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Colleagues:

This special edition of the UC Counselors and Advisers bulletin covers the following topics:

- UCOP and College Board partnership
- Changes to SAT exam

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UCOP and College Board partnership

In a letter that will be sent this month, UC President Janet Napolitano reaches out to underrepresented students who have performed well on the PSAT and encourages them to continue their preparation for admission to UC. Specifically, the letter, sent by the College Board on behalf of UC, urges students to:

- Access college planning information, such as “You Can Go!” (http://youcango.collegeboard.org/).
- Take the necessary college preparatory (“a-g”) courses required for UC freshman admission and continue to do well in those courses.
- Challenge themselves inside the classroom by taking AP, IB, honors and college-level courses.
- Complete the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing exam by December of their senior year.
- Take advantage of community service and leadership opportunities that can help give them a more inclusive educational experience.

UC is planning ongoing communication with these students over the coming months and years as they continue to prepare for college.

Changes to SAT

The College Board recently announced significant changes to the format and structure of the SAT, which would be administered for the first time in spring 2016. The University of California, as it has done in the past, will carefully review all aspects of the new exam, along with the results of the College Board’s field tests. The Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS), the faculty body that oversees undergraduate admissions requirements, is committed to ensuring any change in admissions policy does not adversely affect future applicants. Until further information is gathered and analyzed, prospective students should continue to follow UC’s current admissions requirements.

As information becomes available, we will share it with you via the UC Admissions website, counselor training programs such as the UC Counselor Conference, and this bulletin. For more information on the changes to the SAT, visit https://www.collegeboard.org/delivering-opportunity/sat?affiliateld=satsite&bannerId=rsat-hp.