

Celebrating 10 Years
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Academic Advancement

California Reading and
Literature Project (CRLP)

California State Summer
School for Mathematics and
Science (COSMOS)

Early Academic Outreach
Program (EAOP)

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North Monterey County,
Pajaro Valley & South
Monterey County

Girls in Engineering

Mathematics, Engineering,
Science Achievement Schools
Program (MESA)

San Jose California Student
Opportunity and Access
Program (San Jose Cal-SOAP)

Transfer Partnerships
Program (TPP)

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UCSC EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP CENTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF CREATING COLLEGE-BOUND COMMUNITIES

Special Anniversary Event and 2009 Partner Awards Ceremony, January 9

(SANTA CRUZ, CA) – Educators, university faculty and staff, parents, students, and business and community leaders from across the Monterey Bay and Silicon Valley regions will convene on Friday, January 9, 2009, for a special celebration about student academic preparation efforts. The UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center (EPC) will celebrate its achievements, share information about its programs and services, recognize its founders, and honor the 2009 Partner Award recipients at the 10 year anniversary event at the University Center on the UC Santa Cruz campus from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Partner Awards Ceremony begins at 5:15 p.m.

“I am proud and honored to celebrate the many accomplishments of the Educational Partnership Center—doubling college-going rates and increasing the number of transfer students to UC and CSU—and the collaborations among school, university, business, and community partners that are making a difference in the lives of students and families,” said Carrol Moran, Ph.D., founding and current executive director.

The mission of the Educational Partnership Center is to create college-bound communities that improve student learning and increase college-going rates among students from low-income and traditionally non-college-going families. The Jan. 9 event will highlight EPC's past and present accomplishments, including:

- Since 1998, the percentage of high school graduates from EPC's five original partner schools who enroll at a UC campus, including UCSC, has doubled, exceeding the statewide rate.
- In the same partner schools, the number of high school graduates who enroll in UC or CSU has risen 42% over the last ten years.
- Since inception, EPC has also doubled the numbers of underrepresented students who apply, are admitted, and enroll in UC or CSU in partnership schools across the Monterey Bay region.

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- In 1997-98, 15.5% of Watsonville and Seaside High School graduates successful completed the A-G college prep course pattern; nine years after beginning their partnership with EPC, the completion rate increased to 35.6% of students.
- Over the last ten years, the number of students who successfully transfer from the 13 regional community colleges to UC or CSU has risen 7.5%.

About 175 people are expected at the anniversary celebration, including UC Santa Cruz Chancellor George R. Blumenthal who will provide welcome remarks. The event will also honor the founders of the Center who provided the vision and leadership to establish EPC and expand the programs and services, including:

- Martin Chemers, Professor of Psychology and Department Chair, UCSC
- MRC Greenwood, Chancellor Emeritus, UCSC
- Francisco J. Hernandez, Vice Chancellor for Students, University of Hawaii at Manoa (former Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs, UCSC)
- Joyce Justus, former Vice President for Educational Relations, UC Office of the President
- Karl S. Pister, Chancellor Emeritus, UCSC
- J. Michael Thompson, Chief Executive Officer, Xap Corporation (former Associate Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management, UCSC)

The awards ceremony will also recognize the 2009 recipients of EPC Partner Awards. "We are glad to have the opportunity to publicly thank the award winners for their extraordinary efforts and above-and-beyond commitment on behalf of the students and families of California," said Moran. Partner awardees include:

- Daniel Aldrich, Statewide Director, COSMOS & Interim Vice Chancellor of Advancement, UC Riverside
- Alan Brown, Retired, Director of Engineering, Lockheed & MESA Volunteer
- Cisco Systems & Cisco Foundation
- College Access Foundation of California, accepted by Jay Sherwin, Vice President for Programs
- Penny Edgert, ARCHES & California Education Roundtable ICC
- Martha Kanter, Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District
- Dan Moser, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, East Side Union High School District
- Ylida Noguera, Assistant Superintendent, Pajaro Valley Unified School District
- Jaye Padgett, Chair, Committee on Educational Policy, UC Santa Cruz
- Rosa Perez, Chancellor, San Jose-Evergreen Community College District
- Bakthan Singaram, Professor of Chemistry, UC Santa Cruz
- Kari Yeater, Associate Superintendent, Program Improvement & Secondary Instruction, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

The anniversary event begins at 4:00 p.m. with an informal reception. The partner awards ceremony will start at 5:15 p.m. The event concludes at 6:30 p.m. Complete details, parking information, and directions to UCSC are available online at <http://epc.ucsc.edu/anniversary>.

For more information about the Jan. 9 EPC 10 Year Anniversary Celebration or other media inquiries, please contact JAIMIE VARGAS, director of development and communication, at (831) 239-9130 or jevargas@ucsc.edu.

About UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center

Established in 1999, the Educational Partnership Center (EPC) coordinates new and ongoing academic preparation efforts on behalf of UC Santa Cruz with the goal of increasing access and opportunity to higher education for students across the Monterey Bay and San Jose/Silicon Valley regions. EPC is a research- and data-driven, umbrella organization for an array of integrated academic preparation programs, serving students, teachers, and families from kindergarten through college. The mission of the Educational Partnership Center is to create college-bound communities that improve student learning and increase college-going rates among students from low-income and traditionally non-college-going families in collaboration with school, college, business, and community partners. In January 2009, EPC celebrates its 10th anniversary.

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