Dear USD Parents and Families,

In fewer than two weeks the campus will once again be filled with families. This time it will be for our Homecoming and Family Weekend (October 12 - October 15). Four days of fun, friends, and Torero spirit, you won't want to miss all of the events we have planned. From the chance to compete against other teams in our Amazing Torero Race to cheering on Torero football in its game against Morehead State University, the weekend includes activities for the whole family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Founders Chapel Mass is every Sunday at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
- Mass for Peace is every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.
- Financial Aid applications for Intersession 2018 available Sunday, October 1
- 2018-2019 FAFSA available Sunday, October 1
- Online class registration for Intersession 2018 begins Monday, October 2
- Deadline for 70% tuition refund Friday, October 6
Check out photos from Homecoming and Family Weekend 2017. You won't want to miss out on the fun!

As we settle into the semester, we want to remind you of the many resources available to both you and your student. Take some time to look through the following newsletter, which includes important financial aid updates, commencement information, and campus event details. Should you have any questions, please contact our office during normal business hours at 619.260.4808 or parents@sandiego.edu.

In Torero Spirit,

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

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A Message from Carmen Vazquez
Vice President, Student Affairs

Dear Torero Families,

The fall semester is now in full swing and our campus is energized by students pursuing their academic goals and engaging in the USD community. Students are expressing excitement about classes, new leadership roles, and being a part of the Torero experience. As students settle into new routines and work to balance their many responsibilities and interests, it is important to reflect on how best to support your student throughout this exciting academic year. Click here to continue reading.

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"USD Outreach to Those Affected by Recent Natural Disasters"
(USD News Center, September 29, 2017)

While we at the University of San Diego have much to be thankful for, the campus community is fully aware that recent hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes have made life extremely difficult for many people. We continue to pray for the victims and invite the campus community to explore ways to support those in need. Click here to continue reading.

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A Message from Michael Lovette-Colyer,
Assistant Vice President for University Ministry

USD Spirit Week
Monday, October 9 - Friday, October 13

Columbus Day
Monday, October 9

Graduate School Fair
Tuesday, October 10

Autumn Harvest Dinner
Tuesday, October 10

Homecoming and Family Weekend
Thursday, October 12 - Saturday, October 14

Changemaker Fest Block Party
Thursday, October 12
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Classes without Quizzes
Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14

Homecoming Big Blue Bash
Friday, October 13

Homecoming tailgate and football game
Saturday, October 14

Homecoming and Family Weekend Mass
Sunday, October 15

Homecoming Brunch
Sunday, October 15
La Gran Terraza

Sixth Week Check-ins begin:
Language Matters session for all first-year students
Monday, October 16

Apartment Events for First-Year Students
Tuesday, October 17 - Wednesday, October 18

Apple Fest
Tuesday, October 17
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fall Holiday (no classes)
Friday, October 20

USD Men's Soccer vs. UCLA
Sunday, October 22

Deadline for 50% tuition refund
Monday, October 23

Midterm grades due
Monday, October 23

First-Year Student Check-Ins
Tuesday, October 24

Changemaking Fair
Thursday, October 26
Dear Torero Families,

October is a wonderful month in San Diego and at USD. The weather is just about perfect, the sunsets are breathtaking and, now that we are all at least somewhat settled into the rhythm of the new academic year, the vibrancy and beauty of the community really starts to blossom.

In University Ministry, we are very excited about the full range of events that we have planned for the month. We have something special going on during every weekend in October, with two retreats during the last weekend of the month!

In addition to the events listed below, we are striving to respond to the earthquakes in Mexico and the hurricanes that have impacted so many in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean. The collections at our Sunday Night Masses have been directed toward these relief and recovery efforts, generating more than $2,000 which has been offered to support the good work of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities.

If you'll be on campus for Homecoming and Family Weekend, please join us for the Mass in Founders Chapel that Sunday, October 15th at 10:30 a.m. As with all we do, all are welcome!

University Ministry Upcoming Opportunities

Tijuana Day Trip
Saturday, October 7th
[www.sandiego.edu/tjdaytrip](http://www.sandiego.edu/tjdaytrip)

Homecoming and Family Weekend Mass
Sunday, October 15th
10:30 a.m., Founders Chapel

East Los Angeles Immersion Experience
October 19th - 22nd
[www.sandiego.edu/eastla](http://www.sandiego.edu/eastla)

Silent Retreat
October 27th - 29th

First Year Student Retreat
October 27th - 29th
[www.sandiego.edu/fyretreat](http://www.sandiego.edu/fyretreat)

For a complete listing of Masses and all we offer, please visit [www.sandiego.edu/ministry](http://www.sandiego.edu/ministry)
Commencement 2018

Has your student petitioned to graduate? Commencement 2018 is right around the corner and the first step for your student to participate in Commencement is to submit a petition to graduate through the mySanDiego Portal.

The Commencement Committee is currently developing a new commencement website for launch in early December. In the meantime, you will find essential information about Commencement on the existing website: www.sandiego.edu/commencement.

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?

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 developing more partnerships and providing many more exciting internship and job opportunities for Toreros!

