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## **UCSB Offers Admission to 18,706 for Fall 2003**

The University of California, Santa Barbara has offered admission for its Fall 2003 entering class to a total of 18,706 high school students. The prospective freshmen were selected from a pool of 37,308 applicants, 3,012 more than last year. Of those admitted, 92 percent are enrolled in California high schools.

The admitted students had an average total combined score on the required SAT I examinations of 1239, up 9 points over last year. The average Grade Point Average was unchanged at 3.94. Among all applicants, 10,140 had a Grade Point Average of 4.0 or higher.

"The class of applicants that we have admitted this year is exceptional for both its academic quality and its diversity," said UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang. "My colleagues and I are now working diligently to ensure that UCSB next fall enrolls its most outstanding and diverse class ever."

All of the UC campuses are releasing admissions statistics today. The UC Office of the President is posting systemwide statistics on the World-Wide Web at [www.ucop.edu/news/studstaff.html](http://www.ucop.edu/news/studstaff.html)

Of all applicants admitted to UCSB, 42 percent identified themselves as members of a racial or ethnic minority group. The race or ethnicity of applicants is not disclosed to the campuses by the UC system until after admissions decisions are made.

Compared with last year, UCSB has accepted larger numbers of applicants from all underrepresented minority groups with the sole exception of American Indians.

UCSB acceptance letters were mailed on March 18. Applicants also were able to learn if they were admitted via a protected web site.

Applicants who have been accepted by any UC campus have until May 1 to submit a signed Statement of Intent to Register. UCSB expects its Fall 2003 entering class to number approximately 3,950.

"I'm struck by what an accomplished group of students we have admitted," said Christine Van Gieson, UCSB's director of admissions. "These are students with impressive grade point averages and test scores who have taken advantage of a rigorous curriculum while in high school and also have participated fully in school activities and in their communities."

The total number of California applicants from all underrepresented minority groups combined who were accepted by UCSB was 3,326, or 290 more than last year, an increase of 9.5 percent. The 2,765 Chicano and Latino applicants accepted were 283 more than last year; the 450 African-American applicants accepted were 9 more than last year. The 119 American-Indian applicants accepted were 4 fewer than last year.

Chancellor Yang attributes the campus's success in attracting a highly qualified and very diverse applicant pool to "the determined efforts of many people and every department at UCSB." Faculty and staff members as well as students and alumni are involved in a variety of activities aimed at making personal contact with applicants who have been accepted, talking to them about the campus and the opportunities it offers, and answering questions.

Chancellor Yang serves as host at a series of receptions UCSB sponsors around the state for applicants who have been accepted. At these popular events, volunteers from the campus -- faculty and staff members, students, administrators, and alumni -- speak about the institution, its programs and opportunities. Close to 5,000 guests attended such receptions this year.

In addition, many special events and programs for admitted students are being held on the campus this month.

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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.