Dear USD Parents and Families,

Happy August to you all! Somehow it is already the last month of the summer. With it comes planning for the start of the new academic year. For those families who are new to the Torero community, we’re so happy that you chose to make USD your family university. We’re excited to share in this adventure with you.

We hope you all have had an enjoyable summer, filled with family, wonderful memories, and unforgettable experiences.

The following newsletter includes information about upcoming events, important deadlines, and campus resources. Take some
time to look through it and, as always, let us know how we can help make your USD experience even better!

Cheers,

The Office of Parent and Family Relations
Renda ’86, Regina ’12, and Allyson ’16

A Presidential Welcome

Dear USD Parents and Families:

Welcome to the fall semester!

It has been a busy and active summer at the University of San Diego. With the exciting expansion of Colachis Plaza, the extension of the pedestrian walk will provide new green space for students and visitors to enjoy. Earlier this month, The Princeton Review ranked USD the most beautiful campus in the nation. This brings to mind the words of our co-founder, Mother Rosalie Hill, who described our university with the words: Beauty, Goodness and Truth.

Click here to continue reading.

Register Today for the New Parent and Family Orientation

There is still time to register for the new Parent and Family Orientation. Visit giving.sandiego.edu/paor17 to register.

Important Wellness Requirements:

Actively enroll in or waive the USD Student Health Insurance Plan

- New incoming full-time students for Fall 2017 are subject to the USD Student Health Insurance Requirement. If your student is incoming for Fall 2017, please work with them to learn how to enroll in or waive the health insurance.
plan. If no form is submitted, your student will remain or become enrolled in the plan and will be billed accordingly.

- Failure to **complete this by September 15**, will result in your student being enrolled in the annual student health insurance plan and USD Health Insurance charged to their student account.
- For more information about the USD Student Health Insurance Requirement and Plan, visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/health-insurance/](http://www.sandiego.edu/health-insurance/).

**MyStudentBody**

- All first-year and transfer students are required to complete the online MyStudentBody.com Essentials course: a two-part alcohol, other drug and sexual violence prevention course. Access to the MyStudentBody.com course begins on July 27, 2017.
- Part 1 must be **completed by August 21, 2017**.
- Part 2, the 60 day follow-up, must be completed by October 27, 2017.
- For more information about this requirement, visit [www.sandiego.edu/health-wellness](http://www.sandiego.edu/health-wellness).
- A $250 non-compliance fee will be assessed to students who do not fully comply with both portions of the course requirements within the deadlines.

**Complete Required Immunizations and Submit Verification Forms**

- For information about immunization requirements, forms, and submission deadlines, visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/health-center/immunizations/requirements.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/health-center/immunizations/requirements.php).

**Make Early Contact with Wellness Services**

- If your student has an on-going psychological or health condition, needs regular access to prescription medication, or has a documented disability and is requesting accommodations, please contact the appropriate Wellness unit prior to arriving to campus.
- Please take time to visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/wellness/](http://www.sandiego.edu/wellness/) to become familiar with the many services we have in place to help your student stay healthy and address health concerns.
- For information regarding Sexual Violence Education, please visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/care/](http://www.sandiego.edu/care/).

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**Connecting with New Torero Families Through the Summer Send Off Program**

This summer has been a busy one for incoming students as well as USD administrators. Beginning in early June, administrators from Parent and Family Relations, University Relations, Undergraduate Admissions, and representatives from the School of Business Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering embarked on three months of travel. These events, coordinated through the Office of Parent and Family Relations, provide incoming first-year students and their families with a chance to...
meet other Toreros in their cities. Fourteen states and more than twenty cities later, we are now less than a month away from the start of the academic year.

We want to thank our hosts, administrators, and parent and student volunteers for making these events memorable for new Torero families. We couldn’t do it without all of your support.

