

Fall Welcome

FROM THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Welcome to UCSB, new Gauchos and welcome back, returning students!

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EOP Fall Welcome

Let's celebrate over 50 years of student empowerment!

STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING (SRB)
FIRST FLOOR: NORTHSIDE LAWN
SEPT 22, 2021 | WEDNESDAY | 12:00-3:00PM



Register here:
<https://cglink.me/2dD/r1245738>

For more information
contact: 805.893.4758 or
EOP@SA.UCSB.EDU

Join Us For EOP Fall Welcome 2021

Our annual welcome event will be held
Wednesday, September 22nd
12 pm-3 pm

SRB Northside lawn - In Person & Outdoors

(1pm-2pm portion available via Zoom)

[Register on Shoreline](#)



Aaron Jones

Director

Words from Our Director

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time." — Angela Davis.

I've been reflecting on the moment we now find ourselves. After having our lives "interrupted" for the past seventeen months, we now find ourselves, at least within the context of our lives as members of the UC Santa Barbara community, on the precipice of re-emerging from our isolation and re-engaging in our community. And although this elicits a wide range of thoughts, feelings and emotions, from invigorating excitement, to cautious curiosity to consternating concern, we are nonetheless faced with traversing the next steps together. What we have experienced and endured to be here right now has been unfathomable, unprecedented and replete with unknowns. Yet, in spite of it all, WE ARE STILL HERE.

On behalf of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at UC Santa Barbara, I want to convey a very special and heartfelt welcome to all new and returning Gauchos! As Director, it is my honor and privilege to be of service to each of you and the campus community. Please know, not only is EOP here for you, we never left! At the onset of the global pandemic, EOP swiftly transitioned to a virtual platform and, working together, continued our work unabated in providing holistic support to our students. I say this to you because a) it is true, b) it needs to be articulated and c) because Team EOP never ceased in our commitment and service to our community. That fact is embedded in the very foundation of our department. It is the legacy we cherish and of which you are an essential and resilient part.

As such it is paramount that you know EOP was born from the struggles for social justice and equality during the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-1960's. Specifically, EOP exists as a result of students just like yourselves, from the same or similar communities you come from, at the same point in their lives as you are now, who insisted this society and our institutions establish and maintain structures and services to assist and advance the educational dreams and aspirations of people who historically had been denied access to higher education. I share this because a) it is true, b) each of you are the inheritors of this historic and courageous legacy, and c) we have fifty-five years of proven service, dedication and student success to back it up!

While at UCSB, I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources available to you throughout the campus and in the Educational Opportunity Program. Our EOP counselors are highly skilled professionals here to provide holistic support during your tenure and successful matriculation through the University, to graduation and beyond. In addition, we coordinate programming in the Cultural Resource Centers (CRC's) located on the first floor of the Student Resource Building (SRB). What is more, two of our counselor's, Ozzie Espinosa and Xiomara Lopez, are located in and help support the historic 'El Centro de Amulfo Casillas', a permanent fixture on campus to the east of the Library that serves as a hub for the Chican(x)/Latin(x) community and allies. Finally, EOP works in collaboration with dozens of departments on campus and can help you find the right connection to support and advance your academic excellence and overall health and well-being.

These are unprecedented, challenging and ever-changing times. We do not know what the future has in store and it is impossible to see around the corner to know what is coming to meet us. Yet, WE ARE STILL HERE and I promise you EOP will never fail in our commitment to your success as you mature through your undergraduate careers towards and through graduation. WE GAUCHO BACK!

Once again, welcome UCSB Gauchos! These next few years can be the most rewarding and transformative of your lives thus far. We in EOP are here for your holistic development and success as we empower ourselves and serve our communities!

Peace,
Aaron Jones

Meet the Staff

Patricia Garcia



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Xiomara Lopez



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Kristen Minami



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Administrative Team

Jose Raygoza | Marta Bowron



Campus Partner Advising at EOP

Fall 2021

Letters & Science (Virtual)

Week 2 (10/4/21) through Week 10 (12/3/21)

Tuesdays – 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Fridays – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Contact our office via chat, by email or call

(805) 893-4758 to schedule an appointment.

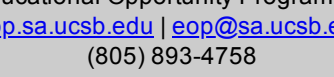
College of Engineering

You can make the appointment directly by

going to our website's

Collaborations > In-House Partners page.

<https://eop.sa.ucsb.edu/services/resources>



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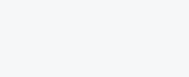
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