WELCOME TO THE 2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR!

• Interested in a fall math or science teaching internship?
  E-mail calteach@ucsc.edu to request an application before the start of fall quarter!
  
  Internship Schedule: Fall: Cal Teach 1, 2, 4
  Winter: Cal Teach 1, 3, 4
  Spring: Cal Teach 2, 4

• Cal Teach 1 counts for your PR-S (service learning) GE requirement!
• Advanced Cal Teach interns may propose independent study projects for 1, 2, or 3 units.

$ 2012-13 Internship Stipends $
Due to continued budget cuts, we must reduce the dollar amount of internship stipends. However, generous donations from the Mark Bruce Memorial Fund at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz and from Agilent Technologies Foundation allow us to commit to $300 stipends for CaT2 interns and $600 for CaT3 and CaT4 interns in 2012-13. Many thanks to these donors who help sustain our students' progress!!

Thank You Loyal Host Teachers!
We have stainless steel water bottles with our UCSC Cal Teach logo for host teachers who have mentored at least 10 Cal Teach interns! Host teachers, we thank all of you for your generous service to the Cal Teach prospective teachers!! Pat Kent and our interns will deliver the bottles throughout the fall.

Mark Bruce Service Awards for Santa Cruz High Host Teachers Stacey Falls and Ave Cope
In June Santa Cruz High School teachers Ave Cope (math) and Stacey Falls (chemistry) accepted the first Mark Bruce Teacher Service Awards at our End-of-Year Celebration. Mark Bruce attended Santa Cruz High School and Mission Hill Middle School and died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The award is a cash prize established in his memory to recognize extraordinary service by Cal Teach host teachers. We look forward to naming a math and a science teacher from Mission Hill for this award in spring 2013!

The Edward and Miriam Landesman Fund for Future Teachers makes reimbursement possible for Cal Teach students and graduates to be reimbursed for CBEST and CSET exams and to attend professional meetings. Please contact Cal Teach for help with reimbursement for these activities or to discuss any other support to advance your teaching career!
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Balvi Kaur, MCD Bio ’14, conducted summer research through Cal Teach in the lab of MCD Biology professor Grant Hartzog this summer

“Working with Professor Hartzog on his phage hunting experiment was a great learning experience. Phage hunting involves finding ‘phages’ (viruses that infect bacteria) in the wild – in my case in soil samples from different areas of UCSC – and purifying them so you can study their DNA. I named the two phages I isolated, Gemini10 and Rosey, and I was able to share my phage data on phagesdb.org. I really want to thank Cal Teach, Agilent Technologies, and of course, Grant, for giving me this amazing opportunity to learn from the best.”

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Rick Barlow, Math ’11, completed UCSC’s MA/Credential program in July and is a first year math teacher at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale

“Not only did Cal Teach introduce me to teaching and education, but it also prepared me for the demanding and challenging Master’s/Credential Program at UCSC. My fellow Cal Teach grads and I had a head start on creating lesson plans, designing and implementing engaging classroom activities, and even experience in front of a classroom teaching as undergraduates. I cannot express how valuable this experience was. The UCSC credential program is a tough year, but I was better prepared through my Cal Teach experience.

As for my first year of teaching, I don’t think anything could prepare me for that! But the journey I started in Cal Teach and continued on in the UCSC Master’s/credential program certainly gave me a solid foundation for my first year of teaching.”

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Cal Teach Has SCHOLARSHIPS for UCSC’s MA/Credential Program

All nine Cal Teach graduates enrolled in the 2012-13 UCSC MA/teaching credential program are supported by Mark Bruce Fellowships or NSF Noyce Scholarships. All Cal Teach students who are considering UCSC’s MA/credential program for 2013-14 should apply for these scholarships. The application deadline for the 2013-14 MA/credential program and for the scholarships is January 15, 2013. For information about the scholarships see http://calteach.ucsc.edu and come by the Cal Teach office.

Attention SENIORS!
Applying to California Credential Program Info Night: Tues. Oct. 16, 6:00-7:00 pm Thimann Labs 391

Thinking about applying to credential programs for next year? Some applications are due as soon as December! (e.g. UC Berkeley.) It’s time to start thinking about where you want to apply and requesting letters of recommendation. Note: UC deadlines are much earlier than most CSU deadlines.

Come learn about applying to California credential programs: deadlines, requirements, testing, letters of recommendation, assembling an effective application package, and more! (And...free pizza!) RSVP appreciated to calteach@ucsc.edu or 831-459-2226.

How will this meeting be useful? “Getting a diploma from UCSC is difficult, but it pales in comparison to the bureaucratic hoops one has to jump through while applying to grad school. The Credential Info Night is a great resource to help you hone your hoop-jumping skills.” Zach Shiner, Math ’10

Planning to take the CBEST on November 3 or later? Come to the Cal Teach CBEST Writing Preparation Workshop early this October! Contact Lea ASAP if you are interested: lea@ucsc.edu
Planning to take the CSET soon? Cal Teach is organizing study groups. Contact Lea if you are interested in this too!
UCSC’s Career Center offers fall workshops for job seekers and grad school applicants! See calendar: careers.ucsc.edu

**Cal Teachers Meet-Ups** Come hang out with other Cal Teach grads who are in credential programs or teaching, instructors, and staff at this monthly event held around town! This month, it will be Thursday, September 20. Contact Lea (lea@ucsc.edu) for details!