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University of California, Merced
5200 N. Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343

Dear Bobcats,

Welcome to the 2017-18 academic year! I am excited to welcome back our continuing students and to greet the new undergraduate and graduate students who have joined our active, engaged campus community.

Welcome Week celebrates the start of the new academic year at the University of California, Merced, and is designed to help make our new students' transition to college life as smooth as possible. Your first few weeks here will set the tone for the rest of the year, so make the most of them by attending the countless 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 that will help you be successful at UC Merced. I encourage you to participate in as many programs 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 field. You will experience novel approaches to learning and problem solving, and we encourage you to embrace our campus' spirit of creativity and innovation.

Also, be sure to invite your family members to attend Family Weekend October 20-22. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Dorothy Leland'.

Dorothy Leland
Chancellor





Dear Bobcats,

Welcome!

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 **"I WILL."** 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 2017-2018!

Go Bobcats,

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

SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY WEEKEND: OCTOBER 20-22, 2017

The University of California, Merced, invites you to attend Family Weekend 2017, 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 mailer, 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.



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EXPLORE RESOURCES



CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS



TRANSFORM YOUR ACADEMICS

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Welcome Home

Housing & Residence Life Presents

SATURDAY 8.19.17

Movie Under The Stars
Mariposa Lawn 8:30PM



SUNDAY 8.20.17

Community Meeting
See RA for more details

Playfair

Mariposa Lawn 8PM



MONDAY 8.21.17

Block Party

Muir Pass 8 PM-Midnight
Get Your Wristband early!



TUESDAY 8.22.17



Pin It!

CA Room 7 PM



Target Night

Summits Bus Stop 8 PM- 12 AM

WEDNESDAY 8.23.17

Comedian

Amphitheater 7-9 PM



THURSDAY 8.24.17

Live Band Karaoke

Amphitheater 8 - 11 PM



FRIDAY 8.25.17

Screen On The Green

Mariposa Lawn 9:30PM



SATURDAY 8.26.17

Neon Bingo

CA Room 8 PM



Contact Dallas Carter at dcarter@ucmerced.edu



UC Merced's 2017-2018 Common Reading Project

Welcome UC Merced Fellow Bobcat!

Based on university-wide faculty recommendations and curricular considerations, the Core 1 Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Education, has selected William Bryant Logan's *Air: The Restless Shaper of the World*, a compelling, wide-ranging interdisciplinary survey of all that air compasses—as the UC Merced's 2017-2018 Common Reading Project. Our goal with a common reading is to establish a greater sense of community among students and faculty by fostering 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, unwavering focus on intersections between environmental and human health.

William Bryant Logan is a certified arborist and president of Urban Arborists, a Brooklyn-based tree company. He has won numerous Quill and Trowel awards from the Garden Writers of America and won

a 2012 Senior Scholar Award from the New York State chapter of the International Society of Arborist. He also won an NEH grant to translate Calderon de la Barca. He is on the faculty at the New York Botanical

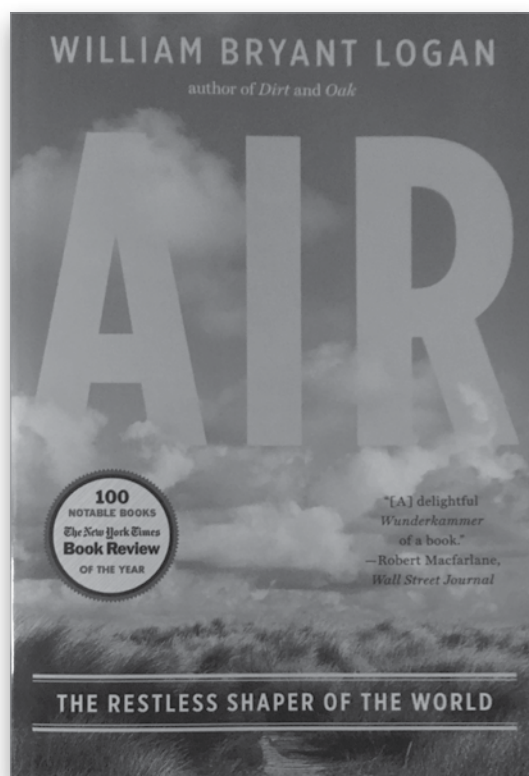
Garden and is the author of *"Oak and Dirt"* which was made into an award-winning documentary. See his website (williambryantlogan.com) as well as the accompanying "Field Guide" for more information.

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 be used to 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 *"Air: The Restless Shaper of the World."*

Welcome to UC Merced! Go Bobcats!



WELCOME TO UC MERCED!

Hello Bobcats!

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and are ready for an exciting new year — the 13th 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 2017 Planning & Steering Committee



**GOOD LUCK &
HAVE FUN...
GO BOBCATS!**

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 relationship building amongst students, staff, faculty and scholars.
- Help students to develop practices that encourage reflection, 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 students, faculty, staff and scholars with a positive opportunity to connect with local businesses and community partners.

WELCOME WEEK GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ACCESSIBILITY:

New students have the opportunity to join the community with all the rights and responsibilities of those already here. All 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.





OCTOBER 20-22

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A brochure, which includes programs, details and registration information will also be sent to parents in late August using the student's permanent address on file with the University.



Register early to guarantee a **20% discount off** the registration price.
For more information, please contact Enrique Guzman at eguzman@ucmerced.edu



3 Fairs

TIME: 10AM-2PM

LOCATION: SCHOLARS LANE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29
STUDENT CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31
COMMUNITY BUSINESSES

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL

JIM GREENWOOD,
COORDINATOR OF CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS DEVELOPMENT

JGREENWOOD@UCMERCED.EDU



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CAB CINEMA • CAB STERICAL

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Food, Swag,
and Prizes!

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
PRESENTS

CATCRAWL

A fun social event exploring
Downtown Merced for transfer
and returning students!

Date: August 25
Time: 5pm-9pm
Check In: 4:30pm at Bob Hart Square
510 W Main St, Merced, CA 95340
RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/ucmcatacrawl2017>

Contact:
dartsprogram@ucmerced.edu

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Transfer Scholars

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
PRESENTS**

FINANCIAL AID ADVISORS MEET & GREET

DATE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30

TIME: 12PM-1PM

LOCATION: BOBCAT LAIR

FREE FOOD!



DEMO WEEK

FREE GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

CYCLING



WEDNESDAY
AUG. 23
THROUGH
SUNDAY
SEPT. 3

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH,
PURCHASE YOUR FITNESS PASS
FOR \$25 AND ENJOY ANY
CLASS YOU WISH FOR THE
REST OF THE SEMESTER.

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CLASSES INCLUDE:

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**PURCHASE YOUR PASS AT
THE GALLO FRONT DESK.**



Saturday, August 19

Movie Under the Stars

8:30PM - 11:30PM
Mariposa Lawn

Now that you're moved in,
enjoy a movie under the stars!

