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Students were all smiles with Monte on the first day back to school.

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Welcome, Otters!



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Editor-In-Chief

The fall semester of the 2023/24 academic year at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) has started with a bang following the success of Otter Days.

New and returning Otters had opportunities to come together and experience approximately 30 welcoming events during the first week of school. Organizations such as First Year Experience, Associated Students (AS), the Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3), and Recreation worked to put together festivities to help students, especially freshmen, acclimate to the new school year.

Students enjoyed a successful Bingo night where they competed for sought-after products such as an air fryer, a projector, and even an iPad. Different departments on campus also came together to donate items such as tote bags.

A popular Otter Day event was the OC3 Block Party, which saw around 200 students come out to the courtyard behind the Otter Student Union. Attendees were able to mingle, enter a raffle, make their own t-shirts, and enjoy live music by local performer Gabi Bravo.

This event was also a good opportunity for Otters to do some networking. "We (had) about 20 organizations and departments here to table.. all the way from non-profits, grassroots organizations, and student organizations," said Victoria Gomez, program coordinator for the OC3.

Students can also start to look forward to the fan-favorite Werk Witch Drag Show that's put on annually by the OC3. "Students, staff, and faculty can compete, and auditions are open now," said Gomez.

More welcome week events included Movie Night at the OSU, Monte's Speakeasy (you can read about those events on page 3), and the Ice Cream Social. AS, First Year Experience, and Basic Needs partnered up to provide free breakfast burritos and coffee to students on the first day of school. Monte made a special appearance and students got the chance to take selfies with our beloved mascot.

Otter Thursdays have officially started with lively music, free pretzels, as well as free t-shirts and bucket hats. President Vanya Quiñones attended the event to take pictures and get to know students.

Stay tuned with our on-campus organizations to see what kind of events are in store for the rest of the semester.



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Hungry Students flock to Campus Cookout Event

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Students flocking toward the Main Quad at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) for some delicious barbecue is a sure sign that a new school year has started.

The Campus Cookout had students lined up on Tuesday, Aug. 22 before the event had started, eagerly waiting for some food. It was one of many events hosted as a part of Otter Days, the welcome week at CSUMB.

"This is really cool," said Lilly Crew, a third-year transfer student. "I went to another Cal State and they didn't have this. It is a really good community and makes

you [feel] really welcome."

Another third-year transfer student Zac Leil agreed with Crew about the spirit at CSUMB. "I think it's a good opportunity to meet people, and I got to talk to people in line that I wouldn't have talked to otherwise. I live in East Campus and wouldn't have been on campus today. It's great to get to know the school more." Leil said.

CSUMB president Vanya Quiñones was also present at the event, giving some welcoming remarks to the students, and the new Associated Student leaders.

"I am really excited to welcome so many people to the raft. It's exciting to see so many students out here building

a raft. CSUMB is about growing together," Quiñones said.

Third-year Sports Club Council President Alyssa Walters also enjoyed the event. "I think it's great, there is a large turnout this year. Seeing everyone come together as a community this early gives me hope for the rest of the school year. I hope we can bring this energy to all our events this year."

Students should look out for more events like this on MyRaft, which are hosted by on-campus organizations such as AS, Otter Cross Cultural Center (OC3), and Recreation.



Students enjoyed BBQ galore at last week's Campus Cookout.

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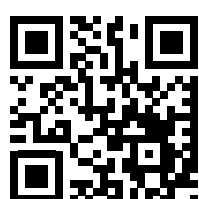
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Monterey County Food Bank Gives Free Produce to Otters

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Kicking off the first week of the semester, the Monterey County Food Bank Produce Truck has made a return to campus to supply students with free fresh produce. On Aug. 23, California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) students were able to stop by the produce truck to secure a bag of fresh produce.

Hosted by The CSUMB Basic Needs Initiative, the Monterey County Food Bank Produce Truck provides fresh, local, organic produce to students on a first come, first serve basis.

Located behind the Otter Express in parking lot 16, students are invited to get a bag of free produce from the Food Bank of Monterey County every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Student shopping takes place between 12 - 2 p.m. while staff shopping occurs from 1:30 - 2 p.m.

