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UCSB Is a Leader in Graduates Selected by Teach for America

Forty-two UC Santa Barbara graduates have been selected by Teach for America to work as beginning teachers in public schools in low-income communities across the country, an increase of 11 students over the previous year.

The campus is among the top 20 large universities with the greatest number of students admitted to the highly competitive, nonprofit public service program.

According to Teach for America, participants selected for its program are outstanding college graduates, graduate students, and professionals who commit to teach for two years in underserved schools in urban and rural public school districts in an effort to expand educational opportunities.

This year, a record 48,000 applications for the program were received, of which 5,200 were accepted.

Graduates from 1,500 colleges and universities applied for the teaching positions.

Teachers earn a starting teacher's salary in the districts where they are placed.

UCSB ranked number 19 in the category of large colleges and universities.

Other UC campuses included in the top 20 were UC Berkeley with 89 students, and UCLA with 61.

Information about the program is available at www.teachforamerica.org.

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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.