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### Dear Students:

After a prolonged period of limited on-campus activities and operations, we are delighted to welcome you to UC Santa Barbara and excited by the return of our vibrant campus life! Whether you are beginning or continuing your educational journey with us, we look forward to learning, exploring, and growing together.

Over the past year and a half, you have faced challenges and been called on to sacrifice significant rites of passage for the greater good of public health. Our first-year students are new to our community; most of our second-year students are on campus for the very first time; our third-year students have experienced only two quarters on campus; and our seniors have missed out on four quarters on campus. During this time, we have appreciated your ability to adapt to an ever-evolving situation, and to find opportunities for growth amid the many changes. The upcoming academic year still holds some unknowns for us in light of the ongoing pandemic, and we will all have to remain understanding and flexible amid a fluid situation. Despite the unique circumstances, we are eager to have you with us on campus and in the classroom.

At UC Santa Barbara, you are joining a strong campus community that values academic excellence and diversity. Just last week, we were ranked No. 5 overall among the top public universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report, and No. 5 for Best Ethnic Diversity. We are also ranked No. 9 worldwide for producing Nobel laureates in this century, according to Times Higher Education in London.

Paramount to the academic achievement and excellence at UC Santa Barbara is our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are a Minority-Serving Institution, and the first member of the prestigious Association of American Universities to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Newsweek ranks us the No. 1 Hispanic-Serving Institution in the country. We are also ranked by the New York Times College Access Index at No. 2 among the nation's top colleges most committed to economic diversity.

As a university dedicated to educating our future contributors and leaders, and learning from each other, we encourage one another to foster a community free of intolerance and discrimination, and to promote a campus climate that is respectful, civil, supportive, and safe. These core values allow us to provide a learning environment where we can all pursue our dreams and reach our highest potential.

My wife, Dilling, and I are proud and honored to have you at UC Santa Barbara, and to see our campus family in person. We cannot wait to run into you around our beautiful campus, and send you our best wishes for the upcoming fall quarter.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang  
Chancellor

# Where Students Are From

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After 19 months of remote instruction, UC Santa Barbara is reopening campus for in-person instruction for Fall Quarter 2021. In the 2020-21 school year, Santa Barbara County had the greatest share of students per county population at UCSB, and the share of in-state students has been generally decreasing for the last decade.

### In-State Students

The majority of students come from California, making up over 90% of domestic students each year for the past two decades.

Of the 22,205 in-state students for the 2020-21 school year, the three counties with the highest number of students at UCSB are Los Angeles County with 5,670 students, Orange County with 2,065 students and Santa Clara County with 1,878 students.

However, Santa Barbara County had the greatest student-per-county population for the past two decades, with Ventura County coming in second. In the 2020-21 school year, these two counties were followed by the following Bay Area counties: Marin County, Santa Clara County, Contra Costa County and San Mateo County.

The California counties with the lowest number of students at UCSB are Alpine County and Sierra County, where no student from either county attended in the 2020-21 school year. However, the California counties with the lowest share of students per county population for counties having more than 30 students were Madera County, Shasta County and Humboldt County.

### Out-Of-State Students

Outside of California, Washington State tied with New York as the most common state of origin for the 2021-22 school year. In the 2020-21 school year, these states were followed by Illinois, New Jersey and Texas.

New York has been the most common state of origin since the 2006-07 school year. South Dakota was the least state of origin with only one student in the 2020-21 school year. The only two states that didn't have any students attend since the 2000-01 school year were North Dakota in 2015-16 and West Virginia in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Between the 2000-01 and the 2021-22 school year, there are 2,195 more students from California, an increase of 11%, and 560 more out-of-state students, an increase of 31.8%. The share of in-state students at UCSB peaked during the 2009-10 school year at 92.6%, and sank to its lowest point during the 2020-21 school year at 90.5%.

### International Students

During the 2010-11 school year, 847 students came from countries outside of the U.S. In the years since, this number has been increasing each year except for the previous one. The number peaked at 4,142 students during the 2019-20 school year and 3,969 during the 2020-21 school year.

The number of countries international students are from is 131 in the past two decades, with 107 countries in the 2020-21 school year.

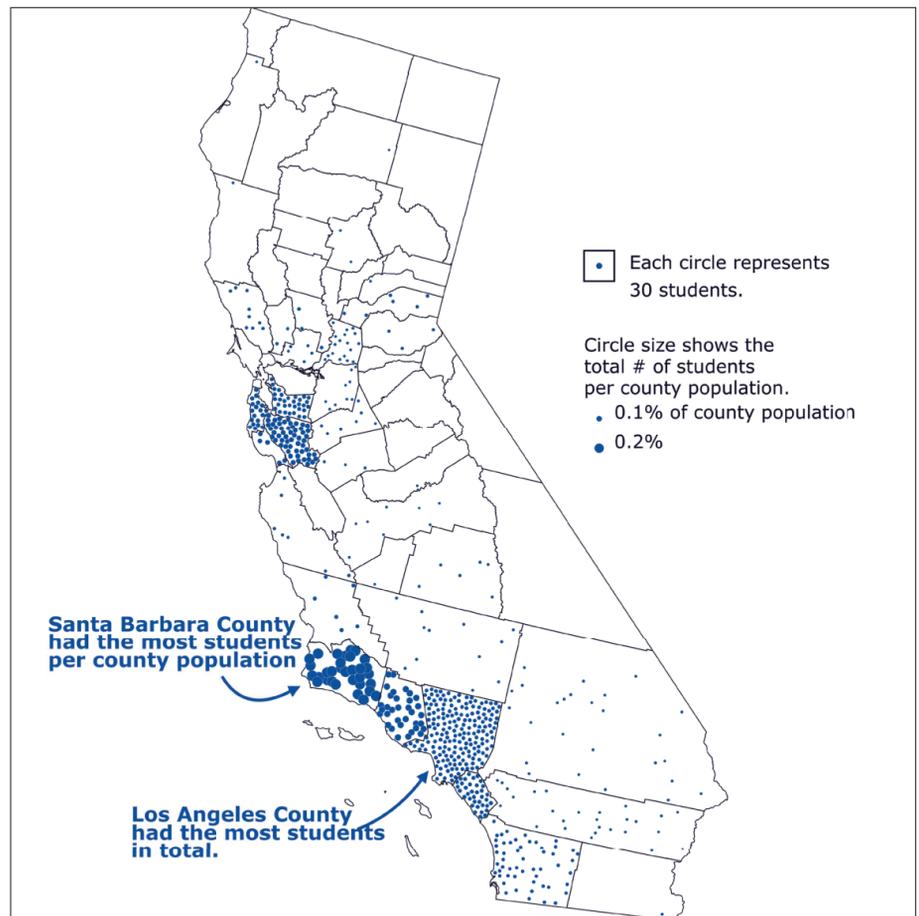
While the number of domestic students has only increased by 797 since the 2010-11 school year, from 23,358 to 24,525 students, the number of international students has increased by 3,296, going from 3.5% of the student body to 14.6%.

The number of Chinese students went from 198 students in 2010-11, making up 23% of international students, to 2,797 students in 2020-21, making up 70% of the international students. This large increase over the last decade has made China the most common country of origin for international students, with India in second place with 157 students and Taiwan following with 100 students.



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## Los Angeles County had the most UCSB Students of Counties in California for the 2020-21 School Year

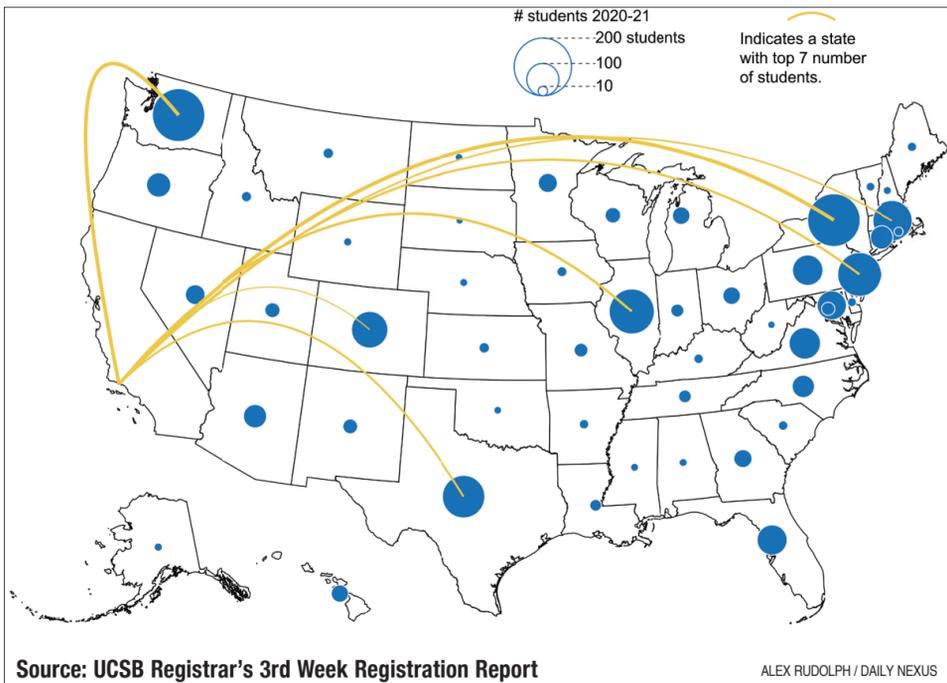


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Source: UCSB Registrar's 3rd Week Registration Report, U.S. Census 2019 population estimates

The map of California shows the number of students in the 2020-21 school year from each county in California. Each circle represents 30 students from that county. L.A. County and Orange county were the two counties with the most number of students as shown by having the most circles. Santa Barbara County and Ventura county had the most students per the county population as shown by their larger circles.

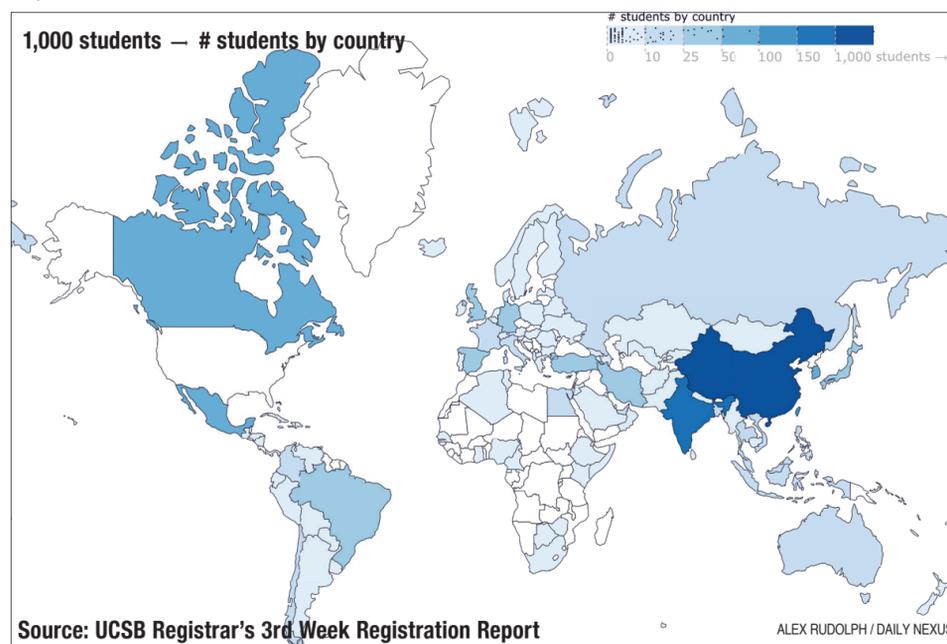
## New York and Washington Tie for Most Out-Of-State Students in 2020-21 School Year



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The map of the U.S. shows the number of students in the 2020-21 school year from each state outside of California. The top 7 states are highlighted with a yellow line.

## 3,969 International Students Came from 107 Countries in the 2020-21 School Year



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The map of the world shows the number of international students in the 2020-21 school year and the countries they are from. Darker shades of blue indicate more students with China accounting for 70% of the international students.

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# COLA Feature: Student Orgs Respond to Housing Crisis

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In light of the current housing shortage for Fall Quarter 2021, student groups at UC Santa Barbara such as UC Santa Barbara for Cost of Living Adjustment – otherwise known as UCSB 4 COLA – and Organize Isla Vista are raising awareness about the housing crisis, a lack of remote learning options and the possibility of COVID-19 outbreaks as UCSB begins in-person operations for the first time since March 2020.

UCSB 4 COLA – an organization originally created to strike for liveable wages for graduate students – has pivoted its focus to organizing a response to the housing crisis with the teacher assistant union, Santa Barbara United Auto Workers (SB UAW) 2865. UCSB 4 COLA also partnered with Organize Isla Vista for a coordinated response to the housing crisis.

Addressing the housing crisis and demanding for an online option is currently Organize I.V.'s top priority, said Declan Griffin, a third-year political science major and one of four organizers for Organize I.V.

The mutual aid organization began with a yard sale, in which the resulting revenue was used to fund a self-defense class in Isla Vista.

"In almost any college town, there are going to be aggressors and attackers, so we want to make people feel more safe and have more peace of mind. The problem of self-defense ties into many issues," Griffin said.

In August 2021, organizers for Organize I.V. focused their resources on combating the housing crisis, putting the self-defense classes on temporary hold.



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COLA – which originally advocated for liveable wages for graduate students – is now working alongside Santa Barbara United Auto Workers 2865 and Organize Isla Vista to respond to the housing crisis in Isla Vista.

Organize I.V. – along with other student groups – shared a survey on Instagram asking students about their fall housing plans. By the end of August, 1350 students responded with 28% of respondents having no housing plans for the 2021-22 school year, according to Organize I.V.'s Declaration on Ensuring a Safe Return to Campus Fall 2021.

In the survey, Organize I.V. proposed that the university implement an online option to stabilize the housing crisis.

"We think that if people were offered an online option, it'd give people more time to find housing instead of coming here homeless. That was the biggest way to alleviate stress for anyone who is having health or economic concerns about returning to campus," said Emma Rose, a third-year global

studies major and organizer for Organize I.V.

Organize I.V. has received endorsements from UCSB professors, organizations, student groups and Academic Senate offices for their efforts in the housing crisis. Their demand for an online option, however, has not been addressed by the administration.

"The whole time has been lackluster, a lot of covering their butts and nonanswers. It's a big reason why we find ourselves in this crisis. One of the excuses that UCSB likes to use is that third and fourth years were banking on another quarter of online classes and they were allowed to bank on that because UCSB didn't have a concrete plan of what was happening," Griffin said.

The university's Academic Senate held a virtual town hall

meeting on Sept. 13 where they addressed reopening plans regarding the status of building ventilation, percentages of vaccinated staff and students, setting up potential dual instruction for classrooms, addressing suicide and mental health, student death, implementations of mask mandates and COVID-19 regulations on campus.

Divisional Academic Senate Chair and Chemistry Professor Susannah Scott said at the town hall that UCSB is not made for online instruction. For the past 18 months, the institution has been under a waiver granted by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges to function under emergency remote teaching due to the pandemic. The waiver expires after Fall Quarter 2021, which led the university to plan for in-person instruction once again.

Despite the assurances given at the town hall, many viewers felt a lack of sincerity and seriousness in addressing their concerns.

"I agree with what everyone has been saying about the town hall meeting, that the concern wasn't really there. The dangers and effects of reopening have been toned down and not taken seriously," an anonymous union member said during a SB UAW 2865 meeting.

"The Santa Barbara branch of the [SB UAW 2865] union represents TAs, associate instructors, tutors and readers across the University of California. Generally, SB UAW 2865 exists to fight for better working conditions for academic student-workers at UCSB," as shared by SB UAW 2865 Unit Chair Micah Pedrick.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang announced during the town hall meeting that UCSB was able to offer campus housing options

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## New State Program Allocates \$500 Million To Aid With Student Housing

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On Sept. 13, California lawmakers approved a new program to give grants for new or renovated housing for students in public universities throughout the state.

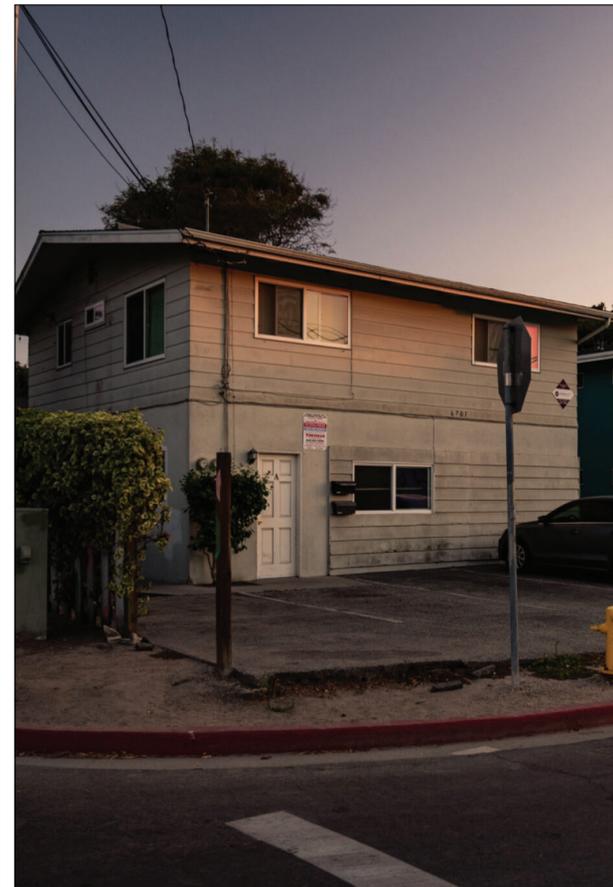
The program, titled the "Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program," appropriates \$500 million in grant money that will support building new student housing or renovating existing student housing in the University of California System, California State University (CSU) system and California Community College system. The bill has been passed through the state legislature and now awaits Governor Gavin

Newsom's signature.

