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Off to College

The <u>Early Academic Outreach Program</u> (EAOP) at UC Santa Barbara will hold a series of UC Success Night events through May 2 to celebrate the academic success of seniors from UCSB's EAOP partnership schools who have been admitted to the UC system.

UC-admitted seniors and their families from Fillmore, Santa Paula, Rio Mesa, South, Carpinteria and Channel Islands high schools, as well as those from the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, are invited to attend their respective school's event.

The program includes a presentation of awards and of State Proclamations from local Senate and Assembly members in recognition of students' academic achievement, and student keynote speeches will be delivered in both English and Spanish.

U.S. Congressman Salud Carbajal will attend the April 20 event in Santa Maria, and California Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin will be present at the Channel Islands event April 27.

Attendees also will have the opportunity to meet UCSB faculty and staff members, administrators, alumni and undergraduate students, as well as network with other students and families from their hometown who may be attending the same universities in the fall.

"This is an amazing year of successes for the entire team," said Britt Ortiz, EAOP director. "We are hosting seven different UC Success Nights across six districts.

Several of our partnership schools achieved all-time historical highs in UC applications and admissions for their students this year. We are so appreciative to be part of their success.

"We have the unique opportunity of serving in a leadership capacity when it comes to the college and career readiness efforts of all nine of our partnership high schools," Ortiz continued. "This is yet another way of celebrating the success and acknowledging the achievements of our students and their families who we assist throughout their high school careers."

The UC Success Night honoring Rio Mesa High School students will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, in the school cafeteria. The event for the high schools in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District will follow at 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Veterans' Memorial Hall, 500 N. Pine St.

The UC Success Night for Santa Paula High School will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, in the school's Bryden Gym, 404 N. 6th St. Carpinteria High School students will be recognized at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in that school's cafeteria, 4810 Foothill Rd. Channel Islands High School students and their families are invited to attend an event at 6 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the school cafeteria, 1400 Raiders Way, Oxnard. The series will conclude at South High School with students honored at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, in the school's cafeteria, 1101 Planz Rd., Bakersfield.

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.