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Introducing  
University of  
California at  
Santa Cruz

## **Brief History of UC Santa Cruz**

The University of California, Santa Cruz, opened in 1965 and grew, one college at a time, to its current (2006-07) enrollment of about 15,000 students. Undergraduates pursue 61 majors supervised by divisional deans of humanities, physical & biological sciences, social sciences, and arts. Graduate students work toward graduate certificates, master's degrees, or doctoral degrees in 32 academic fields under the supervision of the divisional and graduate deans. The dean of the Jack Baskin School of Engineering oversees the campus's undergraduate and graduate engineering programs.

## **UC Santa Cruz – Facts and Figures**

**Name:** University of California, Santa Cruz

**Affiliation:** Part of the 10-Campus UC System

**Opened:** Fall 1965

**Emphasis:** A nationally ranked research university devoted to excellence in undergraduate teaching

**Chancellor:** George Blumenthal

**Student body, fall 2005:** 15,000

**Faculty:** 540

**Total operating budget, 2005 – 2006:** \$452.4 million, including \$160 million from the state of California

**Mascot:** Banana Slug

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California at  
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## UC Santa Cruz Mission Statement

- We teach
- We do research
- We provide public service

## 3 Key Elements of Culture at UC Santa Cruz

- Principles of Community
- Principles of Safety
- The Academic Environment

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## University of California Governance

### Shared Governance:

The governance of the University of California system is a shared governance among the **Board of Regents**, the **Chancellors** and the **Faculty through the Academic Senate**. Shared governance is a hallmark of the UC System.

### Board of Regents:

The University of California is governed by The Regents, a 26-member board, as established under Article IX, Section 9 of the California Constitution. The board appoints the President of the University and the principal officers of The Regents: the General Counsel, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The current Chairman is Gerald Parsky and the Vice Chairman is George Marcus.

### President of the University of California System

Robert C. Dynes, a first-generation college graduate who went on to become a distinguished physicist and chancellor of UC San Diego, was named the 18th president of the University of California system, effective Oct. 2, 2003.

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University of  
California  
System

## University of California Campuses

The campuses of the University of California provide exciting environments that foster world-class educational and research opportunities and generate a wide range of benefits and services that touch the lives of Californians throughout the state.

The UC family includes more than 208,000 students, 121,000 faculty and staff, 37,000 retirees and more than 1.4 million living alumni.

Opened in 2005, the UC system's tenth campus at Merced—the nation's first public research university to be built in the 21st century—is the first new UC campus in 40 years.

UC is also actively involved in locations beyond its campuses, national laboratories, medical centers and neighboring communities — in places throughout California, around the world and online.

### The 10 UC Campuses

Berkeley  
Davis  
Irvine  
Los Angeles  
Merced  
Riverside  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Cruz



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## Executive Leadership at UC Santa Cruz

### UCSC's Chancellor

George R. Blumenthal was appointed the tenth chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, September 19, 2007, after spending one year as acting Chancellor and a long tenure as a professor of astronomy and astrophysics. He joined UC Santa Cruz in 1972.

He has been a distinguished scholar and academic leader both at UC Santa Cruz and within the University of California system. Acting Chancellor Blumenthal served as chair of the UC Academic Senate for 2004-05. He was the faculty representative to the UC Regents from 2003 to 2005, and chaired the UC Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate from 2001 to 2003. He served previously as department chair of astronomy and astrophysics.

As a theoretical astrophysicist, Chancellor Blumenthal investigates the origin of structure in the universe, such as galaxies and clusters of galaxies, and the role that dark matter plays in the formation and evolution of this structure. He also studies related cosmological issues, such as the generation of density fluctuations during an early inflationary phase of the universe. He has studied gamma-ray bursts, accretion disks, and active galactic nuclei. He is a coauthor of the astronomy text *21st Century Astronomy*.

Chancellor Blumenthal is known for his efforts to increase access to the university and for his commitment to diversity. He currently serves on three systemwide committees: the Long Range Guidance Committee; UC Diversity Study Group, for which he chairs a subgroup focused on graduate students and postdoctoral scholars; and he is cochair of the Task Force on Planning for Doctoral and Professional Education.