The program itself creates a grant process for state institutions to apply for and dedicates 20% of the funding for UCs, 30% of funding for CSUs and 50% of funding for California community colleges.

Additionally, the program caps rent for low-income students at 15% of the area's median income and mandates that only full-time students can reside in housing supported by the program.

The program was introduced to state legislature in January and passed by both the State Senate and State Assembly on Sept. 9, coming during a housing shortage across many state institutions, including UC Santa Barbara.



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# Housing Shortage and COVID-19 Impact Leaves International Students Feeling Neglected

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The current housing shortage at UC Santa Barbara, along with COVID-19's impact on this past remote year, has overlooked one group of students on campus, forcing them to grasp at straws: international students.

Fourth-year communication major and international student Julie Zhu said the COVID-19 delta variant, along with a lack of housing options on campus and throughout Isla Vista, has been a source of anxiety for her.

"There's the delta [variant] now and there's no housing, and everything is just [difficult]. Everything is a problem. So with all of this combined together is our source of bad anxiety," Zhu said.

Insufficient housing options has caused Zhu and other international students to consider taking a gap quarter or year, especially as the university has not announced any plans to provide a remote option for courses in the fall.

"Many of my friends decided to take a gap [quarter] because they don't want to put themselves in dangerous living situations if they can't find an apartment," Zhu said.

Zhu supports UCSB's decision to work with local hotel chains to provide temporary housing for students on the university housing waitlist, as other schools like UCLA and UC San Diego have opted for the same temporary solution.

"They understand our

difficulties, but they can do limited things. I know they can't build a residence hall in two months. So besides providing the option for remote instruction, I think they should also consider hotel housing that students can rent for a year," Zhu said.

General anxiety over COVID-19 and the delta variant is common for international students who currently live outside of the United States, solely consuming information about the virus

through the news, according to April Zhang, second-year sociology major and Associated Students international senator.

"When you see the news [about COVID-19], it's always bad news," Zhang said. "[People in the U.S. right now] don't feel [the COVID-19 crisis], but people that are physically outside of this circle feel it more intensely and worry about it even more than we do."

Zhang explained the vulnerability international

students feel amidst the housing shortage, as many of them have not lived in the United States before and do not have much direction and assistance in searching for housing.

"The housing crisis makes it especially hard for international students because most of them are looking for on-campus housing, as many of them haven't been on campus [during] a previous year so that's the safest – and sometimes the only – option they

can go for," Zhang said. "But now it seems kind of impossible for some of them [to find housing] and then it's also hard to find off-campus housing."

The overall lack of connection between the university and international students in light of this remote year is something Zhang strives to address as the A.S. international senator and hopes the university will address sooner than later.

"We definitely need to think

about connecting students, especially the international student community who are abroad, as some of them might be attending this institution for half of their academic career without being on campus," Zhang said.

According to third-year geographic information science major Stone Shi, attending remote classes this past year from her home in China was difficult due to the 16-hour time difference.

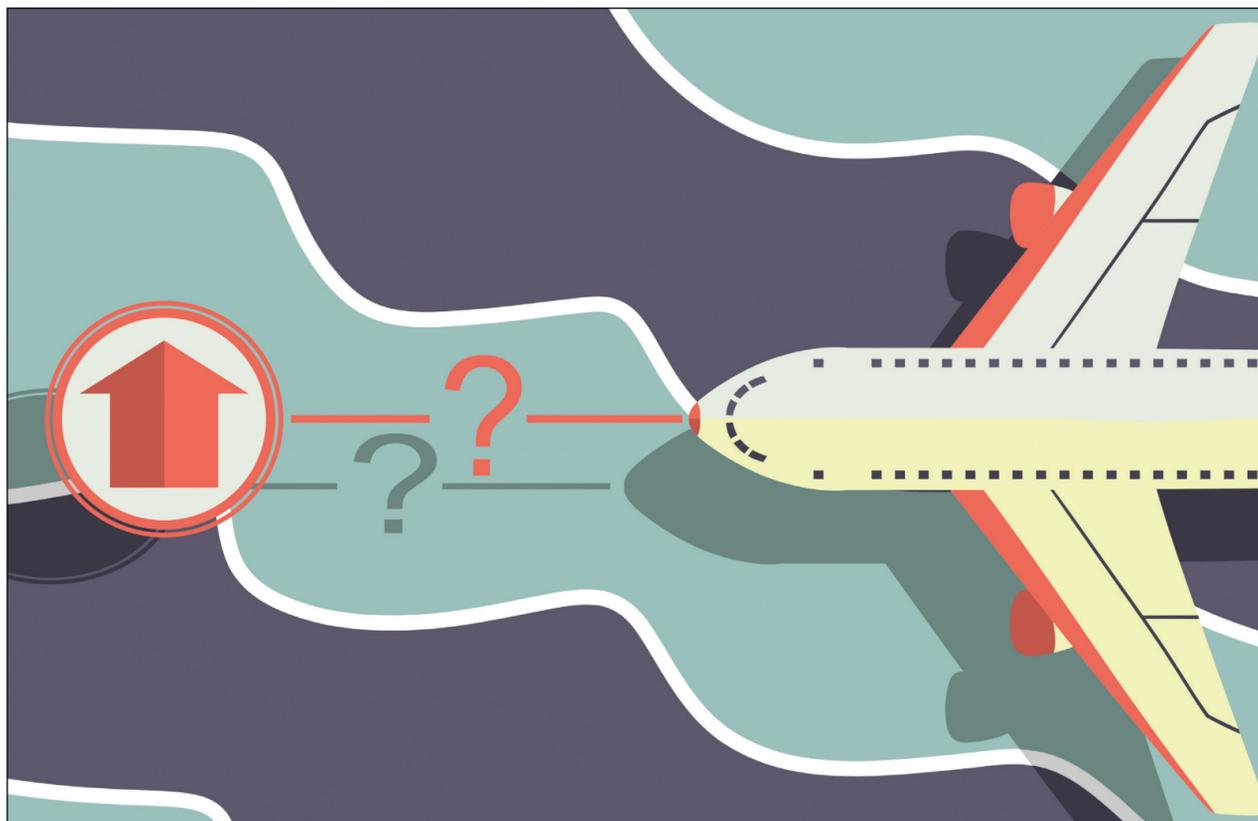
"I have to go to sleep maybe around 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. in China, that will be when some courses are finished or there are some deadlines. And even with no courses, I had to keep this schedule to ensure I get used to receiving participation grades by basically showing up on time," Shi said.

Like other international students, Shi still does not have housing for the 2021-22 school year. Despite searching for housing every day on various sites since July, such as Zillow and Apartments.com, she and her housemates still have not had any luck.

"We open Zillow and Apartments.com every morning, and the moment we see a new leasing space, more than five applications are already submitted," Shi said.

Shi created a petition to demand a remote instruction option for the university for Fall Quarter 2021. In the petition, Shi backed this demand through voicing concerns about insufficient housing options on and off campus, flight cancellations

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# UCSB Welcomes New Students to Campus Virtually

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Data Editor

UC Santa Barbara's 2021 New Student Convocation was livestreamed on Sept. 20 where campus administrators and other speakers welcomed the incoming class of freshmen and transfer students.

The speeches congratulated students on enrolling in the university, offered pieces of advice to succeed on campus and in life and emphasized the importance of community building and support – especially as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first speaker Pierre Wiltzius, executive dean of the College of Letters and Science and physics professor, encouraged students to join organizations and connect with other students outside the classroom.

"Education is so much more than what you learn inside the classroom," Wiltzius said.

He recounted his own change of majors and encouraged students to be open-minded to change as it may take multiple tries to find one's calling.

"Education is a process, don't get discouraged if your first major isn't the perfect one for you or if a new activity you try isn't to your liking. Course corrections are an essential part of life," Wiltzius said.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang welcomed the return back to campus and congratulated the incoming class for their admission into the university.



Courtesy of Nexus Photo Team

Chancellor Henry T. Yang welcomed the incoming class to UC Santa Barbara, saying their decision to attend UCSB was the best decision of their lives.

"You have made the best decision of your life," Yang said of the incoming class's decision to attend UCSB.

He introduced the campus by mentioning awards and prizes

from faculty members and alumni and the No. 5 ranking in the U.S. News and World Report's list of Top Public Schools.

"These rankings acknowledge our stature as a top-tier

research institution as well as our commitment to academic excellence, diversity, equity and inclusion," Yang said.

Yang emphasized the campus's strong community and it being

welcoming to the incoming class.

"We pride ourselves on being a campus that is inclusive, one that embraces our differences and nurtures respect without discrimination," Yang said.

Yang encouraged students to get involved in the campus and community by joining organizations and clubs. With all of the ways to participate on campus and in the community, Yang's piece of advice was to "learn how to budget your time."

"If you make a mistake in budgeting your time, you cannot borrow and no one can help you," Yang said.

Victor Rios, a sociology professor at UCSB and recent MacArthur Foundation endowment recipient, was the keynote speaker and spoke to students about the upcoming challenges and expectations of being at the university.

He challenged students to question their beliefs when confronted with a new or opposing idea and to embrace failure.

"Failure is not your final frontier; failure is a formative part of your success," Rios said.

Rios recounted a personal experience of initial failure when receiving very negative reviews for a book he wrote after finishing his doctoral degree. He contemplated changing his career before eventually overcoming his fear and having the book published.

"It is known as one of the best ethnographies ever written in the discipline of sociology," Rios said, including that it led the White House to invite him to advise the Obama administration on gun violence and policing.

"To transform the world, we must first transform ourselves," he said.

## Four UCSB Sororities Placed on Interim Suspension Following Hazing Allegations

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The UC Santa Barbara chapter of Pi Beta Phi was placed on interim suspension on Sept. 17. Two days later – on Sept. 19 – Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega were all also placed on interim suspension.

According to UCSB spokesperson Andrea Estrada, "multiple Greek organization houses were placed on suspension recently in connection with allegations related to hazing." Estrada did not specify the specific nature of the alleged hazing.

"Issuing an interim suspension is the campus's protocol when hazing allegations meet the threshold of a charge against the Student Conduct Code. It is done as a precautionary, protective measure while the investigation and adjudication process takes place," Estrada said in a statement to the Nexus.

UCSB Panhellenic President Sophia Lake declined to comment on the hazing allegations against the four sororities.

Currently, the only Panhellenic sororities students can rush are Alpha Delta Pi, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Sigma Rho.

While on interim suspension, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega cannot rush, as they are currently under investigation from the university. The university's findings will determine whether or not the suspended sororities can rush following the conclusion of the investigation.

"The University is actively investigating the allegations; if they are ultimately substantiated, disciplinary measures will be imposed," Estrada said in the statement.

The Nexus will continue reporting on the hazing allegations in a later article.



Four sororities — Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi and Alpha Chi Omega — were placed on interim suspension following allegations of hazing.

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# IVCSD Swears in New County-Appointed Director

Atmika Iyer  
County News Editor

The Isla Vista Community Services District swore in county employee Carrie Topliffe as the new county-appointed director on the board during their Sept. 15 meeting.

Topliffe was appointed following the retirement of the former county-appointed Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) Director Robert Geis. Topliffe has worked for the county since 2000, and coincidentally, was hired by Geis. She previously worked with the child support, public health, auditor-controller, human resources and behavioral wellness departments. Topliffe also has experience working for government institutions within Isla Vista, as an Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPD) director.

Topliffe said she is excited to join IVCSD in improving the quality of life and infrastructure in IV.

“From what I’ve watched of you after this very long attempt to get local control of

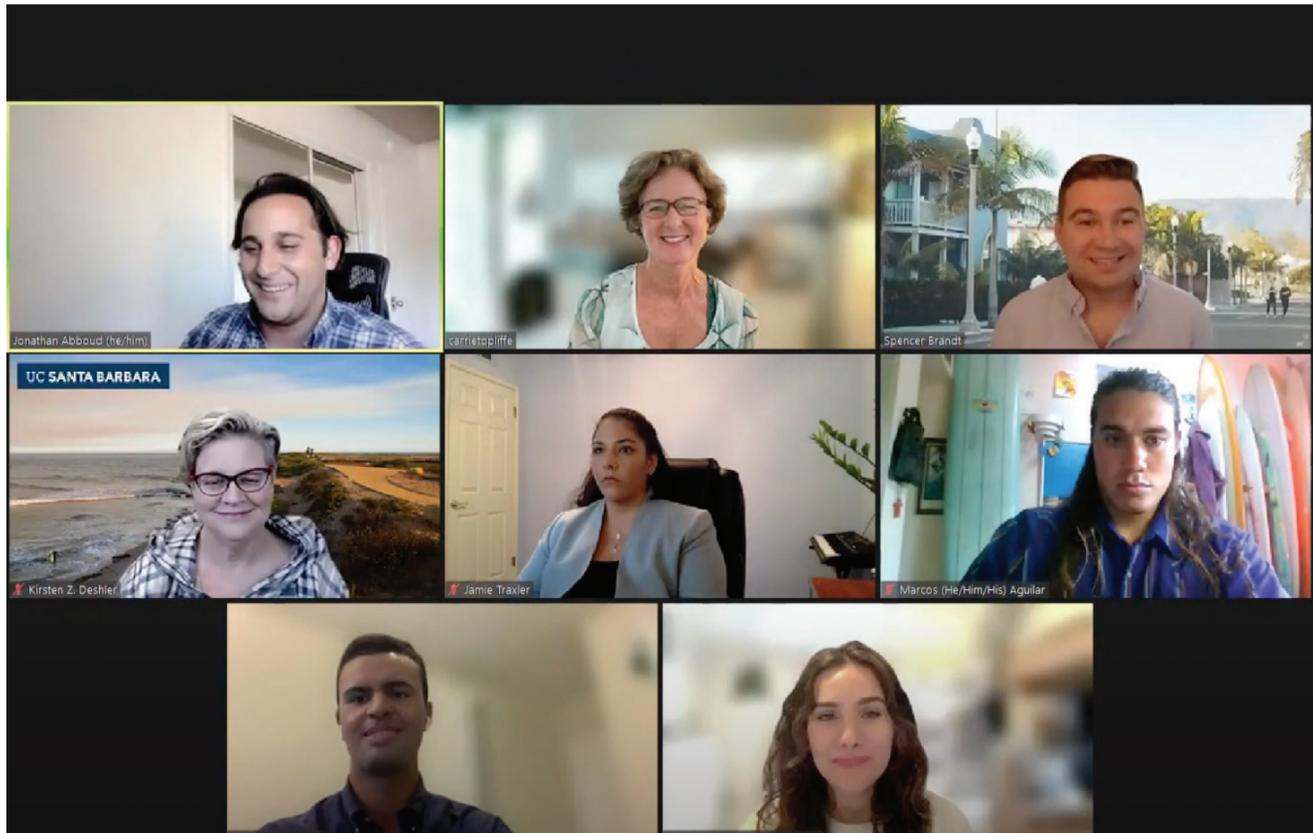
governmental services in Isla Vista, I’m so impressed with all of you and the heart and intelligence you’re bringing to the task. I’m thrilled that I can be a part of it,” Topliffe said during the meeting.

According to Topliffe, I.V. has the necessary qualities and opportunities to help create a “better world.”

“I am a very passionate enthusiast about Isla Vista,” Topliffe said. “I had so much of the formation of my life happen in Isla Vista because Isla Vista is such an exciting community with so much energy, so much passion, so much opportunity for creating a better world.”

IVCSD Director Jay Freeman said that he is grateful that Topliffe was the candidate appointed by the county to IVCSD.

“I’m extremely happy seeing that [the county] has chosen to select Carrie who has all of this rich background in the area, and such an interest and excitement in our operation and the people here. Thank you so much for doing this Carrie,” Freeman said during the meeting.



IVCSD swore in Carrie Topliffe as the new county-appointed director via Zoom during their Sept. 15 board meeting. Photo taken as a screenshot from the meeting.

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# UCSB Dean Alleges Insufficient Number of Courses Prior to Fall Quarter 2021

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County News Editor

UC Santa Barbara Dean of Undergraduate Education Jeffrey Stopple wrote an email to Chancellor Henry T. Yang and other university officials on Sept. 10 saying that there is an insufficient number of courses for the student population for Fall Quarter 2021, the Santa Barbara Independent reported.

According to Stopple, the fall quarter course crisis has been an annual issue since 2015.

Students at UCSB are required to take 12 units to be considered full-time students – a requirement many students are having difficulty meeting this quarter.

Not being a full-time student can have disastrous consequences for many students, including impacts to financial aid, housing and – for students in the U.S. on F-1 student visas – their ability to stay in the country.

Consequently, several UCSB professors have been emailing students enrolled in their classes, asking them to drop the course sooner rather than later if they don’t intend on staying so that those who need the credit can take their place.

In an email acquired by the Nexus, Kathleen Bruhn, a professor in the political science department, asked students with more than 12 units to consider dropping the class

so students with insufficient credits may take their spots.

“Due to circumstances beyond our control, the department was forced to cancel a large class (PS 7), which has 240 students. We are trying to find spaces for as many of these students [as soon] as possible,” Bruhn wrote. “Meanwhile, if you are thinking you might want to drop this class, or already have enough units for full time enrollment status, you might be able to help another student who could lose financial aid and housing if they drop below 12 units.”

The Nexus will continue reporting on the insufficient number of courses for fall quarter in a later article.



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# Isla Vista Residents Vote During Recall Election

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Governor Gavin Newsom won the Sept. 14 California gubernatorial recall election, securing his place in office for the remainder of his term. The recall was called after months of outrage from some Republican state residents regarding Newsom's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in California.

In order to enact a recall, citizens must gather signatures that amount to at least 12% of the votes cast in the previous election for that office. Based on data from the 2018 election, that number had to be at least 1,405,709.

Every California governor since 1960 has faced some sort of attempt at a recall – Newsom himself has faced five before this – but with the required number of signatures met, this was the fourth gubernatorial recall election in United States history.

