Welcome to The Oakes Times!

Our Oakes College Quarterly Family E-Newsletter

Keep reading to stay in tune with your student's life while they navigate their first year of college

In this newsletter, we will provide you with updates and reminders of everything happening here at Oakes College over the course of this year.

What you can expect in each newsletter:

- Important Dates & Reminders
- Academic & Housing Updates
- Student Life & Event Highlights

The Oakes newsletter will be sent to our subscribers once per quarter, a total of four times per year. Each edition of the newsletter will include important dates and deadlines for students and families as well as other relevant information about programs, housing, and academics at Oakes College.
Important Dates

November 2019

- **Thanksgiving Break**: November 28, 29
  - Last meal served at lunch.
  - Residences remain open.
- **Winter Break**: Saturday, December 14, 2019 - Friday January 3, 2020
  - Students who have a valid need to stay in residence during the weekend following fall finals (Dec.14-15) may request a fall quarter housing contract extension.
  - *Any student discovered in a closed residential facility without an approved contract extension will be assessed a $100.00 unauthorized stay over fee, escorted off the premises, and may face conduct action.*
- **Dining Hall Closure**: at 12 noon on Saturday, December 14, 2019 and reopen Friday, January 3, 2020.

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*If you have any questions regarding housing or residential life feel free to contact us Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.*

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Reminders
THE 2020–21 FAFSA®: WHAT TO KNOW

The FAFSA launched on October 1, 2019.

You’ll report your 2018 tax information.

There’s no need to update it after filling your 2019 taxes.

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JOIN US!
FAMILY DAY 2020
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
UC SANTA CRUZ

For more information or to RSVP visit oakes.ucsc.edu
Click [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=095adde327&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1650577529928326088&simpl=msg-f%3A1650577529928326088) to get instructions on how to set up UCPath.

**Turkey Express**

Do you have a yearning to eat turkey? See your family? Visit paradise? We have chartered buses so that you can travel in comfort and style. We will provide round-trip transportation to and from Santa Cruz to L.A. Don't wait until the last moment, **this shuttle fills every year**!

Click [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=095adde327&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1650577529928326088&simpl=msg-f%3A1650577529928326088) to see ride offerings and bus schedules!

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**A Word from Our Provost**
Marcia Ochoa
So a little about me: I am an Associate Professor of Feminist Studies at UC Santa Cruz. I'm trained as a cultural anthropologist, specializing in the ethnography of media and gender and sexuality in Latin America. I wrote my dissertation about how trans and cisgender women in Venezuela use femininity and beauty to imagine the possibilities of their lives. My first book, Queen for a Day: Transformistas, Beauty Queens, and the Performance of Femininity in Venezuela (Duke University Press, 2014) received a Lambda Literary Award Nomination in 2015. My primary research questions concern the role of the imaginary and a process called “worldmaking” in the possibilities of survival for queer and trans people in Latin America. Since that time, I’ve worked to shift the focus in queer studies to be more inclusive of people in the Global South. I have served as editor of the journal GLQ: a Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies since 2014.

My family is from Colombia, and I grew up in Bogotá, Colombia until I was 6 years old. We moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where I learned English and stopped speaking my first language of Spanish for a while. When I was 11, my family moved to Portage, Michigan, and I had to drop my Southern accent! I received my BA at the University of Michigan, then after a couple of years of living on the East Coast, in 1994 I moved to San Francisco to be part of the queer Latinx community in the Mission District. I’ve lived in California ever since. My parents are both research scientists, so I grew up in labs and necropsy rooms, and it’s given me a life-long passion for biology, neuroscience, and anatomy. To relax, I enjoy open-water swimming, bicycling, and Latin American music (especially cumbia!).

Student Life & Event Highlights
Everything is Falling into Place

As our students transition into the University setting, they are forming relationships and bonds with our Oakes community in their residence buildings through some exciting events coordinated by our wonderful neighborhood assistants and community assistants.

This quarter, our students have participated in Welcome Week events such as: met one another S’more and Glow and New Student Welcome, fostered community at the RCC/Oakes Unity BBQ, House Bounce, show cased their
talent at Oakes Got Talent, and they’ve gained wisdom from our continuing students in What We Wish We Knew event. For Spirit Week our wonderful community assistants created events to foster healthy competition and community amongst the residence halls and apartments leading up to the large field day at the lower lawn, Block Party! Congratulations to Wiesel for winning spirit week!!

Check out the [Oakes College Event Calendar](#) for the most up-to-date schedule of Oakes College programs!

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