Dear Bobcats,

Welcome to the 2015-16 academic year! I am excited to welcome back our continuing students and to welcome the new undergraduate and graduate students who have joined our growing campus community.

Welcome Week celebrates the start of the new school year and is designed to help make our new students’ transition to college life at UC Merced as smooth as possible. Your first few weeks here will set the tone for the rest of the academic year, so make the most of them by attending the Welcome Week activities we have planned for you.

The scheduled events are intended to help familiarize you with the campus and acquaint you with available resources and opportunities. I encourage you to participate in as many activities as possible. Returning students are also encouraged to attend Welcome Week to meet some new Bobcat friends and explore new possibilities.

We hope that you begin to expand your horizons to include new friends, experiences and ideas. You might even discover new things about yourself, including your new abilities and interests.

As part of the University of California system — widely regarded as the premier public research university in the world — you have access to faculty members who are experts in their fields. You will experience novel approaches to learning and problem solving, and we encourage you to embrace our campus’s spirit of innovation.

Also, be sure to invite your family to attend Family Weekend October 16 through 18. They are an important part of our extended family.

I look forward to what promises to be an exciting new academic year. Please don’t hesitate to approach any of our friendly and knowledgeable faculty and staff members for assistance. We are deeply committed to helping you succeed.

Fiat Lux,

Dorothy Leland
Chancellor
Dear Bobcats,

Welcome!

As you know, the University of California is known internationally for its three pillars of excellence in research, teaching and public service. At UC Merced, the focus for students isn’t on surviving; it’s on embracing these pillars as cornerstones of a successful collegiate career.

Ultimately, college success is more about taking advantage of all the opportunities available and moving beyond survival. It is about learning to thrive.

We hope that you will take advantage of the Welcome Week activities as part of the opportunities available to you. Our theme this year is “Discovering Your Journey to Success”. There are many services, departments, programs, resources, and faculty and staff members at UC Merced to help support your smooth transition and successful completion of your degree.

If you are a new student, participate in as many activities as your schedule allows. These activities are designed to help you start your college career with the right tools. If you are a returning student, re-connect with old friends and try something new. Whether the something new is learning about research opportunities, exploring study abroad programs, or connecting with the Merced community, new opportunities expand your educational experience.

Our hope is that you will challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone. That action alone is the first step in your journey to not only surviving your college experience but thriving beyond your expectations.

I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year on all you have accomplished, learned, and discovered.

Best wishes for 2015-2016!

Go Bobcats,

Charles Nies, Ph.D.
Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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**Save the Date!**

**Family Weekend: October 16-18, 2015**

The University of California, Merced, invites you to attend Family Weekend 2015, a campus-wide celebration in honor of parents, grandparents, and all extended family. We encourage you to take part in this unique weekend experience which will provide your family the opportunity to explore the university and everything it has to offer.

Family Weekend is a great opportunity for families to return to campus to visit with students, learn more about campus programs and services, tour university facilities, explore the Merced community and have fun!

Additional details about Family Weekend will be posted on the Office of Student Life website (studentlife@ucmerced.edu) in August. A Family Weekend brochure, which includes program details and registration information, will be sent to parents in late August using the students’ permanent address on file with the university.
PRINCIPLES of COMMUNITY

The University of California, Merced, is a public, land-grant institution created to serve the communities of the San Joaquin Valley, the State of California, the nation and the world through excellence in education, research and public service.

These principles reflect our ongoing efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures lifelong learning and growth for all of its members. We encourage every member of the UC Merced community to join us in our collective pursuit of these principles:

We recognize and celebrate the identities, values and beliefs of our community.

We affirm the inherent dignity and value of every person while cultivating a campus climate rooted in mutual respect and compassion.

We uphold the right to freedom of expression and encourage a culture of dialogue, understanding and civility in all interactions. We seek to create a campus where a rich tapestry of ideas is shared, collaboration is embraced, and innovation is promoted.

We pursue excellence in teaching and learning through contributions from all community members fostering a culture of open exchange.

We promote opportunities for active participation and leadership in our communities.

We champion civic engagement, environmental stewardship, research and teaching that connect theory and practice to learning and doing.

We take pride in building, sustaining and sharing a culture that is founded on these principles of unity and respect.

The UC Merced Principles of Community were developed by the Chancellor’s Advisory Council for Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion in collaboration with the campus community. These principles were issued on March 25, 2014.
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Welcome to UC Merced!

Hello Bobcats!

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and are ready for an exciting new year — the eleventh for UC Merced! This coming year will continue to be challenging, interesting, but most importantly — a lot of fun! The first weeks of school are going to be filled with many activities and events, and we want to make sure you know about everything that’s going on around campus. This Welcome Week booklet is packed with many activities you won’t want to miss! We hope that you will take advantage of all UC Merced has to offer. Take the time to get involved, meet faculty and staff and make new friends.

Sincerely,
Welcome Week Planning & Steering Committee

GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN... GO BOBCATS!

Welcome Week Guiding Principles

ACCESSIBILITY:
New students have the opportunity to join the community with all the rights of those already here. Students are given the same support, assistance and resources.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY:
Students are encouraged to participate in the events of Welcome Week. However, they are always encouraged to participate in health, wellness and recreational activities as well as any other events on campus that will promote health and emotional well-being.

OPEN-MINDED:
Students come from different backgrounds and cultures, and they have highly varied interests and values. Differences in gender, race, abilities, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation and religion are recognized and treated with respect and sensitivity.

INTELLECTUAL GROWTH:
The ultimate reason for students being here is to obtain an education. Students are encouraged to take advantage of scholarly activities and engage within their schools.

RESPONSIBILITY:
Students are expected to be responsible academically and socially. Choices that are made affect everyone within the community.

Welcome Week Goals and Objectives

The main goals of Welcome Week are to provide students with new opportunities when they arrive on campus, and to help them navigate the educational system. Most importantly, we hope to ensure that students start their academic journey off on the right path.

• Create a welcoming atmosphere that incorporates and integrates incoming and continuing undergraduate and graduate students.
• Facilitate opportunities that promote networking amongst students, staff, faculty and scholars.
• Help students to develop practices that encourage healthy and informed decision-making processes as they enter a new chapter in their educational journey.
• Introduce students to the UC Merced and Merced area communities in hopes they immerse themselves into the UC Merced and local culture.
• To encourage connections to the campus that promote retention and morale.
• Promote a holistic lifestyle of wellness for students in all aspects of their lives.
• Introduce students to campus resources and opportunities.
• Provide local businesses and community partners with a positive opportunity to connect with students, faculty, staff and scholars.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP IMPACT INITIATIVES:

**Merced County Project 10% (MCP10%):**
Did you face challenges along your path to UC Merced? Come learn how to share your story with middle school students to motivate and encourage them to stay in school and graduate from high school. Help increase high school graduation rates in Merced County and develop your leadership skills as you help middle school kids to succeed. See training date below.