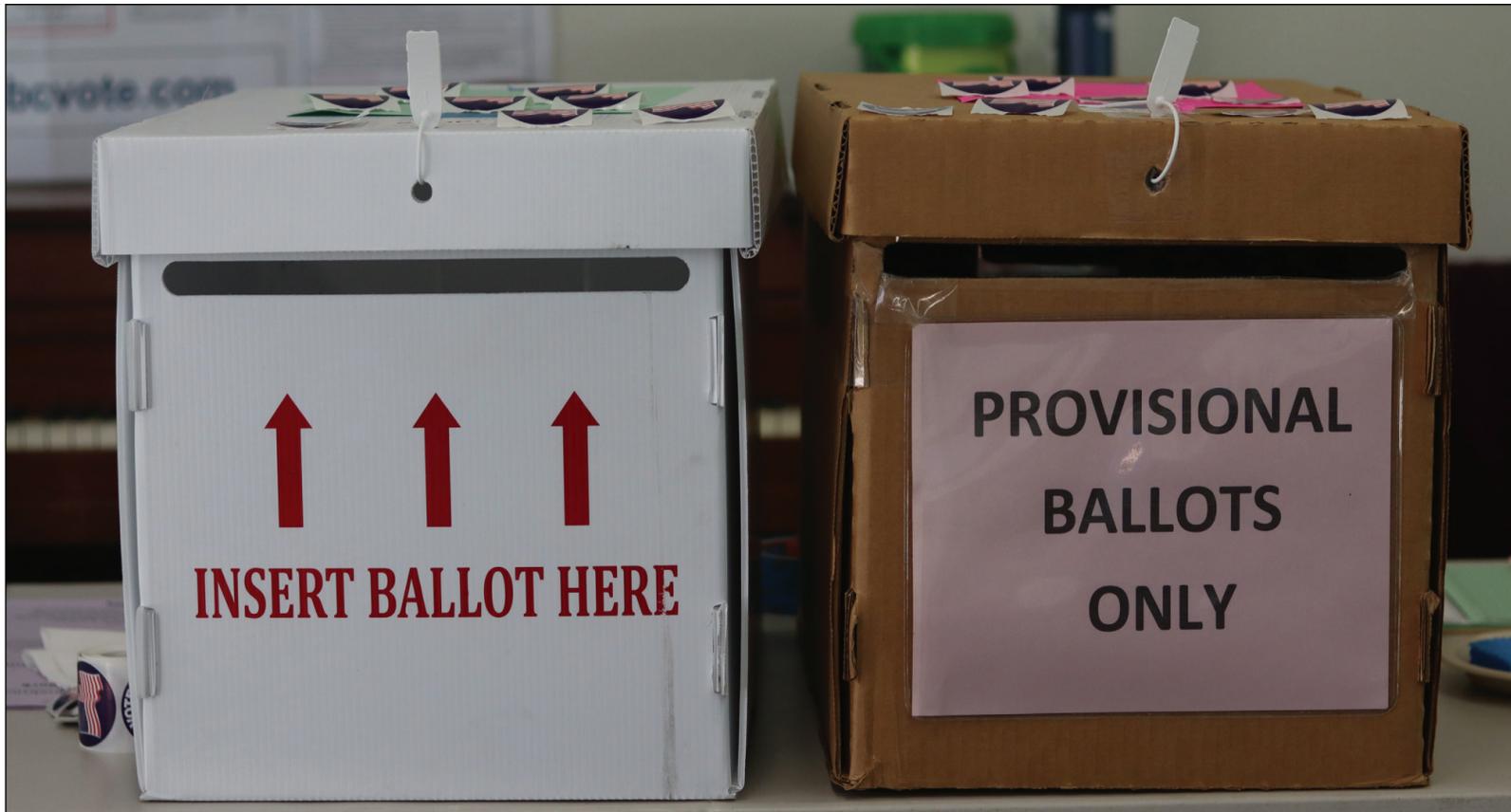
Isla Vista residents cast their ballots at UC Santa Barbara's San Nicolas Hall, UCSB Sierra Madre Villages, the I.V. Community Center, Saint Michael's University and the Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative.

As of Sept. 21, 7,301,100 people voted against the recall across the state, while 4,317,983 people voted for the recall, according to the unofficial election results posted on Secretary of State of California Shirley Weber's website. A total of 11,619,083 people voted.

Across Santa Barbara County, 68,185 people voted against the recall, and 36,713 people voted for the recall, according to the Santa Barbara County Election website. A total of 105,213 people voted across the county.

Newsom beat out several replacement candidates, including front-runner Republican candidate Larry Elder who received 26,953 votes across the county. Elder conceded on Tuesday night as election results began leaning in favor of Newsom.

Newsom's current term ends in 2023, and a California gubernatorial election will occur in 2022.



Isla Vista residents voting in-person casted their ballots at UCSB Santa Nicolas Hall, UCSB Sierra Madre, Isla Vista Community Center, St. Michaels's University and SB Student Housing Coop. PIA RAMOS / DAILY NEXUS



Voters were able to cast their ballots and walk out of polling locations with stickers that say 'I VOTED,' with the American flag. PIA RAMOS / DAILY NEXUS



# Isla Vista 2014 Tragedy Influences Carbajal's Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021

## Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021



Provides federal funding for states that adopt red flag laws for gun safety.

Family and law enforcement can petition a judge to have an individual's firearms temporarily removed if the owner poses a danger to themselves or others.



Law enforcement and family members must provide evidence for courts to consider whether or not an individual poses a risk to themselves or others.



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On May 23, 2014, an Isla Vista resident killed six people on a shooting and stabbing spree: George Chen, Cheng Yuan "James" Hong, Weihan "David" Wang, Katherine Breann Cooper, Christopher Ross Michaels-Martinez and Veronika Weiss.

Prior to killing the six UC Santa Barbara students, the killer took to social media to express suicidal and homicidal ideations. Once the killer's family discovered the posts, his mother called law enforcement to warn them about his behavior.

Though law enforcement was aware of the potential danger the killer posed, there were no laws empowering them to remove firearms from the killer's possession. Following the 2014 Isla Vista Tragedy, California passed red flag laws allowing law enforcement and family members to petition judges for temporary firearm removal should the firearm owner pose a danger to themselves or others.

On May 25, U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal and Senator Dianne Feinstein introduced the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2021 (ERPO) – legislation offering federal funding to states that adopt red flag laws which allow family members and law enforcement to petition a judge to temporarily disarm individuals who are a threat to themselves or others.

"We had a significant loss of life. After the tragedy, what we learned about the perpetrator is that there were circumstances that if the red flag law were in place, it might have been prevented because the tools provided to law enforcement would have had the ability to temporarily take guns away from the perpetrator," Carbajal said.

"[The 2014 Isla Vista Tragedy] along with my own personal experience of a family member who took their lives with my father's revolver I think was the impetus for my proposing this legislation."

The legislation was originally introduced in the 115th Congress, then in the 116th Congress and – now, again – in the 117th Congress. Through all the revisions, the legislation went through significant changes. For example, following revisions, the legislation enhanced "the

Bock said that law enforcement and family members must provide evidence for courts to consider whether or not an individual poses a risk to themselves or others and must have their firearm removed prior to a court ruling.

Evidence courts would consider whether an individual has made threats or acts of violence against one's own self or others in the past six months, exhibited a pattern of violent behavior or threats in the past 12 months, violated domestic violence protective

temporary banning of someone being able to purchase guns during that period," Carbajal said.

"[ERPO] will continue to be a tool to families, law enforcement, campuses, the broader community, the state of California and our entire country to broaden the toolbox to give family, loved ones, law enforcement more opportunities to save lives," he continued.

Richard Martinez, father of Christopher Ross Michaels-Martinez and gun safety advocate with Everytown, said that gun safety measures – like the red flag laws enacted in California following the 2014 Isla Vista Tragedy and Carbajal's legislation – are all necessary to reduce gun violence.

"Strong gun safety measures work. They reduce gun violence. There's not one gun safety measure that can solve it all. But that shouldn't stop us, as we're doing in California, to work successfully to reduce gun violence so that kids like my son Chris are not shot and killed as we're talking today," Martinez said.

By introducing this legislation, Carbajal hopes to prevent future mass murder by incentivizing states with federal funding to develop and adopt red flag laws.

"We stop the potential mass murder of innocent people in communities. And that's what this legislation will do. My legislation incentivizes states and communities throughout the country by being able to receive grant funding to develop red flag laws in their own states and communities and to provide funding for the training of law enforcement and the judiciary to make sure that everything is connected and is well coordinated and worked effectively like for instance in the state of California," Carbajal said.



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Richard Martinez

capacity of law enforcement and state/local courts by providing personnel, training, technical assistance, data collection, etc.," according to Isabelle Bock, legislative correspondent and press assistant in Carbajal's office.

In addition, the newer revisions include providing training for judges, court personnel, healthcare professionals, legal professionals and law enforcement officers on intrinsic bias, de-escalation and crisis intervention, service providers appropriate for the specific situation and how to appropriately apply ERPO in a situation involving domestic violence.

orders or been convicted of any crime which bans the purchasing of firearms. The courts may also consider evidence indicating an individual is at an increased risk for violence including a history of violence, unlawful and/or reckless use of firearms, recently purchased weapons and ongoing alcohol and drug abuse.

The firearm would only be temporarily removed from an individual and returned once the order prohibiting an individual from owning a firearm is over.

"[ERPO] is going to allow due process to go before a court and to get a restraining order that would allow for the temporary removal of firearms and the

## New Civic Engagement Scholars Program Seeks To Provide Accessible Route for Student Activism

Emily Risha  
Staff Writer

Beginning Fall Quarter 2021, UC Santa Barbara will offer a Civic Engagement Scholars Program to encourage active citizenship among students and provide them with the tools and resources to affect local, social and political change.

The instructors affiliated with the program include: Maeve Devoy, associate director of the Walter H. Capps Center; Katya Armistead, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs and dean of Student Life; and Viviana Marsano, director of Civic & Community Engagement, Isla Vista liaison and senior advisor to Campus Organizations. The new courses will be offered under the Capps Center for the study of ethics, religion and public life, with funding from a Valuing Open and Inclusive Communication and Engagement (V.O.I.C.E.) grant.

Officially titled "Seminar in Civic Engagement and Deliberative Democracy," courses Religious Studies 188 A, B and C seek to provide a pathway for student activism across all three quarters in the 2021-22 school year.

Devoy, Armistead and Marsano applied for the V.O.I.C.E. grant in Winter Quarter 2020, and were notified that they received it in February 2021. While it usually takes over a year for a new class to be approved, the instructors were able to expedite the process due to the work of the Capps Center administration, particularly with Berenice Lopez, the undergrad program coordinator within the religious studies department.

"I feel really lucky that they saw the merit of the course[s] and that [they] just ushered [them] through

and made sure [they] was signed off along the way, and here we are, we get to teach [the courses]," Armistead said.

In creating the courses, Devoy approached Armistead and Marsano to bring together their complementary perspectives and departments.

Armistead called Devoy "brilliant" for creating their team of three because each instructor has different resources that they will make available to students throughout the program. They will all teach the courses, though they are not necessarily faculty of the university.

"It was a group effort, just us meeting and brainstorming and dreaming and scheming and thinking about what we each bring to the table," Armistead said.

Third-year sociology major Ryan Rising believes the Civic Engagement Scholars Program (CESP) will help further his goals as the co-founder of the Gaucho Underground Scholars Initiative (GUSI) at UCSB and the founder of the Underground Scholars Program. Through the GUSI program, Rising works to develop what he calls the "prison to university pipeline" to assist formerly incarcerated students into UCSB – a goal he believes the CESP could further and formalize.

During Fall Quarter 2021, the program will take the form of a typical class, with readings, lectures and guest speakers that expose students to the tools of active citizenship, particularly why they are effective and how to use them.

"A good way to study is at the local level, so we're going to have a [Goleta city] council member

come," Marsano said.

Other guest speakers include the directors of the Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) and Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the Berkeley School of Law.

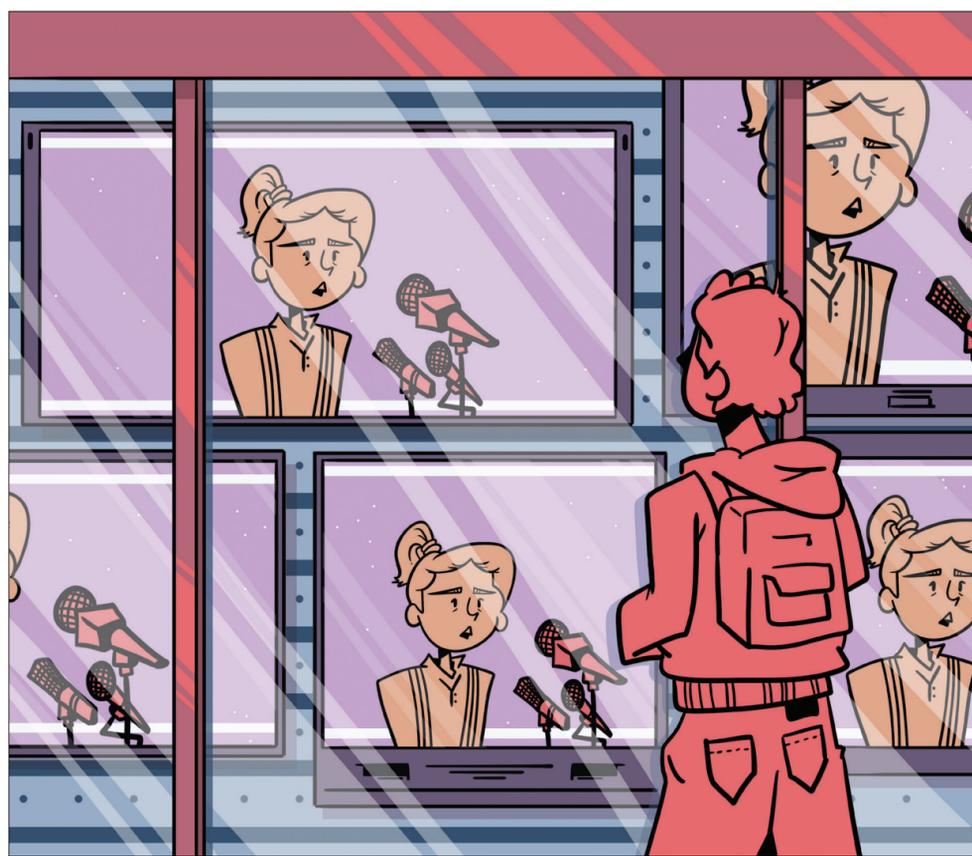
Devoy will teach from "Free Speech on Campus" by Chemerinsky, Armistead will facilitate leadership development and instruct on how goals become action plans, and Marsano will focus on deliberative democracy.

"How do you engage on civic dialogue with people who are completely at different ends of the political spectrum or the community spectrum? There are ways and there are set dialogues and materials," Marsano said.

In the winter and spring quarters, students will bring what they have learned into the community, working in pairs or small groups to design and disseminate a program or workshop on a local issue that is dear to them. These two quarters of the courses are only two units each.

Rising's initiative through the courses' creation is to build an official UCSB department for formerly incarcerated students. He also hopes to develop a regional ambassadors program with Allan Hancock College and Santa Barbara Community City College in order to bring formerly incarcerated students from those community colleges into UCSB.

Another program the instructors hope to funnel through the CESP is the Dean's Disaster Resilience Fellowship through the Dean of Student Life's office. The fellowship program would focus on "how we can bring together the wealth of the UC campus to support when there



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Armistead said.

The instructors see the courses as an avenue to express the graduate students' research in an impactful way, as well as an opportunity for informal mentoring between graduate and undergraduate students.

"We don't have a formula, we're not looking for [students] to fit in what we think they should be doing. We want them to have an idea, a passion, to tackle a challenge. We want it to be something that

"It could be a one-day event, it could be creating a program ... There's a lot of room for creativity, innovation. We want to see what the students come up with and we'll support that."

CESP addresses the expanding role of higher education, as institutions are not only for learning but incubators for social and political change.

"The mission of the university has been expanded through the years, it's not just to prepare

them involved in community issues, in political issues, in civic issues. And for us, it's very important that we're getting the students exposed," Marsano said. "When you get involved at the local level, and you can see the results of your involvement more easily or more tangibly, then you are more prone to move to the state level and the national level."

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# Housing Shortage Impact on International Students

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between international students' home countries and the U.S. and anxiety about the delta variant.

"If students have housing already, they can choose to go back to school and attend in-person lectures and sections, but if [students] don't have housing, they [should be able to] choose to not go back in the fall quarter," Shi said. "This will release the pressure of COVID-19 and reduce the number of students on campus, and the costs of providing a remote option should be lower than [other solutions like] contacting hotels for extra rooms, as [professors] can just record their lecture and submit it on GachoSpace."

To help international students through remote instruction and the housing shortage, the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) adjusted their services.

"As instruction went remote due

to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of International Students & Scholars established virtual walk-in advising appointments and extended our normal advising hours so we could reach our students in whatever time zone they were located," Shelly Leachman, deputy news director and writer from the Office of Public Affairs and Communications at UCSB, said in a statement to the Nexus. "We chose to do that because we had so many students in different time zones [that] we likely would not have been able to service some of them via live chats."

Upon communication with international students on their issues with the shortage, OISS shared these concerns with the university.

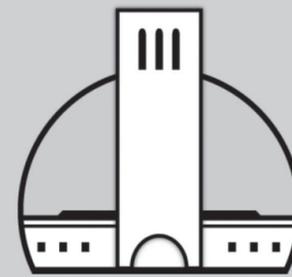
"Of greatest concern to our returning students was finding campus or local housing for fall, which is difficult to do from

outside the U.S.," Leach said in a statement to the Nexus. "In consultation with the housing team, we directed our students to the various resources available to help them seek and secure housing."

Overall, OISS is hopeful of the plan to negotiate with local hotels to provide additional, temporary housing for students on the university housing waitlist.

The university also prioritized providing on-campus housing to first-year, transfer and graduate students. International students were not on that list.