Some of the produce provided included strawberries, broccoli, carrots, cilantro, radishes, onions, apples, oranges, salad mixes, potatoes, and more.

Basic Needs Student Assistant, Jewelia Fletcher coordinated the event, checking-in students, directing them to the vendor truck, and encouraging them to visit the Basic Needs food pantry on campus.

The food pantry is located in the center of building 12 on campus and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



PHOTO BY MAXWELLE TARTAGLIA

Monte's Cinema - Now Showing: "Monsters University"

Nicholas Zuniga
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During the first week of the fall 2023 semester, students got to enjoy a long standing tradition: Movie Night in the Otter Student Union (OSU). Students piled into the OSU ballroom to enjoy a screening of "Monsters University" as part of the Otter Day festivities.

Associated Students (AS) at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) organized the movie night on Aug. 21. Students were greeted with spooky blue lighting, popcorn and beverages.

"All my friends were talking about [movie night] and I love 'Monsters University.' Plus, the 'Shrek' [movie night] was really good last year," said Marlee Dial, a third year student. Students gathered in the ballroom and came equipped with pillows, blankets, pajamas and snacks. Some students were seen with a wagon in order to hold their various comfort items.

CSUMB has a contract with a film providing company which allows the school to play certain films. Each movie played at the university comes with a fee, so the older the film, the smaller the fee. One AS organizer estimated that the "Barbie" film would cost at least \$1,000 to screen. AS will not be organizing a Barbenheimer themed movie night any time soon.

Movie nights are a common happening at the OSU, and there will surely be more films played throughout the semester. The next movie night will take place on Sept. 15, and will celebrate the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month with a feature of "La Bamba."

"[AS] is gonna try to do more polls on our Instagram to get insight on what students want to see," said Denise Do, a third year student and former event coordinator for AS. Visit

@as_csumb on Instagram to get updated on more movie nights to come.

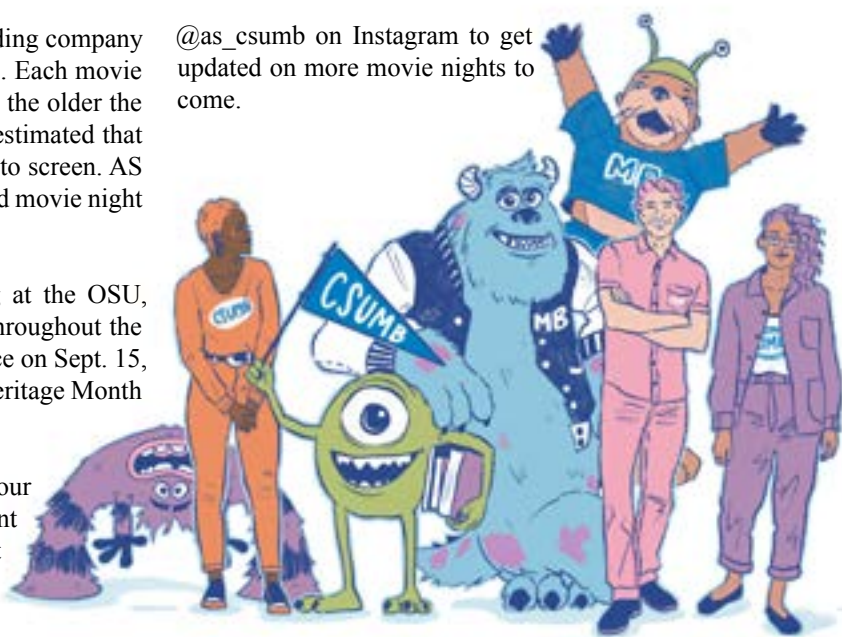


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The Super, Not-So-Secret, Speakeasy

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Thursday evening was no normal night at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB). A side door of the Otter Student Union (OSU) was illuminated with a red light which called students into the ballroom, but only if they knew the secret password. Once granted entry, students were engulfed in blue lighting and live jazz music. This was Monte's Speakeasy.