Blumenthal received his bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and his doctorate in physics from the University of California, San Diego.

He is married to Kelly Weisberg, a professor of law at UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. They have two children.

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College  
System at  
UC Santa  
Cruz

## The Colleges

All undergraduate students, whether they live on campus or not, are affiliated with one of ten residential colleges at UC Santa Cruz. Each college provides academic support, organizes student activities, and sponsors events that enhance the intellectual and social life of the campus in addition to housing students in small-scale residential communities.

Every college community includes students with diverse backgrounds and academic goals. Your college affiliation is independent of your choice of major, and assignments are based upon space availability and your requests for affiliation.

UCSC colleges presented in order of founding:

**Cowell College**

**Founded:** 1965

**Adlai E. Stevenson  
College**

**Founded:** 1966

**Crown College**

**Founded:** 1967

**Merrill College**

**Founded:** 1968

**Benjamin F. Porter  
College**

**Founded:** 1969

**Kresge College**

**Founded:** 1971

**Oakes College**

**Founded:** 1972

**College Eight**

**Founded:** 1972

**College Nine**

**Founded:** 2000

**College Ten**

**Founded:** 2002

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## UC Santa Cruz Principles of Community

### Principles of Community

The University of California, Santa Cruz is committed to promoting and protecting an environment that values and supports every person in an atmosphere of civility, honesty, cooperation, professionalism and fairness.

UCSC expects that every campus member will practice these Principles of Community.

We strive to be:

**Diverse:** We embrace diversity in all its forms and we strive for an inclusive community that fosters an open, enlightened and productive environment.

**Open:** We believe free exchange of ideas requires mutual respect and consideration for our differences.

**Purposeful:** We are a participatory community united by shared commitments to: service to society; preservation and advancement of knowledge; and innovative teaching and learning.

**Caring:** We promote mutual respect, trust and support to foster bonds that strengthen the community.

**Just:** We are committed to due process, respect for individual dignity and equitable access to resources, recognition and rewards.

**Disciplined:** We seek to advance common goals through reasonable and realistic practices, procedures and expectations.

**Celebrative:** We celebrate the heritage, achievements and diversity of the community and the uniqueness and contributions of our members.

We accept the responsibility to pursue these principles in an atmosphere of personal and intellectual freedom, security, respect, civility and mutual support.

# S t u d e n t   A f f a i r s

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Student  
Affairs at  
UC Santa  
Cruz

## **What is Student Affairs?**

It is one of the major divisions of the UC Santa Cruz campus, with oversight of all issues and resources related to student life. Student Affairs is a cluster of units designed and devoted to serve all students, and to make sure that the learning and living environment on campus is conducive to attaining your academic goals. For students, that means the basics like getting financial aid, housing, health services, and possibly a job from the career center. But it also includes efforts to make every student feel important within the campus community. We offer many support services for students, including specialized support for re-entry students, and students with disabilities. Additionally, Student Affairs has student outreach programs in schools from the elementary school level to the community college level which help increase the pool of minority and low-income students who are academically qualified to attend UC.

## **Who is Student Affairs?**

We are a group of professional staff committed to diversity, and always to excellence. We work diligently to ensure student success, especially in regard to retention and graduation. We are knowledgeable about the changing needs and backgrounds of the students of the future, and seek to use emerging technologies to serve you better.



# S t u d e n t   A f f a i r s

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Student  
Affairs at  
UC Santa  
Cruz

## Student Affairs Mission Statement

The Student Affairs Division offers a wide array of programs and services to support and advance the instructional, research, and public service mission of the University of California, Santa Cruz by:

- Assuming primary responsibility and leadership for enrolling a diverse undergraduate student body and for the quality of the out-of-class learning and living environments.
- Providing access and financial support programs to eligible students who would be unable to attend without such assistance.
- Supporting UCSC's unique college system and the development, through the colleges, of a community that values diversity and appreciation of individual differences, and that fosters civic responsibility.
- Supporting and expanding the social, cultural, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of individual students.
- Providing services and programs which are essential for access, enrollment, retention, graduation, and achievement of life goals.
- Educating the campus community regarding the multi-dimensional needs of students.