"The university is working tirelessly to accommodate as many students as possible, both international and otherwise," Leachman said. "We look forward to the entire UCSB community joining us to welcome our international students back to campus."



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# COLA Responds to Housing Crisis

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to every undergraduate student including first-year, second-year and transfer students throughout the months of July and August.

According to Yang, there are 545 students still without housing as of Sept. 12, but 483 students were sent offers.

Regarding in-person instruction and COVID-19, Yang said that UCSB has been monitoring the COVID-19 case rates in Santa Barbara County and reassured viewers that the university is taking campus protective and preventative measures.

As of Sept. 13, there is a 94% overall vaccine compliance between students, faculty and staff, Yang said. Additionally, there is a mask mandate for indoor public spaces, a daily

symptom screening, a COVID-19 testing program for those who are unvaccinated and seeking tests, and building ventilation that exceeds state requirements.

Organize IV. and UCSB 4 COLA are urging transparency and flexibility from the administration to ensure better communication between the university and its students in the future.

"In the future, one of our goals is for people to not be scared to ask for things from the administration to get what they need. The administration needs to be willing to change and talk to people and make the college experience better for people wanting to attend," Rose said.



## UC SANTA BARBARA

September 23, 2021

Dear Gauchos:

Welcome! We are so glad to have you as part of our UC Santa Barbara community! The past 18 months have been challenging and our hearts are with you. As we come together in person, please be patient with one another. We are all reacclimating to an in-person university experience, but together, we can ensure that this a great year! As the pandemic continues to evolve, UCSB will maintain its COVID-19 information site (<https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information>) to keep students and their families informed.

Over the past year and a half, we have witnessed the many challenges of the pandemic. We've also seen xenophobia, increases in racist incidents against Asian-identified people, and the senseless killings of Black Americans that sparked protests and spurred a call to action for anti-Black racism across the nation. These remain important issues, and you will be invited to continue our on-going discussions and to adopt our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At UCSB, we value respectful dialogue. We value civility, dignity, and differences of opinion that help us to learn and grow. We value freedom of expression, and we respect academic and personal freedoms. You may find, however, that there are times when your free expression offends or causes discomfort in others, just as there may be times when you become offended or uncomfortable after hearing someone else's thoughts or opinions. It is in these times that we ask you to take a moment to listen and express your views empathetically, keeping in mind our Principles of Community (<https://diversity.ucsb.edu/about/principles-of-community>).

Undoubtedly, free expression nurtures innovative thinking and the creation of new knowledge. However, free speech is not unconditional. Speech in which a direct threat is made, or that harasses a particular individual is not protected speech; it is a violation of our Student Conduct Code. Additionally, our Campus Regulations have time, place, and manner restrictions that ensure that free expression does not disrupt classes or the orderly operation of the campus.

UCSB also values respectful interpersonal interactions. This is more than a value; it is an expectation. There is no tolerance for sexual violence or assault of any kind, including sexual activity without fully informed and conscious consent, dating or domestic violence, or stalking. These actions, whether committed on or off campus, are violations of UC policy, campus regulations, and the law. We are committed to providing education to help prevent sexual violence, as well as resources that support survivors and encourage reporting. Ending sexual violence is a goal we must all work towards by confronting actions and attitudes that perpetuate such behavior.

Like our greater society, UCSB is not immune to acts of intolerance, sexual violence, or other misconduct. Please report any incidents and seek assistance from campus resources if you are affected by or become aware of an incident.

- **CARE Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence or Misconduct**, (confidential resources and information on reporting options for sexual violence, sexual assault, abusive relationships, and stalking), 805-893-4613 (24-hour advocacy line) or <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE> or <http://sexualviolence.ucsb.edu>
- **Title IX/Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance Office** to officially report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking to the University, 805-893-2701 or <https://titleix.ucsb.edu/>
- **Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)/ 24/7 Counseling**, 805-893-4411 or <https://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/>
- **Bias Report Form**, to report a hate or bias incident: <https://studentlife.sa.ucsb.edu/bias>

Campus and local law enforcement can be reached in an emergency by dialing 911. Additional resources for addressing campus climate issues are available from the Dean of Students Office, Educational Opportunity Program, MultiCultural Center, Office of Black Student Development, Dream Scholars Resource Team, the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, and the Veteran's Resource Center. We hope you will join us in making sure our campus is a safe, healthy, and welcoming place for all.

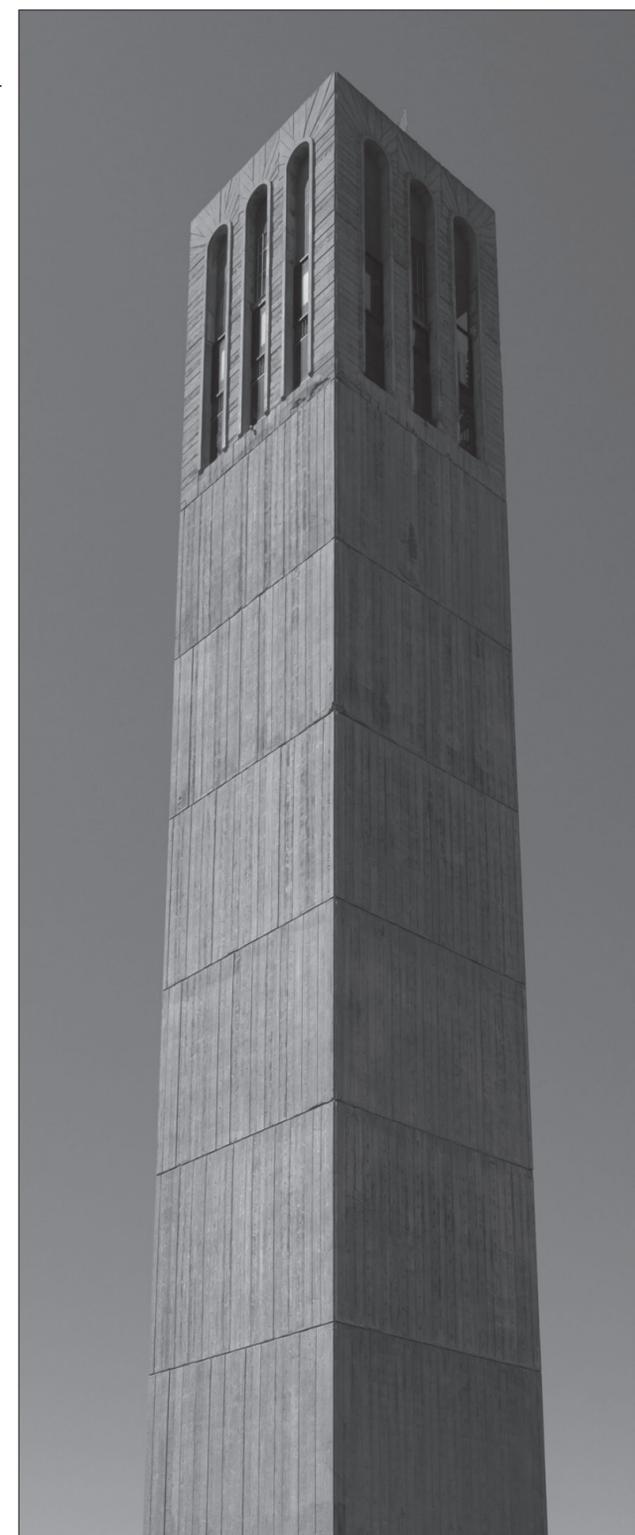
Sincerely,

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# Associated Students Resources

## A. S. Resources



**Yuval Cohen**

Works to serve as a liaison between the administration and the student body.



**Shannon Sweeney**

Represents the interests of the UCSB student body to the Santa Barbara County area and local Isla Vista agencies, working to bridge the gap between UCSB students and their larger community.



**Bee Schaefer**

Writes legislation, communicates with and represent its constituents and presides over weekly Senate meetings.



**Esmeralda Quintero-Cubillan**

Represents UC students on a statewide and federal level by organizing lobbying trips and pushing for student-centric reform.



**Geovany Lucero**

Utilizes caseworkers within the office to help students with individual disputes and problems that they might face.

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University News Editor

UC Santa Barbara's five executive branches of the Associated Students student government are comprised of the Associated Students Office of the President, Office of the Internal Vice President, Office of the External Vice President for Statewide Affairs, Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs and Office of the Student Advocate General. Together, these five branches of Associated Students (A.S.) student government provide services to assist UCSB students and the Isla Vista community.

### Office of the A.S. President

As president of the student body for the 2021-22 school year, Yuval Cohen's focus on assisting students centers around establishing new services and following through on those set by her predecessors.

Currently, the office is helping students struggling to find housing in conjunction with the I.V. Tenants Union and is working on setting up mental health town halls, according to Cohen. In addition, the office is continuing emergency COVID-19 grants and working to reallocate funding to specific grant programs for students in need. Although the Office of the President also works to serve as a liaison between the administration and the student body, Cohen said basic needs programs will remain a priority during her tenure.

In addition, Cohen encouraged students who are passionate about student government to apply for the Pearman Fellowship program, which allows incoming students to learn about the inner workings of A.S. through an executive branch. Her office will be taking on new fellows in winter quarter, but each executive office hosts a cohort of Pearman Fellows.

### Office of the Internal Vice President – A.S. Senate

According to Bee Schaefer, the internal vice president of the A.S. Senate, the goal of her executive branch is, in its barest form, to "write legislation and communicate and represent its constituents." This includes improving educational policies, academic policies and teaching quality as well as creating policies and resolutions that will promote those improvements. Schaefer, who oversees 26 Senate seats and runs weekly Senate meetings, also noted the importance of senator-to-student communication in producing student-gear policies and resolutions.

Senators are currently actively working to identify their community's needs and be an "active ear" and are aware of issues like the housing crisis, food insecurity and COVID-related social apathy, according to Schaefer. In addition, senators work closely with Boards and Commissions, where students can get involved with strategic task forces that support specific causes. Senate elections occur in the spring quarter of every school year, but Schaefer encouraged students to get involved in the community at their own pace and reminded students that they belong to the spaces they inhabit.

### Office of the External Vice President for Statewide Affairs

As one of the executive branches' most externally facing branches, External Vice President for Statewide Affairs (EVPSA) and President of the UC Student Association Esmeralda Quintero-Cubillan says that the office is focused on empowering marginalized students in their office and educating the student body about the resources and activism opportunities that they provide.

"[We are] pushed away from the student body because of the nature of our work," Quintero-Cubillan explained.

The office works to represent UC students on a statewide and federal level by organizing lobbying trips and pushing for student-centric reform, she said, something that all students are encouraged to get involved in. Currently, the office is developing a curriculum for first- and second-year students, as well as a variety of fellowship programs that can be designed to fit students' individual interests within the field. Currently representing over 24,000 students, Quintero-Cubillan explains her personal work as "a million meetings" with a variety of elected officials, student organizers and activists and representatives from other schools and student organizations.

She aims to utilize those resources within the office of the EVPSA to provide students with as much education and opportunity within student government and activist spaces as possible.

### Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs

The Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs (EVPLA) represents the interests of the UCSB student body to the Santa Barbara County area and

local Isla Vista agencies, working to bridge the gap between UCSB students and their larger community, according to current EVPLA Shannon Sweeney.

Sweeney's office has been working with local agencies to plan the possibility of in-person events and ensure a safe campus reopening. In addition, the office is working toward ensuring tenants' rights alongside the I.V. Tenants Union and helping students who are struggling to secure housing.

The office also aims to help students by expanding the Restorative Justice Program, which helps students to clear minor in possession and public intoxication charges from I.V. resident records. The EVPLA office also works in conjunction with the I.V. Community Supervisors' Board to facilitate ongoing collaboration and projects. Sweeney also encouraged students looking to get involved with student leadership roles to apply for a fellowship program – which is how she first got her start in the EVPLA office.

### Office of the Student Advocate General

The Office of the Student Advocate General aims to "facilitate open and honest communication between students and the university" per legal code. The office utilizes case workers within the office to help students with individual disputes and problems that they might face, according to Student Advocate General Geovany Lucero.

"You're able to come to us and ask for that advocacy," Lucero explained.

The office takes on cases ranging from plagiarism to student organization disputes and works to ensure that students know their rights and are educated about disciplinary processes. In addition, the office can provide students with counsel and advice during any university-mandated processes that might be occurring, although all services are entirely confidential.

According to Lucero, his office is reaching out to students and offering services proactively in case they were unaware that such services existed.

"We can guarantee you a space where you will be listened to, you will be heard and [where you] will be taken seriously," they said. "We will do everything that we can with the knowledge and power that we have to fight for a result that you can be happy with or a resource that will definitely have your back and help you out."

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County News Editor

The Isla Vista Community Services District is a local governing body that was formed in 2016 with the goal of improving the quality of life and infrastructure in the UC Santa Barbara college town. The Community Services District is composed of five democratically elected members and two additional appointed seats.

The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) provides community members with several resources in order to achieve their goal of improving the quality of life and infrastructure. Here are some resources for residents to take advantage of:

### Community Service Officers and Safety Stations

IVCSD provides several safety stations throughout Isla Vista manned by community service officers – unarmed, student employees of UC Santa Barbara Police Department (UCPD). The goal of these stations is to improve public safety by creating a space for students to get a glass of water, charge their phones or request an escort anywhere in I.V. or on campus. The hope is to create a safer space for nightlife for students who might need help or resources while inebriated.

Students are encouraged to utilize the Community Service Organization for many situations, including if they are incapacitated and cannot get home safely on their own, or if they are new to campus and lost.

### Rental Housing Mediation Program

IVCSD provides a Rental Housing Mediation Program, where trained housing lawyers offer mediation services between roommates as well as between landlords and tenants. The program is free and available to all I.V. residents.

"You're a first-time renter, it can be really hard to get good customer service from your landlord," IVCSD Board President Spencer Brandt said. "Additionally, sometimes you may have disputes between yourself and [a] roommate, and the [IV]CSD

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**I.V. Beautiful**  
IVCSD provides a community beautification service called

I.V. Beautiful, which allows community members to report graffiti or other issues around the community. Community members can download the SeeClickFix app, take a photo of the problem, write a brief description and request I.V. Beautiful staff to help resolve the issue.

### Interpersonal Violence Investigator

Through a contract with UCPD, IVCSD provides an interpersonal violence investigator who is "trained in approaching issues of sexual and interpersonal violence through a harm reduction trauma-informed lens," Brandt said. The investigator "works directly with survivors, suspects and witnesses to investigate interpersonal violence-related crimes in Isla Vista such as sexual assault and stalking."

Interpersonal Violence Investigator Koven Avila can also connect survivors to various resources and services and be a survivor's advocate.

### Isla Vista Compost Collective

The I.V. Compost Collective (IVCC) collects community members' compostable trash and composts it for them. IVCC gives those who have signed up for their program a five-gallon bucket for them to collect compostable materials in. Once a week, IVCC dirt riders pick up the compost, sort through it and drop it off to be composted. The buckets are then returned to the owners.

I.V. community members can connect with IVCSD through public comment during any of their board meetings by emailing them or via social media.



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# UCSB Sets COVID-19 Protocols Beginning Fall Quarter 2021

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With UC Santa Barbara students moving on campus for the upcoming year, the university has set a series of COVID-19 protocols that students must follow to access campus resources and buildings beginning Fall Quarter 2021.

The university is yet to announce when the protocols will no longer be required.

### Daily Student Protocols

Students must log into their Student Health Service (SHS) portal to take a daily COVID-19 screening survey, which is sent via text message and email every morning at 1 a.m. Students are required to take these surveys every day prior to accessing campus resources and campus buildings.

All faculty, staff members, students and visitors to campus are required to wear face masks in all shared indoor spaces in response to the Delta variant.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by UCSB's COVID-19 Medical Response Team and given advice on how to proceed through the required 10 days of isolation after their positive test or when their symptoms began.

### Quarantine Measures

Those living in the residence halls and needing to be separated from their roommates can be moved into the quarantine and isolation (Q & I) housing in two facilities separate from campus residence halls. There is space for up to 60 students in Q & I housing, with the ability

to expand if necessary. These rooms are also offered, if space is available, for students living in university apartments or in Isla Vista who need to quarantine. Alternatives can also be explored with students if needed. All rooms dedicated to Q & I housing have their own bathrooms.

An alternative to Q & I housing for students is returning to their parents' home, but this is not recommended by the university, according to UCSB Spokesperson Andrea Estrada, as they may spread COVID-19 at home. Regardless, students choosing to return home will be followed up by UCSB's COVID-19 Medical Response Team to assess whether they need any campus services during their time in isolation.

Q & I housing is only available for students, while staff and faculty who test positive for COVID-19 must work with the county to gain additional support, Estrada said.

### Ventilation System

As per UC's severe acute respiratory syndrome COVID-19 Vaccination Program Policy, all faculty, staff and students must provide proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or an approved exemption from vaccination to access any UC or campus facilities, attend classes and participate in university programs. Students must upload their vaccination documentation through their SHS Patient Portal Gateway.