**I CAN READ Literacy initiative:**
Looking for individuals who want to make a difference in the life of a child. Become a Literacy Tutor and work one-on-one with a kindergarten – third grade student to help them learn to read or to read at their grade level. You must be able to participate both Mondays and Fridays from 2:15-4:30. Transportation is provided. See training date below.

**Lift While You Lead (LWYL) Mentoring Network:**
Serve as a mentor to the high school students, many of whom are enrolled in the Role of Women in Society and U.S. History classes at Yosemite High School. The small group mentoring relationship will provide mentors and mentees with support, guidance and encouragement – all with an emphasis on women and leadership. All participants are also strongly encouraged to participate in Women’s Programs activities and other events related to the theme, “Lift While You Lead.” See Training date below.

**CIVIC LEADERSHIP IMPACT INITIATIVES MANDATORY TRAINING DAY:**
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, Noon - 4p.m.**
If you are interested in participating in any of the above initiatives, please email civicleadership@ucmerced.edu and make sure you register to attend the mandatory training Saturday, September 12, from Noon to 4p.m. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, please email civicleadership@ucmerced.edu or contact Vernetta Doty at vdoty@ucmerced.edu or 209-228-4201.
Welcome Fellow Bobcats!

Based on university-wide faculty recommendations and curricular considerations, the Core 1 Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Education, has selected David “Mas” Masumoto’s Epitaph for a Peach — a lyrical meditation on farming in California’s Great Central Valley — which has been selected for UC Merced’s 2015–2016 Common Reading Project. Our goal with a common reading is to establish a greater sense of community among students and faculty by fostering an open inquiry characteristic of academic life.

In support of UC Merced’s commitment to interdisciplinary study, the common reading experience allows students and faculty to make connections across a wide range of experience and expertise. By looking at the same text through different lenses — historical, cultural, scientific, personal, etc. — we can see how different disciplines approach prevailing social issues. This year’s book was selected for its compelling cultural focus on agriculture’s relationship with tradition and diet.

David “Mas” Masumoto is a celebrated San Joaquin Valley author and farmer whose writing is as renowned as the peaches and grapes he grows on his Del Rey farm. You may know him from his many Fresno Bee and Sacramento Bee columns, for his work on behalf of agriculture and the arts state- and nation-wide, or for his famous heirloom Elberta and Flavor Crest peaches. Epitaph for a Peach, Mas’s first book, documents a year in his life as a third generation Japanese-American California farmer who observes the received wisdom of his family and challenges himself to save an orchard of Sun Crest peaches. Now in its 20th year in print, the book is no less timely a reminder of all that we gain by respecting the land and recognizing our roots (especially when one considers Mas abundant kindness in welcoming the new UC’s faculty, staff and students to Merced 10 years ago).

You received this book during orientation with the understanding that you made your way through it before arriving on campus for fall semester. We will integrate discussions of the book into our curriculum; in whole or part, it is required reading in general education and writing courses (CORE 1, Writing 1, Writing 10), and recommended reading in other first-year classes. In addition to serving as course material, the book will host special events, including symposia, guest lectures and film screenings.

We hope that you find your own ways to connect the common reading with your coursework and with your community. But most of all, we hope you enjoy reading Epitaph for a Peach.
WELCOME WEEK 2015
“Discovering Your Journey to Success”

Academics ● Responsibility ● Leadership ● Wellness

Financial Institution Fair

DATE:
Tuesday, August 25th 2015

TIME:
2pm-5pm

LOCATION:
California Room

Have cash or your financial aid check and need to deposit it? Learn more about our local banks & credit unions and familiarize yourself with the products & services they have to offer!

UC Merced
Student Involvement and Transitional Programs

DON’T MISS THE CONFERENCE OF THE YEAR!
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH | 9:30am-4pm
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
LEADERSHIP CONNECTED
THE IMPACT OF POSITIVITY

Keynote
Shola Richards
A dynamic public speaker, and an in-demand leadership trainer/consultant

Closing Keynote
Lauren Berger
Founder and CEO of Intern Queen INC. and Best-Selling Author

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FEATURING: ENTREPRENEUR-IN-TRAINING TRACK
ALL APPLICANTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRACK WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF TWO $1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS.

APPLICATION FOUND AT THE END OF THE REGISTRATION FORM
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE PRESENTS:

NEON ROLLER RINK
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
7PM-11PM
WALLACE-DUTRA AMPHITHEATER

Come out and rollerskate the night away under the stars in neon lights! Neon clothing optional, but preferred.

For more info, contact Dennison Ocampo at docampo2@ucmerced.edu
Yosemite Leadership Program

This two-year program integrates training in leadership skills, education on the theories and practices of leadership, and personal and professional development opportunities to create generations of socially engaged and environmentally aware global stewards.

For more info contact jcroasdale@ucmerced.edu

Year 1

Explore Yosemite as well as other wild places around California. You'll go on a retreat, backpacking, hiking, camping, climbing, exploring, get behind the scenes tours, talk one-on-one with the top conservationists and leaders in California, build trails, be part of massive service projects, go through ropes courses, and be a part of wilderness restoration.

Year 2

Get funding from YLP to create your own capstone service project. Incorporate your own personal interests to go out into the world and create positive change.
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & CATSPOTS BUSINESS FAIR

September 3, 2014  from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Outside Office of Student Life / Academic Quad

WHAT TO EXPECT: Each year we have close to 80 community vendors showcase their opportunities and businesses on campus. Vendors are made up of community non-profits and Catspots local businesses.

HOSTED BY OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE REGISTERED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL JIM GREENWOOD DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE, JGREENWOOD@UCMERCED.EDU
Sunday, August 23

Karaoke and Game Night
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Cat Quad, CA Room, Crescent Arch, and Alpine room
It’s karaoke and game time! Come sing your heart out and enjoy the music while making some new friends! Or join fellow Bobcats to play games in different locations. There will be a different game offered at each room and you have chances to win really cool prizes.

Monday, August 24

Making a Difference While at UC Merced
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Blum Center (SSM 130)
Students have tons of opportunities to solve problems that matter on and off campus. And, while doing so, they can get hands-on experience to be more competitive in the workforce and graduate school. The Resource Center for Community Engaged Scholarship and the Blum Center for Developing Economies work together to help all students gain experiences that show their leadership and problem-solving talents. Students can gain skills in designing innovations, communication and marketing, social enterprise and entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, youth and community development, and so much more. Join us during Welcome Week for free Communication Skills Analysis (free personal video, optional), conversations with Community Scholars, and free ice cream and refreshments. Recruiters will also be present for on and off campus projects.

Whose Flag is it Anyway?
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Scholar’s Lane
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RAD Fall Festival
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Mariposa Lawn (housing)
RAD Fall Festival where our Intramural Sports Programs, Sports Club Teams, Fitness and Outdoor Experience Program table and provide on campus residents information about the recreation activities available to them.

Campus Tour
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Tour starts at SFC
Tours of selected classrooms and buildings led by Visitors Center student guides.

