STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

AT UC SAN DIEGO
MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

At UC San Diego, scholarships and student success programs are integral to our commitment to providing opportunity for all. And thanks to your visionary support, our students are able to pursue their dreams of making our world a better place.

This dedication to our students’ lifelong success has a tangible impact here and far beyond our campus, which is why our $400 million Student Support and Success Initiative is a central priority of the Campaign for UC San Diego.

By providing future Tritons with the resources they need to succeed at UC San Diego, we are equipping the next generation of changemakers with the knowledge, skills, and support to ensure their lifelong success. A burgeoning system of programs and services will help address students’ academic, financial, and personal hurdles, while an increasingly robust and immersive college experience will provide live, learn, play communities; unprecedented connections across the San Diego region; and wide-ranging educational opportunities in the classroom and beyond.

Thank you again for enabling our students to succeed without limits. Your gifts empower them to ask questions and look deeper at the world, society, and the future.

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Student Support and Success Initiative

Our vision for a wide-ranging network of direct aid, programs, and services gives our students increased access to a UC San Diego education through financial and academic support, a comprehensive learning and teaching infrastructure, an inclusive and diverse network of mentors and peer tutors, and experiential learning opportunities outside the classroom.

UC San Diego’s Student Support and Success Initiative is an opportunity for us to build on — and expand — critically important support programs, pursue academic success innovations, and better connect students with the resources they need to graduate on time and prepared for their lifelong pursuits.

Scholarships and fellowships attract and retain a student body that is talented, ambitious, competitive, inclusive, and mirrors California’s diversity.

Access and success programs offer mentorship opportunities and material resources to help ease the stressful transition to college, contributing to our students’ long-term success.
The Teaching + Learning Commons advances teaching excellence and student success through a campus network of innovative academic resources.

Diversity and inclusion programs create a campus culture of inclusion, open dialogue, mutual respect, and collaboration that celebrates diverse perspectives.

Student experiences expand personal, social, and academic horizons through exploration and investigation of our world — because education is more than what is learned in a classroom.

Thanks to the support of our philanthropic partners, these programs and priorities create a system of success — transforming what possibility means for our students now and in the future.

We invite you to meet some of these dynamic, curious changemakers . . .
Recipient of the
UC SAN DIEGO BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES

As part of the Black Men’s Collective at the Black Resource Center on campus, Khalid continues to gain confidence, define his voice, and uplift others. With an emphasis on scholarship, leadership, and community, the center provides a supportive and open environment for dialogue. Students and alumni work together to solve problems and provide a solid foundation for a lifetime of success. For Khalid, this combination of networking, cooperation, and education has inspired him beyond words.

Khalid is a first-generation college student and a communication major with a minor in interdisciplinary computing and the arts. His emphasis on two typically divergent fields has allowed Khalid to navigate the extremes of expression. Early on, he started his journey by connecting with the Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS) for pre-enrollment advice, peer coaching, and professional counseling. “OASIS is so welcoming and inclusive,” he says, and its mission of collaboration, validation, equity, and social justice, “really makes you aware of the world.”
Sadie found her calling at UC San Diego HIV Neurobehavioral Research Center (HNRC). Doing meaningful work for a population that often doesn’t get the resources or attention it needs sparked her compassion and stimulated her intellect.

“This job has broadened my knowledge of the effects of HIV/AIDS and has even inspired me to take an HIV/AIDS biology class this quarter to learn more,” says Sadie, who works in the HNRC Neuromedicine Core. In the summer of her third year, she accepted a part-time job at the center, located at the UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest, after applying through UC San Diego’s Career Center.

As a biochemistry and cell biology student, Sadie says she’s grateful to put her schooling to work in such a profound way. She says she’s excited to keep probing new pursuits during her time at UC San Diego and she’s eager to use that knowledge well into the future as she prepares for life after graduation.
Recipient of the
CHANCELLOR’S ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP

When Anthony is not in class or serving on the board of the Native American Student Alliance, one of his favorite campus activities is the weekly Language Conversation Tables at UC San Diego's International House, which allow students to teach and learn languages in a natural environment. Anthony enjoys learning through conversation because it strengthens his communication skills while allowing him to socialize. He says his passion for learning American Sign Language allows him to experience the camaraderie of a silent population that few people are capable of communicating with directly.

