

UCSD, East Los Angeles College, High School officials meet Nov. 18 to launch "UniversityLink" Educational Partnership

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A "UniversityLink" educational opportunity partnership between the University of California, San Diego, East Los Angeles College, and six participating high schools, will be formally launched on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 1:00 p.m. at East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, in Monterey Park.

UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes, East Los Angeles College President Ernest Moreno, and the principals of the high schools will sign a "UniversityLink" agreement before a gathering of students and educators at the Vincent Price Gallery on the community college campus. The participating high schools are: Bell, Bell Gardens, Garfield, Huntington Park, Roosevelt and South Gate.

The new "University Link" partnership has two primary goals:

^ To encourage and promote the college-going and transfer rates of the student population living in the service area of East Los Angeles College;

^ 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-East Los Angeles College collaboration and one in San Diego with Southwestern College and the Sweetwater Union High School District.

High school seniors planning to enroll at East Los Angeles College are encouraged to participate in the UniversityLink program which offers individual counseling at the community college level to ensure that students follow a pattern of UC-transferable course work; it also provides a variety of program-related activities and services. Transfer to UCSD requires 60 transferable semester units, a minimum 2.8 grade point average in all UC-transferable courses, and meeting UC subject eligibility.

To date, 75 East Los Angeles College freshmen are enrolled in the UniversityLink program.

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