VIP Program — Project Rewind
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
COB 105
Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking.

VIP Program — Bad Ads
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
COB 105
What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
COB 105
Have you ever dreamed about being a hero, stepping in to help others, fighting crime and solving problems? In times like these we need heroes to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to fight troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a hero!

Block Party
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Mariposa Lawn and Summits Courtyard
Housing and Residence Life presents its annual Block Party! Come celebrate your first day on campus. You don’t want to miss it! There will be a DJ, free food, a photo booth, and much more. Celebrate move-in day and make some new friends!
VIP Program — Help a Friend
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An engaging presentation that helps others learn how to support someone in a way that is non-victim-blaming and holds the perpetrator accountable for their actions. Sexual violence can have devastating effects on the person who is or was targeted so here we encourage support and comfort from various perspectives.

**Tuesday, August 25**

VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COB 105
Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

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VIP Program — Gleek Out, Speak Out
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
COB 105
Ready to Gleek your way to the top? Come check out this program that discusses power and control, gender stereotypes, and how to help a friend in regards to issues of sexual violence using the popular TV phenomenon GLEE!

Women’s Soccer Game
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Lake Field
Come support the UC Merced women’s soccer team as they take on Oregon Tech in a non-conference match-up. Show your Bobcat Pride and come ready to cheer!

Financial Institutions Fair
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
California Room
Need a financial institution to deposit your financial aid check? We have you covered. Come to the fair to discover the different options offered here in Merced. Come and get information and open your account today!

ASUCM: Know Your Student Government
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Housing and OSL
This event/workshop is designed to inform students about ASUCM and how it can play a role in their success while at UC Merced, whether it be through student life, clubs, organizations and leadership opportunities within ASUCM.

Welcome to UC Merced
Hermanas Unidas de UC Merced Style
Tuesday, August 25
Crescent Arch Room
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Come and celebrate your arrival to your new home and meet new friends and some of the hermanas of hermanas unidas. Bring your best singing voice for our Karaoke, board games skill, and be prepared for a night of fun.
Campus Tour
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
Various; Tour starts at SFC
- Tours of selected classrooms and buildings led by Visitors Center student guides.

Fall Group Fitness Programming
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Student Activities & Athletics Center, Room 209
- We will be presenting our Fall 2015 Group Fitness Schedule.
- As well as discussing other program areas and giving fitness tips.

ASME’s Welcome Week Information Bash
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Crescent Arch (Half Dome 180)
- UC Merced’s ASME would like to invite the newly admitted student body to our First Annual Welcome Week Information Bash where our members will be sharing their past experiences on academic success. Learn about the do’s and don’ts for an engineering student. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet upperclassmen as well as your fellow Engineering peers. There will be FREE food, music, ice breakers, an open forum and games! All are welcome, even non-Engineering students! Hope to see you all there!

Go Greek Info Session
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
COB 120
- Interested in joining a fraternity or sorority? Come to this informational session about what it means to join a Greek organization and about the amazing opportunities provided through membership.

Craft Night
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
CA Room
- Is your room looking a little bare? Want some color and décor? We’ll provide the supplies. You bring the creativity. Join us for some crafting to decorate your new room.

VIP Program — Bad Ads
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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- What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

Minute to Win IT!
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Cat Quad
- Many competitive mini games and a lot of fun! Minute games, but fun for an hour!

VIP Program—See, Say, Do Something
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- Have you ever dreamed about being a hero, stepping in to help others, fighting crime and solving problems? In times like these we need heroes to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to fight troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a hero!

Target Night
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Summit Bus Stop
- Join the Office of Student Life and HRL in a trip out to Target for a night full of music, giveaways and some great sample food. Target will be staying open late just for UC Merced students. Come have a great time with your fellow Bobcats and meet new friends.

VIP Program — Project Rewind
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
COB 105
- Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence and stalking.
Wednesday, August 26

Department of Public Safety
Information & Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
KL 155 (Main Entrance)

The Department of Public Safety will have Bike and Electronic Registration during each day of welcome week, as well as information on programs such as:

- The Citizens Police Academy
- The RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Program
- Mentor Program
- UCM Alert
- Text-A-Tip
- Lost and Found
- Emergency Preparedness Program
- VIRT (Violent Intruder Response Training)

Each day will focus on different programs in the department that offer insight on what we offer specifically in each.

For more information, please contact the UC Merced Department of Public Safety at 209-228-2767.

VIP Program — Transfer Program
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
COB 263
*Transfer Students Only* As a transfer student, we realize you are probably already more experienced at stepping in and speaking out. Come learn how to take it to the next level.

The Places You’ll Go Beyond UCM
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
California Room

UC Merced Alumni and current students of the Student Alumni Association will help you locate CATSPOTS! Learn about cool places and various business locations where you can receive discounts around the Merced Community. Network with Bobcats who have been successful beyond their UC Merced journey. Feel free to ask us any questions. The Student Alumni Association welcomes you to UC Merced!

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Navigating the University:
A Guide for First-Generation College Students
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
COB 116

For some first-generation students, college is a brand new world filled with new exciting opportunities and possibilities. However, college may also present some unknown and unforeseen obstacles and challenges not experienced before in high school. Attend this workshop and learn more about the varied services and support available to you at the university. Learn how to better utilize these resources as you navigate your way through the university.
VIP Program — Head’s Up!

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
SSM 104
Did you ever play that game as a kid when you stuck a card on your head and had to figure out what you were? Take a journey back to your childhood by playing that game again but with some updated topics surrounding violence prevention.

Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SSB 130
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RHA Info Session

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Cat Quad
Interested in becoming involved in housing government and gaining strong leadership qualities along the way? Come learn about RHA and Community Councils at the info session. Become a part of the change.

A Night with Spidey

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Ampitheatre
Spidey is an international hypnotist/mentalist/magician whose career began 10 years ago and has flourished to unprecedented heights. Beyond the scope of performance, he is an international creator of magic and mentalism as well as a persuasion, influence and covert hypnosis specialist.

Thursday, August 27

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
KL 155 (Main Entrance)
Department of Public Safety Information & Bike and Electronic Registration Booth
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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Blum Center (SSM 130)
Students have tons of opportunities to solve problems that matter on and off campus. And, while doing so, they can get hands-on experience to be more competitive in the workforce and graduate school. The Resource Center for Community Engaged Scholarship and the Blum Center for Developing Economies work together to help all students gain experiences that show their leadership and problem-solving talents. Students can gain skills in designing innovations, communication and marketing, social enterprise and entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship, youth and community development, and so much more. Join us during Welcome Week for free Communication Skills Analysis (free personal video, optional), conversations with Community Scholars, and free ice cream and refreshments. Recruiters will also be present for on and off campus projects.
Whose Flag is it Anyway?
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Scholar’s Lane

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Trident Carnival!
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Cat Quad

Come out to an afternoon of fun with the ladies of Tri Delta! We will have food, mini games, prizes and more! Join us, play a game, and get the answers to all your questions!! Don’t forget to take a picture, so you can cherish those moments forever!

