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Dear Students:

Welcome to the 2022-23 academic year! Our entire UC Santa Barbara community is thrilled to have you on campus, and we are eager to engage with you and to help nurture your academic strengths, encourage your personal growth, and inspire your creativity.

Our students are the heart of our campus community, and as the new year begins, I would like to reaffirm our core values, including our commitment to providing all students with access to an outstanding education, and to working cooperatively to hold space for every member of our community. We pride ourselves on our kindness and our compassion, and in being a campus that celebrates our differences. By fostering an inclusive community that is respectful, civil, supportive, and safe, together we create a rich learning environment where all our students can reach their highest potential.

As students, you help define UC Santa Barbara’s stature as a preeminent research university. We are a Minority-Serving Institution as well as the first member of the prestigious Association of American Universities to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, and our campus regularly lands among the top universities on national and international rankings that measure academic quality, diversity and inclusion, accessibility, and affordability. Most recently, U.S. News & World Report ranked UC Santa Barbara No. 7 among the country’s top public universities, and placed us among institutions nationwide with the seventh highest diversity index rating.

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As a university dedicated to educating the next generation of contributors and leaders, we are excited to invest in your future, and to partner with you as you pursue your dreams. My wife, Dilling, and I wish you an academic year full of learning, discovery, and the joy of new friendships. We are proud and honored to have you here, and look forward to seeing your smiling faces during our daily walks on our beautiful campus.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

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Lead News Editor

Three UC Santa Barbara students – Schuyler Capita, Natalie Reis and Andy Knox – are representing the university in NBC’s Capital One Bowl, a televised advocacy competition for college students.

Second-year philosophy and political science double major Capita, second-year philosophy and sociology double major Reis and fourth-year political science and Chinese double major Knox will face off against Morningside College, the university that kicked off the bowl, in a series of debates that will air at 8 p.m. Eastern Time. If they win the episode – filmed last spring – they’ll stay another round.

All three students are officers of UC Santa Barbara’s Ethics Bowl team – “a philosophy debate club,” as Knox dubbed it – a skill that didn’t directly transfer to the trivia questions during the event, according to Capita.

“Arms of the dark horse candidate,” Capita said. “All the other teams did quizbowl. But he really just did our best to think that did really help us.”

Knox, who led the team as captain, said being involved in that whole experience was really cool, the way that they made an effort to prepare during their time, whereas the other teams, a lot of them were just meeting up to every single person on the show and shake their hand and talk to them. She said, “I really thought it was cool, the way that they made an effort to prepare during their time, whereas the other teams, a lot of them were just meeting up to every single person on the show.”

Despite the stress of filming the show during finals week, the group said they viewed it as a positive, once-in-a-lifetime undertaking.

“It was really cool to get an inside look into how the show was actually filmed, behind the scenes and everything actually being involved in that whole process,” Knox said.

Capita reiterated that the group’s close friendship remained an asset throughout the trivia process.

“We are very close friends,” Capita said. “We actually knew each other going in as a team, and I think we really had the more organizational aspect of things, which was great.”

The bowl is hosted by former football star Peyton Manning and his brother, Cooper Manning – a unique experience for the three UCSB students.

“I will say, we definitely had my offer to throw a pigskin around in the parking lot with him, which I offered twice,” Knox joked. “But he did at least sign our pigskins that Schuyler and I brought, which was great.”

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The Isla Vista Community Service District recently hired a new director, with the independent nonprofit United Way – dedicated to serving the San Barbara community with a focus on academic achievement, financial empowerment and crisis response and recovery. When the contract between the two parties ended this past year, the Isla Vista Community Service District District decided to hire a director for its program directly and hire internal staff.

The previous partnership with United Way provided people with job opportunities through a work experience training program with IV Beautiful.

“United Way wasn’t able to fulfill the contract so we decided to make it in-house as a way to keep it going,” IVSD General Manager Jonathan Abboud said. “They’re going in a different direction, so this wasn’t part of their mission anymore.”

Abboud said that IVCSD is looking at revamping the work training program for community members experiencing homelessness and developing a more focused, locally focused program which to do so.