I WILL SUCCEED

Sunday, August 20

Playfair

8:00PM - 11:00PM | Mariposa Lawn

Called the "Ultimate Icebreaker," Playfair is a tried-and-true system of getting complete strangers to engage with others in a fun and non-competitive playful way.

Monday, August 21



Knowing Your Way Around!

8:00AM - 12:30PM | In Front of Kolligian Library

Club members will be promoting different local businesses of UC Merced, from restaurants, grocery stores, the mall, and other areas of Merced. The goal is to inform the students where places are in Merced.

ASCEND Conference

9:30AM - 11:30AM

Students please refer to your email for location

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Classroom Tours

10:00AM | Outside Kolligian Library near the Bookstore

Tours of selected classrooms and instructional spaces common in students' class schedules. These tours will be led by the Visitors Center student guide.

Sustainable Bobcats

11:00AM - 1:00PM | Kolligian Library 360

Learn how to become a more sustainable bobcat.

ASCEND Conference

1:00PM - 3:00PM

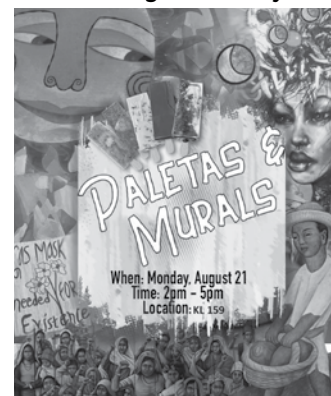
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"Paletas and Murals"

2:00PM - 5:00PM | Intercultural Hub-Kolligian Library 159

All Bobcats are invited to join The Intercultural Hub* at UC Merced and the Graduate Cultural Resource Center at UC Merced for a day full of fun and delicia. Does mural painting, paletas, and poetry sound like fun? Then, come help us create art for our cultural spaces on campus; or just come get a free popsicle!



Ombuds Introduction

3:15PM - 4:45PM | Student Services Building 211

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VIP Program — Project Rewind

5:00PM - 6:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 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

6:30PM - 7:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

Learn about the role that advertisements play on our views of identity by playing a game of Bingo! Analyze advertisements and talk to your peers about the impact of seeing violence around us, on TV and in magazines.

Block Party

8:00PM - Midnight | Muir Pass

Come celebrate your first day on campus. You don't want to miss it! There will be free food, a DJ, a photo booth, and much more. Celebrate move-in day and make some new friends.

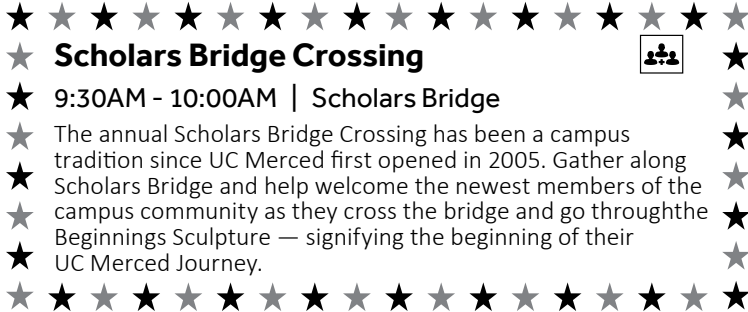


Tuesday, August 22

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ASCEND Conference-Reception with Schools

9:30AM - 10:30AM | New Beginnings Sculpture

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

10:00AM - 11:00AM | Classroom and Office Building 116

While certainly immersed in an exciting new experience such as college, 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.



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Resource Center and Excel! Program Introduction

11:00AM - 12:00PM | Student Services Building 120

The presentation will introduce incoming freshmen to the services the STEM Resource Center and Excel! Program provide



for UC Merced undergraduate students. The STEM Resource Center and Excel! are dedicated to building a learning community and enhancing social and academic experiences for UC Merced undergraduates pursuing degrees in science, engineering, and math. We meet our students on an individual basis, guide them to flourish in their intellectual endeavors and assist them to acknowledge personal responsibility for their own success. We support our students in finding research and internship opportunities and building lifelong skills needed for advancement and leadership in STEM careers.



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Registered. Organizations. Activities. Resources. (R.O.A.R.) Institute

11:00AM - 5:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 102

Come learn ways to help your organization develop and be successful throughout the school year. Training will focus on org. leadership and success topics. Institute is open to officers and members of active student organizations.



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VIP Programs — OMG, Quit Facebook Lurking

2:30PM - 3:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

Our society normalizes and even romanticizes stalking behaviors — learn about what you can do to stop it and create a society that fights stalking by evaluating everyday behaviors.



Introduction to STEM Internships, Careers, & Experiences

Office of Leadership, Service, and Career. Center for Career and Professional Advancement

3:00PM - 4:00PM

Social Science Management Building 104



This program will guide students on a possible ideal college experience and methods to obtain Internships, Careers, & Experiences within Science, Technology, Engineering & Math related disciplines. This program will discuss best practices to advance students into competitive Graduate Programs, Medical Schools, Career Pathways, and Entrepreneurial Avenues.

iStartStrong



3:00PM - 4:00PM | Student Services Building 250

Identify your natural talents and begin to connect your interests to majors and careers. Learn about Career Service resources.

Ombuds Introduction



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VIP Program — Miro y Vivo: La Telenovela



4:00PM - 5:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

* Bilingual* Come ready to discuss some of your favorite telenovelas. Learn how to recognize how telenovelas influence the Latinx Community, how they create a rape culture and how to identify as a social agent consumer.

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Pin It!



8:00PM - 10:00PM | California Room

Why buy it when you can design it! Spice up your life with custom designed pieces of art, created by YOU! Design your own Sharpie canvas shoes, wall art clock, floor rug, and more! Save money, meet new people, and Pin It!



Target Night



8:00PM - Midnight | Summits 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 especially for UC Merced students. Come have a great time with your fellow Bobcats and meet new friends.



Wednesday, August 23

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration



10:00AM - 2:00PM

Kolligian Library 155 (Outside 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 will 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.

Welcome Back with Alpha Phi Omega



10:00AM - 2:00PM | Scholars Lane

The members of Alpha Phi Omega want to share their cardinal principals of leadership, friendship and service with the UC Merced community. We want to promote a friendly environment and provide the attendees an opportunity to engage in simple service activities as well as encourage them with motivational and inspirational words and quotes.

Explore Your Library



12:00PM - 2:00PM | Kolligian Library 255 (Second Floor of the Library, across from the Library Services Desk and IT Express)

College can be tough to navigate. Where can you work on a group project? How can you research off-campus? Don't worry, the UC Merced Library has you covered. Stop by the table on the second floor of the Library across from the Library Services Desk and IT Express. We'll show you how to book a collaborative work room and help you download the VPN, which will let you connect to library resources off-campus. Bonus! You'll also have the chance to explore the new free Flipster magazine app--the perfect study break companion!

Fall 2017 Group Fitness Classes- DEMO WEEK!



