Dear USD Parents and Families,

Happy New Year! We hope your winter break was both relaxing and rejuvenating and that 2018 is treating you well thus far. Over the past week, campus has transitioned into February 2018 Newsletter.

FEATURES:
- **Hello my name is INTERN**
- **GRANDPARENTS’ WEEKEND**
- **Commencement is Coming! **USD Magazine Correction**
- **Alumni and Senior Legacy Scholarship Applications due February 25**

UPCOMING EVENTS
- Founders Chapel Mass every Sunday 7 & 9 p.m.
- Mass for Peace every Wednesday 9 p.m.
- Spring Alcala Bazaar Tuesday, February 6

http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=5174&seiid=5288&usearchive=1&puid...
a bustling place, alive with students reconnecting with friends and getting settled into the Spring semester. We know this can be a tough transition after such a long break. Please let us know if we can aid you or your student in getting settled.

We’d also like to welcome the new additions to the Torero family - Spring 2018 transfer students and families. We’re so excited for you to be part of the USD community and we look forward to working with you and being your liaison to the University. Please consider the Office of Parent and Family Relations as a resource for any questions or concerns you may have.

This month's newsletter includes a wealth of information about February ongoings around campus. It includes upcoming events, student and family resources, as well as campus community updates. We invite you to take some time to scroll through the information below so you don't miss out on any information or events for the month of February. And don't forget to register for Grandparents' Weekend - it's sure to be one of the best events of the semester for the entire family!

Please reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns and 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 Alec ’17

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A Weekend for the Whole Family!

**Last Day to Drop a Class Without a ‘W’**
Wednesday, February 7

**Henri Nouwen Event**
February 9-10

**USD vs. Santa Clara Pre-Game Party**
Saturday, February 10

**MBA Information Series**
Tuesday, February 13

**Fat Tuesday Lunch Buffet**
Tuesday, February 13

**Valentines Day Dinner**
Wednesday, February 14

**Deadline 90% Tuition Refund**
Wednesday, February 14

**Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday, February 14

**Chinese New Year**
Friday, February 16

**Hillel Shabbat Dinner**
Friday, February 16

**Honolulu Pau Hana**
Friday, February 16

**Grandparents' Weekend**
February 16-17

**Men's Retreat**
February 16-18

**Presidents' Day**
Monday, February 19

**Deadline 80% Tuition Refund**
Wednesday, February 21

**Career Cafe**
Thursday, February 22

**Alumni & Class Legacy Scholarship Deadline**
Sunday, February 25

**Deadline 70% Tuition Refund**
Wednesday, February 28

FINANCIAL AID CORNER

- **17-18 Financial Aid Timeline**
- **40 Money Management Tips**
A Year in Review - Read the 2017 President's Report Now!

A Message from Carmen Vazquez
Vice President, Student Affairs

GIVE A GIFT
Your contributions make the difference in the lives of our students and our programs on campus. Consider giving a gift today. Click here to learn more about how your gift can benefit students.
Dear Torero Families,

We are excited to have our student community back on campus. As the spring semester begins, I am reminded of the significant impact families have on their students and how greatly we depend on your partnership. As our mutual commitment to supporting your students’ academic and personal growth continues, I would like to encourage you to engage in dialogue with your student about their current academic status, level of active involvement in the USD community, efforts to keep themselves healthy this flu season as well as housing for next year. Click here to read more.

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A Message from James Miyashiro
Chief of Public Safety

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff;

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and enjoyed intersession. The start of a new year is an ideal time to go over the new California laws and remind our community of other current regulations. Click here to read about them.

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USD's 2018 Fact Book is now here!
Don't be Late: File your 2018-19 FAFSA Now!

The 2018-19 FAFSA is now available. Log in with your FAFSA ID to get started at http://www.fafsa.gov/. Please note that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) is available for the 2018-19 school year! USD’s priority deadline is Friday March 2, 2018 which is also the Cal Grant deadline for CA residents.

For questions regarding Financial Aid, call (619) 260-2700 option 3 for the One-Stop Student Center or visit the Financial Aid website. Check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Guides to get many of your questions answered. Please also refer to the Financial Aid Newsletters for seasonal information.

Click here for more information and for financial tips for students!

Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) Spring/Summer 2018

Attention Parents of 2018 New and Transfer Students:

All University of San Diego full time undergraduate, graduate, and law students are required to have health insurance.

Students need to decide to enroll in or waive out of the Student Health Insurance Plan by submitting their decision form online. It is important to know that a new form needs to be submitted at the beginning of every academic year. The Spring/Summer 2018 online decision form student health insurance plan is currently open and the deadline is February 7, 2018. If a form is not submitted by 02/07/2018, students will be enrolled into the
Spring/Summer 2018 student health insurance plan and will be responsible for the $1,428 premium charge on their student account.

USD Insurance Website

Gallagher Student Domestic Portal

Gallagher Student International Portal

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**University Ministry Events**

Happy New Year! The University Ministry team is excited to welcome your student back to campus for a fantastic spring semester. During intersession, we’ve been busy! In the final two weeks of January, we’ve facilitated a San Diego immersion, the Half Time Retreat for Sophomores, and the Discover Discernment Retreat for Juniors and Seniors.

And we’ve been working hard to prepare a whole range of programs and gatherings designed to support the faith development and holistic development of our students. Please encourage your son or daughter to **join us for one of the following offerings**.
Revolution of the Heart: The Counter Cultural Spirituality of Henri Nouwen - February 9 & 10

The University of San Diego is proud to host a two day conference celebrating the legacy of Dutch priest and popular spiritual writer Henri Nouwen. Though Henri died in 1996, his more than thirty books continue to sell briskly and widely. Perhaps this is because he offers a unique perspective into developing an embodied spirituality that is capable of responding to today's divides with a powerfully peaceful heart. By following his example, this conference...
aims to offer the world fresh resources by which we can "dip deeply into the well of our own lives" to discern the ongoing liberating movements of God. This conference welcomes USD faculty, staff, students and friends of the university. For more information and to register, please visit this link.

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**Spring Semester Action Items for your College Student**  
*(Source: Collegiate Parent)*

Students are back on campus following a well-deserved winter break. Spring semester will soon be in full swing! In addition to coursework and extracurricular commitments (and of course their social life), there are activities and tasks that are unique to the second semester. Click here to see the top 5 that should be on your student's radar.

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**Career Development Center**

The Spring semester is here and the Career Development Center has a variety of events planned for students' career planning and exploration!

Might your student be in need of a financial award to help offset expenses during their summer experience? Check out our Summer Internship Award. Deadline to apply is April 8th.

**Torero Treks** are career exploration days off campus to organizations for tours and alumni/manager panels. Deadlines are approaching! Trips are here in San Diego/LA and our first ever Boston Torero Trek is during Spring Break and could be a great way to spend their time away from campus!

We have many events on campus including our Spring Career Fair on March 1st, with 100+ employers coming to meet students for their job and internship needs. Our office provides a preparation event, Career Cafe, on February 22nd where we'll offer resume reviews with employers, free
professional LinkedIn Headshot photos, and many more exciting stations.

In addition, we host employers who conduct interviews for internships and entry-level jobs right in our Career Center! Students can apply for on-campus interviews on Handshake.

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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 and provide an employer referral? [Click here to read more.](#)

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**Spring Break Planning and Safety Tips to Share With Your Student**

*Source: Collegiate Parent*

College spring break options are more varied than beach vacations and pool parties. Whether your student already has an itinerary, hopes to pull off a last-minute adventure, or expects to spend spring break at home, here are fun ideas to share. [Click here to read more.](#)
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