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**University of San Diego Parents Fan Page**

A new school year is upon us! OLÉ Weekend and student move-in are only a few short weeks away. There is always so much going on at USD, it is a daunting task to keep up with everything. That is where the [University of San Diego Parents Fan Page on Facebook](http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=4609&seiid=4546&usearchive=1&puid...) comes in handy. This page shares important information and events from many campus entities that the Parent and Family Relations Office feel are important to share with our families.

These posts include information about USD's many sports team schedules, special student events such as the Alcalá Bazaar and the Finals Feeding Frenzy held during finals weeks, important deadlines, Career Development Center events/opportunities and many others.

Through this Page, parents are also able to get questions answered as it is continuously managed by knowledgeable parent volunteers. Please "like" our Facebook Page at [University of San Diego Parents Fan Page](http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=4609&seiid=4546&usearchive=1&puid...).

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**Just One Contact – Your Referral is Needed**

The “Just One Contact” initiative aims to connect students with industry professionals. If you or someone you know is interested in being an industry contact and resource for student internships and jobs, please contact Sheila Schaffzin by emailing sschaffzin@sandiego.edu or by calling 619.260.4654. Just one contact can make a difference in a student’s life.

**Wondering what happens if you connect with the Career Development Center (CDev) with an employer referral?**

CDev will directly connect with you, or your referral, to go over custom engagement options that make sense for their business, resources, and recruiting needs. This may mean an invite to a career fair, sending instructions to post on our online job board (Handshake), setting up on-campus interviews with students, and more!

Last year from your Parent referrals we had two out-of-state parents host students for an office tour and career chat during Torero Treks in their cities and another parent will be doing the same this year! On-campus interview days that resulted from Parent referrals ranged from Northrop Grumman for various nationwide openings to Little Harbor Advisors for their Massachusetts summer internship opportunity.

CDev looks forward to more partnerships and providing many more exciting internship and job opportunities for Toreros!
Updates from the Career Development Center

With the school year approaching, the Career Development Center is here to support your student! Help ensure they know of our services by directing them to http://www.sandiego.edu/careers/students/. Employers are posting internship and job opportunities on Handshake, our calendar of events is being updated, counselors are ready to meet with students, and many applications for Torero Treks or the Torero Connections Mentor Program will be live soon after students arrive on campus. It's never too early to begin engaging with our office!

Start of a New School Year: Financial Aid To-Do List

- **Job Fair Thursday 9/7/2017 12-2 pm UC Forum AB.** This is intended to assist new incoming first year and transfer students who have Federal Work Study on their Financial Aid Award with meeting department supervisors who are hiring for the 2017-18 school year. Students can also check the online job board at http://www.sandiego.edu/financialaid/student-employment/ for job postings. This is updated regularly.
- **New incoming students** who have FWS in their award should check their email for a background check authorization. In addition, be sure to bring to campus the documents needed for the I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification (see page 5).
- **Returning students** may pick up work referrals in the Student Employment Center in the Hughes Building room 313 beginning 8/28/2017.
- Any student who would like to find a part-time job (non-work-study also known as casual jobs), may check the job board located near the Student Employment Center in the Hughes Building room 313.
- All students with financial aid should regularly check their student portals to be sure there are no outstanding Financial Aid requirements that could prevent funds from disbursing.
- For help with Financial Aid, contact the One-Stop at onestop@sandiego.edu or by calling 619.260.2700. You may also contact the Office of Financial Aid directly. The office is located in Hughes 319 or by calling 619.260.2700, option 4.

Save the Date: Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 12 - October 15, 2017

Pre-registration opens on Thursday, August 17th. Visit the event website by clicking here.
Taking off the Training Wheels: Teaching Undergraduates to Appreciate Theology
(The Huffington Post, June 21, 2017)

Check out the recent article written by Michael Lovette-Colyer, Assistant Vice President for University Ministry.

With my right hand on the back of my daughter's bicycle seat, I accelerate from a brisk walk to a slow trot: “One, two, three… Pedal!”

Our daughter, Ella, had been cruising around the neighborhood on a scoot bike for over a year. When December came and talk turned to wish lists, the Hello Kitty pedal bike rose to the top. The problem was, this particular bike came with training wheels. Ella, we knew, needed those training wheels. Yet, in her imagination, we knew she would envision jumping on the bike on Christmas morning and immediately keep up with her older cousin.

