



SPOTLIGHT ON UC SANTA CRUZ

- UC Santa Cruz and California community colleges (CCC) seek to [strengthen ties](#) in an effort to bring 1,500 new CCC transfer students to campus by 2020.
- Curated by UC Santa Cruz's award-winning author and literature professor Karen Tei Yamashita, the [Living Writers Series](#) provides an exciting series with an amazing line up of artists, filmmakers, poets, and writers to present on the campus.
- Students interested in game design might consider a B.S. in [Computer Game Design](#) or a B.A. in Art & Design: [Games & Playable Media](#). A recent team of students in the graduate program were declared [winners](#) in the Social Connection GameJam, a game design competition, and won \$10,000.
- The Sierra Club ranked UCSC as one of the [top 25 greenest colleges and universities](#) in the U.S. in its Cool School ranking. UCSC was the second-highest ranked UC and earned a perfect score in "innovation."
- *Variety* magazine named UCSC one of the [top "stellar film schools"](#) in the U.S." in 2017.
- UC Santa Cruz's [Linguistics Department](#) has grown to be an internationally recognized force in linguistic theory. Its undergraduate program is ranked No. 1 in North America.
- UC Santa Cruz astronomer Ryan Foley says observing the [explosion of two colliding neutron stars](#) is probably the biggest discovery he'll make in his lifetime.
- Learn more about how a [UC Santa Cruz alum](#) is tackling the student loan problem.
- A UC Santa Cruz student sits outside the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colorado, answering the question about why she loves [physics by talking about shoes](#).
- UCSC student studying human biology was awarded a scholarship for medical school. [Learn More](#)
- Robots are here to stay? Learn about a [Santa Cruz Psychology Professor](#) who's interested in building robots that interact with people, by doing things for people in their day-to-day lives.