

Resource Guide

Black Student Community



Welcoming Atmosphere



Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

At UC Santa Barbara, our community encompasses a rich and diverse mix of cultures, backgrounds, talents, and perspectives. This diversity is an essential part of our academic excellence. I would like to invite you to get further acquainted with our vibrant campus life. This Black Student Community Resource Guide provides information on a wonderful variety of student clubs, programs, organizations, cultural events, activities, and campus services. This is a special time for you as you think about your future, and we are excited that you are considering our campus as the next step in your education!

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- #5** public university in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, 2019
- 50%** of UCSB students conduct research with faculty
- 73%** of undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students
- 18:1** student-to-faculty ratio
- 19,000+** students live on or within a mile of campus



Marcus Mathis
Assistant Director,
Diversity Initiatives

At UCSB, we are proud of our student community. Our students develop dynamic leadership and interpersonal skills by taking advantage of over 500 registered student organizations and a variety of internship, mentorship and volunteer opportunities. I hope you enjoy this Black Student Community Resource Guide. It includes just a sampling of our outstanding students, energetic organizations and incredible services on campus.

We also want you to know just how much our students grow, thrive and achieve as they pursue their academic and research endeavors. Many of our students collaborate directly with faculty on original research or creative projects through a myriad of programs including URCA (Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities) as well as the McNair Scholars Program. These programs, along with our student-to-faculty ratio of 18:1, allow UCSB students to form close and lasting relationships with their professors. The result is a truly a collaborative atmosphere amongst students, faculty and staff that we are excited for you to join.

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Department of Black Studies

UCSB offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Black Studies and a minor in Black Studies. Students who graduate with a degree in Black Studies work in the fields of education, social work or politics, and many pursue graduate degrees in law and medicine among other disciplines. Black Studies faculty are available to students who are pursuing graduate degrees in other departments on topics related to Black Studies.

blackstudies.ucsb.edu

Center for Black Studies Research

The UCSB Center for Black Studies Research is one of the oldest centers of its kind in the country. It organizes and administers interdisciplinary research among faculty and students on the histories and cultures of Africans and their descendants. The center offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to get involved in research activities. Students are invited to attend events and colloquia or join the center's staff and faculty on new, exciting research.

research.ucsb.edu/cbs



McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program is a two-year program that offers seminars, graduate school preparation and faculty-mentored undergraduate research designed to encourage talented eligible undergraduates who are first-generation and/or low-income to pursue Ph.D. programs. mcnair.ucsb.edu
mcnair@mcnair.ucsb.edu | (805) 893-3615

Gaicho Family ›

UCSB graduates join a network of 217,000 Gauchos worldwide. Students and alumni enjoy access to Handshake, a platform for internship and job postings offered by Career Services.



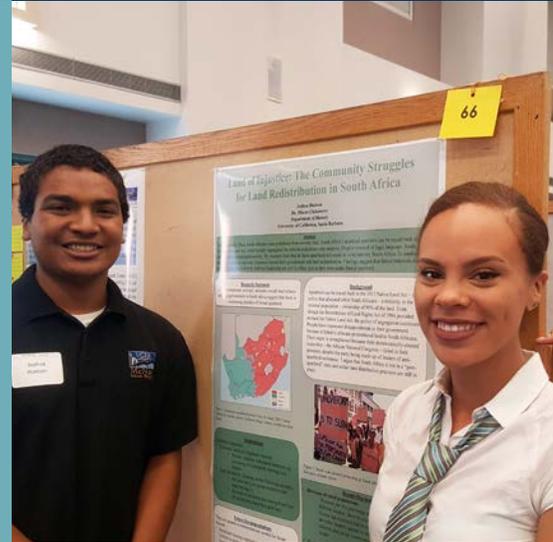
Artistic Expression ›

Students living in the Black Scholars Floor in Santa Rosa Residence Hall create art to celebrate community.



◀ Celebrating Culture

The African diasporic Cultural Resource Center (AdCRC) in the Student Resource Building offers a space for students to study, meet and network. The AdCRC focuses on academic excellence, cultural awareness, leadership development, social involvement and proactive civic engagement.



Campus Events

UCSB students enjoy access to a wide variety of socials, BBQs, concerts and other events throughout the year. Here, students and staff enjoy an "I Heart the 90s" celebration.



◀ Dr. Vilna Bashi Treitler

Chair, Department of Black Studies
The Department of Black Studies seeks to increase the general awareness and understanding of the Black experience through an examination of its historical and contemporary manifestations in various societies. The department serves more than 4,000 students per year.



Black Family Weekend ›

During Black Family Weekend, students invite their families to campus to enjoy food, performances and more.





Dr. Meridith Merchant ›

Psychologist, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

CAPS is committed to providing effective and culturally appropriate mental health services to all UCSB students.

CAPS can help with stress management, problem solving and building self-confidence.



Research Experience

Each year, UCSB students have the opportunity to present their original research to faculty, staff and fellow students at the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (URCA) Colloquium.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER



MCC Programming

The UCSB MultiCultural Center (MCC) hosts a variety of lectures, performances, films and exhibits to increase campus-wide cultural awareness.

mcc.sa.ucsb.edu

North Hall



North Hall Murals

In 1968, twelve Black UCSB students took over North Hall's second floor to demand the creation of a minority program on campus. The Department of Black Studies opened a year later in 1969. Today, murals commemorate the historic takeover.



Kareen Louis ›

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Counselor

EOP Counselors work with students individually and in group settings to help navigate campus resources, work through issues and achieve success.



