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MEDIA ADVISORY

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When: Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Mission Bay High School

The University of California, San Diego's Early Academic Outreach Program, in partnership with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (CalSOAP) and the College Board, will administer free Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Tests (PSATs) to more than 1,000 freshmen and sophomores at five different public school locations throughout San Diego County.

"Underrepresented students too often do not have access to or cannot afford the standardized tests that are essential for college preparation," said Richard Backer, UCSD's Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Registrar. "We're administering this sample test without cost to make sure all students are exposed to testing and to motivate them to improve their academic skills to gain university admission."

Backer will administer the test at Mission Bay High School in San Diego and will be available for interviews there.

He can be contacted Friday evening or early Saturday morning at (619) 678-0657.