Many students attended wearing their jazziest of outfits, all lining up for mocktails. "They're delicious, it's a very cute idea," said Megan Matthews, a fifth-year student who attended the event with their fellow Otter Skye Cardoza. "I got the berry and the lemonade [mixers], it's cool that you can experiment with them," said Cardoza, a third-year student.

"I am honestly having a fantastic time. I mean it is very blue but other than that I am having so much fun just seeing that everybody is just out here talking. You hear the hub-hub and the murmur of voices and chit-chat and jazz rockin' in the background, it is a right speakeasy feeling. I'm just genuinely loving it," said Caleb Robbins, a fourth-year student. "It definitely would be pretty fun to see this happen again"



From left to right: Austin Metke, Malia Hernandez, Alison Ihde and Diego Delgado enjoying their free mocktails

The Nick Williams' Band – which included clarinet, keyboard, jazz guitar and drums – supplied the live music. The band even welcomed song requests, one student requesting a song by Billie Holiday. "I started [playing drums] when I was 5 years old, and I'm 53 now," said drummer Shawn Medeiros; "I work with [Nick] fairly consistently, he called me and said, 'Hey I got a gig,' so here I am, happy to be here."

Both jazz-enjoyers and those indifferent to jazz had a seat at this event. One fourth-year student and regular listener of jazz, Sam Ulloa, said "I feel like jazz is the next big thing ... I really like soul ... I like swing too ... some of my favorites are probably Benny Goodman, I like Chet Baker, Billie Holiday's one of my favorites... I have playlists dedicated to them."

The students all seemed to be having a good time, dancing the night away and joining together at tables. "I think the event's going great, having this [be a] student-organized [event] and seeing the result of it is pretty dope. I wish more student organizations utilized the spaces in this unique way," said Robin Fishman, a student organizer from Associated Students (AS).

When asked about future events, Fishman mentioned that "the semester is gonna be student club run, there's gonna be stuff from AS and Otter Media going on, just not as jam-packed as everything going on in [welcome back week]."

Events like these require lots of coordination and thought. The Men of Color Alliance put in the effort to provide this event for the students of CSUMB.

"I used to be the coordinator for the Men of Color Alliance, or one of them actually, and my role was helping secure the jazz musicians but also helping do a little of the back-end work. It couldn't have been done without the Men of Color Alliance," said Nevan Bell, a recent CSUMB graduate and organizer of this event.

"We have an effort on campus to try to make more traditions ... before I left, I wanted to put together something that students can remember. I wanna have students come in and enjoy something, and it is the 20s, you feel me? So a speakeasy is definitely needed."

The speakeasy was definitely a success, and was welcomed by dozens of students who were able to enjoy a night of roaring fun.



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Getting Lucky at Monte Royale

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Monte Royale attracted hundreds of students to the Otter Student Union (OSU) ballroom with casino games and prizes at the last Otter Days event on Aug. 25.

Associated Students arranged Monte Royale with professional dealers and took various steps to try and make sure the first Friday back on campus would be one to remember.

“On a Friday night, a lot of students have had all their classes for the week and it’s good for them to get out and have fun,” said Ivan Gomez, a fourth-year biology major who was running the prize table.

Many students learned how to gamble for the first time, and tried their hand at blackjack, roulette, Yahtzee and poker. Everyone was given 500 “dollars” to start with at the door and played to win prizes such as a fidget spinner, a cardboard cutout of Pitbull, and even a Nintendo Switch. “We’re gonna play until we run out of money or win the Squishmallow”, said Cici Acosta, a third-year HCOM major.

Students enjoyed mocktails and appetizers while they played; the ballroom was packed until the very last game finished.



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The 10th Annual UROC Summer Research Symposium

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The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) hosted its 10th annual summer research symposium on Aug. 10-11. Research presentations were seen throughout the Tanimura and Antle Family Memorial Library, and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS) building.

Poster presentations occupied all three floors of the library, while oral presentations were happening in the CAHSS building. There were many presenters at the symposium - 40 oral presentations, 83 poster presentations, and six virtual presentations via Zoom.

