

Record Number of Transfer and Underrepresented Students Expected to Attend UC San Diego

Fall 2010 data shows 33 percent more transfer students and 23 percent more underrepresented students to attend, compared to fall 2009

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An estimated 4,206 incoming freshmen and 2,943 transfer students will begin classes Thursday, Sept. 23 at the University of California, San Diego. The campus reports that 33.3 percent more transfer students accepted their offer to attend UC San Diego, a record high for the university. The acceptance rate of underrepresented students is significantly up 23 percent for both freshmen and transfer students, compared to last year. Additionally, the number of new freshmen is up 4.9 percent.

The freshmen bring with them an average high school GPA of 3.97 and SAT reasoning test scores of 600 or higher on the three exams. The new transfer students entering UC San Diego have an average college GPA of 3.43.

"We are pleased to welcome such a high caliber student body," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "UC San Diego continues to enhance our efforts to recruit and admit well-qualified and diverse students to ensure access to UC San Diego's world-class educational opportunities."

Fox credits the increase in underrepresented, low-income and first-generation students to the university's aggressive outreach programs. This spring, UC San Diego introduced new initiatives and enhanced existing programs to encourage underrepresented students who were admitted to enroll. These included an early calling campaign involving students, faculty, staff, community members, and alumni; overnight programs developed and led by students; and affinity group receptions.

A total 729 freshmen underrepresented students, including African-American (up 36 percent from last year), Mexican Americans (up 4.3 percent from last year), Latinos (up 7.7 percent from last year) and Native Americans (up 84.6 percent from last year) are expected to attend UC San Diego for fall quarter.

Underrepresented transfer students including African-American (up 89.1 percent from last year), Mexican Americans (up 43.1 percent from last year), Latinos (up 52.3 percent from last year) and Native Americans (up 75.0 percent from last year) are expected to attend UC San Diego in fall 2010.

UC San Diego alumnus Anthony Jackson, M.D., participated in the campus's early calling campaign this spring to personally notify students they had been admitted to UC San Diego.

"The recent increase of admitted underrepresented students who accepted their offer shows UC San Diego's recruiting efforts have gained a lot of momentum," Jackson said. "As an alum and parent of a current undergraduate, participating in the calling campaign gave me the great opportunity to communicate to prospective students how the educational opportunities and the resources at UC San Diego are unmatched."

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