

UCSD, Southwestern, Sweetwater officials meet Nov. 6 to Launch "UniversityLink" educational partnership

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A "UniversityLink" educational opportunity partnership between the University of California, San Diego, Southwestern College, and the Sweetwater Union High School District will be formally launched on Friday, Nov. 6, at 9 a.m. at Southwestern College.

UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes, Southwestern President Serafin A. Zasueta, and Sweetwater Superintendent Edward Brand will sign a "UniversityLink" agreement before a gathering of students and educators at Southwestern's Art Gallery Patio.

The new "UniversityLink" partnership has two primary goals:

^ To encourage and promote the college-going and transfer rates of the diverse student population living in San Diego's South Bay;

^ To enrich the UCSD campus by fostering diversity in its student population.

"UniversityLink" involves UCSD in two separate partnerships in Southern California metropolitan areas: the UCSD-Southwestern-Sweetwater partnership in San Diego and a Los Angeles-based partnership between UCSD, East Los Angeles College, and six participating Los Angeles high schools.

High school seniors planning to enroll at Southwestern are encouraged to sign "UniversityLink" contracts that stipulate two years of academic course work, individual counseling at the community college level, and participation in a variety of program-related activities. Successful completion of the contract, which requires students to earn 60 transferable semester units, maintain a minimum 2.8 grade point average in all UC-transferable courses, and meet UC subject eligibility, guarantees admission to a fall quarter at UCSD.

To date, 80 Southwestern College freshmen have registered to attend a UniversityLink orientation session on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. on the Southwestern campus.

The "UniversityLink" Los Angeles partnership will be formally launched in a Nov. 18 ceremony at East Los Angeles College.

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