12:00PM - 9:00PM | Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation & Wellness Center/Student Activities & Athletics Center

Beginning Wednesday, August 23 through Sunday, September 3.

Join Us For DEMO WEEK! Group Fitness Classes are FREE during DEMO WEEK!

Beginning Monday, September 4 purchase your Fitness Pass for \$25 at the Gallo Front Desk and enjoy any class you wish for the rest of the semester.



VIP Program — Speak Out!



12:30PM - 1:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

Cartoons are not just for kids anymore! Learn about what one of today's most popular cartoons can teach us about gender roles and consent and how to apply these lessons

Women's Soccer Game



1:00PM - 3:00PM | Lake Field

Come out to the Lake Field for a festive environment as you watch the women's soccer team take on Northwest University (WA). Northwest ended last season as the fifth ranked team in the country, so come cheer on the Bobcats as they fight for the major upset. Also get ready to catch some prizes as we'll be throwing out sunglasses, rally towels and t-shirts!



Exploring MyDegreePath



3:00PM - 4:00PM | Student Services Building 170

Worried about enrolling in the correct classes and graduating on time? MyDegreePath is here to help! MyDegreePath combines degree audits with academic planning. A degree audit analyzes degree requirements for a major, concentration, and minor according to the catalog year when you entered UC Merced. The audit gives a complete picture regarding what degree requirements have been met, are in progress and are remaining. Academic planning allows you to use roadmaps built by your academic advisor along with your degree audit to create a path towards graduation. You create a plan divided by terms and can check your plan against your degree audit.

At this session, we will learn how to use MyDegreePath, including running degree audits, learning how to read degree audits, and creating academic plans. If you are able, bring your lap top with you so that can follow along!

Launch Your Semester with Success



3:00PM - 4:00PM | Student Services Building 160

Orientation staff will lead sessions on Resources, Reflection and Relationships specifically designed for students who were unable to attend orientation but open to all new students. Attending one of these events will fulfill your orientation attendance requirement. Resources, Reflection and Relationships are the three pillars of the Orientation program and will be featured in a format that helps you launch your first semester successfully.

Men's Soccer Game



3:00PM - 5:00PM | Lake Field

Join the action on the Lake Field as the men's soccer team takes on Northwest University (WA) for their home opener. There will be plenty of prizes including sunglasses, rally towels and t-shirts for you to get your hands on while you watch all the action.

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Afrikans for Retention and Outreach presents: Ice Cream Social and Games



6:00PM - 8:00PM | Mariposa Lawn

Afrikans for Retention and Outreach presents our annual ice cream social. Take a break and enjoy some cool, delicious ice cream while mixing and mingling with your fellow Bobcats!

VIP Program — Rainbow of Violence



7:00PM - 8:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

LGBTQ individuals face violence at similar rates as heterosexual people — Come learn about some of the differences sexual orientation can play in sexual violence and healing — Allies welcome.

Comedian: Adam Mamawala



7:00PM - 9:00PM

Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater

Laughter is a great way to relieve stress and burns calories. Get ready for a night full of plenty of laughs. Join OSL for a comedy night at the amphitheater.



Women's Volleyball Game



7:00PM - 9:00PM | Joseph Edward Gallo Gym

Come out to Hostetler Court to get your first peak at the 2017 women's volleyball team. The Bobcats will take on the Menlo College Oaks in their home opener to conclude the triple header of athletic games on campus for the day. All students get in free to the game with their Cat Card and will have the chance to win t-shirts, rally towels and UC Merced sunglasses.



Thursday, August 24

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration



10:00AM - 2:00PM

Kolligian Library 155 (Outside Main Entrance)

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- Mentor Program
- UCM Alert
- Text-A-Tip
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We want to promote a friendly environment and provide the attendees an opportunity to engage in simple service activities as well as encourage them with motivational and inspirational words and quotes.



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



10:30AM - 11:30AM

Classroom and Office Building 120

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Explaining the Gender Pay Gap: What do Economists Know?



11:00AM - 12:00PM | Student Services Building 170

Public lecture and discussion of the gender pay gap, its causes and consequences. Discussion of ECON & MBE programs and cookies.

Explore Your Library



12:00PM - 2:00PM | Kolligian Library 255
(Second Floor of the Library, across from the Library Services Desk and IT Express)

College can be tough to navigate. Where can you work on a group project? How can you research off-campus? Don't worry, the UC Merced Library has you covered. Stop by the table on the second floor of the Library across from the Library Services Desk and IT Express. We'll show you how to book a

collaborative work room and help you download the VPN, which will let you connect to library resources off-campus. Bonus! You'll also have the chance to explore the new free Flipster magazine app--the perfect study break companion!



Career Tips on How to Make the Most Out of Your College Experience for Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Students



1:00PM - 2:00PM | Student Services Building 250

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

University of California Office of the President Carbon Neutrality Initiative



1:00PM - 2:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 266

University of California Office of the President has pledged to become carbon neutral by 2025. The UC Merced plans to be Carbon Neutral by the year 2020. The Carbon Neutrality Initiative builds on UC's pioneering work on climate research and furthers its leadership on sustainable business practices. UC is improving its energy efficiency, developing new sources of renewable energy and enacting a range of related strategies to cut carbon emissions. Come meet the UC Merced Carbon Neutrality team and find out how you can get involved.

University of California Office of the President Global Food Initiative



2:00PM - 3:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 266

The University of California Global Food Initiative addresses one of the critical issues of our time: how to sustainably and nutritiously feed a world population expected to reach eight billion by 2025. The initiative aligns the university's research, outreach, and operations in a sustained effort to develop, demonstrate and export solutions throughout California, the United States and the world — for food security, health and sustainability. Come meet the UC Merced Global Food Initiative team and find out how you can get involved.

Ombuds Introduction



3:15PM - 4:45PM | Student Services Building 211

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VIP Program — Project Rewind



6:00PM - 7:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

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.

Nacho Average Study Abroad Event



6:00PM - 7:30PM | Alpine Room (Tenaya 170/175)

Meet study abroad returnees, hear about their experiences, and learn about the experiences you can have abroad.

Me, Myself, and Stress



6:30PM - 7:30PM | California Room

Are you interested in participating in an effective stress management workshop? Or not sure of how to cope with stress levels? Join Health Promotion to learn about stress management. There will be various interactive activities that will teach you the difference between stress factors and stress-coping strategies. So, before college gets too stressful, come learn some prevention tips!



Launch Your Semester with Success

7:00PM - 8:00PM | Student Services Building 160

Orientation staff will lead sessions on Resources, Reflection and Relationships specifically designed for students who were unable to attend orientation but open to all new students. Attending one of these events will fulfill your orientation attendance requirement. Resources, Reflection and Relationships are the three pillars of the Orientation program and will be featured in a format that helps you launch your first semester successfully.

VIP Program — What's Your Media Feeding You?