These research projects varied across academic disciplines; there were projects surrounding biology and chemistry, environmental science, psychology and even cinematic arts.

This research opportunity fosters variety and creativity, as seen in the presentations. There were many posters on plant soils, pesticides and microorganisms. On the flipside, there were posters which investigated habit-development through Twitter (now known as X), or about the effectiveness of exercise accessories for enhancing muscle development.

“I did an oral presentation about preparing for a career in research, collaboration, and scientific writing through the lens of (my major),” said fourth-year psychology major Grace Quinowski.

“I love seeing the transformation in the students ... seeing their growth and them being able to narrow (interests) down ... that transformation is the best part,” said Jessica Bautista, a UROC coordinator.

UROC is an opportunity for any student who is interested in gaining research experience, achieving professional development, or making connections with staff and other student researchers. Plus, research conducted through UROC is rewarded with money or course credit.

Who should apply?

All majors can apply. After establishing a relationship with a professor who works in your desired field of research, students can look to the UROC application page for necessary application materials.

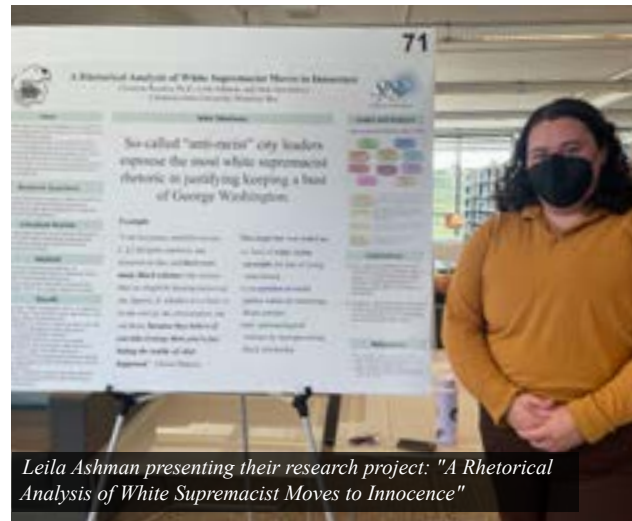
UROC also places a heavy emphasis on graduate school preparation. Additionally, there were several students from Monterey Peninsula College who presented

at this event, meaning that this opportunity is available to students throughout Monterey County.

When to apply?

The UROC researcher fall application deadline has already passed. Students interested in becoming a UROC scholar or a McNair scholar can apply up until Oct. 20.

