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Dear New Stevenson College Student:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students, I want to congratulate you on your recent acceptance to UCSC and welcome you to your new home at Stevenson College.

As the Provost of Stevenson College, I am responsible for providing classes and academic activities to enrich the intellectual life at the college. I also oversee the academic advising staff who work with you to monitor your progress towards graduation and can assist you with choosing courses and finding a major that is right for you. In addition to my role as Provost for Stevenson College, I am Professor and Chair in the History Department.

At UCSC you will discover a large research university with a wealth of opportunities for growth and learning. Your academic work and co-curricular activities will allow you to explore this beautiful and expansive campus. Within the context of a major university, UCSC seeks to provide our undergraduates with the collegiate experience; a hallmark of a fine education. UCSC is virtually the only public university in the United States to afford students both the warm embrace of a small college and access to researchers who are at the frontiers of knowledge.

Founded in 1966, Stevenson is one of the first colleges at UCSC. We are located on a hill overlooking the beautiful Monterey Bay, close to restaurants and shops, library, pool, track, and gym. Our theme, "Self and Society," emphasizes the goals of both self-understanding and active participation in one's community. Our students' diverse backgrounds, perspectives and interests, our 2-quarter "Self and Society" seminar sequence, and our lectures and community events contribute to making Stevenson a stimulating environment. Your active involvement and leadership are important to this community and I hope that you will be able to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you while you are in residence. I hope you also will take time to join the faculty, staff and students in participating in the life of the college.

By now, you should have received detailed information about our online orientation program called: "[Slug Orientation](#)". This program includes a series of three online courses designed to provide you with everything you need to know about having a successful start at UCSC. You will be sent one online course in June, July and in August. These courses are designed to introduce you to the academic advising system at UCSC, help you explore (or confirm) your educational goals, prepare you to enroll in fall classes, learn how to use your MyUCSC portal to enroll in classes, connect you to your online Orientation Leader Team, and remind you of critical deadlines.

In order to get an early enrollment appointment, you must complete Course 1 and 2, and [submit your official test scores and transcripts to admissions](#) by the deadlines. Official transcripts must be sent

electronically or postmarked no later than July 1. The deadline for official test scores is July 15. Please note that missing either of these deadlines could result in the cancellation of your admission to UCSC. The deadline for Course 1 is July 3 the deadline for Course 2 is July 16. The earlier you complete Course 1 and 2, the earlier you will receive your enrollment appointment. Many UCSC classes fill up quickly so you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of early enrollment to maximize your chances of obtaining a spot in these classes.

Slug Orientation course links will be sent directly to your [UCSC email account](#) (as the official form of communication for the university). In addition to the academic advising content in Slug Orientation, you will get information about how to connect directly with your academic advisers this summer as well as contact information for other offices on campus.

One of the important functions that Stevenson College offers is your academic advising services. I would like to introduce you to your Advising Team at Stevenson College: Academic Preceptor Marie Yoo and Academic Advisers Kristyn Crouse and Esteban Adame. Your Stevenson College academic advising team provide support in transitioning to the university, understanding university requirements and policies, exploring academic interests, and supporting your academic success. More information about Advising, including contact information is available here: <https://advising.ucsc.edu/about/colleges-advising/index.html>.

An important element of your first quarter experience at Stevenson College will be taking your core course or “Stevenson 1”: “Introduction to University Discourse: Self and Society.” Stevenson 1 helps students develop academic and civic proficiency in reading, critical thinking, and “academic ethos,” and habits of mind and practice tied to a sense of belonging and academic success. This course prepares students for success in other UCSC courses requiring critical thinking, listening, discussion, and effective communication. It explores rhetorical principles and conventions of university discourse and considers the roots of modern society using foundational religious texts and major classical and modern philosophical works. You will enroll in this class over the summer during your enrollment period.

Stevenson’s second quarter of Core, Stevenson 2, satisfies the textual analysis general education requirement. Some majors, such as Engineering and Computer Science, require prerequisites in your first year, so consider discussing your academic plan with an advisor if you’re considering one of these majors.

At UCSC we have a strong commitment to the environment. From now on, all of our communication with you will be done via email, as this is the official form of communication for the university. When the time comes, be sure to activate your UCSC google email account: <http://its.ucsc.edu/google/gmail.html>. In early June we will be sending you some very important advising information via email to assist you with academic planning for the fall (this will be sent to your personal email, but as of September we will no longer use your personal email). Please read this information carefully when it arrives because the material will help you prepare for fall quarter.

In the fall we will welcome you into our university community and help you dive into collegiate life. We are honored to be a part of your experience, and we have no doubt that your attachment and passion to UCSC and specifically to Stevenson College will grow and grow during your time here.

Sincerely,

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