7:30PM - 8:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

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

Live Band Karaoke

8:00PM - 11:00PM | Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater

Come express your energetic side with this group karaoke night including recent hits!

Friday, August 25

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Kolligian Library 155 (Outside Main Entrance)

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- Mentor Program
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VIP Programs — OMG, Quit Facebook Lurking

11:00AM - 12:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

Our society normalizes and even romanticizes stalking behaviors — learn about what you can do to stop it and create a society that fights stalking by evaluating everyday behaviors.

School of Engineering Ice Cream Social

11:30AM - 1:00PM | Bobcat Lair Kolligian Library 169

Engineering Students! Stop by and enjoy a Popsicle or ice cream bar with your Academic Advisors. Learn about Engineering Organizations and meet other students in engineering.

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12:30PM - 1:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

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UC Merced
LGBTQ+ Meet n' Greet
Join us for an afternoon of socializing, learning about LGBTQ+ resources and opportunities to get involved.
**Aug 25, 2017
1-3pm
Elizabeth's Garden
inside the Dining Center**
Hosted by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Queer Issues and LGBTQ+ Initiatives in the Office of Student Life
For question or accommodations, please contact Angi Baxter, Coordinator of Women's Programs & LGBTQ+ Initiatives, at abaxter3@ucmerced.edu

LGBTQ+ Meet n' Greet

1:00PM - 3:00PM | Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater
Dining Center - Elizabeth's Garden

Join us for an afternoon of socializing, learning about LGBTQ+ resources and opportunities to get involved.

Pre-Veterinary Club

1:00PM - 4:00PM | Scholars Lane

Help recruit new people and gain new members that want to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Exploring MyDegreePath

3:00PM - 4:00PM | Kolligian Library 217

Worried about enrolling in the correct classes and graduating on time? MyDegreePath is here to help! MyDegreePath combines degree audits with academic planning. A degree audit analyzes degree requirements for a major, concentration, and minor according to the catalog year when you entered UC Merced. The audit gives a complete picture regarding what degree requirements have been met, are in progress and are remaining. Academic planning allows you to use roadmaps built by your academic advisor along with your degree audit to create a path towards graduation. You create a plan divided by terms and can check your plan against your degree audit.

At this session, we will learn how to use MyDegreePath, including running degree audits, learning how to read degree audits, and creating academic plans. If you are able, bring your lap top with you so that can follow along!

Ombuds Introduction

3:15PM - 4:45PM | Student Services Building 211

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VIP Program — Miro y Vivo: La Telenovela



4:00PM - 5:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 113

Bilingual Come ready to discuss some of your favorite telenovelas. Learn how to recognize how telenovelas influence the Latinx Community, how they create a rape culture and how to identify as a social agent consumer.

UC Merced CatCrawl



5:00PM - 9:00PM | Bob Hart Square - Downtown Merced

The UC Merced CatCrawl is a fun social event for new transfer and reinstated students to meet current students and alumni. Spend an exciting evening with your fellow incoming classmates and discover what Downtown Merced has to offer. Food, swag, and prizes will be given to those who participate. All students are welcome! This event will be hosted by the Degree Attainment for Returning and Transfer Scholars (DARTS) Program, Office of Student Life (OSL), and UC Merced Alumni Association (UCMAA).

VIP Program — Heads Up!



5:30PM - 6:30PM

Classroom and Office Building 113

Are you in it to win it? Play our version of Ellen's Favorite game by giving each other clues to guess violence prevention concepts before the other teams!

Screen on the Green



9:30PM | Mariposa Lawn

Join Housing and Residence Life in a movie night out at the Mariposa Lawn. Come watch and enjoy some light refreshments!

Saturday, August 26

Annual San Francisco Multicultural Odyssey



7:00AM - 9:00PM | 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!

Knowing Your Way Around!



8:00AM - 12:30PM | In Front of Kolligian Library

Club members will be promoting different local businesses of UC Merced, from restaurants, grocery stores, the mall, and other areas of Merced. The goal is to inform the students where places are in Merced.

VIP Program — Heads Up!



11:00AM - 12:00PM

Student Activities and Athletics Center 219

Are you in it to win it? Play our version of Ellen's Favorite game by giving each other clues to guess violence prevention concepts before the other teams!



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



12:00PM - 1:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 110

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Welcome BLACK BBQ



12:00PM - 4:00PM | Lake Yosemite

The Black Student Union presents to you our ANNUAL Welcome BLACK BBQ on Saturday, August 26 from 12-4pm at Lake Yosemite. The purpose of this event is to build new relationships within our organization and to have a good time. So be sure to come check us out on Saturday, August 26. This is an event you definitely DON'T want to miss out on. Did we mention there will be FREE food?



We hope to see you there!

For any questions, please email mharran@ucmerced.edu.

VIP Program — Rainbow of Violence



12:30PM - 1:30PM | Student Activities and
Athletics Center 219

LGBTQ individuals face violence at similar rates as heterosexual people — Come learn about some of the differences sexual orientation can play in sexual violence and healing — Allies welcome.

Neon Bingo



8:00PM - 10:00PM | California Room

Time for Neon Bingo! Come join fellow Bobcats as you play your way to victory to earn some awesome prizes. B-I-N let's G-O!



Sunday, August 27



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8:00AM - 12:30PM | In Front of the Library

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Brunch with Distinguished Ladies



11:00AM - 1:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

Hello Bobcats,

Welcome to UC Merced! We are extremely excited for you to embark on your next life journey here at UCM.

Join Distinguished Ladies Sunday, August 27 from 11am-1pm, for a brunch (food provided).

Distinguished Ladies exists to provide support for minority women on campus, as well as to enrich our UC Merced and local communities. Through our efforts, we aspire to encourage academic success, community outreach, positive self-image, and professional development. We will forever be Strong, Involved, Sophisticated, Talented, Astute, Humble, and Successful... S.I.S.T.A.H.S United!

Please stop by the Bobcat Lair (located in the library) to learn more about us! See you there!

VIP Program — Heads Up!



12:30PM - 1:30PM | Student Activities and Athletics Center 219

Are you in it to win it? Play our version of Ellen's Favorite game by giving each other clues to guess violence prevention concepts before the other teams!

VIP Program — Speak Out!



2:00PM - 3:00PM | Student Activities and Athletics Center 219

Cartoons are not just for kids anymore! Learn about what one of today's most popular cartoons can teach us about gender roles and consent and how to apply these lessons.

Monday, August 28

The Best for You!



9:00AM - 11:00AM | Scholars Lane

Join your UC Merced Global Food Initiative team to learn what resources are available to you as a student when it comes to addressing your basic needs. What is basic needs security? Basic needs security refers to the food, housing, and wellness security of our community. We understand that basic needs have a direct impact on the mental-emotional-physical health, wellness, academic performance, professional development and the overall success of our students. The quality of life of our students, has a major impact on their sense of belonging, determination, graduation, and overall experience. Join us to win some great prizes by spinning our Wheel of Fortune!