# S t u d e n t   A f f a i r s

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Student  
Affairs  
Executive  
Leadership

## Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

The vice chancellor for Student Affairs serves as the chief advisor to the chancellor, executive vice chancellor, academic deans, vice provosts, and college provosts on all areas related to student and residential life, school outreach and academic preparation, enrollment and retention, and education financing.

Effective September 1, 2007, Dr. Felicia E. McGinty became the new vice chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of California, Santa Cruz. McGinty comes to UCSC from Pennsylvania State University, where she served as associate vice president for Student Engagement. Prior to that, she was assistant vice president for Student Affairs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; director of New Student Experience at Montclair State University; and assistant director of the division of Student Services at Northern Arizona University.

McGinty has held various leadership positions in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, and was recently part of a select group of senior administrators chosen to participate in Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management.

Her academic credentials include a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, a master's in education counseling (with an emphasis on human relations), and a doctorate in educational leadership from Northern Arizona University. Earlier this year, that institution honored McGinty with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for outstanding service to the University and community.

# C a m p u s L i f e

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Office of  
Campus Life  
and Dean of  
Students

## About Campus Life

The Office of Campus Life and Dean of Students is one of the major units within the Division of Student Affairs. The departments that comprise the Office of Campus Life provide a myriad of services, programs and experiences for students. With a focus on students, the Office of Campus Life strives to complement a student's academic experience with programs that promote wellness, identity development, leadership development, academic success, career development and volunteerism.

We strive to positively impact campus climate for undergraduate and graduate students by promoting diversity and inclusiveness.

The departments within the Office Campus Life include:

- African American Resource Center**
- American Indian Resource Center**
- Asian American Pacific Islander Resource Center**
- Athletics**
- Career Center**
- Center for Diversity in Cultural Arts**
- Chicano Latino Resource Center (El Centro)**
- Counseling and Psychological Services**
- Disability Resource Center (DRC)**
- Education Opportunity Program (EOP)**
- Intramural and Club Sports**
- Learning Support Services (LSS)**
- Lionel Cantu Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Tran-Sexual, Inter-sex Resource Center**
- Office of Physical, Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS)**
- Physical Education**
- Rape Prevention Program**
- Recreation**
- Services for Transfer & Re-entry Students (STARS)**
- Student Health Outreach Promotion (SHOP)**
- Student Health Center**
- Student Media**
- Student Volunteer Connection**
- Student Organization Advising Resources**
- Wellness Center**
- Women's Center**

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Office of  
Campus Life  
and Dean of  
Students

Organization  
Statistics

## Campus Life Statistics

**Budget:** Approximately \$22 million

**Students Served:** Over 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students

**Employees:** 135 career staff, 120 limited staff, and 400 student employees

**Locations:** Approximately 10 campus locations, including Academic Resource Center, Student Union, Women's Center, Cantu Queer Center, Student Union, Bay Tree Third Floor, Multiple physical recreation and sports locations, fields and venues.

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## Office of Campus Life and Dean of Students Executive Leadership

### Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students

Alma Sifuentes assumed the role of Assistant Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students effective July 1, 2006. As the principal of the Campus Life Unit, Alma provides leadership to a team of four Executive Directors, over forty directors and managers and a total team of over two hundred professional staff, and budget oversight for approximately 22 million dollars.

Alma received her BA in economics from UC Santa Cruz in 1986. In 1985 and 1987, she held the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship in Public Policy Studies from Princeton University and Harvard University, respectively. Alma also earned an MA in Public Policy Studies from Duke University in 1989.

Alma has over 17 years experience in Student Affairs, specifically in the area of academic advising, residential life, student development, student activities, housing, dining, child care and campus life. She is bi-lingual in English/Spanish, and demonstrates a strong commitment to diversity, inclusiveness and cultural issues.

Prior to serving as Associate Vice Chancellor/Dean of Students, Alma served the UC Santa Cruz community in the following positions:

- Special Assistant to Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs for one year
- Executive Director for Residential, Dining and Family Services for five years
- College Administrative Officer at Stevenson College for 7 years.

Alma is married and the mother of two children.