Still in his first year as a mathematics major, Anthony is eager to take part in all facets of campus life. Anthony has already assisted many successful campus events through the Intertribal Resource Center, including the UC San Diego Powwow, a Native American gathering focused on dance, song, and family celebration. He says participating in activities that encourage the community of Native American students at UC San Diego to connect and share their heritage with others fills him with great honor and pride.
Recipient of the
REGENTS SCHOLARSHIP

At Muir’s LGBTQIA+ Living Learning Center, Lauren joined the governing council and found a home that brings together undergraduates from all colleges to help create a supportive, inclusive, and thriving campus community. She also lets her design skills shine in her work with the annual Muir Musical as a costume assistant.

“I’ve always been interested in sewing, and I really wanted to get involved,” said Lauren, who loves the opportunity to see her work in the spotlight. It’s especially meaningful to design beautiful costumes for a community that some would like to keep out of the spotlight and out of the mainstream.

Lauren, a cognitive and behavioral neuroscience student with minors in design and sociology, has been exploring diverse leadership and team-building experiences at UC San Diego. She was inspired to spearhead an intra-community allyship program that examines what it means to be an ally to LGBTQIA+ students among other campus communities. She also works as a resident advisor at Muir, establishing herself as a trusted student resource for undergraduates.
Recipient of the
TOWN AND GOWN LUCY AND JIM HAUGH SCHOLARSHIP

Sometimes the most courageous step is simply asking for help. Yet Sara knows how hard it can be to admit that you feel overwhelmed. By asking for help, however, she found out that UC San Diego is exactly where she belongs.

Sara is a transfer student and computer science major, specializing in bioinformatics, however, when she first arrived on campus, she had a hard time keeping pace with her classmates. But instead of giving up or stepping back, Sara stepped forward and accepted the help of empathetic class tutors.

“They came to my rescue,” she said. And the experience inspired her to help ease the academic journey for her peers by becoming a tutor herself. After just one year at UC San Diego, she came full circle and accepted a position tutoring in the computer science and engineering department.

Now in her fourth year, a passion for science, medicine, and technology, combined with a love of helping others, has led her to pursue her MD/PhD in childhood cancer research.
Recipient of the 
CHANCELLOR’S SCHOLARSHIP

David knows that science will shape our future, and he’s working on environmentally friendly ways to shape it for the better. His work isn’t just practical: it’s fun and it’s relevant. He is part of UC San Diego’s industrious Human-Powered Generator team that is developing a prototype skateboard that converts kinetic energy into electricity that can charge a mobile phone.

As one of the youngest members of UC San Diego’s Engineers for a Sustainable World, David has immersed himself in the mentor-mentee program on several projects. In addition to transforming skateboard motion into kilowatts, David works with the CommUnity Garden, a STEM workshop and outreach program at The Preuss School UC San Diego, applying a hands-on approach to engineering.

David has just begun his UC San Diego adventure, but the ambitious computer science major says that he doesn’t want to be limited in his thinking or his studies. To that end, he is balancing accelerated coding classes with a class in philosophy that challenges his capacity to think rationally. If he’s going to discover new methods for solving problems, David knows that he has to think differently.
Your gift of a UC San Diego education is life-changing and lifelong.

Support for a broad range of scholarships—from merit- and need-based to athletic and co-curricular—open the doors to UC San Diego education for thousands of students like those you just met in the preceding pages.

Support for diversity and inclusion programs such as UC San Diego’s campus community centers connects students like Anthony, Lauren, and Khalid with communities whose shared experiences engage them in campus life.

Support for student success initiatives, including the Teaching + Learning Commons, help provide students like Sara with the academic resources they need to succeed at UC San Diego and beyond.

And your contributions to research opportunities for undergraduates like Sadie and David can help set students on a path that transforms their—and our—futures.
For these students and many others, your gifts ensure that they leave UC San Diego equipped with the tools to succeed, bringing them one step closer to achieving their dreams. But your gift also means something else, something bigger: that the next generation of changemakers is prepared to make our world a better place.
Thank you.

At UC San Diego, our community of students, faculty, and staff are committed to living and learning without limits. Your philanthropic support makes this possible.
Help us continue the nontradition.

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