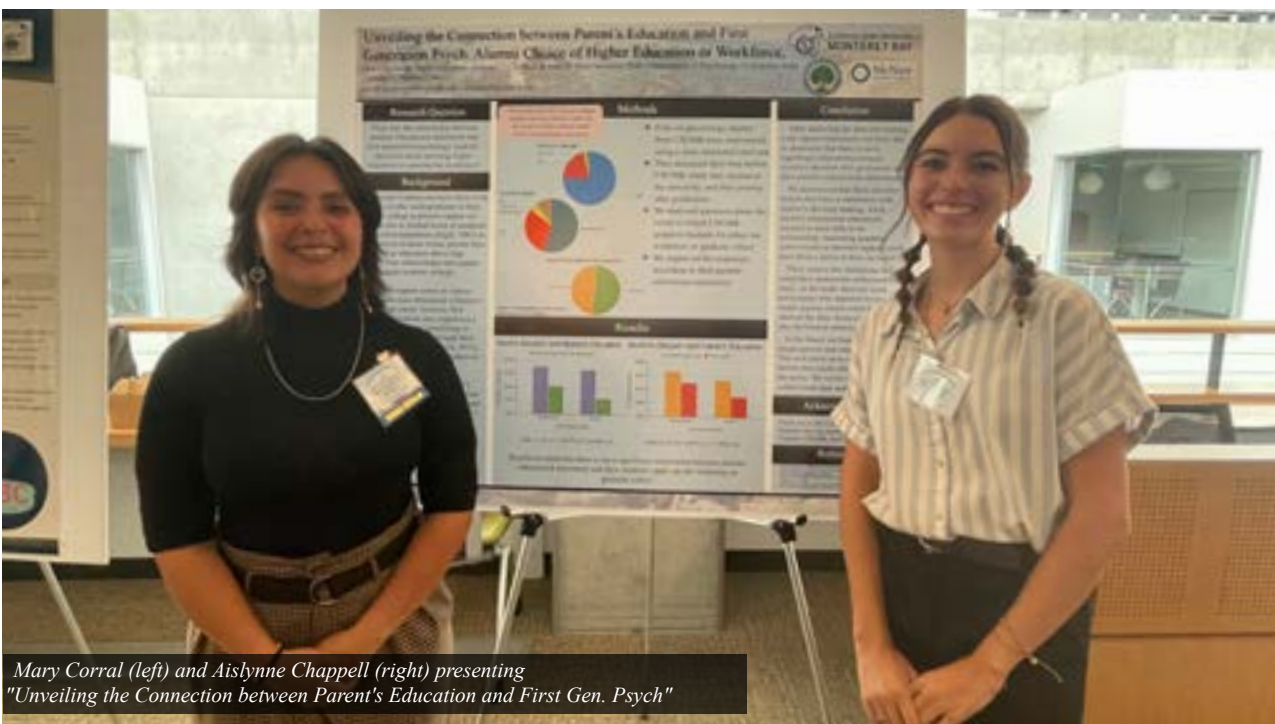
Any further questions about UROC can be addressed to Jessica Bautista at jbautista@csumb.edu



Leila Ashman presenting their research project: "A Rhetorical Analysis of White Supremacist Moves to Innocence"



Nicholas Zuniga presenting his research project: "Print Media and Pride Month Representation"



Mary Corral (left) and Aislynn Chappell (right) presenting "Unveiling the Connection between Parent's Education and First Gen. Psych"

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Union breaks winless streak at back-to-school night

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Monterey Bay Union FC beat the Colorado Springs Switchbacks 2-1, ending a streak of nine games without a win on Aug. 26 at Cardinale Stadium on the California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) campus. The Union was down by 1 going into the second half but caught up with two penalty kick goals back to back.

The match was completely sold out filling 6000 seats in Cardinale Stadium. Every athletics team from CSUMB came to support Union for their back-to-school night game. "I've been observing the people that play in my position and kind of using them to get better," said Tariq Alabi, a third-year player on CSUMB's men's soccer team.

In July the Switchbacks beat the Union 4-0 in an away game and MBFC gritted their way through an intense game to come out on top. The Switchbacks scored the first goal of the game in the second half but ultimately lost because of their excessive fouls and ended up with three red cards. Before the Union scored their second goal, a fight broke out and one of the Switchbacks defenders was ejected from the game.

When the opposing team is having a long possession of the ball, "we try to get the ball back and put them under pressure," said Christian Volesky, center-forward.

Union will next play an away game against El Paso Locomotive FC on Saturday, Sept. 2.



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CSUMB Survival Guide

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Being in your first year at California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) is a memorable experience because being in a new environment pushes you to get out of your comfort zone and grow.

As exciting as it is, a fresh start can be a bit daunting when you don't know anyone on campus. This guide contains the essential information you need in one place so that you can focus on having a positive kick-off to your semester!

Campus

Basic Needs is a resource for students who are food insecure or simply want to spend less on groceries. The office is located in building 12 and is open every weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are plenty of ways to get active as a CSUMB student from the Otter Sports Center to recreational activities. The gym has a basketball court where you can rent basketballs or volleyballs, a weight room, and a cardio room. I would recommend checking out the website before you work out in case the gym is closed for a volleyball or basketball game.

There are also various indoor and outdoor activities available to students through recreation. The Rec department rents out bikes, teaches fitness classes, and organizes intramural sports teams. If you're interested in recreational activities you can learn more here or on MyRaft.

The Personal Growth and Counseling Center (PGCC) is a crucial resource for all students to manage their mental health. The PGCC offers free individual counseling, support groups, crisis intervention, and even more resources for students.