ASUCM: Know Your Student Government
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Housing and OSL

This event/workshop is designed to inform students about ASUCM and how it can play a role in their success while at UC Merced through whether it be through student life, clubs, organizations and leadership opportunities within ASUCM.

Civic Engagement & Responsibility
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
KL 360

We will be giving a presentation on the importance of staying civically engaged and what it means to the community as a whole. Also, how it will benefit the student during college.

Fall Group Fitness Programming
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Student Activities & Athletics Center, Room 209

We will be presenting our Fall 2015 Group Fitness Schedule. As well as discussing other program areas and giving fitness tips.

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VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SSB 160

Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

Late Night with Justin Willman
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater

Justin Willman is a comedian and magician best known for his regular appearances on The Tonight Show, Ellen, Conan and @ Midnight. His debut comedy/magic special Sleight of Mouth premiered earlier this year on Comedy Central. The L.A. Times called him, “A new breed of comic who’s making magic cool again for grown-ups.” Playboy dubbed him, “The freshest and funniest magician working today.” Time Out says his live show, “Has to be seen to be disbelieved.”

Justin was born in St. Louis, lives in Los Angeles, and does not own a rabbit.

Meet and Greek
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater

Join us for an opportunity to get to know about the fraternities and sororities at UC Merced and their members. Tons of activities! Snacks!

Game Night
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Monarch Room

Gather student and community to participate in multiple games. Get to know the people around you through board games, video games and more!

VIP Program — Gleek Out, Speak Out
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SSB 160

Ready to Gleek your way to the top? Come check out this program that discusses power and control, gender stereotypes, and how to help a friend in regards to issues of sexual violence using the popular TV phenomenon GLEE!
Friday, August 28

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
KL 155 (Main Entrance)

The Department of Public Safety will have Bike and Electronic Registration during each day of welcome week, as well as information on programs such as:

- The Citizens Police Academy
- The RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Program
- Mentor Program
- UCM Alert
- Text-A-Tip
- Lost and Found
- Emergency Preparedness Program
- VIRT (Violent Intruder Response Training)

Each day will focus on different programs in the department that offer insight on what we offer specifically in each.

For more information, please contact the UC Merced Department of Public Safety at 209-228-2767.

Special Meeting for New Students
Living Off-Campus
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)

At this event students who are living off campus will be informed about resources for first-year students. We want to help students be successful academically, make connections to campus resources, develop a campus identity and links to campus events.

VIP Program — Head’s Up!
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
SAAC 219

Did you ever play that game as a kid when you stuck a card on your head and had to figure out what you were? Take a journey back to your childhood by playing that game again but with some updated topics surrounding violence prevention.

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VIP Program — Project Rewind
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
SAAC 219

Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

VIP Program — Bad Ads
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
SAAC 219

What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

SSHA: Career Tips on How to Make the Most out of your College Experience
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Student Services Building 250 (SSB 250)

Questions on how to make the most of your college experience? Look no further! This workshop will answer all your career questions and provide a suggested timeline with specific steps to achieve student success!

Chess Club
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
KL Lantern (Every Friday) and The Summits Alpine Room (Saturday August 29th)

Chess Club is a free club where players can come learn and play Chess! All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join us for some games.

UC Merced/Holiday Inn Express Volleyball Invitational
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Both Days)
Recreation Center

Come out and support your UC Merced women’s volleyball team as they play four games in two days to kick off their 2015 season. Go Bobcats!
CKI Welcome Week
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tomlinson-Keasey Quad and Lake Yosemite
We will be hosting activities such as a trivia night, a scavenger hunt, and social activities at Lake Yosemite to encourage fellowship and leadership amongst new and returning Circle K members.

Grad & Family Lake BBQ
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Veterans Cove - Lake Yosemite, Merced
Grad & Family Lake BBQ is open to all grad students, families and friends and is held at Lake Yosemite. This event provides FREE food, frisbee, volleyball, horseshoe toss, a BOUNCE HOUSE, music and more for all attendees.

Nacho Average Study Abroad Event
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
California Room
Introducing the Study abroad EAP and IOP programs to new admitted University of California, Merced students (freshmen) by OIA staff and OIA Peer Advisors. Friday August 28, 2014.

Ingenieros Unidos Meet and Greet
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
CA Room
Come one, and come all interested in STEM career majors (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS) to IU’s Meet ‘n’ Greet. This event will take place in the California Room on August 28, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30. ALL ARE WELCOME! From incoming freshman to transfer students, and to seniors who are interested in STEM or Ingenieros Unidos, this is a great opportunity to meet everyone and become a part of the family! We will be showcasing the different engineering majors at UC Merced, so come on by and discover the right major for you!

Ballet Folklorico Information Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
SSB 170
Ballet Folklorico at UC Merced seeks to educate UC students and people of the central valley the style of dance that is Folklorico. There is NO experience required to become a member. Come on by and learn more about Mexican Folkloric Dances!

Amazing Grace Race
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
COB 105
Competitive Team Building event where you solve problems together, do tasks and learn about the campus inspired by “The Amazing Race.”

Annual Welcome Back Blue and Gold Dance Party
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Lantern (KL 155)
Come hear the valley’s hottest DJ as he plays the latest hits and provides you with an out of this world music experience. Come see how Merced people party and add your own Merced flavor. Don’t miss out on this awesome experience!

Dance and Casino Night
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Bobcat Lair
Come join Housing and Residence Life and the Office of Student Life along with other students and play a hand of poker or do some dancing. There will be plenty of chances to win great prizes and meet other Bobcats!

Saturday, August 29

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BSU’s Annual BBQ/Social
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Lake Yosemite
The annual BBQ/Social is a time for BSU to welcome its new prospective and returning members. This time allows the executive board to inform members about the events and goals that BSU has for the upcoming year. Members will get a chance to meet new people in a safe environment while enjoying games and free food!

VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
SAAC 219
Have you ever dreamed about being a hero, stepping in to help others, fighting crime and solving problems? In times like these we need heroes to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to fight troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a hero!

Business Society Presents: Welcome to College 101
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
California Room
Business Society of UC Merced is excited to welcome all new/returning/transfer Bobcats to our university. As your journey begins, we would like to provide you with tips and suggestions to excel during your time here. The members of Business Society will have presenters at booths, with eight booths that will consist of 1) Understanding the Bus Routes 2) Writing an Email to your Professor 3) Grade Saving Study Tips 4) Importance of My Audit 5) Value of Time Management 6) Campus Resources 7) Did you Know? And we will be answering any questions you have!

In addition, there will be prizes given out for the duration of our event! So bring a friend and get ahead with useful tips to spread around! Save the date and don’t miss out on a fun informational event. We will be located in the California Room from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Welcome to UC Merced, Bobcats!