“We have a separate budget to maybe contract with a nonprofit that also serves homeless individuals and that also addresses the issue of experience and crisis experience,” Abboud said. “We’ll need to contract specifically with another nonprofit once we’re able to find someone we can work with.

Hired in August as the new IV Beautiful Program Manager, Jenna Norton graduated from UCSB with undergraduate degrees in philosophy and sociology and worked as a project manager for a consulting firm before joining IVCSD. The hiring of such additional employees to work with Norton in September.

“I feel that under her management, the program will have a much stronger focus on the issues of priority for the Isla Vista community, including trash and graffiti issues.

“We feel that bringing beautification projects to Isla Vista is really important for the local economy, but we also want to address the issue of trash and graffiti, and to live there and the environment,” Norton said. “We want to focus on graffiti abatement, trash removal, weed removal and streetlight bulbs. IVCSD works closely with local businesses to keep our commercial district clean and beautiful.”

Norton recently executed a project to remove shoes hanging from Con Condolences wires over the Isla Vista, collecting 34 pairs of shoes at a total weight of 490 pounds. Con Condolences was happy to take the shoes down to deliver to IV Beautiful.

“One of the [issues] were in a commercial area and could not be roused, but many of them could be reused, so we partnered with some local nonprofits who were able to come and take many of the shoes off of our hands and get them to people who needed them,” she said. Norton also put an emphasis on creating a “culture of respect and care” within the community to encourage people to limit the amount of environmental harm they create.

“It is in such a special place right by the ocean,” Norton said. “I hope to teach our local youth how to properly dispose of trash and recycle represents a key mission of IV Beautiful, especially during the move-out process when students and others leave the area. Norton added that the campaign with Con Condolences to remove the shoes also provided an opportunity for community engagement, regarding the harms of environmental waste.

“I hope to take this experience and use it to tell the community about how it’s better to donate these shoes,” she said. “They do accumulate and a lot of them end up in the trash, and it would be better if we didn’t throw them up there.”

Isla Vista Beautiful is operating on a budget of $196,000 for this fiscal year and could potentially expand in the future by holding volunteer events.

Abboud said that the reimagining of IV Beautiful, with the hiring of Norton and four other employees, has enabled the IVCSD to broaden its mission of a higher level of quality of work and care within the community.

“We haven’t had one person to really focus on these different issues of trash and recycling, graffiti and lights,” Abboud said. “I hope to see someone who is very specific to the Isla Vista in this new for IV, and I think it’s going to see real results.”

Abboud recognized Norton’s contributions as elevating the program to accommodate bigger things.

“Could we have organized what Jenna did with the Con Condolences before? Maybe, but it would not have been anywhere near that level of quality of work and we wouldn’t be able to do it as often and as efficiently.”

Mark Alfred
Asst. News Editor

UC Santa Barbara students have recently experienced high turnover for years – a housing program that guarantees undergraduates two years of housing in campus apartments, so long as they spend their first two years living in the residence halls. Put on hold during the pandemic, the program and similar housing guarantees like it won’t return until campus begins to open, according to the Associated Students of UCSB and UCSB Multimedia Relations Manager Kiki Boyes.

“UC Santa Barbara has an opportunity to offer a guarantee considering the increased interest in university housing we have seen recently,” Boyes said, in an email statement to The Nexus. “We hope to be able to offer it for the next two years when additional beds are added to our current inventory.”

Testimonials on the #24 program’s website underline its importance to the student community.

“UCSB student who studied abroad in Norway and year 1 was interested in studying abroad in Norway and year 2 was interested in studying in France,” read one student testimonial. “I am so happy that this opportunity was guaranteed two years ago in the UCSB apartments that I live in before. Many, many students are much cheaper and much less hassle than trying to find a place in place in France.”

A message appeared on the #24 program’s website that “given the uncertainty around the current public health

Suspended during pandemic, student housing guarantees won’t return until more housing is added

A new academic-oriented commission, the Commission on Culture, Arts & Joy Justice, was approved by the State Bar Association Students (SBAS) Student Senate this summer and is set to begin its work this fall.

The Commission on Culture, Arts & Joy Justice (CCAJJ) aims to create a coalition for underrepresented student groups focusing on arts and unifying activism on campus, according to its founding legislation.