The library offers free textbook rentals through course reserves. You can check if the book you need is available on the library website and pick it up at the front desk. Before I spend money on a textbook, I always do a Google search for whatever book I need in case there's a free PDF available online.

Friends

Don't be afraid to chat with people around campus or in classes, there are a lot of new faces and everyone is looking forward to making new friends. My first week here someone randomly complimented my sweater and we've been friends ever since.

Joining clubs is one of the best ways to meet people with similar interests. Even if you end up not attending consecutive meetings, you can still make new friends and hang out with them outside of the club.

When I first started at CSUMB I attended campus events that I wouldn't normally go to because I wanted to meet people, and I'm glad that I did because it was a great way to make friends and learn more about what our campus has to offer.

Roommates

Getting to know your roommates and having someone who understands what you're going through as a first year is a huge (and fun) part of freshman year. With that being said, living on campus with total strangers can be very overwhelming, and it's normal to experience some sort of anxiety regarding roommates. It's important to communicate your expectations when it comes to chores and boundaries as soon as possible, as those are some of the biggest issues new roommates tend to disagree over.

Alone time can be rare when you share a room. Keep your roommates' personal space in mind and if you need some time for self-care, it's okay to ask for it! My previous roommate and I shared our schedules with each other so that we could rest our social batteries, and made sure to let each other know in advance when we were having friends over.

When conflicts do arise, make sure to communicate your feelings calmly, making sure everyone feels safe and comfortable. Don't be afraid to reach out to your Resident Advisor for help managing these problems, they are there to help you! Becoming friends with your roommates is one of the best ways to expand your social circle and get out of your comfort zone during your first year. Be yourself and have fun!

Academics

We all have our strengths and weaknesses when it comes to school and whenever I need extra help, I visit the Co-Operative Learning Center (CLC) for tutoring or ask my professors for extra help during office hours.

I tend to be more productive when I study outside of my room. My favorite place to get in the zone and grind out some work is the library, which has study rooms available to book on their website.

Activities

Playing games at home or in the Rookery is an entertaining way to get to know your new friends. The Rookery, the game room on the third floor in the Otter Student Union (OSU), has pool tables, ping pong, Dance Dance Revolution, foosball, a Wii, and board games!

Bonfires are one of the most popular social functions among CSUMB students. You'll probably hear about them through friends, and you can always throw your own! Make sure to only start fires at beaches where they're permitted, such as Del Monte Beach.

Jobs

Working on campus is a great option for first-year students especially because your job will expose you to a new group of people in the CSUMB community and it's convenient. Jobs on campus understand your priorities as a student and will work around your schedule, and they're a great way to make connections. You can find jobs or internships on campus at Otter Jobs.

Some students prefer to work off campus because there may be higher-paying opportunities. This can be a double-edged sword because some students get overwhelmed because they have to travel or put in extra effort to budget their time. Either option could work for you, it just depends on your needs and preferences.



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August Horoscopes

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Aries (March 21 - April 19)

This month, Aries, a revealing Full Moon brings insights about friendships and positive changes. This month presents a great opportunity to focus on self-expression and creativity. You may feel a boost in enthusiasm for routines and healing. Venus retrograde also helps you rediscover fulfilling pursuits, so consider trying your hand at a previously failed hobby. Consider taking advantage of this energy at the end of the month by finishing projects and cultivating a good work-life balance.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leo, August centers around you as the spotlight highlights your personality and goals. While Venus retrograde encourages you to do some self-reflections, the Full Moon also encourages relationship insights and positive shifts. This month brings personal empowerment that can help you achieve your aspirations. However, be cautious with this surge of energy and be careful to use it towards positive emotional relations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

In August, Sagittarius, you might pay more attention to daily tasks and communication. You could be rethinking your beliefs and values due to Venus retrograde. Later in the month, think about your long-term goals and career, and your work attitude may be more positive than usual. Your career direction might change too, and you'll feel more social towards the end of the month.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Taurus, August brings a focus on ambitions and personal life, but patience is advised due to Venus and Mercury retrograde. The Full Moon this month highlights your ambitions and reputation, encouraging you to balance personal and professional parts of your life. Refining your values, family dynamics, and routines can encourage a more peaceful lifestyle.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

