

Supporting resilience in student success —

A tale of two programs

Ensuring Transfer Success Conference
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California Community Colleges

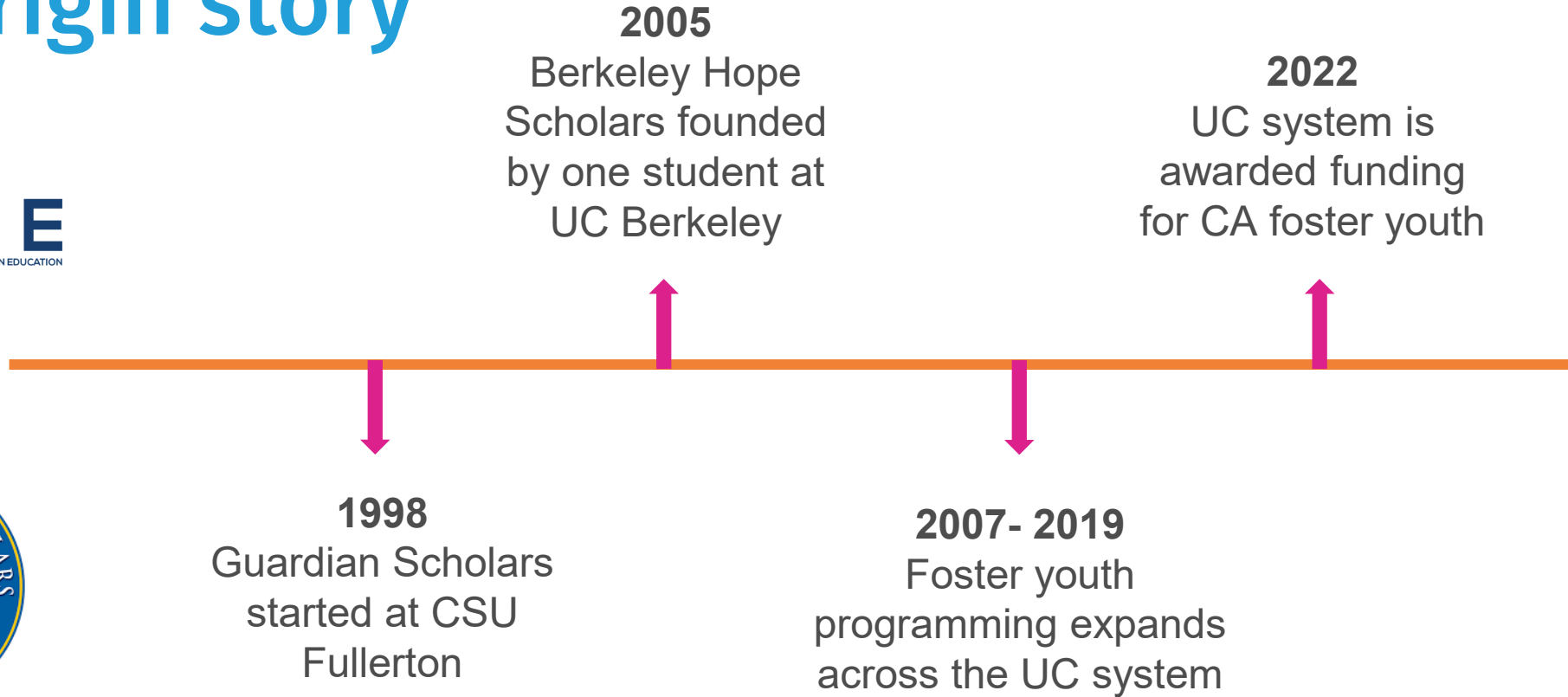
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Introducing Guardian Scholars

Origin story



Current state of affairs

The 2022/2023 budget bill included funding for campus support programs for foster youth across all three public postsecondary systems. Language governing these programs was included in AB 183, the higher education budget trailer bill.



State funding and expanding programs

An increase of \$6 million ongoing General Fund to increase support for foster youth students across all UC campuses.

Funding to be used for...

- Outreach
- Collaborations with County Jurisdictions (K-12 Foster youth)
- Targeted marketing of Program Services
- Efforts towards student retention and academic success

Services available

Retention

- Priority housing and enrollment
- Material and financial assistance
- Free printing & testing materials
- Liaison services w/housing, financial aid, counseling services, etc.
- Community-centered programming

Success

- Mentorship
- Career advising & development
- Networking opportunities
- Graduate & professional school preparation
- Tutoring & academic advising

Tips for counselors

- Be inclusive in your language and programming.
- Be aware of a few resources or organizations for current and/or former foster youth.
- Inform your students of resources and services that will be available to them in the UC system.
- Encourage students who may be current and/or former foster youth that higher education is a path they can take and succeed in.
- Engage in trauma-informed care training, if available or given the opportunity.