On Sept. 10, the university emailed the campus community about classroom ventilation for the academic year. Since the beginning of COVID-19, the university has done the following:

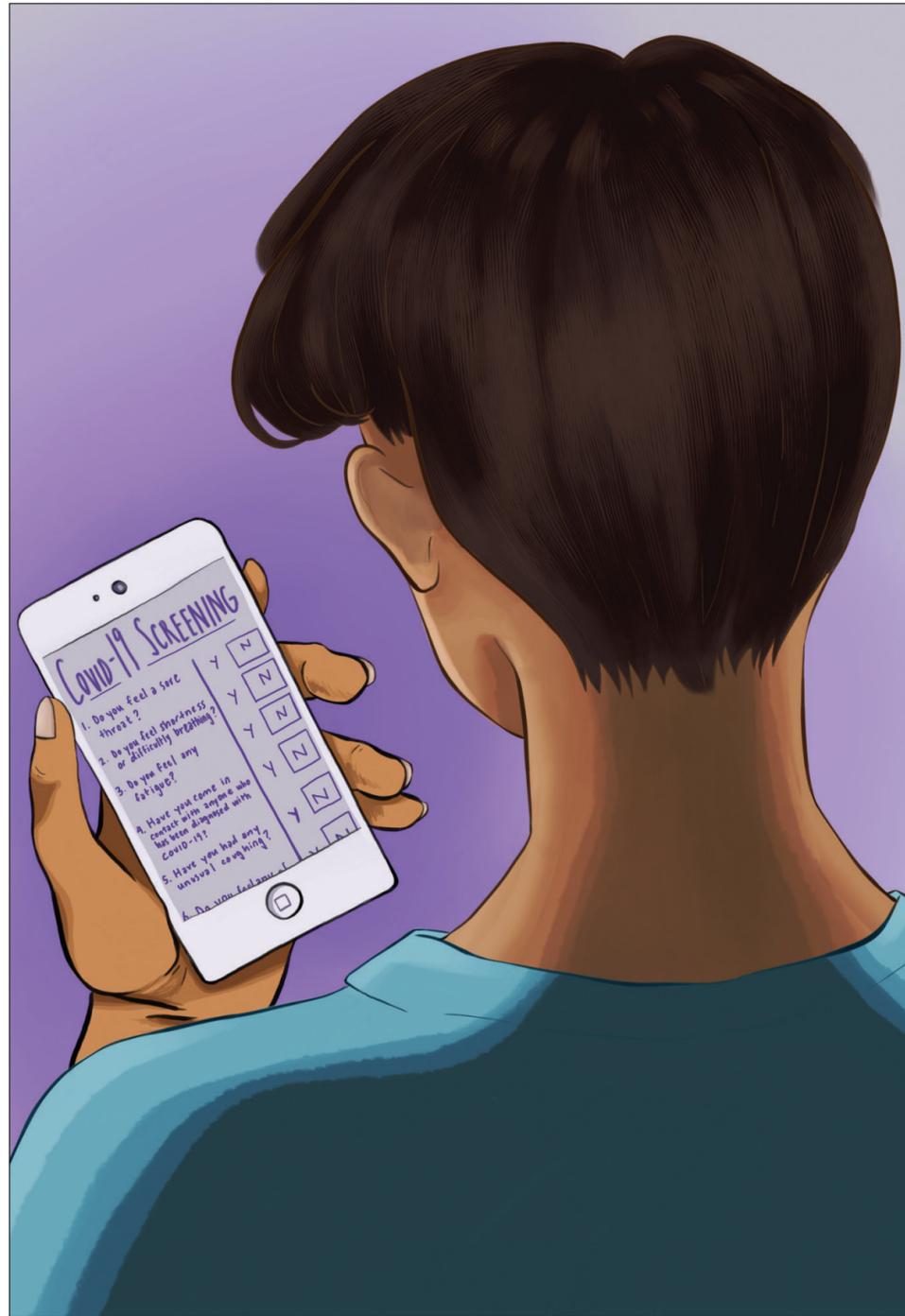
completed an inspection and repairs on over 100 major air handling systems connected to campus instructional spaces with the assistance of an outside engineering contractor, inspected all indoor spaces and air handling systems on campus, inspected all classrooms with mechanically supplied ventilation and identified about 20 instructional spaces that will be used for fall quarter that do not use forced-air ventilation.

The university is currently working on ensuring that ventilation systems are running continuously, from an hour before rooms are expected to be occupied to an hour after the end of instruction. The university also created a list of instructional spaces and their ventilation information in order to perform risk assessments of classrooms with mechanically-supplied ventilation.

### Campus Facilities

As of Sept. 13, the University Library fully reopened its main and music buildings to the campus community. Students, staff, faculty and community members can access all eight floors of the facility, and the bookable and drop-in study rooms will once again be available for groups. The Services Desk is now back in operation. However, pickup and mailing service, as well as the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service, will be discontinued.

UCSB's Recreational Center is also open to students, faculty and staff – along with their spouses – and no reservations are required as of June 24.



# New Student-Regent Designate Marlenee Blas Pedral

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UC Santa Barbara alumna Marlenee Blas Pedral was elected by the UC Board of Regents to become the 2022-23 student regent in July. Blas Pedral has several years of experience within the UC system through her undergraduate education at UC Santa Barbara, her staff position at UC Riverside and her ongoing graduate education at UC Berkeley.

As student-regent designate, Blas Pedral will be involved in meeting proceedings and undergoing training for the upcoming 2021-22 academic year but without voting rights on the board. She is set to become a student regent with voting rights for the 2022-23 academic year.

Blas Pedral said the process – which included over 100 applications being reviewed by a steering committee, then narrowed down to three candidates who were interviewed and voted on by that year's Board of Regents – was “less intimidating” and faster due to it being over Zoom.

Blas Pedral said her reaction to the appointment was twofold: “I think one, I'm absolutely humbled by it. It's a great honor. The second part of it is learning how to [lead in the position] confidently.”

Blas Pedral said she was motivated to apply for the student regent position because of her extensive experience in advocating for students in the UC system since her time at UCSB.

“I've been a student leader and a student advocate ... that's been the common thread throughout my work as an undergrad, as a staff member and now as a law student,” Blas Pedral said.

Blas Pedral – currently a second-year law student at UC Berkeley – did her undergraduate education at UCSB as a first-generation student and global studies major, where she co-founded an Associated Students political party called the Democratic Process Party. The

political party, by Blas Pedral's account, was heavily made up of first-generation college students and students of color and served as a way for Blas Pedral to gain experience in elections as someone who couldn't vote in U.S. elections.

“At that time I wasn't a citizen in this country, so I couldn't vote. And during that time, there was a big election, and there was a lot of momentum and student elections, but also national elections. And I think I felt like ‘I can't really partake in the national election, so I will partake in my local campus election,’” Blas Pedral said.

Blas Pedral said the experience of forming the party gave her valuable community-building and communication skills and motivated her to continue pursuing higher education at the University of Vermont.

Blas Pedral returned to the UC System following her master's education but this time as a career counselor at UC Riverside. Along with aiding students through her job, Blas Pedral co-founded the Butterfly Project in 2017, which provides grants, professional development and internships for undocumented students through an eight-week program.

“You have a little under 300,000 students in the UC system and UC Merced and UC Riverside have a larger population of undocumented students ... You can graduate students, but what are they going to do after they graduate was a big question that I had,” Blas Pedral said.

Now, Blas Pedral is a second-year law student at UC Berkeley and noted that balancing her academic responsibilities with her regent ones has been a challenge. However, she added that the community around her eased the challenge by supporting Blas Pedral in fulfilling her responsibilities.

“Everybody being so supportive is making this experience a little bit more manageable. As you know, law school books are heavy, so I'm running from class to a Zoom meeting, and people

are like, ‘Hey, do you want me to watch your stuff while you go do your Zoom regent meeting?’” Blas Pedral said. “I think [balancing regent responsibilities with law school responsibilities] is going to be a community effort is what I tell people.”

Current student regent, Alexis Atsilvski Zaragoza, is one of the many supportive members in Blas Pedral's community who Blas Pedral has been working closely with to train for the student regent position.

“I think our energy, our mission, are on the same path ... I'm trying to be supportive of things that she hopes to see in the short term during her time and also trying to figure out where we overlap [with] issues that we both are passionate about,” Blas Pedral said.

Two issues in particular that Blas Pedral wants to address during her time are housing and COVID-19 health as campuses reopen.

“I think those are the two things that are front and center because they're happening as we speak,” Blas Pedral said.

“Housing was an issue when I was a student many years ago, and the issue only became exacerbated by our enrollment rates with low availability on campus,” she continued. “[The second issue is] monitoring and watching the health of our UC campuses ... I want to have more preventative and more proactive measures we can do versus being so reactionary and having to shut down from one day to the next.”

Though Blas Pedral does not currently have voting rights as student regent-designate, she will be participating in regents proceedings and voicing her concerns throughout the upcoming academic year.

“I'm looking forward to meeting more of the board members. I haven't had the opportunity to meet everybody one on one yet,” Blas Pedral said. “I'm curious to hear what their interests are, where their passions are and where we can collaborate better.”



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## California Governor Appoints New University of California Regent

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On Aug. 20, California Governor Gavin Newsom appointed José Hernández, engineer, former astronaut and UCSB alumnus, as a University of California Regent.

Hernández applied to be a UC Regent three years ago after finishing a nine-year term as a Regent for University of the Pacific, where he attended school as an undergraduate.

Following his term, he wanted to represent his former graduate school, UC Santa Barbara. When the governor's office called him to notify him that he had been appointed, Hernández was ecstatic for the chance to represent both of his alma maters.

“They were just recruiting me to see if I was interested and I said, ‘Yes, I've been wanting to do this for four years,’” Hernández said.

The regent position consists of meeting with the 25 other members of the UC Board of Regents six times a year to establish policies for the UC school system.

Hernández grew up as a migrant farm worker. His family used to spend nine months of the year in California, following the harvest of crops, until they travelled back to his parents' hometown in the state of Michoacán, Mexico. They repeated this cycle annually until Hernández's second grade teacher convinced his parents to stay in Stockton.

Hernández learned English when he was 12 years old, then quickly veered into the S.T.E.M. field.

“I struggled to learn the English language ... My favorite subject was math because two plus three is five in any language,” he said. “I naturally migrated to the S.T.E.M. field, and that's why I became an engineer.”

Hernández attended UC Santa

Barbara for a masters in electrical engineering and described his fondness for the university and Isla Vista.

“I just love the fact that you got the nice breeze of marine air and then you got IV. ... the community next door, and it just felt like you were very comfortable at home there,” he said.

At UCSB, Hernández was set on his goals of getting his masters and beginning his professional career.

“I was already set up. I knew where I was going, where I was heading, where I was going to work, everything,” he said.

After graduating, he began working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, a part of the UC system dedicated to nuclear defence projects.

Hernández worked on several projects in the nuclear defense arena at the laboratory. One project involved the Strategic Defense Initiative – which focused on creating a defense shield in case of an attack from the Soviet Union during the Cold War. They were developing a nuclear-pumped X-ray laser that was going to be “deployed up in space.”

The project was cancelled after the Soviet Union broke apart, but as Hernández says, “change creates opportunities.”

Hernández continued to work on X-ray technology that implemented computer-aided diagnosis algorithms to create a digital detector to help radiologists pinpoint precursors of breast cancer. Hernández and his team developed the first full field, digital mammography system for early breast cancer detection.

“I'm convinced that this device ... has saved tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands of lives, because our images are much more superior, they have more information

content and everybody knows that early detection saves lives.”

After working in the lab, Hernández went on to pursue a dream that began when he was only a child.

“I knew I wanted to be an astronaut since I was 10 years old. It was 1972, I watched Gene Cernan, the very last man who has ever gone to the moon. I watched him on TV live walking on the moon, Apollo 17,” Hernández said. “And I was just mesmerised when I saw him, you know, on our old black and white vacuum tube technology TV with rabbit ear antennas ... I was hooked. I looked at that astronaut on that black and white fuzzy TV, and I said, that's what I want to do. I want to be an astronaut.”

Hernández was rejected by NASA 11 times before he was finally accepted as one of the 12 to 15 astronauts chosen from a pool of 100 semi-finalists. When Hernández first applied, he was one of about 8,000 applicants.

He underwent written tests, psychological analyses, aptitude testing, physical tests and many other training exercises. Hernández never feared the work of an astronaut.

“You program [fear] out of you, it's not in your DNA. You train so much, you don't have time to worry or be afraid,” he said.

Hernández credits his father for validating his dream to become an astronaut and fueling his drive, giving him a “five-step recipe” to achieve his goals that consisted of defining his goal in life, recognizing how far he was from that goal, drawing himself a roadmap, preparing himself by going to college and relentless effort.

“You know that effort you put out Saturdays and Sundays, seven days a week during the summer, picking fruit and vegetables with your siblings, your mom and I, you know

that effort you put out?” his dad would ask, pointing to Hernández's books on the kitchen table. “You put that effort there.”

As a UC Regent, Hernández wants to make education affordable and accessible since families who want to send their children to college often face large expenses.

“I want to make sure that the education is affordable ... I just came out of being a regent at a private university, and it's just expensive. Even the UC systems, even the Cal State systems ... once you enroll, room and board ... books, fees and parking, it becomes a significant cost to the families that send their kids to school,” Hernández said.

“I want to make sure that there's a level playing field when students enter the campus, and there's a level playing field when they start their careers,” he continued.

He also wants to ensure that students are in a safe environment, especially in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and acknowledged the importance of getting kids back into their classrooms, while still behaving in a responsible way so that schools can keep their campuses open.

“There's only so much virtual teaching can achieve. Yeah you got to get into those labs, you got to get your hands dirty, you got to, as an engineer, you got to put those circuits together, see the lights turn on and see it work as opposed to just doing electronic simulations,” Hernández said.

Hernández prioritizes the safety of students and their ability to pursue an education and encourages students to pursue their dreams.

“Dream big, but be prepared to put the work in. And if you do it, follow my pops' recipe, you know, the sky's not the limit anymore. The stars are. I'm living proof.”



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The Santa Barbara women's volleyball has started out 1-6 in the 2021 season, they have won the last two at the UniWyo Invite.

# S P O R T S

**UCSB Athletics**

UCSB Women's soccer is on the rise, as a win against USD is no easy task. The Toreros have beat Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine and Long Beach State this year.

## Women's Soccer Comes Out on Top in Close Match

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The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory last Sunday, against a solid University of San Diego side with a strong defense. This helped break a 5-game streak without a win, signifying a potential change in momentum as the Gauchos prepare for conference play.

Over those last 5 games, the Gauchos found the back of the net only 3 times, while letting in 13 goals to the opposition. Despite these numbers, the 'Chos turned out a strong outing on Sunday, producing a clean sheet and 5 shots on goal. With the first Big West tournament game scheduled for Sept. 23, a change of pace was critical.

"Today, I feel like we didn't make the same kind of massive mistakes [as the team had in previous games]," UCSB head coach Paul Stumpf said, according to the UCSB Gauchos website. "Pitching a shutout for the first time in a while is almost as important as getting a goal."

Optimism appears on the rise, as a win against USD is no easy task. The Toreros took down Cal State Fullerton, Army, UC Irvine and Long Beach State in their 4-4 start to the season, all of which are formidable opponents and three of which are Big West divisional contenders.

"USD has had a strong preseason and has beaten three of our Big West competitors this year so it was really awesome to hold a good team to zero goals and close out with a win," senior midfielder Lauren Moss said. "I feel like the win against USD was just what we needed for our confidence."

The Gauchos made this win happen by capitalizing off of their chances and holding fast defensively. They kept the pressure on USD throughout the first half, as freshman forward Leila Emmerson found the net twice with several well-placed shots before freshman midfielder Lauren Helwig notched one into the right side of the goal to give the Gauchos the lead in the 34th minute of the match.

From there, the Gaucho defense starred, despite an aggressive offensive half from the Toreros. They were able to maintain the shutout, despite only having 35% possession. USD continued to push for the equalizer, managing to obtain 6 corner kicks and 5 shots in the second half, but a combination of some excellent saves by junior goalkeeper Evann Smith and a team effort on the defensive side of the ball kept the Toreros at bay.

Following this win, the team can look forward to an exciting matchup against UC Riverside on Sept. 23. The team has big aspirations for the coming season, beginning with this game, as they look to compete for a division title for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our team's goal that we set forth at the beginning of the season was to make it to the NCAA tournament," Moss said. "The culture within our team this year is something special so I'm super excited to see what we can do as a team during conference play."



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## Slow, but Promising Start For the Gauchos' 2021 Volleyball Season

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This year's women's volleyball team will have some work to do if they are to make the end-of-the-year NCAA tournament. Although they started out 1-6 in the 2021 season, they have won their last two at the UniWyo Invite.

The team is building off of a canceled season and is only two years removed from winning a game in the NCAA tournament where they took on the number two seed Texas to five sets.

Although the 2019 team only lost six games that year, they too, started on a winning streak that lasted into their league games.

The Gauchos' first game against a ranked team this season came against the No. 21 ranked Pepperdine Waves. This was a close match with the Gauchos taking two of the first three sets before losing the latter two,

leading to a loss.

In the UniWyo Invite, the Gauchos started off with another loss, their sixth of the season in a five set match to Wyoming, whom they defeated in five sets in 2019. This loss is misleading, as the match could've gone either way, but Wyoming came out on top: 15-13 in the final set of the match.

In the last two games of the UniWyo Invite, the team responded with two resounding wins. The first was over the SEC powerhouse Missouri in straight sets, and the second game was a closely contested four-set win over Northwestern. The Gauchos should be on a good track heading into their next fixtures taking place on home turf at the Thunderdome Classic.

Throughout the young season, there have been loads of standout performers on the Gauchos volleyball roster.

Sophomore Deni Wilson has

been tremendous with a team best .416 kill percentage. She is also second on the team with 142.5 points as opposed to just 24 errors.

A freshman standout is the points leader on the team, Michelle Ohwobete, who has accumulated 149.5 points on the young season. On the other hand, Ohwobete has a .234 kill percentage, which would put her in the lower percentile on the team.

One player looking to turn the tables is junior hitter Sophie Messenger who has a troubling .107 kill percentage. If she cuts down on the errors, she would be a force on the court, as she has the fourth most total attempts on the team.

All in all, this Gauchos roster is only two years removed from the NCAA tournament success, so there is reason to believe they can turn around the slow start to the season.



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## Week 2 NFL Recap

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At the end of the first week of this young NFL season, half of the teams in the league were tied for first place, as they were undefeated at 1-0. However, after Week 2, only seven undefeated teams remain.

The defending champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Los Angeles Rams are the only 2-0 teams that made the 2020 postseason, while the other five were mediocre at best last year and were on the outside looking in when the playoffs rolled around. One of the more impressive teams out of the remaining undefeated squads looks to be the Las Vegas Raiders.