CropMobster Merced: A Tool to Help You Connect with the Food System



10:00AM - 12:00PM | Scholars Lane

CropMobster Merced is a free, community-based, online platform or a food system hub that works to reduce food waste, decrease food insecurity, help local farmers and small businesses and build the community in Merced County.

It combines the power of our community with technology and social media. It is a place where the community can post, view and take action on various types of alerts about anything related to the food system, from donations, to events, to sales, and much more. For example, community members with fruit trees have posted Free Alerts offering their delicious fruit to anyone

that wants to come and pick it. Great jobs, interesting events and valuable resources have been posted.

This community tool is free for all of Merced County and signing up is easy. Simply go to merced.cropmobster.com, enter in the requested information and then start posting, viewing and acting on alerts by messaging the trader. To like us on Facebook, please search "CropMobster Merced" and to follow us on Twitter, please go to @MercedCropMob.

Special Meeting for New Students Living Off-Campus



10:00AM - 12:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 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.

SAE: Who Are We?



10:00AM - 1:00PM | Front of the Kolligian Library

The purpose of this event is to begin familiarizing ourselves with the incoming freshman students; we want to let the new students know who we are and the kind of projects that Society of Automotive Engineers works on. We want to give those who are interested in automotive-related projects or cars in general hands-on experience such as working on a formula one electric powered kart.

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Help a Friend in Recovery and/or a Friend with a Mental Illness



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This workshop, hosted by Health Promotion, will provide skills on how to help support a fellow student that has difficulty with alcohol or other drugs, help a fellow student that does not drink, and help a fellow student who lives with mental illness. How do you help this



friend and still keep the friendship? What kind of support can you provide for a friend that does not drink, but you do?

What do you do if a friend seems to be a danger to themselves? Attending this workshop will answer these questions and provide you skills to help your friend. Great food will also be provided.

International Intermingle

2:00PM - 4:00PM | International Center
(Kolligian Library 101)

Grab a drink or a quick snack and chat with staff from the Office of International Affairs, study abroad returnees, and our international community. No strings attached.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Information Session

2:30PM - 3:30PM | Student Services Building 170

Have you ever considered joining a fraternity or sorority? Come learn about how membership can support you as a person and as a student!

Men's Soccer Game

3:00PM - 5:00PM | Lake Field

The men's soccer team kicks off Monday against Menlo College as they look to revenge a tough loss at the feet of the Oaks last year. Bring your friends and enjoy some quality futbol on the pitch.

Admission is FREE for everyone!

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Bingo with Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

6:00PM - 8:00PM | Student Services Building 160

Come play Bingo and win cool prizes; all while learning about the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. It is never too early to get involved with Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. You will learn a lot more about how the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers family can help you develop your professional career and give you the opportunities to grow and have fun while you do it!

VIP Programs — OMG, Quit Facebook Lurking

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LGBTQ+ Initiatives - Ally Training

9:00AM - 12:00PM | California Room

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The Queer Ally Program is a great opportunity to develop your allyship. RSVP at <http://tiny.cc/QAP8-29-2017>



**Aug 29, 2017
9-12pm
California Room**

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For question or accommodations, please contact Angi Baxter, Coordinator of Women's Programs & LGBTQ+ Initiatives, at abaxter3@ucmerced.edu

WELCOME WEEK 2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

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(YOU DECIDE)



EXPLORE RESOURCES



CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS



TRANSFORM YOUR ACADEMICS

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Movie Under the Stars	8:30PM - 11:30PM	👤
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Playfair	8:00PM - 11:00PM	👤
Monday, August 21 (page 11)		
Knowing Your Way Around!	8:00AM - 12:30PM	👤
ASCEND Conference	9:30AM - 11:30AM	👤
Classroom Tours	10:00AM	👤
Sustainable Bobcats	11:00AM - 1:00PM	👤
ASCEND Conference	1:00PM - 3:00PM	👤
"Paletas and Murals"	2:00PM - 5:00PM	👤
Ombuds Introduction	3:15PM - 4:45PM	👤
VIP Program — Project Rewind	5:00PM - 6:00PM	👤
VIP Program — Bad Ads	6:30PM - 7:30PM	👤
Block Party	8:00PM - Midnight	👤

Tuesday, August 22 (page 12)

Knowing Your Way Around!	8:00AM - 12:30PM	👤
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ASCEND Conference	9:30AM - 10:30AM	👤
Classroom Tours	10:00AM	👤
Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students	10:00AM - 11:00AM	👤
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Resource Center and Excel! Program Introduction	11:00AM - 12:00PM	👤
Sustainable Bobcats	11:00AM - 1:00PM	👤
R.O.A.R. Institute	11:00AM - 5:00PM	👤
VIP Program — Project Rewind	11:30AM - 12:30PM	👤
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Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students	2:00PM - 3:00PM	👤
VIP Programs — OMG, Quit Facebook Lurking	2:30PM - 3:30PM	👤
Introduction to STEM Internships, Careers, & Experiences	3:00PM - 4:00PM	👤
iStartStrong	3:00PM - 4:00PM	👤
Ombuds Introduction	3:15PM - 4:45PM	👤
VIP Program — Mirro Vivo: La Telenovela	4:00PM - 5:00PM	👤
Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students	5:00PM - 6:00PM	👤
Pin It!	8:00PM - 10:00PM	👤
Target Night	8:00PM - Midnight	👤

Saturday, August 26 (page 17)

Annual San Francisco Multicultural Odyssey	7:00AM - 9:00PM	👤
Knowing Your Way Around!	8:00AM - 12:30PM	👤
VIP Program — Heads Up!	11:00AM - 12:00PM	👤
Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students	12:00PM - 1:00PM	👤
Welcome BLACK BBQ	12:00PM - 4:00PM	👤
VIP Program — Rainbow of Violence	12:30PM - 1:30PM	👤
Neon Bingo	8:00PM - 10:00PM	👤

Sunday, August 27 (page 17)

Knowing Your Way Around!	8:00AM - 12:30PM	👤
Brunch with Distinguished Ladies	11:00AM - 1:00PM	👤
VIP Program — Heads Up!	12:30PM - 1:30PM	👤
VIP Program — Speak Out!	2:00PM - 3:00PM	👤

Monday, August 28 (page 18)

The Best for You!	9:00 AM - 11:00AM	👤
CropMobster Merced: A Tool to Help You Connect with the Food System	10:00AM - 12:00PM	👤
Special Meeting for New Students Living Off-Campus	10:00AM - 12:00 PM	👤
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SAE: Who are We?	10:00AM - 1:00PM	👤
Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration	10:00AM - 2:00PM	👤
Registered Campus Organization Fair	10:00AM - 2:00PM	👤
Welcome Back with Alpha Phi Omega	10:00AM - 2:00PM	👤
Need money for Groceries?	11:00AM - 12:00PM	👤

Wednesday, August 23 (page 13)