In August, Virgo, your focus shifts inward, urging reflection and healing. Balancing reflection with activity is crucial as retrogrades encourage patience. Mars in your sign fuels your drive, similar to Leo, and practicality is needed. The Full Moon on the 30th highlights your relationships, aligning with a transit for better connections and meaningful interactions.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Capricorn, a Full Moon at the beginning of the month suggests paying attention to your finances and talents. As the month unfolds, you may be more focused on building deeper connections and understanding your own value. While you might rethink some past feelings, you'll have energy to pursue your desires until later in the month. Towards the end of the month, your career ambitions will take center stage, and there could be changes in how you communicate and think.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Gemini, this month you may feel a strong urge to explore and grow. Balancing self-expression with responsibilities will be key during this time. Consider taking advantage of your heightened social skills, this could be an opportunity to develop existing important relationships or even form new ones.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

August focuses on your happiness and fulfillment, Libra. Social connections and contributing to your community are key themes during this time. Be cautious of challenges in your social life following the second half of the month as you may find communication harder after Venus retrograde. Patience is key during retrogrades, so allow time for introspection and passion projects.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)

August encourages self-discovery and emotional clarity for you, Aquarius. While relationships are highlighted, Venus retrograde may bring some complexities and introspection. Focus on creative projects and home matters for satisfaction, and toward the end of the month, pay attention to your finances and resources for positive outcomes.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

August is a great time for strengthening your connections within yourself as well as your professional life. Reflective communication is highlighted, so consider solidifying your relationships. Finances are also highlighted for you, Cancer. A situation regarding money could reach a culmination this month so be prepared.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Scorpio, now is the time to really focus on your current goals. Consider taking a new approach to a current issue or project that you are working on. This is also a great time for you to reflect on your relationships and create deep discussions within them, if necessary.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20)

This month, Pisces, the Full Moon at the beginning of the month encourages you to trust your intuition and look after your personal needs. While handling work and health matters, try to find a balance in your daily routine. This month, pay attention to your work, health routines, and relationships. You might revisit old projects due to Venus retrograde. Your optimism can help you make progress and improvements in your professional and social life.

Upcoming Events

Transfer Student Mixer

Monday, Aug. 28 Connect with your fellow transfer students and get to know one another through this mixer hosted by the Transfer Student Success Center. Head to building 12, room 121 to mingle and enjoy refreshments.

Button Making Workshop

Tuesday, Aug. 29 Learn how to make buttons by following Google Doc templates, using a circle cutter, and by sustainably up-cycling used books. The Makerspace will be hosting this workshop from 2 - 4 p.m. in room 3125 on the third floor of the library.

Otter Showcase

Wednesday, Aug. 30 Come out to the Main Quad and get to know the 75+ student organizations and clubs on campus! There is something for everyone! Clubs will be tabling from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Partner and Opportunity Fair

Wednesday, Aug. 30 Are you enrolled in a Service Learning course this semester, but don't know where to volunteer? The Service Learning Institute is hosting both virtual and in-person fairs for students to learn about local community organizations and opportunities. The virtual fair will be from 12 - 1 p.m. on Zoom. The in-person fair will be located along Sixth Avenue, in front of building 45 from 12 - 2 p.m. Register on MyRaft to join!

Welcome Black Kickback

Thursday, Aug. 31 Get to know the members and board of Black Students United through this mixer from 6 - 8 p.m. in room 310 of the Otter Student Union! There will be music, games, and more.

Budgeting 101

Thursday, Aug. 31 Learn what a budget looks like, how to create one, and what kind of budget will work best for your financial needs. Second Year Experience is hosting this workshop in room 308 of the Otter Student Union from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be a free taco bar!