Chess Club
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
KL Lantern (Every Friday) and The Summits Alpine Room (Saturday August 29th)
Chess Club is a free club where players can come learn and play Chess! All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join us for some games.

UC Merced Club Baseball Wiffle Ball Game
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Lake Yosemite
Wiffle Ball game sponsored by UC Merced Club Baseball. Join us at Lake Yosemite for a relaxed game of wiffle ball! Swing by and meet the team, drinks will be provided. All are welcome!

VIP Program — Help a Friend
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SAAC 219
An engaging presentation that helps others learn how to support someone in a way that is non-victim-blaming and holds the perpetrator accountable for their actions. Sexual violence can wave devastating effects on the person who is or was targeted so here we encourage support and comfort from various perspectives.

UC Merced/Holiday Inn Express Volleyball Invitational
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Both Days)
Recreation Center
Come out and support your UC Merced women’s volleyball team as they play four games in two days to kick off their 2015 season. Go Bobcats!

Catholic Mass and Confessions
6:00 PM
COB 120
Join the Catholic Newman Club and fellow students for Saturday Night Vigil Mass. Confessions start at 6 p.m. Mass starts at 7 p.m. Come for Confession, Mass or both. All are welcome! See you there!!

Annual San Francisco Multicultural Odyssey
7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
San Francisco
The Multicultural Odyssey is an innovative and exciting program that will take students to San Francisco to engage and explore the various historical and cultural enclaves of the city while participating in a series of tasks and challenges. You do not want to miss this unique opportunity!
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- **Saturday, August 29**
  - Karaoke and Game Night 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
  - Whose Flag is it Anyway? 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
  - BSU's Annual BBQ/Social 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
  - Making a Difference While at UC Merced 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Business Society Presents: Welcome to College 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
  - VIP Program — Help a Friend 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
  - UC Merced/Holiday Inn Express Volleyball Invitational
  - Neon BINGO 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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- **Sunday, August 30**
  - Whose Flag is it Anyway? 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
  - VIP Program — What's Your Media Feeding You? 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
  - VIP Program — Gleek Out, Speak Out 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - Movie Night 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
  - Financial Institutions Fair 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
  - ASUCM: Know Your Student Government 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

- **Monday, August 31**
  - Welcome to UC Merced Hermanas
  - VIP Program — Head's Up! 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
  - Campus Tour 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
  - Fall Group Fitness Programming 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
  - 2015 Toastmasters Open House 11:10 AM - 1:00 PM
  - ASME's Welcome Week Information Bash 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - VIP Program — Project Rewind 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
  - CKI Welcome Week 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

- **Wednesday, August 26**
  - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- **Tuesday, September 1**
  - CatLife RCO Fair 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Making a Difference While at UC Merced 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - The Places You'll Go Beyond UCM 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - Welcome Week Popsicle Giveaway 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
  - VIP Program — Head's Up! 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
  - VIP Program — Bad Ads 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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- **Thursday, August 27**
  - Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Making a Difference While at UC Merced 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Whose Flag is it Anyway? 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
  - Trident Carnival! 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
  - ASUCM: Know Your Student Government 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
  - Civic Engagement & Responsibility 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
  - Fall Group Fitness Programming 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
  - Trident Carnival! 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
  - VIP Program — What's Your Media Feeding You? 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
  - Late Night with Justin Willman 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
  - Meet and Greek 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - Game Night 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
  - VIP Program — Geek Out, Speak Out 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

- **Friday, August 28**
  - Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Special Meeting for New Students Living Off-Campus 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - VIP Program — Head's Up! 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
  - Whose Flag is it Anyway? 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
  - VIP Program — Project Rewind 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
  - VIP Program — Bad Ads 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
  - SSHA: Career Tips on How to Make the Most out of Your College Experience 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
  - Chess Club 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
  - UC Merced/Holiday Inn Express 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM & Volleyball Invitations 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - CKI Welcome Week 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - Grad & Family Lake BBQ 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - Nacho Average Study Abroad Event 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - Ingenieros Unidos Meet and Greet 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
  - Ballet Folklorico Information Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
  - Amazing Grace Race 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
  - Annual Welcome Back Blue and Gold Dance Party 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
  - Dance and Casino Night 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

- **Wednesday, September 2**
  - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- **Thursday, September 3**
  - VIP Program — Greek Out, Speak Out 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
  - Community Involvement and CatSpots Business Fair 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - DARIS Community Outreach 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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  - Save Rufus: A Library Mystery Game 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
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  - Hip Hop Hours of Power 1:20 PM - 3:30 PM
  - Go Greek Info Session 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
  - Ingenieros Unidos First General Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - Rainbow Social and Dance 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM
  - Beginning of the Year UC Merced Club Baseball Meeting 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM

- **Friday, September 4**
  - DARIS Community Outreach 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
  - Engineering Olympics 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
  - Spirit Day 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
  - Giving Worthwhile Feedback 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - Whose Flag is it Anyway? 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
  - Reading the College Syllabus: What Every Freshmen Should Know 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
  - SSHA Compass: Navigating UC Merced 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
  - Chess Club 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
  - CKI Welcome Week 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  - Ingenieros Unidos Social 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
  - CABalapaloza Festival 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

- **Saturday, September 5**
  - Distinguished Ladies Annual BBQ 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Neon BINGO
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
CA Room
Time for Neon BINGO! Come join fellow Bobcats as you play your way to victory to earn some awesome prizes. B-I-N-G-O let's G-O-G-O!

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Scholar's Lane
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Documentary Screening and Discussion with the Director: El Canto Del Colibrí
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
California Room
In cooperation with Housing, Social Justice Initiatives, LGBT Programs, and the CARE Office, The Brown Boi Project, a Bay-Area based company is bringing the film El Canto del Colibrí to UC Merced! From the makers of Tres Gotas de Agua, the directors will also be here to discuss their film. “El Canto del Colibrí,” is a story of Latino fathers dealing with issues of immigration, faith, marriage equality, machismo, culture and the process of their LGBTQ children coming out. Come join us for this special event!

VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
SAAC 219
Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

VIP Program — Gleek Out, Speak Out
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
SAAC 219
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Movie Night
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Mariposa Lawn
Join Housing and Residence Life in a movie night out at the Mariposa lawn. Come watch Jurassic World and enjoy some light refreshments.

Monday, August 31

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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VIP Program — Head’s Up!
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COB 263
Did you ever play that game as a kid when you stuck a card on your head and had to figure out what you were? Take a journey back to your childhood by playing that game again but with some updated topics surrounding violence prevention.

Making a Difference While at UC Merced
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Blum Center (SSM 130)
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2015 Toastmasters Open House
11:10 AM - 1:00 PM
KL 159
Come to the 2015 Toastmasters Open House to learn all about this great opportunity to enhance and develop your communication skills!

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Financial Aid Advisors Meet & Greet: Free Food!
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Bobcat Lair
Stop by for free food and to meet the Financial Aid Advising Team. We’re here to provide support and resources to help you succeed!