Resources

Find all the campus contacts for current and former foster youth services directly on the UCOP website:



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Student and Equity Affairs

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- Vice Chancellors for Students Affairs
- Vice Chancellors for Equity and Inclusion
- AVC/Deans of Students
- Career Services
- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Current & Former Foster Youth Services**
- Early Childhood Education
- Women's Centers
- Greek Life - Fraternities & Sororities
- Housing & Residential Life
- Intercollegiate Athletics Programs

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Foster youth campus resources

Campus	Program Name	Website	Contact Person
Berkeley	Berkeley Hope Scholars	https://www.hope.berkeley.edu	Charly King Beavers charlykb@berkeley.edu
Davis	Guardian Scholars	https://opportunity.ucdavis.edu/programs/guardian-scholars	Valeri Garcia vqgarcia@ucdavis.edu
Irvine	Foster Youth Resilience In Education (FYRE) Scholars	http://fyre.due.uci.edu	Martha Contreras m.contreras@uci.edu
UCLA	Bruin Guardian Scholars	https://www.guardianscholars.ucla.edu	Teaira Nelson tnelson@saonet.ucla.edu
Merced	Guardian Scholars	http://guardianscholars.ucmerced.edu	Edith Ramirez eramirez226@ucmerced.edu

Foster youth campus resources cont.

Campus	Program Name	Website	Contact Person
Riverside	Office of Foster Youth Support Services	https://fosteryouth.ucr.edu	Stephen Morales stephan.morales@ucr.edu
San Diego	Hope Scholars	https://oasis.ucsd.edu/programs/hope-scholars/index.html	Kesia Williams hopescholars@ucsd.edu
Santa Barbara	Guardian Scholars	http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/guardian-scholars/home	Stephany Rubio stephany.rubio@sa.ucsb.edu
Santa Cruz	Renaissance Scholars	https://renaissancescholars.ucsc.edu/	Liz Moya emoya@ucsc.edu



Introducing Underground Scholars

Origin story



2013
Underground Scholars Initiative (USI) founded by UC Berkeley alum Danny Murillo and Steven Czifra

2014
USI received funding from UCB through a fee referendum that students voted on

2016
Partnered with Senator Loni Hancock to secure state funding for development of an academic support program (USP)

2019
Berkeley Underground Scholars organized statewide convening with formerly incarcerated students across all UC schools to plan the expansion of USI chapters

2019- 2023
USI and USP has expanded to all other UC campuses

Building a prison-to-university pipeline



State funding and expanding programs

An increase of \$4 million ongoing General Fund to increase support for the Underground Scholars Program.

Current state of affairs

Read more on the 2023-2024
proposed state budget

"... with \$80 million in approved spending on alternative schools and the continuation of \$15 million for programs to connect incarcerated youth to higher education, the new state budget furthers the goal of improving the lives and futures of incarcerated youth."



Services available

Recruitment

- Cross enrollment programs
- Ambassador programs
- Transfer programs
- Incarceration to college program

Retention

- Community space/ events
- Tutoring and advising
- Employment and leadership development
- Financial support
- Housing assistance

Advocacy

- State policy and budget advocacy
- Advocacy for students
- Policy research
- Humanizing language

Tips for counselors

- Be informed and raise awareness of the programs and services that your students can access now, while at the community college level, and find out what programs and services you can refer them to once they transition into the UC system
- Use humanizing language when communicating with students involved in the carceral system
- If given the opportunity, engage in trauma-informed care training
- Acknowledge student successes and accomplishments

Resources

Find all the campus contacts for formerly incarcerated and system-impacted students directly on the Berkeley Underground Scholars website!



USI UC BERKELEY:

Link to Join: <https://callink.berkeley.edu/organization/usi>

Instagram: @theundergroundscholars

Facebook: facebook.com/undergroundscholars

USI UCLA:

Bruin Underground Scholars Program Website: <https://undergroundscholars.ucla.edu/>

Bruin Underground Scholars Program Email: undergroundscholars@saonet.ucla.edu

USI UCLA Student Org Email: undergroundscholars@gmail.com

Instagram: @undergroundscholarsinitiative

USI UC IRVINE:

Email: uciundergroundscholars@gmail.com

Instagram: @undergroundscholarsuci

Facebook: USIatUCI

USI UC RIVERSIDE:

Website: <https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/organization/usi-ucr>

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Underground Scholars campus resources

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Davis	Underground Scholars	https://linktr.ee/undergrounducd	undergrounducd@gmail.com
Irvine	Underground Scholars Program	https://undergroundscholars.uci.edu	Hector Cervantes hcervan1@uci.edu
UCLA	Bruin Underground Scholars Program	https://www.guardianscholars.ucla.edu	Aaron Bray abray@saonet.ucla.edu
Merced	Bobcat Underground Scholars	https://learning.ucmerced.edu/bobcat-underground-scholars	Edith Ramirez eramirez226@ucmerced.edu

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Riverside	Riverside Underground Scholars	https://diversity.ucr.edu/underground-scholars-initiative	Ismael Davila ismael.davila@ucr.edu
San Diego	Triton Underground Scholars	https://oasis.ucsd.edu/programs/USI-folder/	Collen Murphy usi@ucsd.edu
Santa Barbara	GaUCHO Underground Scholars	https://gauchoundergrounds.wixsite.com/my-site	gauchoundergroundscholars@gmail.com
Santa Cruz	Underground Scholars Program	https://undergroundscholars.ucsc.edu	Joshua Solis jgsolis@ucsc.edu

Thank you