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## Student Health Services

### Student Health Services

#### **Mission**

Our primary mission at UCSC Student Health Services is to provide quality health care focused on the particular needs of students.

We strive to create a caring and supportive environment to assist students in maintaining their physical and emotional well being as they work toward the achievement of their academic goals.

#### **Values**

Respect, teamwork and communication are essential for the successful fulfillment of our mission to provide quality health care to students.

#### **Teamwork**

Health Center staff and UCSC students work as a team - valuing our varied roles and responsibilities - striving for individual and collective excellence in the services we provide.

#### **Communication**

We value clear, compassionate communication -- as individuals responsibly contribute toward the creation of a healthy environment for all.

#### **Respect**

We respect the dignity, diversity and individuality of all. This drives our effort to equitably meet the needs of students, staff and the organization as a whole.

#### **Services Provided:**

Health Services  
Counseling and Psychological Services  
Psychiatry  
Student Health Outreach Promotion  
Rape Prevention

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## Student Health Services

### Counseling and Psychological Services

Counseling And Psychological Services (CPS) offers a variety of counseling services for personal, academic, social, or family concerns. These counseling services include: individual or personal counseling, group counseling, couples and family counseling, crisis counseling, and behavioral stress reduction services.

**Eligibility:** All currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students at the University of California at Santa Cruz are eligible to utilize on-campus counseling services free of charge. We also provide services to those in important relationships with the students who seek our services, such as, a partner, family member(s), roommate, or friend when appropriate. Faculty and staff are eligible for one session for referral to appropriate services off campus. Students who are UC Extension students are not eligible for CPS services.

### Rape Prevention Education

UCSC Rape Prevention Education was founded in 1979 to educate the community about the realities, the causes and the prevention of rape; to provide crisis counseling for rape survivors and their loved ones and to make rape an issue of public concern and discussion. Gillian Greensite (director), a team of dedicated peer educators and many volunteers comprise Rape Prevention Education.

### Student Health Outreach Promotion

SHOP is UCSC's Student Health Outreach and Promotion Program and a destination for information, conversation and self-exploration around issues related to health and wellness. SHOP is where students can go to learn about health and wellness in a safe, non-judgmental environment. SHOP offers information, education, resources and support on issues such as Alcohol and other Drug Use, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Sexual Health, Holistic Health and Stress Management. All UCSC students are welcome and encouraged to drop in and speak with the SHOP's trained staff.

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## Student Academic Support Services

### Student Academic Support Services

#### **The Educational Opportunity Program**

EOP represents the University of California's effort to identify, retain, and graduate a diverse student body. With that in mind, the mission of EOP is to promote the retention, academic success, and graduation rates of first generation college, low-income, and educationally disadvantaged student populations, and to assist these students with preparation for admission to graduate and professional schools.

#### **Learning Support Services**

At UCSC, Learning Support Services offers the following programs to help students excel academically: Modified Supplemental Instruction (MSI), Tutoring, and Academic Workshops. Learning Support Services also functions as a referral service and directs students to appropriate learning assistance at UCSC, including study strategies workshops, department sponsored tutoring and organized student groups.

#### **Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students (STARS)**

STARS provides the extra academic and personal support transfer and re-entry students may need to benefit fully from their education at UCSC whether they are full-or part-time. STARS is here to assist students with their pre-admissions questions, transition concerns, academic support network, and post graduation planning. UCSC defines transfers as students entering UCSC with at least 45 quarter units or who have previous academic work in an institution of higher education before entering UCSC. Re-entry students are defined as undergraduates twenty-five years and older, graduate students twenty-nine and over, students who have had a substantial break in their formal education, military veterans, and all students who are also parents.



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Student  
Academic  
Support  
Services

## **Disability Resource Center (DRC)**

The DRC exists to assist the UCSC campus with equal educational access for students with disabilities. Our goal is to: support retention and graduation of students with disabilities, collaborate with students, faculty, staff and community resources to provide effective academic services and to promote a non-discriminatory campus environment and encourage student development and independence.