VIP Program — Project Rewind
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
SSM 104
Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

DARTS Meet and Greet | Orientation
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
California Room
All transfer and returning students are invited to join us for the first social of the semester. Learn about program benefits and sign up, if you haven’t already. Program participants (Scholars) will be introduced to their Fellow (assigned peer mentor) and receive their passports!

CKI Welcome Week
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tomlinson-Keasey Quad and Lake Yosemite
We will be hosting activities such as a trivia night, a scavenger hunt, and social activities at Lake Yosemite to encourage fellowship and leadership amongst new and returning Circle K members.

An Evening with the Chancellor
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SE2 Solar Breezeway
This event is held to give all graduate students an opportunity to meet and mingle with UC Merced’s chancellor, Dorothy Leland. Light refreshments are provided to all attendees.
Global Medical Training Presents: Health Forum

6:00 PM
SSB 160 or COB 120

Global Medical Training Presents: Health Forum. A team of Professionals as well as students will discuss their experiences in the health field and give prospective students insight about such career paths.

Tuesday, September 1

CatLife RCO Fair
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Scholars Lane

Discover over 150 Registered Campus Organizations. Get Involved! Get Connected! Start your out of class campus experiences and build relationships.

DARTS Community Outreach
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Welcome Week Popsicle Giveaway
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Lake Field

Join us on Tuesday as the UC Merced soccer programs host Bethesda University in a non-conference soccer double header at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Popsicles will be given away at halftime of both games to all students, faculty and staff with their Cat Cards who are in attendance.
VIP Program — Bad Ads
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SSB 160
What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

Rufus Wii and Game Night
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)
Come connect with your fellow Bobcats for a night of gaming. Held in the Bobcat Lair KL 169, the games will be projected onto two large projection screens. Want to play online games? Bring your friends and laptops and play together using the library’s Wi-Fi. Not into electronic games? Board games, card games, and coloring books will also be available. We’ll provide food to keep you fueled.

VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SSB 160
Have you ever dreamed about being a hero, stepping in to help others, fighting crime, and solving problems? In times like these we need heroes to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to fight troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a hero!

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GSA Ice Cream Social and Committee Rally
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Bobcat Lair - KL 169

Looking to get involved but not sure where to start? Have a question for the Graduate Student Association (GSA)? Really like free food? Then this is the event for you! Come meet your current GSA officers, kick off the new semester, and learn how to get involved on campus all while enjoying some tasty treats and snacks. Most committees on campus have a graduate student representative. Filling these positions is essential to having the graduate student voice heard across campus. Committees range across all kinds of topics, from dining to parking to space planning. Commitments range from minimal (once a semester) to more intensive (twice a month). Committees can be a great experience (and CV line!).

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Bobcat Leadership Series:
Personal Values Workshop
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)

The Bobcat Leadership Series is a year-long developmental program designed to answer questions such as “What is leadership?” “Who can lead?” and “What does it take to be a great leader?” by taking an in-depth look at the seven Cs of the Social Change Model of Leadership Development.

Students who complete the program by attending one session in each C and submit a two page Social Change reflection are certified in Bobcat Leadership Tier 1 and receive exclusive “I’m a Bobcat Leader” T-shirts.

This session is an introduction to the Social Change Model of Leadership Development. We will also explore your values in order to understand your approach to leadership.

Popsicle Hour - School of Engineering
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Breezeway outside Science & Engineering 2

Engineering Students! Stop by and enjoy a popsicle or ice cream bar with your academic advisor. Learn about engineering orgs and meet other students in engineering.

Dinner and a Movie
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Downtown Merced

Enjoy one of Merced’s local favorite restaurant and their great food with company of new and old friends. Then, head over to the Main Place Movie Theatre (Downtown) for a movie of your choice. Tickets will be available during Welcome Week (limited number of tickets available) come reserve your spot at the Office of Student Life (KL 184).

The LAUNCH – Yosemite Leadership Program Info Session
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
SAAC 219

Do you want to do the most, give the most, be the most that you can, here at UC Merced? Are you interested in growing as a leader and as an advocate for positive change? Come learn how you can with the Yosemite Leadership Program at our annual info session: The LAUNCH.

VIP Program — Help a Friend
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
COB 105

An engaging presentation that helps others learn how to support someone in a way that is non-victim-blaming and holds the perpetrator accountable for their actions. Sexual violence can have devastating effects on the person who is or was targeted so here we encourage support and comfort from various perspectives.

Learn S’more about Dance Coalition
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Cat Quad

Dance Coalition would like to invite you to our first event of the school year! Come join us and learn what Dance Coalition is all about. Students will have the opportunity to meet our members and learn about the different styles of dance that we partake in. Stop by for an evening filled with games, s’mores and a special performance by Dance Coalition!

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9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
SSB 120

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Community Involvement and CatSpots Business Fair
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Scholars Lane

Stop by and learn about community projects and opportunities, meet some of our local businesses. With close to 80 vendors this is a great opportunity to get involved with your community.

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Save Rufus: A Library Mystery Game
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
COB 265

Learn about the library and get to know fellow students! In this game, you will work together in teams to rescue Rufus the Bobcat. Following a series of clues, you will explore the library, meet librarians and student assistants, and find out how we can help you excel in your work.
VIP Program — Transfer Program
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
COB 265
*Transfer Students Only* As a transfer student, we realize you are probably already more experienced at stepping in and speaking out. Come learn how to take it to the next level.

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Hip Hop Hours of Power
1:20 PM - 3:30 PM
California Room
Hip Hop Movement welcomes students and staff to come experience Hip Hop Culture through its four main elements; Dance, DJ, Graffiti, and Spoken Word. Come join us in some ice breakers and sample workshops offered by our four branches- which typically feature hip hop dancing, break dancing, DJ basics, graffiti styles, stencil making, spoken word, rapping and more. No experience necessary. Whether you wish to learn, teach, or improve; we welcome all to attend.

Go Greek Info Session
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
COB 120
Interested in joining a fraternity or sorority? Come to this informational session about what it means to join a Greek organization and about the amazing opportunities provided through membership.

Ingenieros Unido
First General Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SSB 160
Welcome back IU! Hope your first week of school went great, and keep up the hard work because it will pay off, trust us! We are inviting you to our first general meeting where we will talk about many new updates, and you will get a chance to get know the executive board! So take a break from studying, and come join us! If you are interested in becoming a part of our IU family then stop by and learn more about us, and don’t forget to bring a friend along! We welcome everybody, and all STEM fields are encouraged to join :) So see you on Thursday, and if you haven’t paid your dues you can bring them to the meeting and our membership director will help you with that. Let’s start this semester on the right foot!

Rainbow Social and Dance
7:00 PM - 12:00 AM
The Lantern(KL 155)
Please join us in celebrating our diversity within our campus supporting and honoring the LGBTQ and Allies communities! Come connect and meet new friends!

