Ambassador Quick Reference

We have published this single page handout to prepare you for a successful experience volunteering to staff college fair(s) in your local area. Please review and familiarize yourself with this information.

Attending College Fairs:

- Prior to attending a college fair please review all of the information and brochures, both on-line and hard copy, sent to you so that you can reference them more easily at various events. Bring the Admissions Ambassadors Guide we will also provide with you to the event and refer to it for on-the-spot information. All resources can be found here: http://admissions.sa.ucsc.edu/volunteers/
- Bring directions, parking permit, and any other event information provided by your admissions contact. We also recommend bringing a bottle of water to stay hydrated.
- Arrive at least 15–30 minutes before the event time. Arrive earlier for the best parking options.
- Typically, each college representative is provided a table. Prospective students and families circulate through the room, picking up materials and talking to the campus representatives.
- We will provide a UC Santa Cruz table drape to cover the table and arrange brochures to allow easy access for students and parents.
- Share your experiences at UC Santa Cruz with all interested students and parents and answer their questions to the best of your ability. Please do not speculate. It is better to say “I don’t know” and refer them to their Regional Representative or the Office of Admissions for answers to specific or technical questions.

After your outreach event:

- Fill out an evaluation form for the fair, which has been included in your volunteer kit.
- Please put the completed event evaluation form and UC Santa Cruz table drape in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided in the volunteer kit. Return these items as soon as possible.

Helpful Information:
Admissions – (831) 459-4008
admissions@ucsc.edu
admissions.ucsc.edu

Financial Aid – (831) 459-2963
Financialaid.ucsc.edu

Upcoming Events!

Preview Day
Saturday, October 20, 2012
admissions.ucsc.edu/pday/

Additional useful resources:
Volunteer Web Site - admissions.ucsc.edu/volunteers
Regional Admissions Outreach Staff - http://admissions.ucsc.edu/contact/regional-representatives.html
The three most commonly asked questions at college fairs:

1. What is UCSC best known for?
   - **Top Tier Research University:** UCSC recently ranked 3rd in the world for research influence
   - **Outstanding Faculty:** 13 National Academy of Science Members, 25 American Academy of Arts and Science Fellows, and 32 American Association for The Advancement of Science Fellows.
   - **Interdisciplinary Approach:** 62 majors, 45 minors, and 54 concentrations across all academic disciplines.
   - **Residential College System:** Unique living/learning communities at the heart of UCSC student success.
   - **Focus on Sustainable and Just Society:** Faculty research focuses on solutions which will make a difference in the world and encompass everything from genetics research, including heading up the Human Genome project, nanotechnology and robotics to innovations in organic and sustainable farming practices.

2. What are UCSC’s most popular undergraduate majors?
   1. Psychology
   2. Business Management Economics
   3. Art
   4. Literature
   5. Environmental Studies
   6. Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
   7. Anthropology
   8. History
   9. Politics
   10. Film and Digital Media

   *This is an excellent opportunity for you to let interested parties know about your major and ways you engaged in academic opportunities on and off campus.*

   New majors for fall 2011:
   - Robotics engineering, B.S.
   - Network and digital technology, B.A.
   - Dance, Minor
   - Name change: Technology and Information Management, B.S. (formerly Information Systems Management, B.S.)

3. What is the average GPA and/or test scores to be admitted to UCSC?

   **AVERAGE SCORES FOR UNDERGRADUATES ADMITTED** (fall 2011)

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   **Out of State Fresh Scores: [provided by Greta Gil]**
   - ACT Comprehensive: 28
   - SAT Total: 1868
   - GPA: 3.63

   **NOTE:** Grade Point Average (GPA) and test scores are only two of multiple components of UCSC’s admission selection process. Please refer to information in the publications and/or to the Office of Admissions.

Please be sure to mention that these are only averages and that UCSC welcomes admissions applications from any student that feels s/he has the ability to be successful at our campus. Admissions qualifications and selection information are included in our brochures.