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration	10:00AM - 2:00PM	
Welcome Back with Alpha Phi Omega	10:00AM - 2:00PM	
Explore Your Library	12:00PM - 2:00PM	
Fall 2017 Group Fitness Classes- DEMO WEEK!	12:00PM - 9:00PM	
VIP Program — Speak Out!	12:30PM - 1:30PM	
Women's Soccer Game	1:00PM - 3:00PM	
Exploring MyDegreePath	3:00PM - 4:00PM	
Launch Your Semester with Success	3:00PM - 4:00PM	
Men's Soccer Game	3:00PM - 5:00PM	
Ombuds Introduction	3:15PM - 4:45PM	
Africans for Retention and Outreach Presents: Ice Cream Social and Games	6:00PM - 8:00PM	
VIP Program — Rainbow of Violence	7:00PM - 8:00PM	
Comedian: Adam Mamawala	7:00PM - 9:00PM	
Women's Volleyball Game	7:00PM - 9:00PM	

Thursday, August 24 (page 14)

Department of Public Safety Information & Property Registration	10:00AM - 2:00PM	
Welcome Back with Alpha Phi Omega	10:00 AM - 2:00PM	
Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students	10:30AM - 11:30AM	
Explaining the Gender Pay Gap: What do Economists Know?	11:00AM - 12:00PM	
Explore Your Library	12:00PM - 2:00PM	
CareerTips on How to Make the Most Out of Your College Experience for Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Students	1:00PM - 2:00PM	
University of California Office of the President Carbon Neutrality Initiative	1:00PM - 2:00PM	
University of California Office of the President Global Food Initiative	2:00PM - 3:00PM	
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Me, Myself, and Stress	6:30PM - 7:30PM	
Launch Your Semester with Success	7:00PM - 8:00PM	
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UC Merced CatCrawl	5:00PM - 9:00PM	
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EXPLORE RESOURCES



CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS



TRANSFORM YOUR ACADEMICS

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Get to Know More about D.Col Academics	6:00PM - 8:00PM	
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Annual Welcome Back Blue and Gold Dance Party	9:00PM - Midnight	

CropMobster Merced: A Tool to Help You Connect with the Food System



10:00AM - 12:00PM | Scholars Lane

CropMobster Merced is a free, community-based, online platform or a food system hub that works to reduce food waste, decrease food insecurity, help local farmers and small businesses and build the community in Merced County. It combines the power of our community with technology and social media. It is a place where the community can post, view and take action on various types of alerts about anything related to the food system, from donations, to events, to sales, and much more. For example, community members with fruit trees have posted Free Alerts offering their delicious fruit to anyone that wants to come and pick it. Great jobs, interesting events and valuable resources have been posted.

This community tool is free for all of Merced County and signing up is easy. Simply go to merced.cropmobster.com, enter in the requested information and then start posting, viewing and acting on alerts by messaging the trader. To like us on Facebook, please search "CropMobster Merced" and to follow us on Twitter, please go to @MercedCropMob.

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Registered Campus Organization Fair



10:00AM - 2:00PM | Scholars Lane

Get Involved! Get Connected! Stop by and visit with over 200 organizations on campus. There is always something happening on campus. Check out Catlife.ucmerced.edu for more RCO information and contacts.

Welcome Back with Alpha Phi Omega



10:00AM - 2:00PM | Scholars Lane

The members of Alpha Phi Omega want to share their cardinal principals of leadership, friendship and service with the UC Merced community. We want to promote a friendly environment and provide the attendees an opportunity to engage in simple service activities as well as encourage them with motivational and inspirational words and quotes.

Need money for Groceries?



11:00AM - 12:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

Are you living off-campus and need money for groceries? Not sure you have enough food to last you the week? Are you worried about what to do for your next meal? In this workshop Health Promotion will introduce you to the available food resources on campus. The majority of this workshop will entail how students can apply for additional aid (i.e. CalFresh) to pay for groceries, and what resources are available on and off campus to help provide food.

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Sex 101: Exploring our Resources



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Does your "Sex Talk" need some freshening up? Do you have sexual health questions you might need answered? Join Health Promotion and we will share and answer any questions you might have. Come out and meet some H.E.R.O.E.S.!

We also hope to inform students how joining on campus organizations, networking, and strengthening one's social support system are crucial components of a successful and academic-based student life.

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Healthy Eats on a Dime



5:30PM - 6:30PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

Through games and other collaborative work, Health Promotion will teach you ways to choose healthy foods while on a budget. Here is your chance to learn how to eat smart and develop skills you can use your whole life.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Meet and Greet



5:30PM - 8:00PM | Lake Yosemite

Join us for free food, games, and music at Lake Yosemite! All of our FSL chapters will be in attendance. A great opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy the lake, and have some fun! Open to all students!

Bobcat Leadership Series Session #1



6:30M-7:30PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

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VIP Program — Speak Out!



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Cartoons are not just for kids anymore! Learn about what one of today's most popular cartoons can teach us about gender roles and consent and how to apply these lessons.

Rufus Wii and Game Night



9:00PM - 11:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 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.



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Community Involvement Fair



10:00AM - 2:00PM | Scholars Lane

The Community Involvement Fair is held the second week of classes and is a great opportunity to get to know some of our community partners in the area.

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Financial Aid Advisors Meet & Greet



12:00PM - 1:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

Join the Financial Aid Advising Team for FREE FOOD! Learn about the services our office provides and how we can help you. We look forward to your joining us for this event!

VIP Program — What's Your Media Feeding You?



12:30PM - 1:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

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

"Identi-teas"



2:00PM - 5:00PM

Intercultural Hub (Kolligian Library 159)

The Graduate Cultural Resource Center at UC Merced and The Intercultural Hub* at UC Merced are happy to bring the Campus Community a panel discussion on the importance of cultural spaces; as well as the urgency of focused spaces for various marginalized communities on this campus.

The Intercultural Hub* at UC Merced and The Graduate Cultural Resource Center at UC Merced

Wed. Aug 30

Present:
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(KL 159)

"Identi-teas"

2-5pm



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Join a Professional Fraternity



3:30PM - 4:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 170

We are hoping to provide a workshop and information for students hoping to join a professional fraternity. We hope to educate them on the recruitment process and inform first-year students of our special deferred recruitment rule at UC Merced.

VIP Programs — Rainbow of Violence



4:00PM - 5:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 105

LGBTQ individuals face violence at similar rates as heterosexual people — Come learn about some of the differences sexual orientation can play in sexual violence and healing — Allies welcome.

Dinner and a Movie



5:00PM - 8:00PM

Trevino's Restaurant - 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).

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VIP Program — Heads Up!



7:00PM - 8:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

Are you in it to win it? Play our version of Ellen's Favorite game by giving each other clues to guess violence prevention concepts before the other teams!

Thursday, August 31

The Best for You!