“CCAJJ was conceptualized by current student department graduate student Charlene Macharia for the Summer Quarter 2022, when students began organizing in greater numbers after returning to campus. Macharia said she noticed that despite the efficacy of students’ organizing efforts, movements were often cut short when the students’ efforts graduated.”

“The momentum would stop,” Macharia said. “I noticed there needed to be more sustainability.”

Macharia brought the idea of the commission to the Associated Students of UCSB (A.S.) Senate in Spring Quarter 2022, where third- and fourth-year students and philosophy triple major students approved the bill for its formation.

“We have a lot of separate student advocacy programs at UCSB, but they’re all kind of broken up,” Kalia said. “There’s no forum for all these different advocacy groups to be able to interlink, and I think CCAJJ could be a really great place for that to happen.”

Kalia added that having an activism group formed as an official Board, Commission or Unit provides access to A.S. funding and increased visibility, and board members will also receive a small amount of money as compensation. “Shows honor for their work.”

The A.S. Senate officially approved the commission in mid-July, according to Macharia, and has been in its beginning stages of formation since. Macharia served briefly as an interim co-chair, but the commission is currently accepting applications for board positions.

“Fall quarter is when [CCAJJ] will be fully present and people will get to hear about it officially,” Macharia said.

However, despite not beginning official operations yet, CCAJJ is already sponsoring its first event – the Black Student Union’s (BSU) “Black Block Party on Oct. 1. “With this event, we were able to connect BSU with KCBS … we’re already building those networks trying to get all organizations connected,” Kalia said. Kalia and Macharia foresee that “given the uncertainty surrounding the commission upholding ongoing activist efforts, such as protests against the construction of an extremely large telescopes on Manana Koa, a mountain sacred to Native Hawaiians, and educational workshops and programming.”

“I think [the commission] will be a big victory,” Macharia said. “I’ve been here many years, and I’ve seen students come and go and different movements rise up and then die down, but I think CCAJJ has the potential of building and then maintaining that momentum.”

Associated Students forms new Commission on Culture, Arts & Joy Justice

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Local youth center continues summer mural program to heighten representation in Isla Vista

This project will improve safety and accessibility for students and families traveling to and from downtown Isla Vista.

UC Santa Barbara’s Pre-Law Society is collaborating with the local youth center to provide free legal services for clients in the local area, including record expungement, felony reduction and record sealing. Unofficially, the society refers to itself as the “Santa Claws Clinic.”

We collaborated and brainstormed until we reached this idea of providing free record-clearing services on the streets of Isla Vista for any community member. Fourth-year global studies major and project chair Alysa Rodriguez said.

Co-founder and former president of Pre-Law Society Gabriella Sterritt said the initiative goes hand in hand with the UCSB Pre-Law Society’s founding mission: providing hands-on experiences for students interested in the legal field.

Sterritt explained that oftentimes, charges in any capacity can significantly impact an individual’s success in securing housing, employment and more.

“We offer the Clean Slate Clinic specifically with the record clearing, the expungement and the felony reduction to provide people with better prospects for the future,” Sterritt said. “If they can get their records other shorted or cleared, they have better housing and better job prospects in the future.”

For fourth-year political science major and Pre-Law Society President Don Chu, the initiative is also recognizing the lack of education around knowing one’s rights in regards to police interaction.

“One of the things we wanted to include was a better sense of what you’ve done since your arrest,” Sterritt said. “Until recently, I wasn’t even aware of the record sealing and expungement. I didn’t really know what that was an available thing.”

Sterritt said, “Students are going to find this out that your record can’t be cleared under some circumstances. If you're going to be serious about filling a job or a house.”

SPEENCER BRANDT

businesses, government services, support for the community, and the Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) President and Director of the Center Brandon Snell said in the letter. The Center’s letter cited the annual Multidrug survey conducted by the IVCSDD as evidence for the need for the mural to be installed at the designated street intersections.

"During the IVCSDD’s annual pedestrian accidents, saying that the UC Santa Barbara and Embarcadero del Norte with Tigo Road present a great hazard. Brandon said, “It does show that there is a high concentration of accidents in this area and higher occurrence of traffic disruptions to its activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Arguera.