The DRC serves about 500 students a year with various permanent disabilities, including: learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, visual, mobility and hearing impairments, psychological disabilities, and chronic systemic disorders (e.g. lupus, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, etc). We also serve students with temporary medical conditions such as those with broken bones or repetitive stress injuries.

## **Student Volunteer Connection**

Established in 1987, the UCSC Student Volunteer Center (SVC) is a university sponsored student-run organization designed to enhance student involvement in the Santa Cruz community by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities. SVC hosts three major events each year: The Campus and Community Involvement Fair, The Second Harvest Food Bank Student Meal Plan Drive and Flexi Dollar Drive and the Service Recognition Ceremony.

The SVC also maintains resources for students interested in volunteering including mentoring services, Community Service Project Grant funds (CSP), an organization database, and an internship program for students who would like to develop their skills as community leaders.

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## Student Academic Support Services

### Student Media

Student Media is the umbrella organization to over 40 print, radio and television student organizations. Hundreds of students participate in Student Media every year. Student are provided facilities, state-of-the-art equipment and funding in order to offer the campus community various formats for receiving news and special interest information.

Student Media provides students a myriad of training and professional development opportunities via internships, advising, professional seminars and hands-on-training. Student Media is also affiliated with a number of academic programs, and some students participating in student media are also receiving academic credit.

Over 25 print media organizations offer students development in the following areas:

- Creative Writing
- Reporting
- Journalism
- Poetry
- Art
- Photography
- Design
- Production
- Business
- Management

SCTV, Channel 28, is the campus television station which provides students with programs such as: Banana Slug News, Rainbow TV and Sustainability TV

KZSC 88.1 FM is UCSC's radio station, broadcasting to the greater Monterey Bay Area. This educational radio station is a collaborative venture between students, faculty, staff and community volunteers. Programming includes: news, sports, talk and music. Students working at the radio station receive hands-on professional experience.

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Office of  
Physical  
Education,  
Recreation  
and Sports  
(OPERS)

## **OPERS Mission:**

To provide a variety of professional programs and physical activities that promote and enhance community, leadership, life-long wellness, and academic success.

## **OPERS Services and Departments:**

- **Physical Education**
- **Intramurals and Sports Clubs**
- **Wellness Center**
- **Recreation**
- **NCAA Athletics**

## **Physical Education**

About P.E. Courses at UCSC: P.E. courses are regularly scheduled courses, which carry no academic credit but are recorded on your transcript. Courses are available in a broad range of physical activities. Many classes are small, and all offer expert instruction and carefully designed practice periods, so that you can accomplish much in sessions of two to three hours per week. Many activities have intermediate and advanced sections as well as courses for beginners.

## **Intramurals and Sports Clubs**

Intramural Sports is one of the oldest existing programs at UCSC. The motto "Friendship through Competition" reflects the general spirit of fair play. The program offerings vary with each quarter. Always check the Quarterly "Schedule of Activities, Recreation, Intramurals & Sports" for specifics on Intramural Sports offerings. The program is open to all UCSC students; Faculty, Staff and Alumni are eligible to participate if they have a current OPERS Wellness Card, space permitting.

Sports Clubs: Since the initial inclusion of the Rugby team in 1967, Sports Clubs at UCSC have been a focal point of student activities. The teams are traditionally student driven and serve as a crucial competitive outlet. The basic philosophy of the Sports Club Program is two fold. First and foremost, it is to provide a healthy and supportive atmosphere that celebrates sports as culture. Secondly, it is to be as competitive as possible while keeping within the parameters of sportsmanship and goodwill. There is no true uniformity between Sports Club teams. Some compete against other schools in set leagues while others have a more casual approach. Some compete against other Division III schools while others compete against the big schools in Division I. The single unifying aspect of all Sports Club Teams is their passion for sports.

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Office of  
Physical  
Education,  
Recreation  
and Sports  
(OPERS)

## **Wellness Center**

The Wellness Center provides programs and services to support and expand the physical, emotional, social, cultural, and intellectual development of students, staff, and faculty here at UCSC. With two floors of state-of-the-art equipment including over 40 pieces of cardio equipment, free-weights, selectorized weight machines, exercise balls, and other balance equipment, the Wellness Center has something for you! Whether you are a new exerciser or seasoned athlete, we offer a variety of classes and programs to help you reach your health and fitness goals. Be sure to stop by and check out our facility overlooking the beautiful Monterey Bay!