10:00AM - 12:00PM | Scholars Lane

Join your UC Merced Global Food Initiative team to learn what resources are available to you as a student when it comes to addressing your basic needs. What is basic needs security? Basic needs security refers to the food, housing, and wellness security of our community. We understand that basic needs have a direct impact on the mental-emotional-physical health, wellness, academic performance, professional development and the overall success of our students. The quality of life of our students, has a major impact on their sense of belonging, determination, graduation, and overall experience. Join us to win some great prizes by spinning our Wheel of Fortune!

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Planner Party



12:00PM - 2:00PM | Bobcat Lair (Kolligian Library 169)

Make the most of your academic planner and semester calendar handout by coming to our planner party. Plan out your semester, get advice from your peers, and get to #adulthood. Bring your own syllabi and we will take care of the rest (food, stationary, crafts, etc.). Prizes will include Passion Planners, Gift Cards, and more!

Women in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics



1:00PM - 3:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 266

W-STEM is an organization dedicated to the advancement and empowerment of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Currently, women are an underrepresented group in STEM, holding less than 25% of available STEM jobs. W-STEM is a group of undergraduate students, graduate students, postdoctoral researchers, staff and faculty at UC Merced — of all gender identities — who seek to engage and support women in STEM fields. In order to foster community between those interested in women's issues in STEM, we hold monthly events, including an annual invited seminar, highlighting challenges for women in academic and non-academic STEM pursuits. We also sponsor a mentorship program for women at all levels at UC Merced.

By providing professional development and mentorship opportunities tailored to the specific challenges faced by women in STEM, it is our mission to increase the retention of women in STEM fields, and ultimately facilitate increases in the representation of women in leadership roles within STEM fields, both at UC Merced and beyond.

During our Welcome Week 2017 event, all undergraduates, graduate students, faculty and staff can sign up for our mentorship program. Attendees will also have the opportunity to view poster presentations from W-STEM undergraduates who have recently completed summer research programs. Mingle with a member and find out how you can get involved in W-STEM.

STEPS to starting your First Year



1:30PM - 2:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 266

Open session for students to attend freely and discuss topics focused on Academic, Leadership, Campus Employment, Internship, and Research experience along with course management and scheduling resources. This is designed for first year students to ask their specific questions to upperclassmen students who have experience in each of the categories mentioned.

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VIP Programs — OMG, Quit Facebook Lurking



6:00PM - 7:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

Our society normalizes and even romanticizes stalking behaviors — learn about what you can do to stop it and create a society that fights stalking by evaluating everyday behaviors.

CABapalooza Festival



7:00PM - 10:00PM | Classroom and Office Building 2 Quad

The Campus Activities Board hosts their first annual CABapalooza Festival on Friday, September 1st from 7pm-10pm at the Classroom and Office Building 2 Quad. 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!

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Spirit Day

10:00AM - 1:00PM | Kolligian Library 184
(OSL Conference Room)

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HSA Welcome Week Activity

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Hmong Student Association (HSA) will put on activities to invite incoming students to join and learn about the Hmong Culture. This will help students with networking and learning about the Hmong community in Merced and on campus.

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5:30PM - 6:30PM | Classroom and Office Building 114

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Get to Know More about D.Co! Academics

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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!

Events Beyond Welcome Week

Bobcat Eats Market

Tuesday, Sept. 5

10:00AM - 2:00PM | Cat Quad

In collaboration with UC Merced Dining Services, UC Merced Sustainability brings you the Bobcat Eats Market. Where you can purchase fresh local produce using cash, credit and catcard. Come out to the Catquad from 10am-2pm, free Bobcat Eats Tote to all participants.

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Friday, Sept. 8


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Academic Calendar 2017-2018

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Fall Instruction Begins	Wednesday, August 23, 2017	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Monday, January 15, 2018
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 4, 2017	Spring Instruction Begins	Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Last Day to Add/Drop Courses	Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (at 4:00PM)	Last Day to Add/Drop Courses	Monday, February 5, 2018 (at 4:00PM)
Veterans Day Holiday	Friday, November 10, 2017	Presidents Day Holiday	Monday, February 19, 2018
Non-Instructional Day	Wednesday, November 22, 2017	Spring Recess	Monday, March 26 - Thursday, March 29, 2018
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 23 - Friday, November 24, 2017	Cesar Chavez Holiday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Fall Instruction Ends	Friday, December 8, 2017	Spring Instruction Ends	Friday, May 4, 2018
Final Exams	Saturday, Dec 9 & Monday, Dec 11 - Friday, Dec 15, 2017	Final Exams	Saturday, May 5 & Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11, 2018
Fall Semester Ends	Friday, December 15, 2017	Spring Semester Ends	Friday, May 11, 2018
Final Grades Due	Tuesday, December 19, 2017 (at noon)	Commencement Ceremonies	Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19
		Final Grades Due	Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (at noon)



BOBCAT DAY
WITH THE **BLUE DEVILS**

TAILGATE EXPERIENCE
MERCED COLLEGE ON SEPT. 9, 4-6PM
TIME: 6PM GAME TIME
LOCATION TENNIS COURTS IN FRONT OF STADIUM

OPEN TO ALL UC MERCED STUDENTS WITH A VALID STUDENT ID

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT EMAIL JAMES HATTEN, [JHATTEN@UCMERCED.EDU](mailto:jhatten@ucmerced.edu)



Welcome Week 2017
ECON/MBE Public
Lecture
Thursday August 24
11am-12pm
SSB 170
Gabriela Rubio

Economics Welcome Week 2017: Public Lecture

Explaining the Gender Pay Gap: What Do Economists Know?

Professor Gabriela Rubio

Thursday August 24th 11am-12pm

SSB 170

Why do women
still earn 20% less
than men?

Why are women
still under-
represented in
STEM fields?

Come learn about an important social issue and discover more about what economists do, meet our faculty and learn about our programs. And enjoy some **COOKIES**.



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JOIN US FOR THE
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE MEET AND GREET
TUESDAY AUGUST 29 | 5:30-8:30PM
@ LAKE YOSEMITE
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS | FREE FOOD!

NACHO AVERAGE STUDY ABROAD EVENT

Meet study abroad returnees, hear about their experiences, and get a sneak peek in what you can experience abroad!

DATE: Thursday, August 24

TIME: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Alpine Room (Tenaya 170/175)



Follow us on Instagram to get updates
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If you have questions regarding the event, please email
Office of International Affairs at: studyabroad@ucmerced.edu



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- SEXUAL HEALTH
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MANAGEMENT
- NUTRITION
- CALFRESH
- ALCOHOL AND
OTHER DRUGS
- MENTAL HEALTH

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Explore Your Library

Welcome, Bobcat!

Stop by our table on the second floor, located across from the Library Services Desk and IT Express. We'll show you how to download the VPN, book a room, and use Flipster!

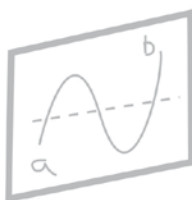
Wednesday, August 23 | 12-2 p.m.

Thursday, August 24 | 12-2 p.m.