"The youth at the teen center typically look forward to a big project in the summer time, so to have that rug pulled out from under you is a dragging, sad day,” Arguera said. "But I would say this year wasn't as easy as early years. I think we are all coming back to this sense of normalcy, we're putting that back into practice was different than previous years.”

Lopez, who frequently attends the youth center, noted that he appreciated all of the work that everyone put available at the center.

"I like to go to the teen center and not just straight home, even if it is always a great time there,” said Lopez. "I like to playスピード with Red and Connect Four. Sometimes we even cook food and play paintball games."

After weeks spent in the summer heat with center-provided snacks and supplies, Arguera described the murals as something of the youth's creation.

"My favorite part is just seeing the feeling of accomplishment and ownership over a pretty big piece of artwork that is public that they're going to see for years,” she said. "It takes an investment, but it makes it all worth it.

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The group decided on the themes for the two murals on a nearby blank wall.

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Isla Vista has the highest rate of zero-vehicle hit-and-run collisions in Santa Barbara County. Walking, cycling, and skateboarding are popular among youth in Isla Vista, and many families and teenagers are completely void of a protected pedestrian path,” the letter continued.

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Cooper Housing Institute awards $50,000 to UCSB to launch new Housing Advocate Program and support Housing Voucher Program

The new Housing Advocate program will hire two student employees to work with and provide resources to students experiencing housing insecurity.

Siddharth Chatteraj
Reporter

The Cooper Housing Institute awarded a $50,000 grant to UC Santa Barbara to fund the new Housing Advocate Program and support the Housing Voucher Program on campus. The nonprofit foundation, founded in 2018, has supported various campus programs in the past that tackle issues of student housing availability, according to UCSB Media Relations Manager Kiko Reyes.

"Will and Jennifer Cooper, parents of UC Santa Barbara alumni, have worked in the area of affordable housing and have supported a variety of campus initiatives, including the UC Santa Barbara Housing Advocate Program," Reyes said in an email statement to the Nexus. "Their family foundation, the Cooper Housing Institute, worked with our Basic Needs Resources on their most recent grant to campus."

The new Housing Advocate program will hire two student employees to work with and provide resources to students experiencing housing insecurity, according to Reyes. The student employees will operate housing workshops and special projects to help students find housing and manage housing expenses.

The Housing Voucher Program provides students with vouchers worth $50, $150 or $500 for different housing emergencies and food insecurity.

"The university is excited about the partnership with Cooper Housing Institute and is deeply grateful for this gift, which will benefit our students," Reyes said.

Approximately 6% of UCSB students have lacked a safe, regular and suitable place to stay at night, according to data from the UC Information Center collected in 2020 and 2021.

This survey data also found that 56% of UCSB students experience some anxiety about paying for housing and 13% feel anxious every month according to the survey.

In 201, UCSD faced a housing crisis that saw over 1,000 students looking for housing as the school year began, a result of a severe lack of affordable student housing in the area.

Students who are facing an emergency housing crisis and have exhausted all other financial options, including subsidized but necessarily unsubsidized loans, may be eligible for vouchers which can be applicable toward both on-campus and off-campus living arrangements," according to the UCSB Basic Needs Resource Guide.

"I'm motivated, [but] there's more work to be done. I think it's just the beginning for us," Bartolini said.

Please join us for our quarterly orientation on Oct. 3 and Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Daily Nexus Office under Storke Tower where you can learn more about every section of our newspaper. Come chat with some of the best student journalists on-campus and learn more about UC Santa Barbara’s independent, student-run newspaper!

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Garantías de alojamiento

Los estudiantes de herencia Chicanx/Latinx en el campus universitario fueron negados en su derecho a buscar más de 1.500 años de alojamiento más costosos en y alrededor de Isla Vista, UCSB sugirió que esperaran a finales de junio para buscar un lugar de albergue en forma conjunta con un nuevo programa de alojamiento para estudiantes en los apartamentos universitarios el cual no se ha inaugurado aún. El descargo de responsabilidad al gobierno académico de UCSB se mantendrá cuando regresan las garantías de residencia universitaria. 

UCSB anunció el mes pasado que sus garantías de alojamiento iban a ser introducidas de nuevo y de completo para el tránsito del otoño del 2023, cuando 2,400 camas universitarias estarán disponibles para ser agasajadas con la apertura del año académico del 2023 y el Vinculado de Aprendizaje.

UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Davis y UC Merced mostraron una forma de garantías de residencia más sencilla por el año anterior con el rearme de los estudiantes de ensayos de antecedentes. Así esperamos que la garantía de estudiante para 2023 se mantenga hasta que la página de la sitio fue eliminada durante el verano del 2021.
The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team is coming off a 0-4 loss to California Polytechnic State University, and, most recently, a 1-1 draw against the University of the Pacific. During the season, the Gauchos have had trouble scoring goals against their opponents, scoring only 8 across 16 opponents' nets in 10 games. Moreover, the team has struggled to keep up, having a record of 0-4-1.

In their first conference game of the season, the Gauchos were outmatched by their rivals, the Cal Poly Mustangs. The Gauchos were shut out in the match and allowed 15 shots on goal. On the other hand, the Gauchos only mustered 6 shots with only 2 of those coming on target. The Gauchos entered the locker room at halftime with a score 3-3. However, UCSB entered the match at 2-2 in the 88th minute. During the game, the Gauchos produced 5 critical saves, while the Gauchos' goalkeeper Taylor Little who converted his chance following a save from the goalie. The second half was capped off by Philipp who crossed in a ball that took a lucky deflection for the 5-1 finish.

Despite an initial loss against Cornell University, the Gauchos were able to put together a solid performance, with 3-1-1 and scored 12 goals throughout the month. Their performance has earned them a rank of No. 18 in the NCAA. The Gauchos also produced 12 goals throughout the month.

In their most recent fixture, the Gauchos were able to put together a solid performance, resulting in a 1-1 draw against the University of the Pacific. In this match, Pacific was able to get an early lead on the Gauchos when freshman forward Anaya Shelton scored in the 7th minute. With solid defense throughout the rest of the match, the Gauchos were able to hold their own against the dominant side in this match, shooting Pacific 9-4 with 3 of those coming on target. The Gauchos were in the game throughout. First, UCSB's goalkeeper Taylor Little who converted his chance following a save from the goalie. The second half was capped off by Philipp who crossed in a ball that took a lucky deflection for the 5-1 finish.

The Gauchos picked up their second straight win when they took down a solid Pac-12 Oregon State team 3-1. Gonzalez and McBride started the game with a hot streak as Gonzalez picked up the first goal while McBride put the Gauchos up 2-0. After the lone goal from Oregon State to make it 2-1, the Gauchos responded with their final goal with a superb solo finish from junior midfielder Nemo Philipp.

This squad kept up their fine run of play by beating Utah Valley with a score of 5-1. The unlikely goalscorer, senior defender Henley Davies, began the Gauchos' streak with a headed goal. No more than 10 minutes later, a Gauchos' persistent pressure amounted to an own goal from an own goal from the Wolves off of an attempted cross from sophomore forward Alex Dvorsky. In the same half for the Gauchos, McBride scored a goal in his third consecutive game. The Gauchos streak during the first half didn't end there as senior defender Kibetok Biagwara converted his chance following a save from the goalie. The second half was capped off by Philipp who crossed in a ball that took a lucky deflection for the 5-1 finish.

The Gauchos' next match will take place tonight, Sept. 22, kicking off their first slate of home games, they will rank #25 in the Top 25 NCAA teams in the country, coming in at No. 18. With their first game ranked, the Gauchos fell into an impressive 0-2 hole against Grand Canyon University. The Gauchos clawed back into the match with a goal from freshman forward Joe Sherbourne who calmly scored on a 1-on-1 against the goalie. With the game looking out of reach to tie or win, sophomores forward Salvador Aguilar headed a cross into the goal to tie the game at 2-2 in the 88th minute. As for the Gauchos’ next slate of home games, they will take on Stanford on Sept. 24 and UC San Diego on Sept. 28.
Seventeen grew with their popularity with its members’ humor, being known as the “funny K-pop group,” making a lasting impression in all the variety shows they guest in, such as “Knowing Brothers.”

The K-pop group also has its own variety show called “Going Seventeen.” The show has several episodes, some of which have amassed over 5 million views. Seventeen furthered their popularity with a YouTube documentary titled “Hi, The Road,” which followed the members on their “Ode to You” tour back in 2020.