Beginning of the Year
UC Merced Club Baseball Meeting
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
SAAC 219
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• Mentor Program
• UCM Alert
• Text-A-Tip
• Lost and Found
• Emergency Preparedness Program
• VIRT (Violent Intruder Response Training)
Each day will focus on different programs in the department that offer insight on what we offer specifically in each.
For more information, please contact the UC Merced Department of Public Safety at 209-228-2767.

Engineering Olympics
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Quad (in front of S&E1)
Welcome to the first annual Engineering Olympics sponsored
by the professional organizations of the School of Engineering! Join other incoming and returning students in a friendly competition that will test your mental and physical abilities.

Other than games there will be food, music and other great opportunities to get to know the students of the school of engineering.

The event is free for everyone, so bring your friends and your favorite faculty members!

**Spirit Day**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
KL 184 (OSL Conference Room)

Spirit Day is held every first Friday of every month in which students dress in blue and gold to show off their school pride. Students that choose to dress up for spirit day receive a free giveaway.

**Giving Worthwhile Feedback**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
SSB 250

Through this interactive workshop, you will discover how to provide constructive and effective feedback to both peers and instructors.

**Whose Flag is it Anyway?**

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM  
Scholar’s Lane

Lambda Alliance would like to invite all UC Merced students to stop by our “Whose Flag is it Anyway?” table. Students are invited to participate in a game of matching a sexual/gender identification with its corresponding pride flag. This will be a chance for students to become educated in the various sexual/gender identities within the LGBT+ community as well as win some prizes! So come on by and meet Lambda Alliance, UC Merced’s LGBT+ and Ally club!

**Reading the College Syllabus: What Every Freshmen Should Know.**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
SSB 250

Explore the course syllabus and crack the code of its content. By working out scenarios in small groups, you will discover the value of the syllabus.

**SSHA Compass: Navigating UC Merced**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
SSM 117

You’ve moved to UC Merced, now what?! Join SSHA Peer Mentors to develop strategies in helping you transition from high school to college. Let us guide you to a successful first year!

**Chess Club**

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
KL Lantern (Every Friday) and The Summits Alpine Room (Saturday August 29th)

Chess Club is a free club where players can come learn and play Chess! All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to join us for some games.

**CKI Welcome Week**

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Tomlinson-Keasey Quad and Lake Yosemite

We will be hosting activities such as a trivia night, a scavenger hunt and social activities at Lake Yosemite to encourage fellowship and leadership amongst new and returning Circle K members.

**Ingenieros Unidos Social**

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
CA Room

This is Ingenieros Unidos third annual social, and we are excited to meet everyone new this year! We have many engineering related activities planned for everyone, and we hope to see many new faces! There will be food, and you will get to meet all of our current members, and hopefully by the end of the day, you will have really clicked with someone who can be your possible mentor! We have a mentorship program that pairs up members together based on majors, so come on by and join us for this fun day and learn more about the career path that you may want to take!

**CABapalooza Festival**

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
The Wallace-Dutra Ampitheatre

The Campus Activities Board hosts their first annual CABapalooza Festival on Friday, September 4 from 7-10 p.m. at The Wallace-Dutra Ampitheatre. This event is CAB’s first event of the school year and will showcase a variety of performances from your fellow bobcats, ranging from the Bobcat Cheer Team to our very own students! There will also be special guest performers featuring up and coming artist. Come join us conclude the Welcome Week festivities by enjoying some free food and listening to some great music!

**Saturday, September 5**

**Distinguished Ladies Annual BBQ**

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Yosemite Lake

Come join Distinguished Ladies for a fun filled afternoon playing games and meeting new people.
Events Beyond Welcome Week

@UCMercedLibrary Instagram Contest ★
Beginning Aug 24 - Sep 4 | UC Merced Library
Take a selfie with you favorite book! Show us the best places to study and meet with friends! Post photos taken in the University of California, Merced Library with the tags #academicexcellence @UCMercedLibrary. All posts will be entered into a random drawing to win one of five $20 gift cards.

Winners will be announced on the library’s Instagram account, so be sure to follow us.

Glow In The Dark Roller Skating Party ★★
Sept 10 | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
The Wallace-Dutra Amphitheatre
Come Boogie with your fellow bobcats on the roller rink! Imagine Skiing under the beautiful Merced sky while meeting and reconnecting with new and old friends! Don’t miss out and this event!

National Day of Service and Remembrance ★★★
Sept 11 | 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Lake Yosemite Clean-up – an ALL DAY event!
Come by any time, before work, between classes, lunch time, or after work. Bring a friend, co-worker, teammate or family member!
Mention you are participating in National Day of Service and you won’t have to pay at the gate.
SEE YOU THERE! For more information contact Vernette Doty, vdoty@ucmerced.edu

National Hazing Prevention Week ★★★
Sep 21 - 25 | UC Merced Campus
Come check out the information tables and conversations around hazing and how you can be involved during this week! More information will be coming in September!

Transfer and Returning Student Appreciation Week - Etiquette Dinner ★★★
Sep 23 | 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM | California Room
To help current students learn the etiquette skills they need for career networking and job interviews, which often include lunches and dinners, DARTS and the Center for Career and Professional Advancement will hold our annual Networking Reception and Etiquette Dinner. RSVP is required

ArtHop ★★★
Oct 17 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
645 W. Main St in Merced
Come celebrate art at the Downtown Merced ArtHop.

UC Merced United Way Campaign ★★★
Fall Semester
UC Merced partners with United Way each year to create a campaign to raise funds and awareness of giving back to the community. This year’s theme is “Celebration”. Faculty, staff and students have been encouraged to take part in this campaign by: 1. pledging a one-time donation 2. pledging a monthly amount 3. pledging volunteering time at one of the organizations United Ways sponsors. For more information go to www.unitedway.ucmerced.edu

Academic Calendar 2015-16

Fall Semester 2015
Fall Semester Begins
Wednesday, August 19
Instruction Begins
Wednesday, August 26
Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 7
Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
Wednesday, September 16
(at 4:00 PM)
Veterans Day Holiday
Wednesday, November 11
Non-Instructional Day
Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27
Fall Instruction Ends
Friday, December 11
Final Exams
Saturday, Dec 12 & Monday, Dec 14 - Friday, Dec 18
Fall Semester Ends
Friday, December 18
Final Grades Due
Tuesday, December 22, (at noon)

Spring Semester 2016
Spring Semester Begins
Tuesday, January 12,
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Monday, January 18
Spring Instruction Begins
Tuesday, January 19
Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
Monday, February 8, (at 4:00 PM)
Presidents Day Holiday
Monday, February 15
Spring Recess
Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 24
Cesar Chavez Holiday
Friday, March 25
Spring Instruction Ends
Friday, May 6
Final Exams
Saturday, May 7 & Monday, May 9 - Friday, May 13,
Spring Semester Ends
Friday, May 13,
Commencement Ceremonies
Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15
Final Grades Due
Tuesday, May 17 (at noon)
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
The Office of Student Conduct Presents

INTTEGRITY WEEK

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 19-23, 2015

The purpose of Integrity Week is to encourage ethical behavior by conducting educational programs that promote ethics, honesty, and integrity both inside and outside of the classroom.

