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## **UCSB Earns Top 25 Ranking in Peace Corps List**

UC Santa Barbara has received the No. 18 ranking in the annual list of colleges and universities that produced the most Peace Corps volunteers in 2008.

UCSB is tied with UC San Diego at No. 18 in the Peace Corps's Top 25 list of large colleges and universities, with 49 volunteers from each campus. There is also one graduate student from UCSB serving as a volunteer. The UCSB representatives are working in 76 countries.

Other UC universities and their rankings are UC Berkeley, No. 4 with 83 volunteers; UC Davis, No. 15, with 53 volunteers; and UCLA, No. 17 with 50 volunteers.

For the third year in a row, University of Washington was ranked No. 1 in the large universities list, with 104 volunteers. UC Santa Cruz was No. 2 in the medium colleges and universities list, with 52 volunteers.

The Peace Corps was created in 1961 when President Kennedy called upon America's youth to serve by volunteering to live and work in developing countries. In the past 47 years, 1,472 UCSB alumni have served as Peace Corps volunteers.

"On behalf of the Peace Corps, please accept my profound gratitude for your support of the agency and its volunteers," Ron Tschetter, director of the Peace Corps, said in a letter to UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang. "Your support has been instrumental to the success of the Peace Corps, and we look forward to continuing a successful

collaboration in the decades to come."

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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.