After the opening of their state-of-the-

art stadium in Vegas – which ended their 25-year stay in Oakland – the Raiders had a disappointing year as they finished the season at 8-8 after starting 6-3.

To start the 2021 season, the Raiders had a wild overtime victory against the Baltimore Ravens on "Monday Night Football." Vegas continued their momentum against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 2 as their consistent offense, especially from quarterback Derek Carr, and improved defense combined for a complete team effort.

At 2-0, the Raiders are tied for first place in the AFC West with the Denver Broncos. However, the reigning conference champion Kansas City Chiefs are not far behind at 1-1.

After starting the season at 1-0 with a comeback victory

against the Cleveland Browns, Kansas City came out with a disappointing effort against Baltimore, as a late fumble by running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire allowed for the Ravens to run out the clock and escape with a 36-35 win.

The defeat for Kansas City marks quarterback Patrick Mahomes' first loss in September since he was in college, as well as Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson's first victory against Mahomes and the Chiefs. Jackson was previously 0-3 against his conference rivals. Both teams will look to improve to 2-1 as the Chiefs take on the Los Angeles Chargers while the Ravens play the Detroit Lions.

The Lions will look to get their first win of the season after coming up short on a comeback effort against the San

Francisco 49ers in Week 1 and losing on "Monday Night Football" to the Green Bay Packers 35-17.

After losing to New Orleans in spectacular fashion last week, Green Bay refocused and played a solid game in all three phases, while crushing an inferior divisional rival they were expected to defeat. Aaron Rodgers returned to his MVP form from last year while throwing 3 touchdown passes to running back Aaron Jones. Jones added a touchdown in the running game in addition to 115 total scrimmage yards.

Green Bay will look to continue their NFC North title defense on "Sunday Night Football" against San Francisco.

Other heavily anticipated matchups in Week 3 include the Indianapolis Colts against the Tennessee Titans as well as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers against the Los Angeles Rams. The Colts have had a disappointing start to their season, as they've lost their first 2 games after making the postseason, while the Titans shook off a disastrous opener to beat the Seattle Seahawks in overtime for their first victory of the season. The winner of this matchup will be in the driver's seat of the AFC South early on in the season.

The LA Rams and Buccaneers game is an NFC matchup of two teams who are looking to be in the Super Bowl conversation. A high-scoring affair led by the teams' respective quarterbacks, Matthew Stafford and Tom Brady, would not be surprising and should be one of the more exciting games of the week.



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# Gauchos Fall to Loyola Marymount University in Third Consecutive Double Overtime

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Friday's match was a disappointing one, as the Gauchos lost on a set piece in double overtime. This is their fourth game of the season that was decided within the second half of extra time, in which they have a 1-2-1 record. The team had their opportunities to convert as they racked up 13 shots – 6 of them on goal – but nothing came to fruition.

This game showed the inconsistencies within the Gauchos' attacking ability as a whole. This certainly was not the team that scored seven goals against University of San Diego. Senior defender William Gillingham had the most shots on the team with three, and senior

forward Ameyawu Muntari was the only other player with more than one shot.

Aside from the lack of finishing, the Gauchos looked strong in their time with possession and defending. The midfield controlled much of the pace of the game utilizing quick touches and passing to weave through the tight Loyola Marymount University defense. The ball stayed on LMU's half for most of the first half, thanks to the dominance of the midfield and back line that forced LMU to resort to long balls that were comfortably read and handled by Henry Davies, Carson Vom Steeg and Gillingham.

Much of their buildup started from the back line throughout the game, but the creativity and control began to falter as the game progressed, especially in the

second half. Sloppy passes and fatigue seemed to overcome the Gauchos resulting in them being outshot by the Lions 7-4 in the half.

Much of overtime play was characterized by back-and-forth loss of possession between both teams. Junior midfielder Sam Fletcher made the lone attempt in the first half of overtime, but it was a meager attempt. The winning goal was scored off a corner kick with a header to the upper right corner of the goal, which just passed the outstretched arm of sophomore keeper Leroy Zeller.

The Gauchos will travel to Oregon State to take on the Beavers Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. PDT. There, they will look to improve their finishing in the final third and tip their record in favor of wins.



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# Powerhouses Collide This Weekend, Alabama and Georgia Remain Unscathed

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Sports Editors

Year in year out there are powerhouse college football teams

expected to be in the Top 25 college football rankings.

The first that comes to mind is the dominant University of Alabama Sooners, coached by the legendary

Nick Saban. With Mac Jones and Devonta Smith moving onto the NFL comes the next group of future superstar players, including John Metchie and Bryce Young. Alabama remains undefeated on the year after surviving a scare from the University of Florida Gators this past week.

The University of Georgia, ranked second in the nation, boasts an elite defense that held the national runner up, the Clemson University Tigers, to a mere three points. They are led by NFL hopeful and USC transfer JT Daniels, who led Georgia to success the past two seasons.

The new riser in the rankings is the University of Oregon Ducks who upset the perennial powerhouse, the Ohio State Buckeyes. Ohio State lost their main facilitator Justin Fields, so Oregon, returning with most of their talent, was able to upset the Buckeyes in Week 2.

Next in the rankings comes the offensive air-raid playstyle of the University of Oklahoma Sooners. Led by the top recruit of the 2018 class, Spencer Rattler, the offense was expected to be a force, with the defense much improved. Three games in, both sides of the ball have had troubles living up to expectations, but have managed three victories nonetheless.

A notable name at No. 5 in the rankings is the University of Iowa who has sent numerous players to the NFL over the years. Specifically their tight ends have

been standouts in the NFL such as, TJ Hockenson, George Kittle and Noah Fant. Iowa is hoping current tight end Sam LaPorta, who leads the team in receiving, will continue to dominate for Iowa at the tight end position.

Another surprising school outside of the Power 5 conference schools is the University of Cincinnati Bearcats, who improved to 3-0 with a victory over the Indiana University Hoosiers of the Big Ten Conference. The victories allowed for the Bearcats to rise in the national rankings, as they are now the highest ranked team outside of the Power 5 and are No. 8 in the nation overall. The Bearcats will look to continue their undefeated season after a bye week against No. 12 University of Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are also 3-0 and are looking to make a statement on the road against No. 18 University of Wisconsin Madison. This matchup is one of the most anticipated in all of college football and will play a huge factor in the race towards the playoffs for these national contenders.

Teams that should not be counted out include Texas A&M and Penn State.

Penn State has survived two nailbiters to other ranked schools this season, No. 18 Wisconsin and No. 23 Auburn. Texas A&M will be a great football team as long as their great coach Jimbo Fisher stays at the helm of the college football powerhouse.



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# ARTSWEEK

## In Review: Kacey Musgraves' "star-crossed" Tragedy Ends in Hope

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Staff Writer

Ruston Kelly, beware. Kacey Musgraves has released her highly anticipated fourth studio album, "star-crossed," inspired by the dissolution of her marriage to Kelly, a fellow singer. It was the same relationship that spawned 2018's love-drenched "Golden Hour," which earned that year's Grammy Award for Album of the Year. The album described her as head-over-heels in love with Kelly, mentioning that he's always uplifting Musgraves, her antidote to lonely nights and more awe-provoking than nature. The news of their split shocked and depressed some fans, but to others, a (slightly sadistic) thought occurred: We might get a really good breakup album out of this.

Breakup albums, debatably, have produced many artists' best work, channeling heartbreak into palpable feelings through sharp songwriting (See: Lorde's "Melodrama," Taylor Swift's "Red" and Björk's "Vulnicura"). It feels a little mischievous, praying on the downfall of artists' relationships to get some good tunes, but artists have expressed catharsis through producing breakup albums. So, with the public spotlight, artists can formulaically write about breakups and heartbreak and have their fans imagine being in their shoes. But Kacey Musgraves is anything but formulaic.

The album "star-crossed" isn't

an album solely about her breakup – it chronicles when her and Kelly were together, the split and how Musgraves has moved on. For Rolling Stone, she described structuring the album like a Greek tragedy with a three-act narrative: "Portraying a tragedy is actually therapeutic ... You set the scene, the audience rises to the climax of the problem with you, and then there's resolve." This is incredibly smart of her. The album ends with her moving on, telling the world she's healed instead of leaving a question mark at the end.

The title track begins the tale, telling the brief story of what happened. "What have we done? / Did we fly too high just to get burned by the sun?" she asks, alluding to the Greek myth of Icarus. The song, with its Latin-inspired instrumentation and climax of synths toward the end, is an intro unlike anything she's done before. The next track, "good wife," rewinds the story and picks up where the last album left off. She sings about the pressure of playing the role of a wife as best as she can: "God, help me be a good wife / 'Cause he needs me," over a vocoder effect like the one she used in "Oh, What a World." It's a simple, universal plea of needing to be needed.

Next follows "cherry blossom" and its simple yet lush instrumentation could find a home on "Golden Hour." The song is a love letter both to Kelly and Tokyo, inspired by her 2018 trip there. The least complex song on the album, "simple times," comes

next. While it evokes a mutual feeling of angst and tiredness of the world around ("I need to step away / If I don't, I'm gonna go insane"), there's no draping ideas in metaphors like on her previous album. She cuts to the chase: "being grown up kinda sucks / And I'm really just missing the simple times."

Ushering in the second act, "if this was a movie.." is a strange, liminal space track where some doubt begins. "Am I the stone in your pocket / That's weighing you down? / Or the face in your locket / That you wear all over town?" she asks, questioning her place in her husband's life. The sparseness, eerie tones and imagined scenarios all combine to make it a stand-out, spacey song, inspired by a bleak moment of fantasizing if things were different.

The lead single, "justified," is a reflective song about the confusing duel between emotions that happens when moving on. "Movin' backwards, hurt comes after / Healin' doesn't happen in a straight line," she laments. She brings back the clever songwriting that brought her attention for her debut album, saying, "If I need just a little more time to deal with the fact / That you shoulda treated me right / Then I'm more than just a little justified." The song is classic Musgraves, combining a country twang with modern features.

The most scathing track is "breadwinner," a plucky, even playful song that puts Musgraves at a higher vantage point than



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her victim but shows she has a good heart about it. She's done similar songs like this before ("Stupid," "High Horse" and "Step Off"), which are some of her best work. The song "breadwinner" is no different, in fact, it might dig even deeper. "He wants your shimmer / To make him feel bigger / Until he starts feeling insecure." Kelly is not as famous as Musgraves and apparently grew jealous of her sudden starlight following the massive success of "Golden Hour." "I wish somebody would've told me the truth / See, he's never gonna know what to do / With a woman like you." If this doesn't send Kelly to the witness protection program, nothing will.

The standout song of the third

act is "there is a light," ushering in acceptance and resolve. Similarly to how Ariana Grande proclaimed that "the light is coming," taking a dark situation away, Musgraves finds the hope inside of her to keep moving on. "I won't cry when the cold wind blows / Gonna let it shine / 'Cause now I know / There is a light at the end of the tunnel." It's a simple, yet effective track, but the instrumental break where an energetic flute plays over bongos heightens it to a new level. It feels like the soundtrack for a combined spa and spin cycle studio, and when Musgraves repeats "There is a light inside of me, ah-ha," toward the end like an affirmation, it becomes a perfect, new-agey, spiritual awakening.

"Golden Hour" was so emotional, unrestrained and genre-bending that the hopes for "star-crossed" maybe didn't live up to the album. There weren't any angry, boot-thumping bangers like "Stupid," but maybe it's best for her cortisol levels that she didn't record a sequel. Each song on "Golden Hour" had a solid foundation and cohesive ideas, but tracks like "camera roll" and "hookup scene" here feel too sparse to be a Musgraves production. However, through her processing of a universal hardship, "star-crossed" cements her place as one of the smartest and emotive writers of our time.

Rating: 8/10

## Artsweek on Spotify: Ed Staff Picks To Welcome You Back to UCSB

Daily Nexus Editorial Staff

Without sounding too cheesy, songs have the ability to capture a snapshot of life. From singing along to upbeat, high-energy songs after acing an exam you thought you would fail to blasting heart-wrenching songs after a breakup, music is there to guide you through it. Flash forward to a different time in your life, and when those songs are played again, there's a nostalgic feeling of the emotions and place you were in when those songs were first played. With pivotal moments in your life – such as being away from home and undergoing the "college experience" for the first time – the ties to certain songs may be even stronger and unforgettable. Here's some of the Nexus Editorial Staff's selection of songs that tap into memorable moments at UC Santa Barbara!

**"The Circle Game" by Joni Mitchell**

I may be exposing myself as a sensitive soul for picking this one, but my dad played this song on the drive to drop me off at on campus my freshman year. I have to be a crazy person because I listened to it again this year on my solo drive back to school. Both times it made me sob. A song about growing up and moving on that makes your chest feel that funny tight way, Joni Mitchell has a hold on my soul.

– Emily Kocis, Opinion Editor



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YEAR**



**FEATURING ICONIC  
SONGS THAT DEFINE  
THE UCSB EXPERIENCE**

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**"Astronaut Kids" by Hotel Fiction**

Whether you're beginning your collegiate experience or finishing up, the interstellar nostalgia of "Astronaut Kids" makes for the perfect track. I first heard this song during a major transitional period in my life, and it's been my go-to ever since. Play on repeat to restart your astronaut-obsessed, knows-so-many-space-facts phase. Or maybe that's just me.

– Toni Shindler-Ruberg, Assistant Opinion Editor

**"Goodie Bag" by Still Woozy**

Right before my freshman year, during the summer of 2018, I found out about Still Woozy. He only had five songs at the time, and I was obsessed with all of them, listening to them on repeat all

summer. None of my friends or people in my hometown really knew about him, so I didn't really have anyone to talk to or relate to about my budding Still Woozy obsession. Fast forward to move-in day, within 15 minutes of moving into my dorm in Santa Cruz, I heard somebody playing "Goodie Bag" in their dorm. After stressing all summer about whether I'd fit in at UCSB, that experience instantly assured me that I was in the right place. Whenever I hear that song, I'm always reminded of that moment.

– Chace Duma, On the Menu Editor

**"CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!" by Justin Timberlake**

"CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!" by Justin Timberlake will forever hold a special place in my heart

because it reminds me of my time in the Residential Housing Association. The advisors would blast the song every day during our summer leadership training to signal the end of a break, and we'd all have to come into the room clapping to beat.

– Michelle Lee, Assistant On the Menu Editor

**"Way It Goes" by Hippo Campus**

Thank you Hippo Campus for getting me through my strange first year of college. While "Way It Goes" was released in 2017, it gave me almost enough serotonin to overlook the fact that I lived at home for the first half of my freshman year in 2020. When I moved to I.V., I wanted to establish a routine for myself to keep myself focused on school work and to have something stable in my life. The tune of "Way It Goes" was able to encapsulate the emotions that I was feeling as well. It starts out upbeat, which in regards to my life was when I first moved in. As the song progresses, the song gets slower with layers of high vocals almost like it's trying to emit a sense of calm, which to me felt like when I found an amazing group of friends and I.V. felt like home.

– Pricila Flores, Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chair

**"Circles" by Post Malone**

The song "Circles" was released just as I started my first year in college. Since I lived at the FT dorms, I always had a long bike ride to campus. This song resonated with me because it talks about change and running in circles.

College was a time of change and also a new circle of life I was going through.

– Garret Harcourt, Sports Editor

**"The Greatest Day" by Jake Shimabukuro**

Known for strong versatility on his instrument of choice, the ukulele, Jake Shimabukuro has performed at UCSB a number of times in the recent past, including virtually last year. The title track of his 2018 album, "The Greatest Day," is an upbeat piece that showcases Shimabukuro's dexterous fingers. I don't listen to Shimabukuro regularly, but when I have, I often find myself fondly reminiscing. A bright spot in the fall quarter of my first year at UCSB was when a new friend of mine from the Nexus invited me impromptu to a concert of his being hosted at Campbell Hall. Even though I had a final paper due the next morning which I hadn't even started, I decided to accept the invitation. I probably got less than an hour of sleep that night, but it was a lovely night – one that sticks out in my memories.

– Sean Crommelin, Science and Tech Editor

**"Are You Bored Yet?" by Wallows feat. Clairo**

Now a quintessential indie pop song, Wallows' Dylan Minnette and bedroom pop songstress Clairo work in tandem to capture the feeling of teenage fleetingness. The release of the song in 2019 coincided with my first year at UCSB experiencing the "college lifestyle." The track opens with heavy synths and

echoey vocals as Minnette ponders "When we get old, will we regret this? / Too young to think about all that shit." Every time the track pops up in my Spotify playlists, I'm instantly transported to a late-night freshman year driving around with new friends in Santa Barbara to ignore looming assignments as a radio-blasted Clairo sings, "Feels like I've known you my whole life ... / I don't know where we're going / But I'd like to be by your side."

– Marisol Cruz, Assistant Artsweek Editor

**"Cut Your Hair" by Pavement**

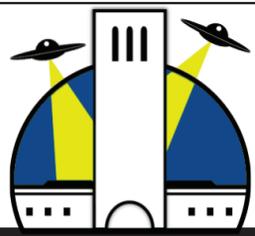
Before COVID-19, I played a cover of this song with my band, and every time I hear it I am thrown back to the sweaty, rambunctious garages and backyards of I.V. Adrenaline and copious amounts of cigarette smoke included.

– J. Matteo Wharton, Nexustentialism Editor

**"Mo Bamba" by Sheck Wes**

Terrible, I know, I know! But quintessential to the UCSB Class of 2022's freshmen year. There wasn't a weekend when we would go out that you wouldn't hear "fuck, shit, bitch" echo down the streets of Isla Vista. "Mo Bamba" makes me think about large parties in small backyards and the time before we had to worry about masks and having too many people. Despite the song's repetitiveness, it will always be one that I associate with college nights.

– Melanie Ziment, Managing Editor



# NEXUSTENTIALISM

It's Satire, Stupid.