## **Recreation**

Our mission is to provide the UCSC community with an opportunity to gain skills, have fun, be challenged, and make personal connections through outdoor, recreational and hands-on learning experiences. A wide range of courses provide opportunities for beginners as well as more experienced participants. You can expect well organized classes, activities and informal teaching. Be prepared to be active and involved. Courses are led by Recreation Instructors and UCSC student leaders.

Student leaders make up the foundation of the Recreation Department, bringing experience and enthusiasm to the programs they lead. Instructors range from community members to program developers who have extensive experience in the activity, class or workshop they offer. Both student leaders and instructors are hired for their skills, judgment and desire to provide meaningful opportunities for people to learn and grow. We encourage those with all backgrounds, levels of experience and abilities to participate.

## **NCAA Athletics**

UC Santa Cruz is proud to be the only NCAA Division III athletic program in the UC System. Colleges and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. UC Santa Cruz was in the Top Ten of Division III in receiving the 2002 Academic Achievement Award for a highest student-athlete graduation rate above the student-body average.

Division III athletics seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletics activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience. They also seek to establish and maintain an environment that values cultural diversity and gender equality among their student-athletes and athletics staff.

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## Student Organization Advising Resources (SOAR)

### **SOAR's Mission:**

SOAR is dedicated to the success of UCSC's campus-wide student organizations and government.

Student organizations and government are unique learning environments, vital to the educational mission of the university. They offer students a place to explore the links between their life experiences, their academic work, and their hopes for the future. They create programs for the university that build community, campus-wide discourse, and inspiration.

SOAR helps student organizations and government reach this potential. SOAR's professional and experienced staff offers mentorship, leadership training, organizational development advising, and event management services to all students. SOAR:

- Values each student's experiences, ideas, and initiative
- Encourages dialogue and appreciation for the perspectives of others
- Increases students' sense of belonging and access to the campus-wide community
- Advances student voice and leadership in university decision-making processes
- Helps students develop educational and professional pathways
- Empowers students to foster diversity and civic engagement
- Facilitates the safe and successful production of student-initiated events

SOAR services are designed through a process of continual assessment and improvement. SOAR staff actively seeks out the ideas of students and colleagues in the field of student affairs to ensure that SOAR services meet the changing needs of the UCSC student body.

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Career Center

## **Career Center**

### **Mission Statement:**

The Career Center is dedicated to providing comprehensive, quality career development and employment/internship programs and resources that prepare a diverse student/alumni community to successfully meet today's and tomorrow's challenges by:

- Offering financial support through practical and career related work experience;
- Providing individual advising, workshops, resource materials, and special events to assist students with life planning;
- Developing employment opportunities and fostering partnerships with on and off campus community;
- Enhancing services through innovative technology, program development, and continuous updating of resources through research and analysis.

### **Career Center Services Include:**

The UC Santa Cruz Career Center is a one-stop resource center. Our services include:

- part-time employment both on and off campus
- career advising and workshops
- a career resource library
- computer databases of internships, alumni network, and part time & summer job listings
- job and graduate school fairs
- on-campus recruitment for professional employment
- awards program

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## Ethnic Resource Centers

### **African American Resource Center (AARC)**

The African American Resource Center provides a wide-range of support and programs for African American students and other students here at UCSC. This office encourages healthy student participation in campus life, student organizations, academic excellence and community service. The staff provides multicultural training, conflict resolution, informal counseling, advising, and advocacy on behalf of individual students as it pertains to overall student development issues.

AARC's services consist of:

- STOCC Orientation/Workshops
- Educational & Cultural programming
- Students Achievement & Recognition Program
- Student Internship & Mentorship Programs

### **American Indian Resource Center (AIRC)**

The Mission of the American Indian Resource Center's (AIRC) is to play a leadership role in creating and maintaining a positive climate for racial/ethnic diversity at the University. In carrying out this mission the Center has focused on four components of diversity as outlined by Hurtado (1999). These components are: 1) Historical Legacy of Inclusion/Exclusion, 2) Structural Diversity, 3) Psychological Climate, and 4) Behavioral Dimensions.