LGBTQ+ Initiatives
Office of Student Life

Pride Talks: Monthly discussion on various LGBTQ+ topics
Bisexuality Awareness Day: September 23rd
Queer History Month: October
National Coming Out Day: October 11th
Ally Week: October 13th-17th
Intersex Awareness Day: October 26th
Asexuality Awareness Day: October 28th
Transgender Day of Remembrance: November 20th
World AIDS Day: December 1st
Come check us out for National Hazing Prevention Week September 21st - 25th 2015!

A Night with Spidey
8.26.15
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Ampitheatre
The Margo F. Souza Student Leadership Center within the Office of Student Life at the University of California, Merced, aspires to educate and develop leadership competencies while empowering student to thrive as lifelong learners and leaders in the 21st century by fostering mindfulness and capabilities.

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”
—Warren Bennis

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Leadership Conference

Yosemite Leadership Program (YLP)

Leadership Awards

Three Tier Leadership Certificate Program
  Tier 1: Bobcat Leadership Series
    (Preferred qualification for student employment.)
  Tier 2: PAWS Leadership Seminars
    Passion Action Wellness Service
  Tier 3: Leadership in Action Capstone Program

Emerging Leader Retreat

LeaderShape

Leadership Consultations and Workshops

For more information, contact Steve Lerer, Assistant Director of Student Life, Killigian Library 167, slerer@ucmerced.edu or visit the website:

STUDENTLEADERSHIP.UCMERCED.EDU

DISCOVERING YOUR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS
Popsicle Hour

School of Engineering

Engineering Students!

Stop by and enjoy a popsicle or ice cream bar with your academic advisor. Learn about engineering orgs and meet other students in engineering.

WHEN: September 2, 2015
TIME: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
PLACE: Breezeway outside of Science & Engineering 2

Visit us:
- 315 Science & Engineering 2
- engr-advising.ucmerced.edu
- (209) 228 - 4411
SAN FRANCISCO MULTICULTURAL ODYSSEY
EXPLORE THE BAY IN A DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
7AM-9PM
THIS IS AN ALL-DAY EVENT.
Student groups will have the opportunity to explore San Francisco and the surrounding neighborhoods. (Event will include breakfast, transportation, and dinner)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO MULTICULTURAL ODYSSEY AND HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT VISIT:
STUDENTLIFE.UCMERCEDE.EU/CONTENT/NEWS-AND-EVENTS
For more information, contact O’mar Primitivo, Coordinator of Social Justice Initiatives, opvrimitivo@ucmerced.edu
Office of Student Life

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

- Leadership • Scholarship • Service • Friendship -

Delta Delta Delta
Delta Gamma
Kappa Delta Chi
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Lambda Theta Nu

Kappa Sigma
Omega Delta Phi
Sigma Chi

PROFESSIONAL GREEKS

Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Phi Omega, Delta Epsilon Mu, Delta Sigma Pi,
Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Delta Epsilon, and Theta Tau

GO GREEK INFO SESSIONS

Tuesday, August 25th 6pm-7pm in COB 120
Thursday, August 27th 6pm-7pm in COB 105
Meet and Greek - Thursday, September 3rd 7pm-9pm
@ Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater
UC Merced is celebrated for its racial, ethnic, regional, and socio-economic diversity. What is the reality of this diversity and its impact on UCM? Attend the retreat and you will have an opportunity to hear the experiences of your fellow Bobcats and EXPLORE the impact of those experiences as well as ENGAGE in interactive and thought provoking activities!

student feedback:
WHAT DID YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT?
"Connections. Even though we were strangers, we were able to come together and share extremely personal things about ourselves."
"I liked that we were forced to bond. I also liked that everyone was encouraged to be inclusive and open-minded."

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE WITH NON-RETREAT PARTICIPANTS?
"You will learn a lot about yourself and others."
"Life-changing experience."
"AMAZING!"

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE RETREAT AND HOW TO APPLY VISIT: STUDENTLIFE.UCMERCEDEDU/CONTENT/SOCIAL-JUSTICE-RETREAT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL ONAB PRIMITIVO, COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES, OPRIMITIVO@UCMERCED.EDU IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RETREAT.
OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE STUDENT ACTIVITIES PRESENTS

TARGET NIGHT

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR BUY ON LINE AND PICK UP IN STORE FOR YOUR BACK TO COLLEGE SUPPLIES.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25
9PM - MIDNIGHT
LOCATION: 3280 R STREET
FREE ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT BUS STOP/PARKING PICKUP/DROP-OFF

FREE GOODIE BAG, SAMPLES & GIVEAWAYS!

For more information, contact Enrique Guzman, eguzman@ucmerced.edu

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AS AN ATHLETE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, HUDSON TAYLOR OFTEN OBSERVED THE USE OF HOMOPHOBIC LANGUAGE AND DEMEANING HUMOR, ESPECIALLY IN SPORTS. SOON AFTER ENROLLING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, HE BEFRIENDED LGBT STUDENTS IN HIS THEATRE CLASSES AND BECAME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE PAIN CAUSED BY HOMOPHOBIC BEHAVIOR.

HUDSON, WHO IS NOT GAY, FELT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO CONFRONT THE REALITY THAT SPORTS OFTEN MARGINALIZE LGBT ATHLETES, COACHES AND OTHERS THROUGH SYSTEMIC HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA. HE DECIDED TO TAKE ACTION AS A STRAIGHT ALLY TO CHANGE ATHLETIC CULTURE FOR THE BETTER.

TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE LGBT COMMUNITY, HUDSON WORE AN LGBT EQUALITY STICKER FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN ON HIS WRESTLING HEADGEAR. THOUGH HE ENCONTRERED CRITICISM FROM HIS PEERS, BUT RECEIVED POSITIVE ATTENTION FROM THE MEDIA, AND RECEIVED THOUSANDS OF EMAILS FROM PARENTS AND CLOSETED ATHLETES, EXPRESSING THANKS AND SHARING THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES OF HOMOPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA IN SPORTS.

THIS EXPERIENCE INSPIRED HUDSON TO LAUNCH ATHLETE ALLY.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE, RECREATION & ATHLETICS & STUDENT ACTIVITIES, LGBTQ+ INITIATIVES PRESENTS

HUDSON TAYLOR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015
LOCATION: LAKIREDDY AUDITORIUM
TIME: 8:30PM

"IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE SPORTS, TEAMS AND LIVES, WE SHOULD DO IT."

-HUDSON TAYLOR

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ONAR PRIMITIVO, COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES
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Vision
Applying the guiding principles of leadership, service, and social justice, the Office of Student Life will be a leader in providing student-centered programs and services that enhance the academic vision and connect students with opportunities for social, intellectual and skill development.

Mission
The Office of Student Life at UC Merced supports the development of our students and community to promote responsible and engaged citizenship.