## Senior Dreading Seeing That One Bitch

A. Wiessass.  
*Editor-in-cheeks*

Feelings are running high! At this very moment, UC Santa Barbara students of all ages are feeling mixes of excitement, apprehension, melancholy and horniness. But one age group has a unique feeling to add to the cauldron: social-anxiety-based dread. Current fourth years are, en masse, jubilant to return to campus and experience one last year in the presence of their fellow Gauchos before being thrust out into the real world like a sofa on a DP curb. However, as the group that has spent the longest on campus, we also know the most people and ergo hate the most people. With our return to in-person instruction, we all know we are bound to see that one bitch that can make our blood run cold and boil simultaneously.

"I've had almost two years at home to stew on this shit," said Holden Grugess, whose ex dumped him in a GauchoSpace forum. "Some people would have forgiven and forgotten after all this time, but not me. I'm angrier and pettier than ever."

Having attended the university in some way or another for three years, us fourth years have collected a hefty list of people that we would rather guzzle lagoon water than ever have to see again. Whether it's the rambunctious know-it-all from section, that sloppy frat star who finished faster than the gubernatorial recall election or the ex-roommate that cultivated an environment so inhospitable that Death Valley started looking like a nice place to spend a summer.

"I swear to god if I see Mckkaleighah in the line at the Arbor, I am grabbing her by the backpack and leaving her in the middle of the snack aisle like a desolate turtle," said Stacy Tortue, a fourth year who wanted to clarify that she "would never do that to a real turtle."

After all this time away from campus, it's nice to know some things never change. Storke is still tall, DLG still sucks and Gauchos still have an innate ability to be deeply negative despite our sunny, picturesque surroundings.

*A. Wiessass makes no friends, so he can make no enemies. Big brain shit.*

## Cottage Hospital Introduces ICU Bunk Beds



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Sierra Vakili and Varun Iyer  
*Staff Girlbosses*

COTTAGE HOSPITAL – Early this morning, Anita Reyes, a spokesperson for Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital (affectionately known as the drunk tank) unveiled the latest new innovation in patient care. The hospital now features an ICU ward fully furnished with bunk beds. Reyes explained that the hospital had been inspired by efforts pioneered at UC Santa Barbara. Practical research conducted in residence halls throughout the university showed that the best solution to overcrowding was simply to double down, fitting two people in a space clearly designed for one.

Reyes explained the hospital's rationale in investing in this newly furnished ward by saying, "We expect an explosion in ICU hospitalizations from all three of our largest market sectors: binge drinking freshmen, pile-up bike collisions and COVID-19 cases. This investment ensures that the hospital is prepared to receive all those who need it with open arms and \$900 ambulance rides." When asked why an ambulance ride costs so much money, Reyes winked and whispered, "That's our little secret."

Patients at Cottage reportedly enjoy the new bunk bed experience. In addition to inter-patient intercourse skyrocketing 76%, patient morale seems to have been boosted by the new project as well. "It's just like being a kid again," one patient said. "Because I get to be up high when I sleep, and I don't have to wipe my own ass."

Nexustentialism field reporter Sam Penn got to examine the new beds firsthand, describing the experience atop the raised bunk as "precious" and "reminiscent of his childhood watching Ninjago and not having friends," as well as "mildly fear-striking at the thought of contracting a serious illness from a used ICU bed." One patient, Corinne Avirus, expressed that she was "disappointed" at the lack of slides coming down from the bunk beds, insisting on jumping down from the top in protest. Avirus was then put in timeout by an on-duty nurse.

Doctors have also discussed future plans of implementing step-stools to the top bunk to increase access to patient's foreheads for goodnight kisses. Side tables will also be available for cookies and a glass of warm milk. Fruit gummies will be available for patients with especially good behavior.

Waking up the morning after a diagnosis of alcohol poisoning, first-year UCSB student Newman Sterdam was filled with excitement. "This place is awesome," he exclaimed. "And it's way bigger than my octuple in Anacapa. How much is rent?"

Reyes did not comment on the potential for double-decker ambulance vehicles but gave the press a sly smile and a shoulder shimmy, inviting them back to next week's press conference for more details to come.

*Varun Iyer and Sierra Vakili aren't hospitalized, but they are sick as fuck.*

## Nexustentialism Freshman Watch!

Nexustentialism is launching a new initiative to shame – and hopefully correct – the behavior of wayward freshman who are breaking the

mores and folkways of UCSB and we want you to help us call them out! Welcome to campus, you precious, little freaks!



Freshman seen stopping in middle of bike lane to take phone call



Freshman insists them and their friends are "fine" while sitting on DP curb



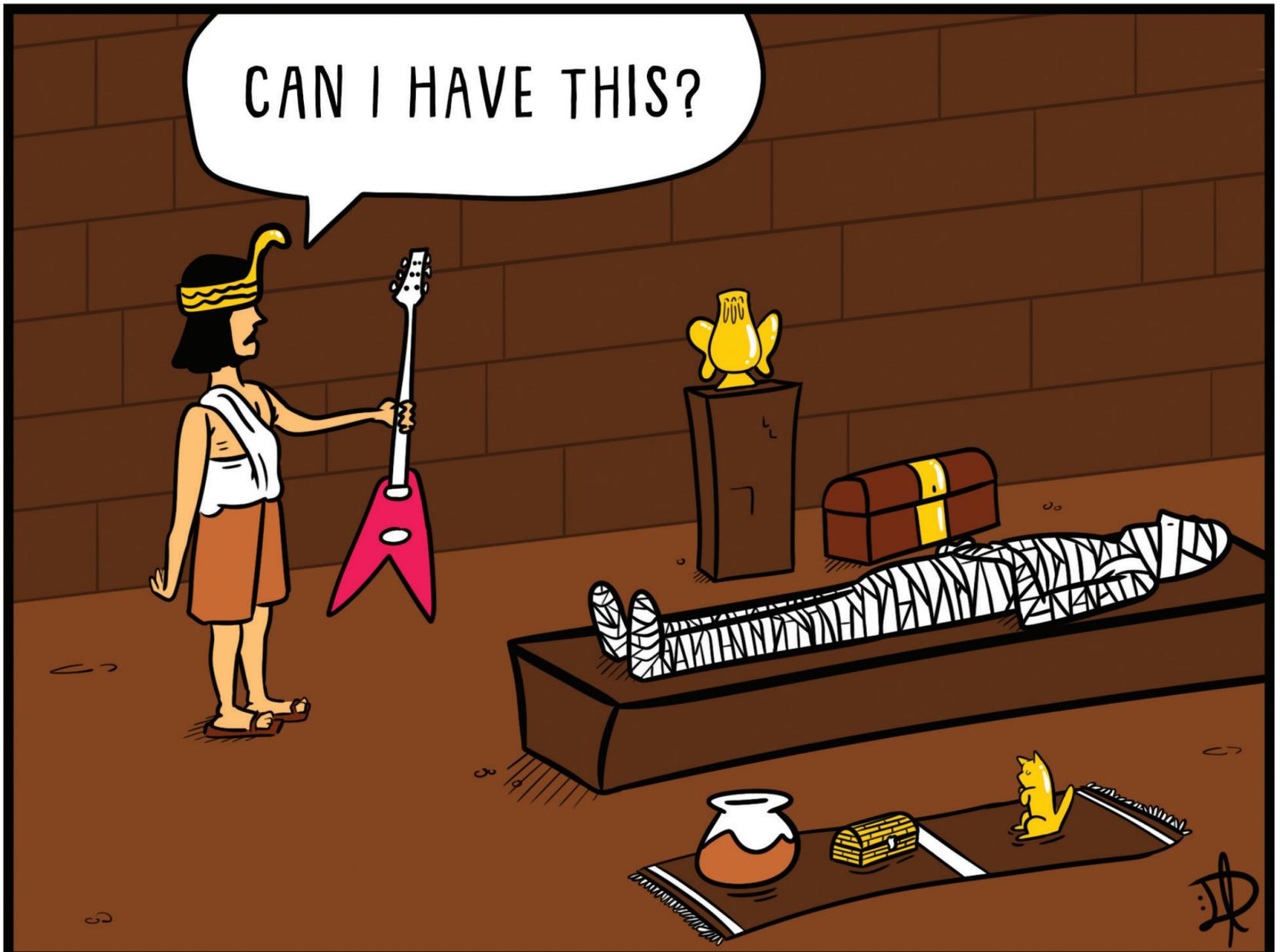
Freshman puts on drippiest fit to strut down Pardall



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## DAILY NEXUS ART & COMICS



# ON THE MENU

## Basque Burnt Cheesecake With Pomegranate Molasses

Alice Bilyk  
Staff Writer

Generally – while I love it to a fault – cheesecake tends to be pretty heavy. In this recipe, the tartness of the lemon and pomegranate serve to lighten the flavor, as well as add a little more variety! The burnt exterior of this cheesecake acts as its own caramelized crust, and the interior is soft and classically cheesecake-y. This recipe is made with a stand mixer in mind, but everything can be mixed by hand.

This recipe was adapted from Bon Appétit's "Basque Burnt Cheesecake" recipe.

### Ingredients:

#### Basque Burnt Cheesecake:

- Unsalted butter (for pan)
- 2 pounds cream cheese
- 1½ cups sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

#### Pomegranate Thyme Molasses:

- 2 cups pomegranate juice
- Juice of half a lemon
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 sprigs thyme
- Sugared lemons
- 1 lemon
- Sugar, to coat

#### To garnish:

- Bundle of mint leaves
- Basil leaves (optional)
- Thyme leaves (optional)

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a stand mixer or by hand, beat cream cheese with sugar until the mixture is smooth and the sugar has dissolved. You can rub a little between your fingers – it should be smooth, not grainy.
2. Add the eggs to the mixture one by one, making sure to incorporate each egg fully before adding the next one. Add

the vanilla, salt and heavy cream. Make sure that your stand mixer, if using one, is on low speed before mixing in each additional ingredient.

3. Turn off the mixer. Using a fine mesh sieve, sift flour evenly over the mixture and beat mixture until flour is incorporated. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat again until smooth.
4. Butter the pan, then line it with parchment paper, making sure that the parchment paper comes 2 inches over the top on all sides. Tip: As in the original BA recipe, use 2 overlapping sheets of parchment paper to achieve this. Pleat the edges to make the parchment paper stand on its own and fit the circular pan.
5. Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake until the top reaches a deep golden brown, and the cheesecake is still very jiggly in the center (60–65 minutes).
6. In a small saucepan, combine pomegranate juice, sugar and the juice of half a lemon. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and let simmer until the mixture has reduced by half and thickly coats the back of a spoon. Turn off the heat and add the thyme. Leave for 20-30 minutes, then remove.
7. For the sugared lemons, slice the lemon thinly, remove seeds and coat in a thin layer of sugar.
8. Once the cheesecake is done, let it cool slightly and unmold. The center of the cheesecake will fall as it cools. Let it cool completely, then peel away the sides of the parchment paper.
9. To garnish, pour pomegranate thyme syrup over the top of the cheesecake. Let the cheesecake sit for a few minutes to soak (small incisions can be made on the top to allow the syrup to soak further into the cheesecake). Arrange sugared lemons and mint however you prefer. Optional: Sprinkle a few thyme and/or basil leaves.

While this recipe is a little bit more time consuming, it easily yields a gorgeous cheesecake that tastes delicious too. This cake also pairs well with any citrusy drink or a light and spring-y cocktail.



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## Coconut Banana Bread

Alice Bilyk  
Staff Writer

This recipe makes an incredibly nut-heavy banana bread for when you really want to impress someone. Or yourself. The toasted nuts and coconut complement the banana flavor really well and add a lot of texture. Don't worry – it's not all nut. They're spaced out quite nicely!

I used an 11-by-5-by-3-inch pan, but this recipe would work in a 9-by-5-by-3-inch pan as well. If you want to accentuate the coconut flavor, feel free to swap the butter for unrefined coconut oil.

### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups crushed walnuts
- ¼ cup shredded coconut
- ¼ cup slivered almonds or crushed pistachios
- 1 tablespoon finely shreddedw coconut (optional)
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon saltw
- 2 large eggs
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup unsalted butter (room temperature) or equal amount unrefined coconut oil
- 3 overripe bananas (plus one more if you want it to have banana chunks)
- Extra walnuts, almonds/pistachios and shredded coconut for garnish

### Directions:

1. Toast the crushed walnuts and shredded coconut separately. Wait for them to get

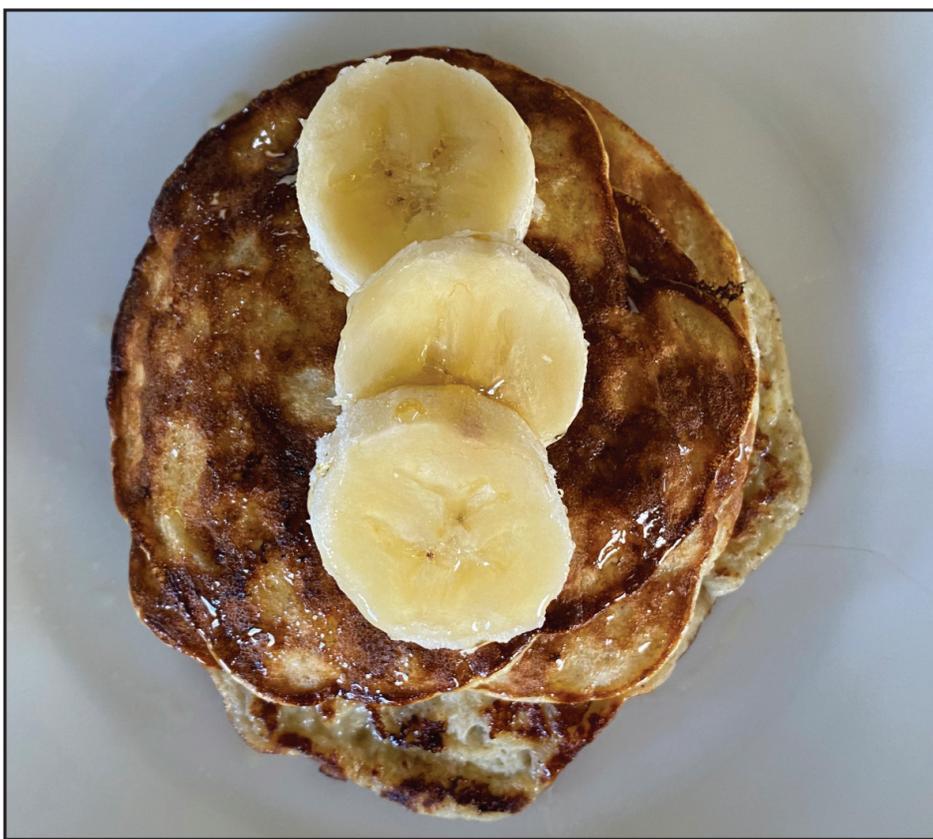
light brown to dark brown (it can be hard to tell on nuts) but not black. The coconut will only need a few minutes. Set it aside.

2. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter the pan and set it aside.
3. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk the eggs and vanilla extract.
4. In a stand mixer with the paddle attachment (or a bowl), cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Slowly pour in the eggs and vanilla extract and mix until incorporated.
5. Mash the three bananas with a fork in a small bowl and add them to the stand mixer (or bowl containing the butter-sugar-egg mixture). It will look curdled – this is okay.
6. With a spatula, mix in the dry mixture (flour, salt, baking soda) until just incorporated. Fold in the nuts and coconut. Cut up the last banana into chunks and fold it in as well.
7. Pour the batter into the pan, garnish with the nuts and coconut on top and place the pan into the oven for 55 minutes. A toothpick inserted in the bread will come out clean if the bread is ready.
8. Once ready, let it rest for 5 minutes, then turn out of the pan and let it rest for another few minutes. Slice and enjoy!

This recipe yields a gorgeous banana bread. Apparently you're supposed to leave banana bread in the fridge for a day (or something?) in plastic wrap, but I ate this immediately after taking it out of the oven, and it was delicious. Great with vanilla ice cream and berries and cream! Whatever you little lads desire.



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## Two-Ingredient Pancakes

Chace Duma  
On The Menu Editor

Being both gluten- and dairy-free, pancakes have always been a little complicated for me. Pre-made mixes that pass my gauntlet of dietary restrictions are usually expensive and hard to come by, and I don't always have the ingredients on hand to make them from scratch. This recipe is a game-changer. Made of just two ingredients, bananas and eggs, it's quick, cheap and so easy to make pancakes which, for me, were usually a weekend breakfast. I like to add cinnamon for a little extra flavor, but these are still delicious without them!

### Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional)
- Honey, to drizzle (optional)

### Directions:

1. Heat a nonstick pan over medium heat.
2. Combine the banana, eggs and cinnamon (if using) in a bowl, mashing them together until the mixture reaches a batter-like consistency.
3. Pour some batter into the pan, making a pancake about 3 inches across.
4. Peek under the pancake with a spatula. When brown, flip and cook on the other side until both sides look perfectly browned.
5. Plate with optional banana slices and honey drizzle, and enjoy!

With school starting, quick and easy breakfasts are the name of the game. These pancakes are such a great solution to that problem, they're almost too good to be true. They're fast, delicious and cheap – perfect for your next weekday breakfast.

# SCIENCE & TECH

## As Oceanic Oxygen Levels Drop in Warming Seas, Fish Flee to Shallower Waters, Researchers Find

Sean Crommelin  
Science Editor

Often, the major focuses of ocean climate change are bold and visible: The melting Arctic ice sheet, bleached and weakened tropical reefs and ocean acidification come to mind.

However, an equally important, but often-overlooked factor impacting marine life across the world is the gradual, yet imperceptible and potentially catastrophic phenomenon of oceanic deoxygenation.

Just like terrestrial animals, fish and other marine animals require the dissolved oxygen found in water to survive and can suffocate without it.

While many species are able to endure a range of oxygen levels in their habitat, climate change is driving many fish to live in conditions that are increasingly intolerable. For some species, survival means fleeing to places that lie outside the bounds of their natural habitat.

