This year's incoming class -- some 5,000 freshman and transfer students strong -- gathered near the campus lagoon September 18th for ceremonial induction into the UCSB academic family.

The new students heard Chancellor Henry T. Yang, keynote speaker Dr. Bertice Berry, student body president Mahader Tesfai, and others offer words of advice, encouragement, friendship and acceptance.

In turn, the new students were asked to make fresh commitments scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

One sentiment was oft-repeated in the remarks of all:

Welcome!

About UC Santa Barbara

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.