Dear Parents and Family,

Whether you’re a parent of a first-year or returning student, we hope that you enjoy this month’s issue of In the Know. Our newsletter is designed with parent and families in mind, and we strive to bring you valuable content. Most of our articles are written by campus partners, Aggie Parent and Family Council members, CS Advising and many more contributors.

Fall quarter is right around the corner and even though this year is different, we are doing our best to keep you updated on the latest news around campus. We are excited to get back to school and want to keep you informed with our COVID-19 protocols and online learning adjustments.
Campus Ready!

Campus Ready is a comprehensive plan to prepare campus for the gradual return of research, operations, instruction and other activities in a way that limits the spread of COVID-19. This plan includes the tremendous efforts of several workgroups with representatives from across the university looking at various aspects of preparation, including academic instruction, operations and research.

READ THE FULL STORY

Student Housing and Dining

Student Housing and Dining wants to keep you informed during COVID-19 regulations.

Dining Hours
• Currently Tercero, Segundo, and Cuarto are closed until fall quarter 2020.
• Latitude beginning July 3rd are operating a to-go service model.
• To keep updated on dinning hours check out their [website](#) for dining hours, directions, menus, and academic closures.

Housing
• New cancellation deadlines:
  • Residence Halls August 30
  • Apartments August 23
• If you choose to cancel your Housing Contract:
  • [Res Hall specific email](#):
    • By August 30, 2020: You will receive a full reversal of any housing fees paid until this point; in addition, the housing contract cancellation fee will be waived.
    • Between August 31 and September 14, 2020: You will be responsible for a $250 contract cancellation fee and forfeit your reservation fee (not to exceed $500 in total fees)
• Starting September 15, 2020: You will be responsible for fall quarter housing fees (at the triple-occupancy room rate, and not to include dining fees)
• **Apartment Specific emails:**
  • By August 23, 2020: You will be responsible for a $250 contract cancellation fee and forfeit your reservation fee (not to exceed $500 in total fees)
  • Between August 24 and 31, 2020: You will be responsible for fall quarter housing fees (not to include dining fees, if applicable)
  • After August 31, 2020: You will be responsible for academic year housing fees (not to include dining fees, if applicable)

**International Student add on message:**
If you must cancel your Resident Hall Contract because you are directly impacted by the changes in SEVP policy and cannot obtain a nonimmigrant visa, or are impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions: Student Housing and Dining Services will cancel your housing contract with no cancellation fees and a full reversal of your reservation fee paid. Please note, it may take eight weeks or more to receive the reversal.

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**Registering For Classes?**

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**First Year Seminar**
In this First-Year Seminar, students learn how to conduct academic research through an exploration of the pros and cons of artificial intelligence, from Alexa to self-driving cars. The critical thinking and library research skills taught in the class will provide a solid foundation for success throughout your student’s UC Davis career. Click below and search for “Library” to learn more and sign up!

For more information please visit: https://fys.ucdavis.edu/schedule

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### First-Year Bicycle Need-to-Know

UC Davis Transportation Services is excited to welcome our incoming Aggies to campus. In the time of COVID-19, there’s a lot of concern with public transportation and health. Riding a bicycle is a popular and socially-distanced way to get around campus and the following are a few bicycle need-to-knows to help your student be ready on day one!

**CHOOSING A BIKE** | Davis is flat and filled with excellent bicycle facilities. The best bike for UC Davis may very well be in your garage. We recommend bringing a bicycle from home or purchasing a quality used bicycle from the [UC Davis Bike Barn](https://www.ucdavis.edu/bikes/barn.html). No need to spend $1,000’s on something shiny and new (those can attract thieves). It’s better to invest on a dependable bicycle, one that can get you around campus; upgrades can come later.

- **Bonus:** Make sure your student knows how to pump up a tire, and use a bicycle light (100 lumens or more) when riding at night. Oh, and get your student a helmet. Davis is safe, but helmets are an extra insurance to protect the investment of your student’s education.

**REGISTER THE BIKE** | UC Davis mandates that all bicycles ridden on campus are registered using the California Bicycle License available from Transportation Services. Registration helps manage the volume of bicycles parked on campus and discourages theft. Licenses are affordable ($12) and help ensure your student and their bicycle will stay together until graduation. The Bicycle Program will conveniently be set up during move-in for bike valet and registration services. Look for details forthcoming with move-in information.

**LOCK UP YOUR BIKE (PROPERLY)** | “I was gone for just a few minutes,” is a well-known cry of a first-time bike theft victim, so remember that any lock is better than no lock. Using a quality U-lock to secure both a wheel and a part of the frame to an anchored bike rack is a good start. It’s better to also throw in a cable that can be threaded through the bicycle’s wheels. A U-lock with a cable adds an extra layer of security and for a would-be thief, it is often considered to be too much hassle.
• **Bonus**: Consider replacing removable components with locking components. Things like seat posts and wheels that have levers can be quickly detached by user or by thieves. Locking skewers, security hardware, and bolted on components can encourage most thieves to move along to easier targets.

**GETTING AROUND OUR ROUNDBOATS** | UC Davis has many roundabouts/traffic circles on campus. They allow for traffic to continue to flow instead of forcing a 4-way stop, getting everyone to their destinations on time. Please remember that while they help your student to keep moving, they will need to slow down when entering a roundabout. A few important things to know:

• Traffic flows in a counterclockwise direction
• Traffic (already) in the circle has the right of way. Yield to pedestrians when entering a roundabout.
• Roundabouts are meant to slow down the flow of traffic, not stop it. Riding too fast, especially in a busy intersection, can be dangerous.

Welcome again, and for an even more in-depth understanding of biking at UC Davis please check out our videos here: [vimeo.com/75059452](https://vimeo.com/75059452)

Contact us with any questions by phone at 530-754-2453 or email bikeprogram@ucdavis.edu.