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**Updates from the Office of Financial Aid**

**Fall 2017 Newsletter**

The Fall Semester, [2017 Financial Aid Newsletter](#) provides an overview of important information for students and their parents. USD students are receiving over $208.89 million in financial aid from all sources. USD and USD Donors provide $95.57 million. For 2016-17, USD students brought with them over $4.95 million in outside private or government-sponsored scholarships. They were used to reduce student loans. Please note that students may begin filing the FAFSA for the 2018-19 school year on October 1, 2017.

**Intersession 2018**

Students who plan to attend the January 2018 Intersession may submit financial aid Intersession applications beginning October 1, 2017. The eForm will be available on the [Financial Aid website](#) and on the [MySanDiego](#) portal. The priority deadline is November 1, 2017. Loans are usually available for Intersession.

**Getting Help with Financial Aid**

For help with Financial Aid, please contact the One-Stop Student Center at [Onestop@sandiego.edu](mailto:Onestop@sandiego.edu), by calling 619-260-2700 or by going to the Hahn University Center, room 126. You may also contact the Office of Financial Aid directly. The office is located in Hughes 319 or by calling..
Financial Avenue Provides Online Financial Education for USD Students

The University of San Diego Office of Financial Aid has teamed with Inceptia, a nonprofit organization, to give students a head start on their financial education via Financial Avenue, an online program. This resource can help demystify the world of personal finance. It’s all about empowering students with smart basics and good planning skills. With Inceptia’s money mascot, the Knowl, students have access to ten online courses that can help prepare them for financial success. Get started by setting up your private account at https://fa.financialavenue.org/. Once there, just click the “Login” link at the top of the page, click to sign up as a student, and then provide the access code shown below. To create your account, you’ll need your USD email address and a password of your choosing.

USD ACCESS CODE: Toreroundergrad

Follow the Knowl! He’ll be sure to make it worth your while by sharing tips, resources, and strategies to help you become a Money Mastery Ninja. #Knowl @MoneyKnowl

Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) 2017 - 2018

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 form online. A new waiver needs to be submitted at the beginning of every academic year.

The online form to enroll in or waive out of the annual insurance plan was available starting 06/14/2017 with an extended deadline of 09/29/2017.

If a form was not submitted by 09/29/2017, students have been enrolled into the annual student health insurance plan and are responsible for the charge on their student account.

For students who missed the deadline and do have other insurance, they have one last opportunity to Petition to Waive Enrollment. Starting October 2, students can submit a Petition to Waive form by visiting www.gallagherstudent.com/usd.

USD Insurance website: http://www.sandiego.edu/health-insurance/
With the start of the fall semester we are kicking off our annual Parent Corps Care Project. This year we are collecting socks and sweatshirts to benefit low-income students at Montgomery Middle School in Linda Vista, CA. Many of these students attend school without socks or sweaters. Our hope is to help 300 students by providing them with new socks and sweaters for the colder, winter months. We want to thank those who have helped us so far, including Custom Logos, Wigwam Sock Company, and our wonderful Parents Association Board members and Parent Ambassadors. If you are interested in donating new socks and/or sweatshirts for the drive, please contact the Office of Parent and Family Relations at parents@sandiego.edu or 619.260.4808.

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

Don't forget to register for Homecoming and Family Weekend by Monday, October 9th. Click here to register for the weekend.
Career Development Center Updates

Are YOU a fellow Torero or might your student benefit from an **alumni career mentor**?

If so, check out [Torero Connections](http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=4823&sei=4830&usearchive=1&puid=).

**Is your student looking for a job/internship or exploring careers?**

- **There are upcoming Career Fairs for Engineering, Impact and Non-Profit Organizations, Graduate Schools, and Majors & Minors.**

Select applications for [Torero Treks](http://giving.sandiego.edu/controls/email_marketing/admin/email_marketing_email_viewer.aspx?sid=1374&eiid=4823&sei=4830&usearchive=1&puid=) are still open! These are career exploration days visiting companies off campus. Open applications include: San Diego Marketing, L.A. Sports, Portland (happening over intersession), and Seattle (happening over intersession).

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**Science and Research Focused Study Abroad Programs**

USD offers science and research focused study abroad programs during both the semester as well as during our short-term sessions (summer/intersession). Students majoring in the sciences can participate in hands-on research while abroad in a variety of unique locations including: Australia, Bhutan, British West Indies, Cambodia, Costa Rica, French Polynesia, New Zealand, Panama, Peru and Tanzania. In addition to these specialized programs for science majors, many of our semester programs offer science courses in addition to
general academic coursework. Please see "Programs with Science Course Offerings" for a list of all of these types of programs. For more information about science and research focused study abroad options, please contact the USD International Center at 619-260-4598.

**REMINDER:** The deadline for Spring Semester 2018 program applications is October 4th!

"Helping with Homesickness"

**Collegiate Parent**

(Published August 30, 2017)

There’s nothing magical about the 18th birthday. Just because our kids are legal adults doesn’t mean that we don’t still worry about them and want to help when they’re sad.

When they call or text to say they’re homesick, or we can just tell, our instincts kick in and we want to do something. But what? How can we be supportive without overreacting and making things worse?

While there is no single solution to dealing with homesickness, here are a few things to keep in mind.

[Click here to continue reading.](#)

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