign. There is no set giving level – we encourage each member to make a gift commensurate your family's resources. When possible, we invite families to make an annual leadership gift of \$2,500 and above. In appreciation, you will receive recognition through Chancellor's Associates, UC San Diego's premier philanthropic giving society.

What is the level of commitment to be involved in the Triton Parent & Family Ambassador Program?

We know that our families are very busy, so the level of participation is as much or as little as you can do. There are a variety of ways to help and the opportunities exist on campus at UC San Diego, or locally or regionally near you. Examples of activities include:

- Welcome calls to new families
- Admissions receptions (locally & regionally hosted)
- Participate on parent panels (locally & regionally hosted)
- Triton Day or Transfer Admit Day
- Summer Send-Offs
- Family Weekend, Siblings Weekend or Triton Family 5K
- Hosting events at your home to engage families with the university.

Deadline to Register is Tuesday, September 30th.

other happenings

Campus Recreation Facilities

Various Locations

Enjoy access to all campus recreation facilities during the weekend. This includes RIMAC (weight room, cardio equipment, racquetball/squash courts, locker rooms, etc.), the Canyonview Aquatic Center (two outdoor 50 meter pools), tennis courts, Main Gym Complex, and track. Visit <http://recreation.ucsd.edu/> for facilities' hours of operation.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC)

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

1001 Santa Clara Place, San Diego 92109

While you're visiting campus you can take the short trip down to Mission Bay, San Diego's aquatic playground, for a free rental of a stand up paddle board or kayak at UCSD Recreation's Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC). The rental includes a short orientation, so no prior experience is required. The MBAC is UCSD's gateway to Mission Bay and offers classes, events, and rentals in sailing, surfing, paddling, rowing, and windsurfing. A perfect place to take a break from the books and get out on the water! See [website for restrictions and more info.](#)

Questions about the MBAC? Please call (858) 488-1000.



register today



Two Ways to Register:

- 1) Online at <http://parents.ucsd.edu>
- 2) Over the phone at (858) 534-7273

Family Weekend Tickets

\$58 non-students (ages 7 and older)*
\$25 Current UCSD Students*

*Prices include admission to UCSD Night at the Zoo.

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FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE: Family Weekend need-based fee waivers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit <http://parents.ucsd.edu> for more information. For questions, contact parents@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-7273.

parents fund

The Parents Fund supports activities that complement classroom instruction and make for the complete UC San Diego experience. Your gift, pooled with the gifts of others, strengthens academic enrichment and Student Affairs programming by providing a flexible pool of dollars to each of the six colleges, as well as funding for campus-wide enrichment initiatives.

As parents and families, you know that a world-class education is an important asset for building a bright future. Please consider making a gift to the Parents Fund, or to any area of UC San Diego that inspires you. For more information, please contact **Sumner Paterson, Assistant Director of Parent and Family Giving** at (858) 822-3867. Or, to make a gift online, visit parentfamilygiving.ucsd.edu.



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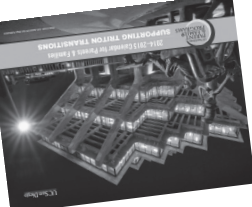


UC San Diego Parent and Family Programs has formed a partnership with Bartell Hotels to offer parents, students, family and friends reduced hotel rates at some of the finest properties in San Diego. To take advantage of these special rates and UC San Diego family amenities, visit www.tritonfamilydestinations.com or call 800.345.9995 to book your stay at any of the Bartell Hotels.

Visiting San Diego

Make sure you're "in the loop"!
 Do we have your correct mailing address and email? Is your email part of your student's TritonLink Profile? Many announcements from Parent & Family Programs are sent out via email – ask your student if your email is part of their TritonLink Profile under "Addresses" and be kept in the loop with current announcements!

Does your student ever forget to mention an important date or deadline? Take the guesswork out of planning and keeping informed about important dates with the Triton Transitions Calendar! This calendar not only includes all the important dates that you will need to know as a parent or family member, but it also contains helpful and timely tips to keep in mind as you're "steering the course" at UC San Diego. To buy your copy today, visit <http://parents.ucsd.edu>. Price - \$5. Calendars are only available while supplies last!



UC San Diego Parent Guide
 The UC San Diego Parent Guide is designed to guide parents through their student's transition into college life. It is especially helpful for new parents and families. And best of all, this comprehensive tool for Triton parents and families is FREE! Visit the Parent & Family Programs website at <http://parents.ucsd.edu> to download your free copy or navigate the online version.