Not only do Seventeen make content in South Korea, but they also are featured in a lot of content in the U.S. as well. Their influence not only in South Korea but as well as their synchronized in their on-stage and off-stage personas, they are also able to spread their influence not only in South Korea but also overseas. They are also able to spread their influence not only in South Korea but also overseas. They also have a large fan base overseas.

Another element that sets Seventeen apart from other K-pop groups is that they produce their own music albums and music videos, most groups have producers that make music for them to ensure comebacks happen frequently. Instead, Seventeen is known for their own music, with vocalist Lee Jihyun, better known as Wnoo, creating and composing many of their famous tracks, such as “IT” and “WORLD.” Additionally, members Hanbin Vernon Cho and Jeon Wonwoo also aid in lyrics writing, creating most of the rap components in their songs.

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Schmalison Warts
Barb

There, it said I stand on my paws screeching. The gang of dangerously Caucasian minors – I can see them huddle around in confusion and with a grossly high amount of self-confidence – just so I, a seasoned fourth-year, can feel cool.

“Hey guys, I might have found an adult!” one yells to their pack as they desperately refresh YikYak to figure out the move. “They said it’s a band show so we might need tickets!”

Those fucking idiots. God, I am so cool. I can literally go to the store and show them my government identification and buy alcohol and drink it in my home. Thats De La Guerra realism. I mean, the reality in which I would probably commit a crime to be in their place. It’s time to be real – to be able to see UCSB with fresh, unjudged eyes and an excitement for the future. Unmatched. The excitement to consume a room-temperature Four Loko with all the security of a Snapchat group chat! Unmatched. These kids haven’t taken Greek Meth before. They have not been handed a jug of borg. One day, they will find out that there has been porn filmed on Sands Beach, but today is not that day. Or maybe it is for the freshmen reading this as you walk directly down the bike path to get to a ‘feel for the campus.’

Ahh, kids.

Schmalison Warts is a thundered, old coxwit with a ditty. Seriously, you can check for yourself.

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Hummus Republic: Mediterranean fast casual comes to I.V.

Hummus Republic, a Mediterranean fast-casual restaurant opened at the end of May 2022, filling the space at 6546 Pardall Road that was previously occupied by the think-to-be infalible Baza Pizza.

I was cautiously excited when I first learned what would be replacing my beloved Baza Pizza. Hummus Republic, at first glance, appeared reminiscent of one of my hometown favorites, CAVA, a similar Mediterranean fast-casual restaurant with many locations throughout Southern California. CAVA was my go-to back home for a quick, delicious meal, and I lacked a spot like that in Isla Vista.

The food sold at expensive prices. After a long wait spending at least $10, I was cautious when I entered. Hummus Republic finally opened on May 26, 2022. I was relieved since its opening, both experiences were pretty positive.

To begin, the layout is very welcoming. After walking in, you're met with the beginning of their bar where you start your order. At each station along the bar, there's a list of options in the corner with each option marked with symbols denoting if they're vegan, gluten-free, organic or hormone-free. At someone who can't eat gluten or diary and try to eat organic and hormone-free as much as possible, I really appreciated this touch. Small details like this are as easy a way to make a customer feel more comfortable and confident in what they're eating.

I started my trip around the bar by requesting a bowl (the only option for someone who can't eat gluten). My only disappointment with their menu came right afterward when I was asked to select a base. They offer five options: couscous, garbanzo beans, kale, mixed greens and spinach. All of which are a mix and match as you please. Couscous, the only grain offered as a base, is made of wheat and, therefore, contains gluten. I was looking forward to the heartiness that comes with a base made of grains. Unfortunately had to opt for a couple of handfuls of the mixed greens instead. Given my allergies, I was surprised at their decision not to offer another, more deliberately inclusive grain like rice.

Next, you saddle up to their toppings section. You're tasked with a million other things to do. It's rare! I opted for the chicken shawarma.

A beautiful bowl with beets, tomatoes, cucumber, herbs, olives, chicken shawarma, and dolmas!