Black Graduation

Each year, the campus hosts the Black Graduation ceremony and celebration. About 86% of recent graduates have either full-time or part-time positions after graduation.

Unmatched Resources



African diasporic Cultural Resource Center

The AdCRC supports the communities of the African diaspora and aids in the overall retention and graduation rates of Black students at UCSB. AdCRC staff strive to create and maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all to acquire knowledge in relation to the diversity of cultures within the African diaspora.

sa.ucsb.edu/eop/AdCRC

Educational Opportunity Program

EOP services all students while focusing on low-income and first-generation undergraduates. EOP provides mentorship, social and cultural programming, one-on-one counseling and advising, campus support referrals and academic programs. EOP helps students enhance their preparation for the job market or graduate school admission.

sa.ucsb.edu/EOP | EOP@sa.ucsb.edu | (805) 893-4758

Education Abroad Program

EAP allows UCSB students to study in places like the United Kingdom, Ghana, Barbados, Brazil, Tanzania and Spain while earning course credit. Students can select from a list of over 40 countries around the world. There are opportunities for students in every major, and programs range in length from one quarter to one year. eap.ucsb.edu

Employment Opportunities

UCSB students have many options for campus jobs and internships. Handshake is the official site for jobs, internships and on-campus interviews. Student positions on campus are also offered through Arts & Lectures, Associated Students, Career Services, Student Affairs, Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Enterprises, Intercollegiate Athletics, the UCSB Library, Recreational and Intramural Sports, the University Center and more.

career.sa.ucsb.edu/career-resources



Getting Involved

Black Student Organizations

UCSB has more than 500 student organizations including academic, cultural, faith-based, Greek, political, service-based, social and more. For a complete list of campus organizations at UCSB, please visit osl.sa.ucsb.edu.

- › Akanke
- › Black Business Association
- › Black Graduation Committee
- › Black Pioneer Renaissance Organization (BPRO)
- › Black Square
- › Black Student Engagement Program
- › Blackwatch
- › Impact
- › The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated (NPHC)
- › National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- › Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

MultiCultural Center

The UCSB MultiCultural Center presents events each quarter—including lectures, films and videos, panel discussions, readings, art exhibitions, and music, dance and dramatic performances—to increase cultural awareness. The MultiCultural Center lounge is a great space to study, read newspapers or magazines, relax or meet with friends. Every Wednesday, the MCC hosts “Cup of Culture,” a weekly coffee house and movie night. During Dead Week and finals the MCC is a quiet and comfortable place to study.

mcc.sa.ucsb.edu

Black Scholars Floor

The Black Scholars Floor is an inclusive Living-Learning Community in the Santa Rosa Residence Hall dedicated to students within the African diaspora. This floor provides mentorship which fosters a community-building environment. Residents have the opportunity to participate in bonding events organized by current Resident Assistant, allowing students to create lasting friendships.

housing.ucsb.edu/residence-halls/living-learning-communities

Spotlight: Black Student Union



The Black Student Union (BSU) is a UCSB student organization that was created to establish a safe, supportive and empowering space for members within the Black community. BSU hosts weekly meetings for all students to increase awareness of current social, cultural and political movements. By fostering an inclusive space comprised of diverse members across the African diaspora, BSU hopes to unify students through cross-cultural dialogue and understanding. Members of BSU challenge their fellow members to “lift as they climb” by advocating for the advancement of Black communities.

bsuatucsb.weebly.com



African American Student Perspectives



Alexandra Gessesse

Major: Black Studies and Philosophy

Why UCSB? I picked UCSB because it felt like a home the moment I walked on campus. The flowers by the Financial Aid office, warm sun and friendly people just felt so right the moment I

left the parking garage. I knew this was for me when I felt the happiness come from within me!

Black Community I would describe the Black community here as "small, but mighty." Everyone here is so talented, so plugged in, it feels like my second family. We really do "Gaucho back."



Michael Stallworth

Majors: Sociology and Black Studies

Why UCSB? From the moment I stepped foot on campus, I knew that UCSB was the perfect fit for me. The warm weather, welcoming and positive students, and the endless amount of

resources the campus offers speaks to how the university truly cares about their students. I knew that I would be able to thrive here both academically and socially.

Black Community The Black community at UCSB is a very tight knit group of determined and intelligent individuals who want to make a change on campus and in the world by advocating for unity and diversity. This community is what made me want to take Black Studies courses and pursue it as my second major.



Louis Hill

Major: Communication

Why UCSB? I chose UCSB first and foremost because of the academics. I felt that I would gain a strong education from the professors, and the resources provided for students here were too good to pass up! However,

once I visited the campus, saw the community, and saw how happy and social everyone was here compared to other college campuses I knew this place was where I needed to be.

Black Community I would describe the Black community as friendly, lively, and supportive. No matter how involved you are in the Black community and the events they put on around campus they're always ready to help and be a resource. From strangers in the community, and friends as well, everyone is welcoming and open, ready to flash you a smile and engage in conversations.



Jahleane Dolne

Major: Biological Sciences

Why UCSB? After considering many factors, UCSB ended up being the place in which I decided to spend my college career. After Orientation and my first few months of school, I could honestly say that I am so happy that I did

not choose any other university. The community that I found among my peers and the supportive environment fostered by the school has helped me truly love my experience.

Black Community I would describe the Black community as a very welcoming and supportive group of people. Each individual I have met comes from a different background which brings a great amount of diversity within this community. I had the opportunity to live in the Black Scholars Hall my freshman year and it allowed me to develop strong relationships that will continue even after I have graduated from UCSB.

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