2015

STUDENT LIFE

ANNUAL REPORT

UC San Diego
Student Life consists of departments in Student Affairs and includes the Price Center and Student Center. Student Life comprises both the undergraduate and graduate student governments as well as departments offering campus–wide programs and services for students. Together these departments engage students in campus life, facilitate learning outside of class, and enrich students’ cultural and social experience.

Student Life supports the strategic goals of UC San Diego. This annual report highlights the recent accomplishments in support of these goals and new initiatives to further their advancement.
As a student-centered university, the university provides an education and experience that develops students who are capable of solving problems, leading and innovating in a diverse and interconnected world. Student Life offers experiences for students to develop these skills.

**DEVELOPING STUDENTS’ COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

Student Life opened the One-Button Studio, a presentation rehearsal studio that enables students to rehearse and video record a presentation on a flash drive with the touch of a button. In 2014-15, 300 students used the studio located in the Price Center.

**SUPPORTING SOCIAL INNOVATION**

Student Life created the website http://socialinnovation.ucsd.edu, an online clearinghouse with information about campus programs that support students who aspire to be social innovators and serve the needs of underserved populations.

**SUPPORTING CHANCELLOR’S ASSOCIATE SCHOLARS**

The Center for Student Involvement offered seminars and workshops on public speaking and leadership to the recipients of the Chancellor’s Associates Scholarship.

**PERFORMING ARTS MASTER CLASSES**

Students received hands-on instruction in dance and music from internationally renowned performing artists through ArtPower’s master class program and global music Innovators-in-Residence program.

**STUDENT CONTACT WITH FACULTY**

To facilitate faculty contact with students outside of the classroom, the Loft offered 17 Professor Unscripted Events attended by 882 students.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

379
Number of students who registered for Discover the Law, a legal education program featuring 40 workshops on over 30 legal topics facilitated by Student Legal Services.

80
Number of students who submitted films in ArtPower’s sixth annual Up and Coming Film Competition.

45
Number of students involved in the Associated Students who participated in the four-month Raising the Bar leadership program.
FOSTERING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

The university has a goal of cultivating a diverse and inclusive university community that encourages respectful open dialogue, and challenges itself to take bold actions to ensure learning is accessible and affordable for all.

TEACHING INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATION

In 2015-16, all student organization principal members of student organizations will participate in the art of inclusive communication workshop offered by the National Conflict Resolution Center. An estimated 2,000 students will take this workshop.

BLACK LEGACY MURAL

Completed in Price Center East, the mural portrays leaders who inspired and advanced the civil rights of African Americans. The nearby dining area is part of the project and includes custom tabletops with a biography and photograph of each historical figure in the mural. The project was a collaboration among Student Affairs, Black Student Union, Black Resource Center, and University Centers.

SUPPORTING THE ENROLLMENT OF DIVERSE STUDENTS

The student-run access and retention center, SPACES, coordinated one of the major tracks of the Triton Day overnight program attended by 106 prospective students.

FOSTERING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN GREEK LIFE

Greek student leaders created Greeks United for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (GUIDE) to advocate for inclusive recruitment practices and provide education about social justice and equity, diversity and inclusivity issues, while heightening awareness of culture and equity-minded leadership.

SUPPORTING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

111 incoming students from households where neither parent attended college participated in the Triton Community Leadership Institute, a year-round student retention program with a summer overnight component. As a result of participating in the Institute, 77% of the students strongly agreed and 17% of the students agreed they felt more prepared for their first year at UC San Diego.

TRITON FOOD PANTRY

Triton Food Pantry opened at the Student Center to support students who are experiencing food insecurity. In less than two quarters, the food pantry gave out 2,091 parcels of food. The service is run by the Associated Students. In 2015-16, the Food Pantry will distribute fresh produce and offer workshops about resources including CalFresh.
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**PROVIDING SERVICE TO SAN DIEGO AND BEYOND**

As a public institution, UC San Diego is committed to serving the local community and state. The university has established a goal to support and promote just and sustainable forms of economic development, shared prosperity, and social and cultural enrichment regionally and globally. Student Life advances this goal through a variety of initiatives including a broad range of community service programs.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**
The Center for Student Involvement operates three community service vans that transport students to 17 schools, most of which are located south of Interstate 8. The van program supports all UC San Diego community service programs, including programs coordinated by the Center for Student Involvement and CREATE. The service offered 625 rides in 2014–15.

**ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**
Over 300 students participated in 18 regional, national, and international community service trips.

**PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE**
25 students and student organizations received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for completing at least 100 hours of service, attending service learning workshops, and meeting other requirements.

**ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THE ARTS**
UC San Diego’s performing arts program, ArtPower, held a number of student engagement programs that were widely attended by UC San Diego and K–12 students.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE TRANSPORTATION**

**ALTERNATIVE BREAKS**

**PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THE ARTS**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**2,225**
UC San Diego students attended ArtPower events ranging from contemporary dance and film screenings to classical, jazz, and world music performances.

**1,600**
K–12 students attended free matinée performances featuring international dance companies and musical groups.

**80**
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promoting a healthy, vibrant campus environment

TRITON FEST
To engage entering students, Student Affairs launched the Triton Fest program, a series of alcohol and drug-free events scheduled the first three weekends (both Friday and Saturday) of the fall quarter. Average attendance to each event was 1,300 students. Due to its popularity, Triton Fest was expanded to the first five weekends of Fall Quarter 2015.

stay with me campaign
In partnership with Student Health Services, the Associated Students Graphics Studio developed an extensive alcohol and drug education campaign.

facility improvements to price center and student center
The University Centers benefited from a student referendum to increase the University Centers fee, which will fund a number of facility improvements to the Price Center and Student Center. In the coming academic year, the Pub facility at the Student Center will be remodeled to improve the Stage Room and restaurant space in the facility. Additional dining seating will be added to the Price Center and two new restaurants, Starbucks and Lemongrass Farm Fresh Plates, will open.

by the numbers

12,151
Number of students attending the 169 events held at the Loft.

20%
Increase in the number of students attending Loft events from last year.

58,000
Number of students attending the 45 events supported by the University Events Office.

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SUPPORTING GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate and professional students constitute a significant portion of the student body. Student Life offers programs and services specific to their needs. Examples include:

The University Centers established a programming fund to underwrite events sponsored by the Graduate Student Association in the Price Center and Student Center.

Student Life assisted in the development of the 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Experience and Satisfaction Survey which was completed by 1,400 students.

The Loft sponsored a series of graduate student events.

The Center for Student Involvement co-sponsored Grad Slam, a Graduate Division competition that tests the ability of graduate students to present their doctoral research in three minutes. The competitors were provided access to public speaking coaches and the One Button Studio.

Student Life developed a graduate student track of the Art of Inclusive Communication presented by the National Conflict Resolution Center.

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20% of the attendees of Student Life Communication and Leadership seminars are graduate students.
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**SPOTLIGHT ON 2015-16 INITIATIVES**

**SHOWCASING DIVERSE ARTISTS**
ArtPower is featuring both regional and international artists including the Grammy winning band La Santa Cecilia from Los Angeles. The Raza Resource Centro and the Ethnic Studies Department are partners on this performance.

**STUDENT ELECTION SYSTEM**
A new automated student election system will replace the outdated system. The new system will facilitate elections of the student governments and college councils and student fee referenda.

**SUSTAINABLE FOOD EXPO**
The University Centers organizes this annual campus event featuring over 25 local vendors producing sustainably-sourced food products, many of which are sold on campus. The event is held in the Price Center ballroom and is open to students, staff and faculty.

**STUDENT CENTER PUB FACILITY RENOVATION**
The Pub facility will be renovated including the restaurant dining space, the Stage Room event space, and the exterior of the building. Undergraduates and graduate student leaders will be involved in selecting a new restaurant for the facility.

**NEW FOOD SERVICES**
In the fall, Starbucks and Lemongrass Farm Fresh Plates will open in the Price Center.

**SUPPORTING COMMUTER STUDENTS**
The University Centers is adding a staff position that will provide support services to commuter students. This includes services and resources to assist students finding housing off campus.

**GREEK ORGANIZATION PEER EDUCATION**
The Greek Life Office received a grant from the Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to deliver peer education programs to students members of fraternities and sororities about community building within the context of equity, diversity and inclusion. Program topics include cultural appreciation and bystander intervention strategies.

**SUPPORTING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS**
The University Centers allocated additional facility space to expand the Black Resource Center and Intertribal Resource Center.

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