



Santa Cruz Update  
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## **CAMPUS WIDE**

### **State of the Campus**

Chancellor George Blumenthal celebrated the achievements of UCSC and described its regional and global impacts during a "State of the Campus" presentation to campus and community leaders on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The Chancellor highlighted many accomplishments of the University and its employees over the past year, including UCSC's third place world ranking for the impact of its research. The Chancellor also expressed concern about the dwindling state funding for public universities and how that could affect both UCSC and the Santa Cruz community. He spoke in great detail about Proposition 30, urged the audience to help UCSC in many different ways, and emphasized the importance of voting in the November election.

### **UCSC gears up for Bi-weekly Pay**

In preparation for UC Path, the University is gearing up to switch all hourly employees from monthly to biweekly pay. In order to help with the transition, the campus is offering employees up to \$1,000 in a no interest loan and or a buyout of up to 80hrs of vacation time. The same assistance was offered at UCLA when they transitioned.

## **LOCAL SAB**

### **Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive & United Way Fund raisers**

The Santa Cruz SAB is gearing up for another year in its community support efforts. This fall, the SAB members have continued to take a larger role in the annual United Way fund raising efforts, and SAB member John Steele continues to be the lead as the chair of the Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive. This year's drive includes a raffle where UCSC affiliates can purchase tickets (100% of the proceeds donated to Second Harvest) for a chance to win several prizes including lunch for 6 with the Chancellor.

### **SAB hosts Chancellor's Fall Forum**

The SAB hosted the Chancellor's fall forum on October 16<sup>th</sup> where Chancellor Blumenthal spoke on many current campus issues including: the challenge of getting students to graduate in four years, implementing UC Path and the importance of the upcoming election and Prop 30.

### **SAB prepares for annual Blood Drive with Red Cross**

The SAB will host the annual staff and faculty blood drive again with the Red Cross of America at the end of January.