September First Friday with Monterey Food Bank

Friday, Sept. 1 Help sort through food at the Monterey County Food bank with Community Engagement. Meet in Lot 71 at 8:30 a.m. to depart together as a group. Transportation and lunch will be provided. Register on MyRaft by Thursday, Aug. 31!

Costa Rica Winter Training Expedition Info Session

Friday, Sept. 1 Learn about the unique opportunity to study the foundations of experimental design, research methods and analysis while training in Costa Rica. Join the informational Zoom from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Register on MyRaft.

What's your best memory from this summer?

Otter Chatter

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Psychology
Fourth-year

"I was an Orientation Leader this year and made a lot of close friends. We all lived in Strawberry during our training and it was nice to have an on campus community, considering I'm a commuter student."



Annie Hansen

Marine Science
Third-year

"I got to participate in an RU program at Oregon State University and I got to research ocean surface mixing."



Abby Galvez

Business Administration
Third-year

"I think it was going to a Luke Bryan concert with my niece, her boyfriend's family and my sister. It was fun because we just had a great time, like on there way there and on the way back too."

Letter from the editor



Hi Otters,

Andrea Valadez here and I'm beyond excited to introduce myself as the new editor-in-chief for Volume 7 of The Lutrinae! I joined The Lutrinae as a contributing writer under former Editor-in-Chief Arianna Nalbach in the fall of 2022. I was eventually hired as a staff writer during the 2023 spring semester. Joining this newspaper has taught me a great deal about myself and my passion for contributing to our campus community.

I'm a third-year Humanities and Communication student with a concentration in Journalism and Media Studies. During my second year on campus, I realized I wanted to learn more about the ways in which I could use my passion for writing to make a difference. This is when I found out about The Lutrinae, and my life changed.

I instantly fell in love with the atmosphere in our newsroom and felt at home among fellow writers, illustrators, and editors. I've worked with so many talented people and I feel so grateful to continue this work with a great new team this year! There's about 10 students on our staff, and we have an amazing mix of writers, photographers, illustrators and graphic designers.

The thing I love most about The Lutrinae is getting to know more about the students who make our school the great place it is. As editor-in-chief, I plan to highlight students' voices and help you all feel heard. I would love to hear your thoughts and read your submissions! If there's ever anything you think The Lutrinae could help shine a light on, you can contact me at avaladezangulo@csumb.edu.

The Lutrinae will continue to be an avenue for students to express themselves and learn more about what's happening on our campus. I'm also looking forward to working with our writers to create some fun and relatable columns.

I want to welcome the class of 2027 to our Otter Raft! Our campus is full of support for you and The Lutrinae is here to help you get settled in and familiar with this university.

I'm wishing all new and returning Otters a successful school year, and I'm excited for you all to see what our team has in store for Volume 7 of The Lutrinae! In next week's issue, we'll give you a closer look at our team and share opportunities that you will have to contribute to our coverage.

Sincerely,

Andrea Valadez
Editor-in-Chief of The Lutrinae

Puzzles Page

SUDOKU

In order to complete this Sudoku puzzle, you must fill in the square so that each row and column contain the numbers 1 - 9, with no repetitions within the 9x9 grid and outlined 3x3 grid.

		5					2	
							6	
						1		5
1	8	7		4			6	
	4		2	3		7		
			8					4
					8			
	1	8	3			5		7
		3	5	7			4	2

WORD SCRAMBLE

Can you unscramble these ocean-related words to reveal their true meaning?

tdpirei

wsaeede

ncretru

lpke

hsroease

gnoalo

obyu

twastrea

wlo dite

ubsac nvdgii

ANSWERS:

9	6	3	5	7	1	8	4	2
4	1	8	3	6	2	5	9	7
7	5	2	4	9	8	3	1	6
3	2	6	8	1	7	9	5	4
5	4	9	2	3	6	7	8	1
1	8	7	9	4	5	2	6	3
8	3	4	6	2	9	1	7	5
2	9	1	7	5	4	6	3	8
6	7	5	1	8	3	4	2	9

seashore, scuba diving
kelp, low tide,
current, saltwater,
seaweed, buoy,
rip tide, lagoon,