“One thing climate change is doing is it’s causing these tongues of water with very little oxygen to creep up shallower and shallower along the seafloor in California,” said Milton Love, a research biologist with the UC Santa Barbara Marine Science Institute. Love has studied various rock reefs throughout the Santa Barbara Channel for much of his career.

In 1995, Love began conducting monitoring on reefs as part of a federally funded long-term research project. Originally, the project intended to examine how oil platforms, such as those visible from Isla Vista along the Santa Barbara Channel, may serve as fish habitat.

In order to answer this question, the researchers turned to rock reefs in surrounding areas near the

oil platforms to better understand marine life in the region.

“We did these surveys around lots of oil platforms off California, but if you don’t know what lives on natural reefs, you only know part of the story. We had to go and look at natural reefs for a frame of reference,” Love said.

“[Basically,] we were comparing the fishes that lived on these natural reefs with the fishes that live on oil platforms off California, just to get a sense of whether the fish assemblages were the same or different.”

In 2010, Love encountered a paper which posited that low oxygen levels would cause fish to move to shallow waters within or even beyond their habitat.

“What’s going to happen to reef fishes that like oxygen, what are they going to do? Well, I guess they could just sit there and die, but probably, according to this paper, they will move to get out of the way of all this bad water by going shallower and shallower.”

Erin L. Meyer-Gutbrod, the lead author of the study who worked with Love as a postdoctoral researcher – and is now an assistant professor at the University of South Carolina – wanted to put that idea to the test with real data from rock reef species in the Santa Barbara Channel.

Rising temperatures cause declines in oxygen for a couple of reasons. For one, warmer water by nature holds less oxygen. In addition, warm temperatures result in stratification between cold deep water and warm shallow water.

This is problematic, according to Love, because the main source of dissolved oxygen in the ocean comes from atmospheric mixing at the sea surface and stratification keeps oxygen from mixing further down.



Courtesy of Milton Love

In a rock reef in the Santa Barbara Channel, a cowcod (*Sebastes levis*) emerges from the seafloor to look at a manned submarine. This species is one of 60 types of reef fish that the researchers looked at during the study period, from 1995 to 2009.

Over the last 60 years, the upper reaches of the Northeast Pacific, a region that includes the California coast, has lost 15% of its oxygen. In specific regions of the Santa Barbara Channel that Love and his collaborators have been studying, they have observed declines in oxygen everywhere.

From 1995 to 2009, dozens of visual fish surveys were performed at a number of the rock reef sites around the Channel Islands. However, only a select few were repeatedly visited and monitored

over an extended period of time. Of these, only three were included in the current study.

These sites, named Anacapa Passage, Footprint and Piggy Bank are, in one way or another, representative of a broad variety of the marine habitat found near reefs, with varying seascapes, topography, size and species composition.

Anacapa Passage, at 50 meters of depth on average, consists of slabs of stone through which narrow passages, known as rills,

have been eroded and now play host to marine life.

Meanwhile, the Footprint is an underwater mountain top, at 150 meters of depth on average, known as a seamount.

Different from both of them is the Piggy Bank, the deepest site, at 300 meters of depth on average, with a summit crowned by boulder fields and slopes that descend into the mud.

The researchers looked at 60 different species of reef fish, such as California sheephead, copper

rockfish and blue rockfish, and found that of the 23 types of fish which moved to different depths along the seafloor, a vast majority of fish types (19 in total) moved upwards to shallower water, while only four species moved deeper over the same period.

“Now what’s intellectually interesting to me is, well, the data ended in 2009. Did the process continue? It’s been 11 years. I’d love to get some money and go back and revisit these sites,” Love said.

## Professor Mostofi Uses Wi-Fi Signals for Crowd Counting

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Since 2009, UC Santa Barbara’s Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Professor Yasamin Mostofi and her lab have pioneered groundbreaking sensing methods using everyday radio frequency (RF) signals. Their work

first began when they showed how Wi-Fi signals can be used to image through walls, and since then, the Mostofi Lab has uncovered the use of Wi-Fi signals specifically for crowd analytics. This ability had manifold applications from activity recognition to personal identification.

“However, people had to move

around to be counted,” Mostofi said. “Counting a seated crowd then remained a challenging and unsolved problem due to the lack of major body motion.”

This difficulty was the main motivation for Mostofi’s most recent work, in which she and her team developed a new mathematical framework that enabled Wi-Fi

signals to count a seated crowd using their natural body fidgets.

While seated, people will adjust in their seat and naturally engage in small, in-place motions, such as checking their phone, stretching, and crossing and uncrossing their legs. The aggregate natural fidgeting and natural in-place motion, Mostofi said, carry crucial information on the crowd count, and this information can be used to estimate the total number of people in a crowd.

Mostofi said the aggregate fidgeting process results from the superposition of the individual fidgeting sequences of each person. That aggregate process is what the Wi-Fi signals measure.

“In this process, we defined two key parameters: the Crowd Fidgeting Periods (CFPs) which are the time periods in which at least one person in the area is fidgeting and the Crowd Silent Periods (CSPs) which are the time periods where no one in the area is fidgeting,” Mostofi said.

If there is a higher number of people in the crowd, there is a higher chance that the CFPs will be longer and the CSPs will be shorter. Mostofi’s team then proposed a mathematical modeling that explicitly related these two parameters to determine the total number of people.

First, they showed how this specific problem resembled a decades-old, seemingly unrelated queuing theory problem. Queuing theory, according to Mostofi, is a branch of mathematics that studies waiting lines in systems that involve the arrival of customers.

“Crowd counting can also be very important during a pandemic (such as COVID-19), as it can provide an early warning if the public safety and crowd count limitation guidelines are being violated.”

YASAMIN MOSTOFI

“The customers require a service from an entity that includes a number of servers,” Mostofi said. “We then showed how the CSPs are similar to the times when no customer is at a queue that has infinite servers, while the CFPs resemble the times when at least one customer is being served at such a queue.”

This relation allowed Mostofi and her team to borrow mathematical tools from queuing theory to develop an entirely new technique to count the number of stationary people, conducting 47 experiments in four different areas. In these experiments, up to 10 people sat in different positions, engaging in different activities like reading or watching TV. Twenty of the 47 experiments were conducted through walls in which the Wi-Fi transceivers were placed behind a wall and counted the number of people on the other side.

“In non-through-wall scenarios,

our counting error was zero or one in 96.3% of the experiments, while in through-wall scenarios, our counting error was zero or one in 90% of the experiments, showing a very good counting performance,” Mostofi said. “These results show that it is possible to count a stationary (or seated) crowd, using cheap, everyday Wi-Fi signals.”

According to Mostofi, this is applicable to several scenarios in everyday life, as well as optimizing newer, eminent technologies.

“The ability to count the number of people in an area is important for smart buildings, in order to optimize heating, cooling and lighting,” Mostofi said. “Crowd counting can also be very important during a pandemic (such as COVID-19), as it can provide an early warning if the public safety and crowd count limitation guidelines are being violated. Businesses and events can also benefit from crowd counting for planning purposes.”



Courtesy of Yasamin Mostofi

Two Wi-Fi transceivers, labeled Tx and Rx, count the nine participants in this part of Mostofi’s study using the aggregate fidgeting process. These transceivers were able to count crowds at an accuracy of 96.3%.

# OPINION

## Why the Fight for Legal Weed Is Not Over

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It has been a little over three years since cannabis was made legal for recreational use in California. Since then, it has become a source of healing for many – including my own friends and relatives – from depression, desperation and anxiety, especially during the pandemic. Weed made quarantine a lot more bearable for many and, in turn, saved countless lives by easing feelings of pandemic panic. However, we have to keep fighting to keep this civil liberty that many rely on from being taken by the government. While it's appealing to step back and enjoy California's legalization of weed, it is critical that we push to legalize marijuana legislation on a federal level, especially given the terrible record of President Joe Biden on weed.

While weed is legal under California law, it isn't federally legal. On a federal level, cannabis remains a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Schedule 1 prohibited substance, and people who use, sell or cultivate marijuana in any state can still face federal felony charges.

However, the U.S. Department of Justice has largely forgone the enforcement of federal cannabis legislation since the Obama era, especially when used for medical purposes, allowing cannabis businesses in legalized

states to thrive. The reason for the relaxation of enforcement is not purely ideological but also out of necessity. The federal government has traditionally relied on states' law enforcement to enforce both federal and state drug laws, but once local law enforcement officers stop enforcing any marijuana-related crimes under the instruction of the state governments, the federal government lacks any infrastructure to enforce those federal laws. There are only so many FBI and DEA agents, and they would rather go after serious drug crimes like cocaine or meth use instead of butting heads with states over weed. Like former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said, the federal government is "not able to go into a state and pick up the work that police and sheriffs have been doing for decades."

But the status quo in the federal government could change on a dime. Biden, or a future president, could unilaterally choose to resume enforcement of those laws on a federal level and send the FBI and DEA to crack down on both sellers and users. Two Supreme Court precedents, *Gonzales v. Raich* and *United States v. Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative*, back the constitutionality of the federal authority to prosecute marijuana in weed-friendly states. This is especially worrying given Biden's past record as one of the

main architects of the modern war-on-drugs and tough-on-crime narrative. Biden has pushed the current Democratic party to the right of where the Republican party stood under former President George W. Bush when it comes to drugs and has advocated going after the individual users, not just sellers and gangs. Even though the FBI and DEA won't have the resources to go after everyone, an occasional raid and arrest could effectively destroy the weed economy out of a fear of imprisonment.

Even if we are sure that no president in the future will go against the popular will and enforce these drug laws, leaving things up to the mercy of the federal government and hoping that they won't or can't do anything about it is not only a wild coin toss but sets a dangerous precedent. If legal loopholes like these can be used to further social policies, like legalizing weed, and garner support from progressives, they can certainly be used to further social policies that conservatives or libertarians enjoy. One of the social policies that the conservatives and libertarians are working together to further is gun rights. States like Arizona have already passed laws forbidding any state and local law enforcement from cooperating with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to enforce any federal gun laws and regulations.



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ATF, like the DEA and FBI, is a very small organization on a national scale and cannot meaningfully enforce any laws without the assistance of local law enforcement. Like cannabis laws, any federal gun laws or regulations – from banning automatic rifles to cracking down on "ghost guns" – can't leave Washington without the cooperation of state governments. If the trend of refusal of cooperation with federal agencies persists, we could risk the rule of law for legal weed.

But it doesn't have to be this way. There is currently a bill pending in Congress that seeks to legalize weed on a federal level, expunging nonviolent,

cannabis-related federal criminal records and allowing states to decide the legal status of the drug. Passing this law won't be easy since it not only needs the approval of the entire Democratic party, many of whom are former drug warriors like Biden, but also the approval of 10 Republican senators to make weed federally legal. We need to draw all the support that we can and form a true coalition from all sides of the political aisle to make truly legal weed a reality.

*Nathan Lee believes that we should make the effort to legalize weed on a federal level and restore justice for people who are harmed by the drug war.*

## The World Is Literally on Fire, and Here's Why

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For the past few weeks, I've been waking up to the smell of ash and the view of fog from my home in Athens. Since the start of July, entire villages have gone up in flames in Europe, North America and Russia. Additionally, Greece has been experiencing one of the worst heat waves in its long history, reaching the highest recorded temperatures since 1987. The fires have been raging for more than a week, destroying the lives of thousands of families, forcing them to evacuate their homes and becoming displaced in their own country.

There have been huge debates about the source of the fires in Greece. Some people argue that it's because of climate change and that all of these fires were caused by the recent extremely high temperatures. Others blame the country's prime minister, saying that he hadn't prepared Greece's forests for this type of disaster. There's also the belief that the fires were started by arsonists, with their motives ranging from insurance and welfare fraud to revenge and vandalism.

I don't think the fires started from only one of those factors. I think it was a combination of arson and climate change that caused this huge disaster. The fires were too big to be only caused by the heat wave and, at the same time, they were set in too many locations to be only caused by arsonists. It's important to know that in Greece, arsonists illegally set fires because they know that after the fire has ended, the government will allow the burned land to be cleared for residential development. This started in the 1980s, when people could illegally occupy burned forested land due to the lack of a land register and poor law enforcement. The

legalization of occupying these burned lands created a motive for arson. That's why it's very unusual for arsonists to target entire villages where children and families live. They are more eager to set fires in big forests that have a small number of locals, since they don't have any interest in killing people. So, how could these fires be caused by arson when they wiped out entire villages with locals and parts of land that can't really offer any welfare or insurance?

That's where climate change makes an appearance. Maybe these fires were meant to be small – just a tiny part of the forest – and were never meant to burn the whole region of Attica in Athens. However, it is because of the heat wave that these fires spiraled out of control. And the heat wave was a result of extremely unusual weather conditions, which are all caused by climate change. So, we can blame some of the damage to arson, but most of the damage was caused by climate change. The real damage is not

the trees and the land. It's the houses, the fortunes, the people and the families with small children who lost their homes. It's important to understand that this loss wasn't the goal of arson.

I am in no way trying to defend the arsonists, because the fires wouldn't have started if it wasn't for them. (Many arsonists were caught and arrested for starting the fires.) I'm just saying that the fires wouldn't have been that big if the cause was just arson. There have been many fires caused by arson in the past, but none of them were as large or devastating as the ones in Athens this summer. That's because all those past fires were started in much lower temperatures, making them easier to take out. Maybe if it wasn't for climate change the fires would have been much smaller and these entire villages would still exist today.

So, as a human living on Earth in the 21st century, I am also taking responsibility for these fires. As much as I

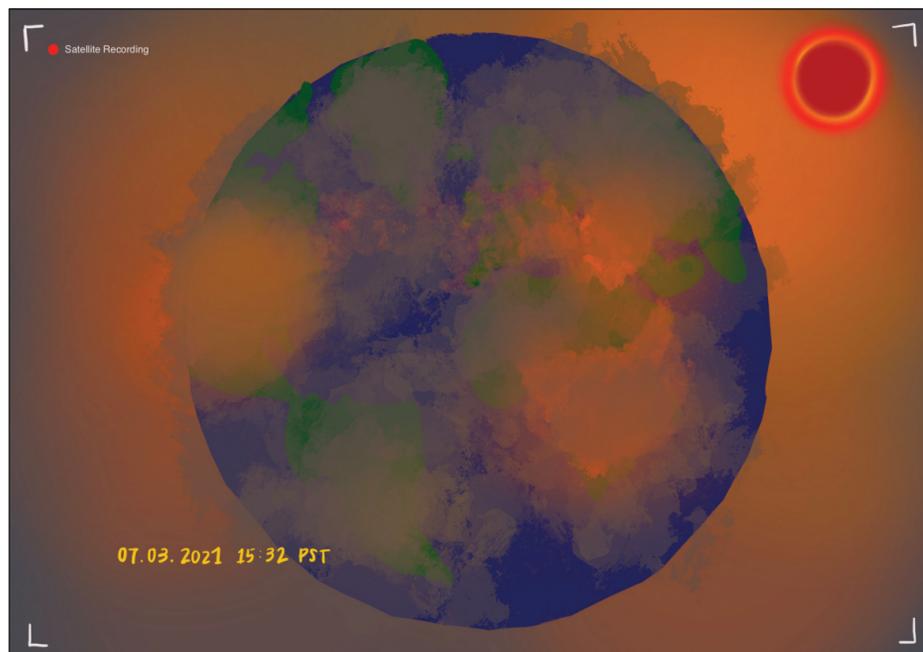
couldn't understand it right away, I can now see that I have very much contributed to the loss of those villages this summer. For example, I'm not used to unplugging my TV and computer when I'm not using them. Also, most of my meals are not meat-free, and most of the food I have in my house isn't organic. In addition, I've been on more than six transatlantic flights this past year, and I've barely used any public transportation. These are all actions that don't have such an impact on their own, but imagine the impact they have when most people on this planet have behaved like myself in the past year – only that this impact is no longer an imaginable scenario but a reality for the whole world.

Greece wasn't the only country that experienced an unbearable heat wave this summer. Sicily hit a record temperature of 48.8 C, Europe's highest temperature ever. Cyprus lost more than 50 square kilometres of forest land due to wildfires. Thousands

of people in Turkey had to abandon their homes due to the raging fires that threatened the country's southern coasts. Algeria, Tunisia and Lebanon also experienced devastating fires that were caused from high temperatures. Northern California experienced the largest wildfire in the state's history, scorching an area more than twice the size of New York City. Even Canada had to deal with 279 fires this summer. The list of countries goes on and so does the list of homes that were damaged, lives that were lost and children that are now traumatized. Scientists had predicted that the world would experience a "climate crisis" soon, but as Philip Mote, a climate scientist at Oregon State University said, "I've been involved with climate research for 23 years, and I honestly didn't think it would get this bad this fast."

If only all of us had consumed less, used renewable energy or at least rode our bikes more, maybe these fires wouldn't have gotten out of control this summer. Therefore, the loss and trauma that so many families experienced is the responsibility of the whole world. It's not their own personal problem. Every single one of us contributed to this tragedy, which is why this should be our wake-up call to change. This destruction could affect my family's house one day, my friend's house or the hometown of someone I really care about. This crisis is something that climate change activists have been warning the world about for years. After a summer when the world was literally on fire, I think it's time we start taking these warnings seriously.

*Athina Mihalopoulos wants to share that if you wish to donate to those affected, the Hellenic Red Cross has opened a fundraiser for those affected by the fire.*



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The Signs as Super Secret Welcome Week Activities That Chancellor Yang Won't Tell You About

### ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Shitting your pants during New Student Convocation

### TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Cannonball contest in the lagoon

### GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Catching the Delta variant

### CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Sword fight (to the death) to become the next chancellor

### LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Arson

### VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Campus tour but the guide only communicates via kazoo toots

### LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Once-in-a-lifetime chance to bong Stork's bells

### SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Chancellor Yang

### SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Dayger on top of the Rec Cen's rock wall

### CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Competitive yerb shotgunning

### AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Hands-on, interactive experience in the Campus Store's hidden sex toy room

### PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Taking the red pill to escape the simulation