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**Guidelines For UC Davis Research Ramp-Up/Ramp-Down**

**Goal**: To enable all UC Davis research to resume as soon as possible while maintaining adherence to public health guidance and maintaining appropriate hazard mitigation strategies. All phases of the Research Ramp-Up/Down plan are subject to ongoing review. Mitigation of the ongoing pandemic is taking many different forms across the country and globe. We will monitor the ongoing performance and results of our plan through the campus mandatory reporting process. If you are aware of or are otherwise concerned about an individual exposure to COVID-19, please follow the campus process. The campus response includes fact gathering, communication support, and mitigation response guided by our Medical Directors, Legal, EH&S, and Human Resources.

READ THE FULL STORY
Learning about COVID in real time
by Cari DuBois-Wright

Professor Ken Kaplan and COVID capstone student Daniel Erenstein ’21

As a new academic year approaches, I find myself reflecting on the richness of teaching and discovery offered by our outstanding faculty at UC Davis. That includes their readiness to respond to challenges with exciting innovations.

A fresh example comes from the College of Biological Sciences (CBS), where several professors, backed by Dean Mark Winey, seized a teachable moment when the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in spring.

Ken Kaplan, a professor of molecular and cellular biology, led a team of colleagues to create an all-online COVID-19 capstone course combining several existing laboratory courses.

“It was a golden opportunity for students to connect the biology they’d been learning for four years to a real-world problem going on around them,” said Kaplan.

Spanning disciplines including virology, evolutionary biology, molecular genetics and computational biology, the course served more than 250 students. It included virtual “town hall meetings” bringing in public health and science experts from diverse fields relating to COVID. Those meetings were
live-streamed on social media and translated into Spanish by Rebecca Calisi Rodriguez, an associate professor of Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior.

As a final project, students created public service announcements about coronavirus. You can view student projects, links to presentations and more on Twitter @COVIDTownHall.

Students benefited greatly from a course encouraging them to immerse themselves in science as it profoundly affected their lives.

“For me there were a lot of ‘wow’ moments,” said student Daniel Erenstein ’21, who is majoring in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior. “It was really cool to understand the underlying statistics and mathematics behind tracking disease spread.”

At UC Davis, faculty are dedicated to innovative teaching and hands-on learning that connects students with real-world experiences. Please feel free to get in touch with me to learn more about how our colleges, schools and other units pursue this mission—and how you, as parents, can help support their efforts.

For more information about how parent giving makes a difference in students’ lives, contact Cari DuBois-Wright, Associate Director of Development in Parent Giving, at caduboiswright@ucdavis.edu, (510) 388-3605. You can also visit our Parents Fund website here as well as learn more about our Family Fellows.

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5 Tips for Success as an Online Learner

Originally posted by Continuing and Professional Education on April 13, 2020. Like many of us, you may be endeavoring to use this shelter-in-place time in productive ways. Maybe you organized your home Marie Kondo style (or maybe just a closet). If you’re looking for other ways to stay productive while staying at home, then now may be the perfect time to upskill, reskill—or pivot—in your career.

For more information please visit: https://alumni.ucdavis.edu/news/5-tips-success-online-learner
ASEAN Aggies Connect

For the past few years, the Singapore Alumni Network has brought students and alumni together to connect, celebrate Aggie Pride, and get ready for the coming school year. This year, Aggies from all of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries are invited to ASEAN Aggies Connect! Join us on Friday, August 28 at 6:30pm Singapore time for a night of networking and fun! Zoom information will be provided to registrants. Participants are encouraged to have dinner with us during this virtual event.

Date: Friday, August 28
Time: 6:30pm Singapore Time

REGISTER HERE
September: Aggie Cooking Night

Join us for a fun virtual night from your own kitchen. We will be joined by alum from the UC Davis Food Science and Technology Program to learn about the chemistry behind the cooking as we watch a live cooking demo and attempt to make our own meals from home. We will also share cooking tips throughout the night. *Aggie Parents welcome!*

A shopping list will be sent to registered participants prior to the event.

**Date:** September 16th  
**Time:** 5:30pm PT

[REGISTER]
The challenges we are facing in the wake of the current COVID-19 pandemic are truly unprecedented. But we're Aggies, and Aggies face challenges together.

Here at the Call Aggie Alumni Association we support the Aggie Parent and Family Association (APFA) and the Student Alumni Association (SAA). Each program supports parent and students through the UC Davis journey.

We encourage you to join APFA and gift membership in SAA to your student.

Membership comes with great benefits.

**SAA Benefits**
- Member Welcome Kit, *includes t-shirt, membership card and gift*
- Senior class gift
- Access to member only student-alumni networking events
- Enjoy perks at Traditions and Service events
- 10% off on UC Davis imprinted items at the UC Davis Stores

*Student membership converts to life membership in CAAA upon graduation.*

A joint membership option is available for $500 (or $520 for installment plans)! Join by **June 30** for an exclusive gift for your student!
Equitable Access is a revolutionary program that will provide every UC Davis undergraduate student access to their textbooks by the first day of class, all for $199 per quarter. Learn the basics of Equitable Access and read the extensive FAQ by clicking the button, below.

Parents and Families: Join us for Aggie Spirit Week

Join us October 11 - 17, 2020 for Aggie Spirit Week, a celebration of Homecoming, The Golden Society, Parent & Family Weekend and campus-wide alumni events! We’ll have virtual events including game nights, campus tours, events with Athletics, alumni parents, Aggie Spirits, and more!

Be on the lookout for a more detailed schedule of events. We'll see you and your Aggie pride there!
One Aggie Network. Many CONNECTIONS.