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LIBRARY RESOURCES
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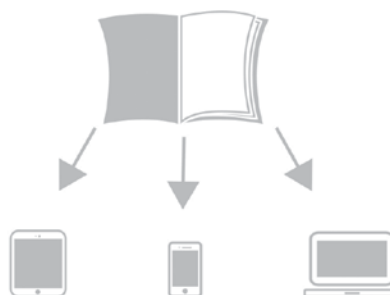


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COLLABORATIVE
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THE NEW FLIPSTER
MAGAZINE APP



Rainbow Social

FRIDAY, AUG 25 2017
BOBCAT LAIR & COB2 COURT YARD
TIME: 6-10PM



**Calling all LGBTQ+ folks and allies
for a night of fun and dance the
night away!**

**Join the celebration and welcome
the incoming first year students to
UC Merced!**

For questions or accommodations, please contact Israel, LGBTQ+ Initiatives Intern, at lgbtq@ucmerced.edu



School of Engineering

Ice Cream Social

Engineering Students!

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

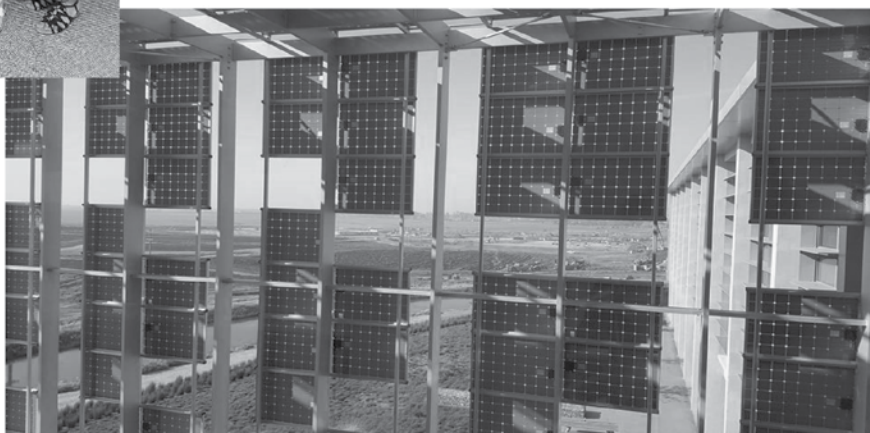


When: Friday, August 25, 2017

Time: 11:30am – 1pm

Place: Bobcat Lair

Kolligian Library 169



Visit us: Science & Engineering II Building | Room 315 | (209) 228-4411

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UC MERCED,

We would like to invite you to attend the annual Back-To-College Night on August 22, 2017 at your local Merced Target from 8:00PM – Midnight. It is our pleasure to have you as our guest as you gear up for the new school year.

The Back-To-College Night is an event hosted by Target in collaboration with UC Merced with the intention to show our appreciation for UC Merced and welcome UC Merced students to our community.

During the event we will be partnering with various vendors who will be setting up booths throughout the store with games, snacks, refreshments and live music. There will be prizes raffled off at the end of the night, be sure to collect your raffle tickets at the entrance and various booths during the event.

Register To Be Ready! Make sure to get a head start on all your college essentials with a Target College Registry and score a coupon for 15% off your remaining registry items when you shop online! Your coupon will arrive one week after you create your registry.

Target.com/gift-registry/college-registry | Mobile App Available Apple Store/Play Store

Add On The Savings! Save an additional 5% every day including the event with your REDcard. Target offers two different versions, a credit card and a debit card (Debit Card requires a blank check). Redcard offers the following benefits:

- Free shipping at Target.com, handling fees may apply.
- Extra 30 days for returns and receipt-less returns.
- Online account management at Target.com/REDcard.
- Cash withdrawal up to \$40 at checkout when shopping in store with the Target Debit Card.
- Select exclusive online promotions.

We can't wait to see for a fun filled night!

Sincerely,

Target Merced



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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

8PM - MIDNIGHT

LOCATION: 3280 R STREET

FREE ON-CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION (A LA LOT PARKING PICK-UP (PMPK-087))

FREE GOODIE BAG, SAMPLES & GIVEAWAYS!

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

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In a partnership with the USDA, The United Way, and the Merced Food Bank, UC Merced offers a FREE monthly food assistance program to all UC Merced students, faculty, and staff members along with any Merced county members who have a need for additional assistance.



Date: Third Friday of every month

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Tri-College space at Merced College

Remember to bring your CatCard along with extra grocery bags!

Unable to pick up the food yourself? No need to worry! The alternative pick-up form can be utilized to help you arrange for someone else to pick up the food on your behalf. Visit: <http://studentlife.ucmerced.edu/content/uc-merced-food-pantry> for instructions regarding the alternative pick-up form.

For additional questions or to sign up to volunteer please email us at foodpantry@ucmerced.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES PRESENT



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26
7AM - 9PM (ALL DAY EVENT)



FOR MORE INFORMATION &
TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT:

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SFODYSSEY17](http://tinyurl.com/sfodyssey17)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL
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save the date AUGUST 22

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CREATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS



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Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) Program

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Fulfill your Mandatory VIP Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) requirement by attending one of these workshops.</p> <p>Contact tfugere@ucmerced.edu if you have any questions!</p>	8/21 5-6 PM <i>Project Rewind</i> COB 105 6:30-7:30PM <i>Bad Ads</i> COB 105	8/22 11:30AM-12:30 PM <i>Project Rewind</i> COB 105 1-2 PM <i>Bad Ads</i> COB 105 2:30-3:30 PM <i>OMG Stop FB Lurking</i> COB 105 4-5 PM <i>Miro y Vivo</i> COB 105	8/23 12:30-1:30PM <i>Speak Out!</i> COB 105 7-8 PM <i>Rainbow of Violence</i> COB 114	8/24 6-7 PM <i>Project Rewind</i> COB 114 7:30-8:30PM <i>What's Your Media Feeding you?</i> COB 114	8/25 11AM-12PM <i>OMG Stop FB Lurking</i> COB 105 12:30-1:30PM <i>What's Your Media Feeding You?</i> COB 105 4-5PM <i>Miro y Vivo</i> COB 113 5:30-6:30 PM <i>Head's Up</i> COB 113	8/26 11AM-12PM <i>Heads Up</i> SAAC 219 12:30-1:30 PM <i>Rainbow of Violence</i> SAAC 219
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WELCOME WEEK 2017 PRESENTS

COMEDIAN:
ADAM MAMAWALA

AUGUST 23

7PM-9PM

WALLACE DUTRA AMPHITHEATER



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OUR VISION

The Office of Student Life inspires and empowers UC Merced students to become transformational leaders of positive social change.

OUR MISSION

Guided by the principles of Identity, Integrity, and Involvement, the Office of Student Life at UC Merced implements innovative co-curricular student-centered programs and services that support the University's academic mission and connect students with resources and opportunities for social, intellectual, and personal development.