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UCSC Hosts 2nd Annual Graduate School Conference on Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA)

Bright future for graduate studies programs

CUHS, UC Santa Cruz, CA: Based on the success of the 2004 HESA Conference, this year's event promises to be another exciting opportunity for students to discover the careers available in student affairs at the college level and the graduate school programs that will prepare them for these careers. Graduates from programs such as these pursue careers as professionals in colleges and universities, as well as in fields related to higher education throughout the country. Many professionals in this field serve as policy makers, advisers, student service providers, researchers, programmers, consultants and administrators.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Dr. Jacob Diaz, Director of the Center for Student Ethics and Standards at the University of Vermont. The conference also includes a faculty panel discussion to be led by Dr. Kristen Renn, Assistant Professor of Higher, Adult and Lifelong Education, Michigan State University. Themed roundtables will add interactivity and audience participation to the event. Student affairs professionals and graduate students will host a professionals panel and offer their real-world experience to undergraduate students considering careers in student affairs. A graduate school fair will give students an opportunity to explore the available graduate programs.

"I had an eye opening experience at the HESA conference last year that I will never forget," said Rosa Contreras, a UCSC senior, "I was not sure what I wanted to do after I graduate from UCSC and going to HESA made me realize how many opportunities I had within student affairs."

Registration for the HESA conference is free for UCSC students and \$5.00 for non-UCSC students. Those interested in attending should register with Adam-Jon Aparicio, e-mail: adamjon@ucsc.edu, phone: 831-502-0546.

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