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UC Santa Barbara Offers Admission to 22,168 For Fall 2007

The University of California, Santa Barbara has offered a place in its fall 2007 entering class to a total of 22,168 high school seniors. The prospective UCSB freshmen were selected from a pool of 40,912 applicants. UCSB expects its fall 2007 entering class to number approximately 4,200.

Applications from 7,896 students seeking to transfer to UC Santa Barbara are still under review, with decisions to be announced in May. The campus expects to enroll some 1,450 transfer students in the fall.

Both the academic qualifications and the diversity of the class of applicants accepted are at record high levels.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang said UCSB's success in attracting an outstanding applicant pool was the product of

"the concerted efforts of my colleagues in every department on our campus." He noted that UCSB was now focused on working to ensure that the class it enrolls in the fall will be the campus's most talented and diverse ever. Over the past month, Chancellor Yang served as the host of several successful and well-attended UCSB receptions in the Bay Area, Orange County, and Los Angeles for high-achieving applicants and their family members to discuss UCSB and its programs and opportunities.

All of the UC undergraduate campuses are releasing admissions statistics today. The UC Office of the President is posting systemwide statistics on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ucop.edu/news/factsheets/fall2007adm.html>

UCSB freshman acceptance letters were mailed in mid-March. 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 Statement of Intent to Register.

The average high school Grade Point Average of the applicants admitted by UCSB was 3.98, compared with 3.97 last year. The average total score on the required SATR Test was 1866 out of a possible 2400, up from 1864 last year. The averages for the three component parts were: SATR Math, 636; SATR Reading, 616; SATR Writing, 614.

Of all applicants admitted to UCSB, 47.3 percent identified themselves as members of a racial or ethnic minority group – up from 47.1 percent last year. Individual applicants to UC are not identified to the campuses by race or ethnicity until after all admission decisions are made.

Of those admitted, 93.3 percent, or 20,690, are enrolled in California high schools. Among those students, members of underrepresented minority groups (African-American, American Indian, and Chicano and Latino students) account for 21.6 percent, up from 21.1 percent last year. The total number of California applicants from all underrepresented minority groups combined who were accepted by UCSB was 4,444, or 383 more than last year, an increase of 9.4 percent. The 3,773 Chicano and Latino applicants accepted were 317 more than last year. The number of African-American students admitted was 67 more than last year. American Indian applicants who were accepted totaled 1 fewer than the previous year.

UCSB faculty and staff members as well as students and alumni are now 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. At the weekend receptions hosted by Chancellor Yang last month, volunteers from the campus met with applicants and their family members to discuss UC Santa Barbara and answer questions about its academic programs, student life, financial aid, and other topics.

Christine Van Gieson, director of admissions, encouraged admitted students to now visit the campus. "This is an exciting time for accepted students and their families, as students explore their college choices and prepare to make important decisions about their future," she said.

"We enjoy welcoming them to the campus during April. A great time for families to visit is during our upcoming Spring Insight Open House on Saturday, April 14."

Last year, Spring Insight attracted more than 6,000 visitors to the UC Santa Barbara campus. Activities during the day include presentations by each of the three UC Santa Barbara colleges as well as faculty lectures, student panels, and information sessions on financial aid, summer orientation, student activities and organizations, and other topics. Tours of the campus will also be offered.

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