AIRC offers a variety of support services that includes advising, counseling, advocacy, as well as leadership opportunities, and involvement in the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS).

Finally, an important facet of the Center's mission is to develop a partnership with the indigenous people of the Central Coast, specifically the Amah Mutsun, the Esselen Nation, and Muwekma Ohlone. This partnership with the indigenous people of California will also extend to other Native communities, reservations, and rancherias as the Center continues to develop a program of community engagement.

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## Ethnic Resource Centers

### **Asian American / Pacific Islander Resource Center (AA/PIRC)**

The Asian American/ Pacific Islander Resource Center first opened in April 1999 due to the tireless efforts of student activists and supportive staff and faculty. AA/PIRC's mission is to provide and enhance opportunities for developing leadership, building a stronger sense of community on campus and linking students to community service opportunities. Ultimately, AA/PIRC offers education and dialogue on issues affecting Asian American/Pacific Islanders toward addressing students' multiple and diverse academic, cultural and other co-curricular needs.

### **EL Centro, Chicano Latino Resource Center**

The Chicano Latino Resource Center seeks to improve the retention of Chicano/Latino students on the University of California, Santa Cruz campus by providing a variety of services that include:

- Academic Support
- Chicano/Latino Resources
- Student Leadership /Development Opportunities
- Student Internships
- Chicano/Latino networking opportunities
- Faculty connections
- Student success course
- Cultural Activities

Sharing Space with the Ethnic Resource Centers El Centro provides a comfortable space for students who are interested in connecting with other Chicano/Latino Students, student organizations, faculty and staff, as well as other opportunities for campus involvement. El Centro has computers available for student use and is available for student organization meetings. The Ethnic Resource Centers, which includes El Centro, also have a lounge where students can come to watch T.V., socialize, and have student organization meetings.



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## Resource Centers

### **Women's Center**

The UCSC Women's Center affirms the dignity and diversity of all women. The Center continues and challenges feminist traditions by creating community space for all women and allies to achieve individual and social change.

The Women's Center's work focuses on retaining students, staff and faculty while promoting their successes within the academy and beyond. We strive for an inclusive and equitable campus community through advocacy, education and support services. The Center promotes an understanding of the role and impact of gender in our lives and society. The Center challenges sexism, racism, heterosexism, ageism, able-ism, class-ism and other barriers that inhibit full inclusion and equal power in society. We acknowledge and celebrate the diversity and commonalities reflected in our communities.

### **Lionel Cantu Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Intersex (GLBTI) Resource Center**

The overarching goals of the Lionel Cantú GLBTI Resource Center are to provide a comprehensive range of educational, informational, and advocacy services and to work to create and maintain a safe, inclusive multicultural environment for UCSC's GLBTI students. The further purpose of UCSC's Lionel Cantú GLBTI Resource Center is to build bridges with GLBTI and youth organizations in Santa Cruz County; in particular, by providing cultural exchanges and community service learning opportunities for queer UCSC students.

### **Center for Diversity in Cultural Arts**

The Center for Diversity in Cultural Arts serves to enhance the cultural climate of the UCSC campus and surrounding communities through theater. The Center is comprised of two performance groups: The African American Theater Arts Troupe and Rainbow Theater.

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Student Affairs  
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Council

## **University Interfaith Council**

The University Interfaith Council (UIC) strengthens the rich spiritual life at UCSC and is open to all religious groups. We seek to integrate spirituality with academic life and promote tolerance, peace, and understanding toward all faiths and spiritual traditions. We achieve these goals through events sponsored by the UIC and activities sponsored by the individual member groups. Our programs include celebrations, holiday events, worship/meditation, interfaith gatherings, and community service. Educational events including religious study courses, and spiritual care and counseling to students, faculty and staff.

Members of the UIC:

Baháí Faith  
Buddhist Society at UCSC  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Hillel / Jewish Student Resource Center  
International Students, Inc.  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Newman Catholic Campus Ministry  
United Campus Christian Ministry/FEAST  
Veritas Forum

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