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OPENING NEW DOORS TO ACCELERATING SUCCESS
NEWSLETTER
ONTAS STUDENT CENTER
NOW OPEN
1150 KERR HALL

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ISSUE 1
SPRING 2017
Welcome to the first issue of the ONDAS Newsletter! We are pleased to present the accomplishments of UC Santa Barbara’s Department of Education Title V HSI grant, "Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success".

Initiated in October 2015, ONDAS has established a new student center in Kerr Hall and implemented a series of activities and programs for students and faculty at UCSB. We hope you enjoy learning about ONDAS!

ONDAS Student Center
1150 Kerr Hall

1,682 Students served by the OSC in 2016-17 fall and winter quarters
8 Learning and mentoring programs launched in the OSC
17 Students and staff employed to implement ONDAS activities
ONDAS FOCUS AREAS

To strengthen the academic success and retention of Latino and low-income students, ONDAS delivers two main areas of activity:

- **supporting first-year experiences (freshmen and transfer)**
- **faculty professional development**

In doing so, ONDAS provides new programming and services that will benefit all students at UCSB.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

- Chemistry and Math Learning Communities
- Peer Tutoring Drop-In Hours
- ALEKS&Me Chemistry Study Sessions
- Mentor Power Hour
- Mentor-in Residence Program
- #FirstGen Safe Space Forum
- P.M. (Personal & Meaningful) Dinners with Faculty
- Faculty Fireside Chats

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Faculty members enrolled in the 16-17 Faculty Seminar

Faculty Professional Development

ONDAS FACULTY SEMINARS

Focused on faculty who teach first-year courses, participants in this year-long seminar and conference will work together to:

- conduct research-based, theory-driven investigations of disciplines, teaching, and learning;
- adapt existing approaches or develop new approaches to teaching;
- develop and expand inclusive teaching practices.

CULTURALLY AWARE MENTORING

In spring and summer 2017, faculty, staff, and graduate students can enroll to participate in interactive workshop to learn:

- mentoring best practices;
- strategies to understand student motivation for academic success;
- understanding and overcoming student challenges associated with sense of belonging at UCSB;
- cultural and psychological barriers to academic success for low-income, underrepresented minority, and first generation students.
GET INVOLVED!

Students:
- Come to 1150 Kerr Hall to learn more about the OSC.
- Check out our website and calendar:
  http://ondas.ucsb.edu/home.
- Sign up for:
  - tutoring
  - mentoring
  - study groups
  - events where you can interact with faculty in small group settings

Faculty:
- Hold weekly group office hours in the Center
- Lead a Mid-Term or Final Study Jam in the Center
- Host a meal for a small group of students
- Lead an evening discussion in a residence hall to engage in conversation with students
- Be a speaker in our student workshops

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