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Upcoming University Ministry Events

University Ministry offers a wide range of programs and events, all of which are designed to help students feel a deep sense of belonging, explore what they believe, and be supported in becoming the people God has created them to be. Please encourage your student to participate in one of these upcoming offerings:

Mass of Welcome
Sunday, September 3rd
11:00 a.m., Jenny Craig Pavilion
Families from all faith backgrounds are warmly welcome to attend this special USD tradition. It concludes with a very
moving blessing of new students by their families. You don’t want to miss this powerful moment!

**First Sunday Night Masses**
Sunday, September 10th
7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Founders Chapel

**Students for Life**
Thursday, September 14th
7:00 p.m., UC 238

**Tijuana Day Trip**
Saturday, September 16th

**East LA Immersion Trip**
October 20-22

**First Year Student Retreat**
October 27-29

For more information about all of these programs as well as a full listing of what University Ministry offers, please visit [www.sandiego.edu/ministry](http://www.sandiego.edu/ministry).

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**U.S. Bank Scholarship Opportunity**

Have your students check out the U.S. Bank Scholarship opportunity.

*Enter for the chance to win a $20,000 U.S. Bank Scholarship through October 27, 2017. Receive an entry by completing the online registration and get one additional chance for every completed Financial Genius learning tutorial – up to eight additional chances!* 

[Click here to learn more.](http://www.sandiego.edu/ministry)
Letting go: tips for parents of new college students  
(Great Schools, June 6, 2017)

Click below to read an article by Great Schools with tips about parenting college students.

After 18 years of parenting, it can be hard to let go. Here is a sneak peek at the challenges of the transition ahead and advice to prepare right now.

Click here to read more.

What I Wish I Knew During My First Year  
Garrett Stollar ’18

The summer after graduating high school I was at a graduation party and was chatting with parents and family friends about where I would be attending college. I remember explaining how it was “U-S-D” not “U-S-C” and saying “no, it’s actually the University of San Diego, not San Diego State.” They then proceeded to tell me how much I was going to love the sun, sand, and salty ocean air.

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USD Study Abroad Program

Is your student thinking about studying abroad? Do you want more information about study abroad options? The USD International Center is located in Serra Hall, room 201 and is happy to help! USD is nationally ranked in terms of the percentage of undergraduate students who study abroad and we offer more than 80 different study abroad programs all throughout the world during fall, intersession, spring and summer. The opportunity to study abroad is available for all students in all majors! Of course, the key to success is early planning. Please encourage your student to visit the International Center early and often!

Each intersession and summer there are a variety of core curriculum as well as major related courses offered abroad. USD faculty members design courses during these terms and travel with students abroad where they truly use the host city as their classroom. In addition to earning USD academic credit abroad, these short-term courses include site visits, course-related activities, excursions and other cultural activities. Tuition is discounted and need-based scholarships are available.
Applications for our intersession 2018 programs are now available and are due in late September. Please visit our intersession 2018 program listing for more details and program specific deadlines.

Students who wish to study abroad during the semester may do so at a variety of host universities all over the world - from Asia to Africa - including USD's own Madrid Center in Spain! While abroad, in addition to academic course work, students can engage in community service, internships, language exchange programs, research projects and more. Throughout the coming months we will share with you details about the different types of experiences students can participate in during their semester abroad. USD financial aid packages can be applied to a semester program abroad and many other outside scholarships are also available. Applications for the Spring 2018 semester will soon be available and will be due October 4. Please visit our semester programs listing for information on all available semester study abroad opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Study Abroad Fair - September 13 in front of the University Center from 10:30am - 2pm
Study Abroad 101 Session - September 8 at 2:45pm in Serra Hall 215 (there are sessions on Fridays and Tuesdays throughout the semester)

For more information about the study abroad program opportunities, please contact the USD International Center at 619-260-4598.

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