

## Welcome

Dear UC Santa Cruz Student,

Congratulations on your admission and I thank you for selecting UC Santa Cruz. You are among California's most talented students, in whom we will one day entrust our future. I am pleased and honored to welcome you to our community of scholars.

Although I have served as the Chancellor since 2006, I've been a professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at UCSC for over 35 years — and I know that you have made an excellent choice by pursuing your undergraduate education here.

This is an exciting time to be attending UCSC. We continue to build and expand our world-recognized programs while remaining true to our founding traditions. Scheduled for completion in 2009, our new McHenry Library is designed to be a truly 21st century library, featuring wireless networking throughout the building and in the lawn area outside, a film and music center, a visual resource center, and a "cyber study" room and café. Also scheduled for completion in 2009, our new Digital Arts Building will house the expanding digital arts program, providing more space for studios and music and theater classes.

UCSC's faculty and staff are dedicated to your success and growth. Our faculty are renowned for their commitment to teaching, and they regularly offer undergraduates the opportunity to work closely with them in furthering knowledge through research. I encourage you to take advantage of the abundant opportunities UC Santa Cruz has to offer.

Again, I send my congratulations, my appreciation for selecting our campus, and my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable first year at UC Santa Cruz.

Sincerely,



George R. Blumenthal  
Chancellor  
Professor, Astronomy and Astrophysics