The quintessential Mediterranean fast casual—quick, healthy, delicious and authentic. But, summer fruit just hits differently. The heat from the sun, and the cool sweetness of the crisp nectarines, tomatoes and olives combats every single bite of chicken, beef, olives, cucumber, etc., adding a wonderful creamy texture and flavor. I love Mediterranean food for its freshness, and Hummus Republic doesn't disappoint. It's exactly what I was looking for in a new I.V. restaurant. It's healthy and delicious, it's to sum it to become a regular for me.

A more sophisticated take on the classic PB&J

During the school year, I always struggle with lunch. Sure, there are lots of options on campus and in Isla Vista if you're in need of a quick bite, but trying to order a Subway sandwich in a timely fashion at the Arbor at peak lunch time is nearly impossible. Typically, I resort to packing up my leftovers from last night's dinner in a sad tupperware. Let me tell you, eating cold pasta outside the library before rushing to lecture is not exactly the best lunchtime vibe.

When I was younger, eating lunch at school seemed so scandalous. An adult packed my lunch, and my palate was simple and underdeveloped. I probably ate hundreds of PB&J's during elementary and middle school. I used to pack my leftovers from school and never got tired of it. Now that I'm older, I'm yearning for that same convenience but with good, local food. After trying another similar establishment at The Picnic Basket in Santa Cruz, I know that we're lacking a spot like that in Isla Vista.

This PB&J for grown-ups has everything you loved as a kid with an elevated twist. Swap the sugary Smucker’s jam for pear, roasted red beets, swap the Jif peanut butter for almond butter, invest in some good, local bread; add a few other accoutrements and you have yourself a delicious sandwich that would make 10-year-old you wince but future you is extremely proud.

Ingredients (makes 1 sandwich):

• 1 cup fresh red beets, halved
• ½ tablespoon olive oil
• Almond-butter (however much your heart desires)
• ½ can of chickpeas, rinsed
• 2 tablespoons olive oil
• 1 teaspoon paprika
• 1 sprig of fresh rosemary

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F
2. Rinse and drain the chickpeas. Toss them with olive oil, paprika and salt. Bake for 15 minutes in the oven on the top rack, flipping them halfway through, until golden brown. Let rest.
3. Dice the nectarines and mangoes, halve the tomatoes and finely dice the jalapeno, kalamata olives and kitchen herbs, cut the basil into thin ribbons.
4. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and toss them together.
5. Add the chickpeas to the bowl, mix, and serve!

This dish will have you inspired to make fruit-based salads for every meal. It's packed with protein, vitamins and colorful flavor that's sure to impress everyone.

For the most flavorful beets, shop from your local farmers market.

Sah and pepper to taste.
Leaky greens of your choice (optional)

Directions:

1. Cut the beets in half and place them on a baking sheet lined with tin foil or a reusable baking mat. Drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and roast in the oven for 15 minutes at 350 F.
2. To prepare the chickpea mixture, mash the chickpeas in a bowl with a fork until they've reached a slightly mushy consistency. Combine with the Dijon mustard, rosemary, paprika, salt, and pepper.
3. Toast the bread before assembling the sandwich. I don't care if you typically don't toast your bread; from now on, the only way to eat a sandwich is toasted. Our's is toasted now; we've moved on from Smucker's Uncrustables.
4. For the fun (and money) part: assembly. I have Side of the sandwich should consist of a thin layer of almond butter with sliced beets placed on top. The other side should have a generous amount of the chickpea mixture spread on it. The sandwich also pairs well with angulara placed in between the two slices of bread.
5. I recommend slicing the sandwich in half or eating it open-faced for an easier eating experience. Pack this sandwich with you on your way to class and enjoy!

As college students, we all have busy schedules. Finding time to prepare a nice sandwich isn't always easy, especially during the middle of the day when you're tasked with a million other things to do. However, parts of this sandwich can be prepared at the start of the week to make life easier. Roast the beets and create the chickpea spread on the sandwich as you want it by the time Monday rolls around, you'll feel organized and prepared. Here's to improving lunchtime one sandwich at a time!
monkeypox is not known to be transmitted via shared airspace and is rather spread through direct contact with the body fluid or pores of a person infected. Students not included in the priority groups for vaccine can protect themselves by washing their hands often, particularly after contact with high-touch surfaces or the skin of someone who appears to have a rash resembling monkeypox.

According to UCSB Student Health Services, there are limited numbers of students can receive the JYNNEOS vaccine for monkeypox. The guidance states that those who should prioritize getting the vaccine are people who have knowingly been in contact with someone who has monkeypox or "attended an event or venue where there was known monkeypox exposure." Students who are "gay, bisexual, or other men (including cisgender and transgender men) who have sex with men or transgender women" are included in the CDC’s priority groups for vaccine.

In a partnership between the Recreation & Wellness and University Health departments at the University of Maryland, the JYNNEOS vaccine is available for students at the University Health center. If you’re in the higher-risk group, Student Health recommends that you attend a clinic at the Student Health Center or see your primary care provider for vaccines can receive the JYNNEOS vaccine for monkeypox.

The most recent booster shot, which targets the original strain of COVID-19 virus as well as the Omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5, is available by appointment via the Student Health Patient Portal. Rapid testing remains available for students at the front desks of the residence halls, in the campus bookstore at the UCen, the Student Resource Building, Recreation Center and University Library.

The risk of outbreaks of the monkeypox and COVID-19 viruses are being currently monitored via data collection by the Santa Barbara Department of Public Health. As of Sept. 26, only 14 cases of monkeypox were confirmed in Santa Barbara County.

According to the CDC, survey 43% of respondents said they experienced symptoms of depression in the last year. 24.9% of students reported a diagnosis of a respiratory illness in the last 12 months before they took the survey.

The beginning of the year marks a period of adjustment for many students as they experience new living situations and new campus involvements, matching their current involvements to an ever-changing set of goals for the future.

Physical wellness specifically requires informed choices when it comes to precautions against illness and infection, alcohol, eating, reproductive health, sleep and stress management. A wellness map detailing where resources like condoms, menstrual products, hydration stations and rest chairs are located on campus can be found on the UCSB Health and Wellness website.

Swing by one of our ROWING info meetings to learn more

*No Experience Required
We bond over our undying love of my wall, I prepare myself for university Social Network” posters plastered to bright. With my LED lights and “The myself at risk” or something. This is not to say that my college experience thus far was bad: there were many moments that I truly enjoyed. I enjoyed getting to know new friends over matcha lattes at Caju and stir fry at the Carrillo Dining Commons. I enjoyed reminiscing my highs and lows of the work at my American Marketing Association social committee meetings. I enjoyed discussing and debating unconventional poetry with the people in my English 10 Honors section. But I was never fully filled with a college experience that I was worthy of one of these YouTube videos from 2015. But, things like this aren’t always as simple. A quarter-life crisis level mental breakdown isn’t always as simple as, college isn’t going the way I want it to”. Nevertheless, when college doesn’t exactly go the way you want it to, it doesn’t help. I was still getting to know people, letting the relationships progress slowly. Hopefully, somewhere along the line, we could eventually get to a point where we can call each other best friends. The thing was, everyone else had found their best friends. It seemed like everyone else know right away. For them, it seemed easy and fun, like they didn’t have to try as hard as I did. Then came an influx of infuriatingly aesthetic, Pinterest-worthy fall quarter Instagram photo dumps. My bookstore rendezvous and dinner at the dining hall didn’t seem as exciting or glamorous as they did before. (I am a senior in high school) only needed three months to find her lifelong friends at school. (I am a senior in high school) found her literal soulmate, the actual love of her life. [childhoodfriend] tells me over a FaceTime call that it all just happened, naturally.

My essay is due at 11:59 p.m. It’s 8:52 p.m. Four sentences. And all at once, it all hits me, and I begin to cry. The essay was not the only cause for my breakdown. As I stare out the window on the six-hour-long Amtrak bus back home, I listen to “Bittersweet Symphony” by The Verve in an attempt to have the oh-so-coveted ‘main character moment’ that everyone’s been talking about. You know the moment when the main character looks back on all they’ve been through—all the hardships and struggles—and focuses their gaze on an object into the distance, offering the camera a resolute yet attractive look signifying to the audience that it was all worth it.

I think, “Winter quarter, here I come.”

Amitha Bhat walked around campus last fall as though she was the star of the “Bittersweet Symphony” music video.