## Important Housing Reminders

### Winter Break – Residences Closed

Plan your holiday now! The campus residential facilities, including the residence halls and apartments, will be closed for the Winter Break. You may apply for an extension to stay through the weekend after finals, December 20-21, online at www.studenthousing.ucsc.edu. Before you go for the break please unplug any alarms and other appliances, and empty fridges in case of loss of power.

### Leaving After Fall Quarter?

Are you graduating, studying abroad, taking a leave of absence, etc.? Please come in now to the Residential Life and Housing Office to complete your housing contract cancellation request form, if you know you will not be attending school here after fall quarter.

### Mail Call

For more info: cowellmr@ucsc.edu

The mailroom will be closed from December 19th to January 2nd. We will not be accepting ANY packages at this time. We will not store any packages during closure - please pick up all packages BEFORE Friday, December 19th or they will be returned to sender. Please plan accordingly.

### National Hug Your RA Day!

Thursday, December 18; 8-9 am, FSL

### More Study Space!

We’re opening more space for students to study for finals.

**Cowell Conference Room 132:**
- December 8, 8-midnight
- December 9-10 & 12-16, 6 pm- midnight

**Cowell/ Stevenson Dining Hall:**
- Coffee served in the Dining Hall, BYOMug!
- December 11-16, 9 pm- midnight

For more info: Kara, klea@ucsc.edu

## Winter Break

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**Deadline: Waive Student Health Insurance**

| National Hug Your RA Day! | 8-9: Balloon Art Brigade, SCR |
| 7-9p: Core Plenary, Classroom Unit 2 | 8-10:30p: Poetry Slam, Conference Room 132 |
| 6p-12a: Study in Conference Room 132 | 7:30p: Hapa Happy Hour, Ethnic Resource Centers Lounge |
| 8p: Cowell Senate, Conference Room 132 | 7p: Rainbow Theater: Big, Bad, and Beautiful, SEC |
| 8p: Cowell Senate, Conf Rm 132 | 6p-12a: Study in Conference Room 132 |
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### Brinner Disco Study Break

Sunday, December 14; 9 pm - 12 am; Dining Hall

For more info: Maida, (831) 459-1836

Come and enjoy a late night continental breakfast and a chance to take a break from studying at the Silet Disco! Dance to the live DJs, bring your ID to check out headphones. Pop in for a little, or stay for hours!

## More Study Space!

Need to finish up your holiday shopping? Just bring cash or check to the Cowell Programs Office, room 133 to purchase any of the following items:

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- Insulated Mugs $5
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- Umbrellas $8
- Fleece Blankets $11

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**Important Academic & Housing Deadlines**

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**Monthly Green Tip**

Even with this rainy season, we are still in a drought. This season, Santa Cruz has an average rainfall of about 3.8 inches. We need at least 12 more inches of rain to replenish our watershed. The only water we have, is what falls from the sky. Please remember to do your part to conserve water!

**Volunteer Love!**

November was another great month of help from our Volunteer Events Crew and Photographers, at events including College Night, Poetry Slams, Yoga Night and more! Who helped? Alice, Camara, Jessie, Josue, Melis, Nate, Rilee & Zero! To join the fun, sign up at cowell.ucsc.edu/activities/volunteer and then watch your email for alerts when opportunities arise.

**Balloon Art Brigade**

Wednesdays, 8-9 pm; Senior Commons Room 225
For more info: slugballoons@gmail.com

Looking for a creative hobby AND a way to serve your community? Join the Balloon Art Brigade! Learn how to make balloon art (yes, BALLOON art!!) and take your skills to our community events as well as to your friends and family!

**DVD Library Hours**

Mon. 11:30am-2p; Tues. 12-2pm; Wed. 2-3pm; Thurs. 1-3pm; Fri-9-10am, 1-3pm, & 5-6pm; Location: Cowell Senate Office, Room 135
For more info: CowellDVD@gmail.com

Come by Cowell College’s DVD Library to access a plethora of movies (of every genre) completely free of charge.

**Cowell Senate**

Thursdays, 8pm, Conference Room 132
For more info: Alex, ajmccutc@ucsc.edu

Come out to Cowell Senate! Be a part of the Cowell student government and help create a positive difference in the college community!

**Kinetic Poetics Project Poetry Slam**

Wednesday, Dec 3; 8-10:30 pm; Cowell Conference Room 132
For more info: kineticoedicel@gmail.com or Facebook.com/KineticPoeticsProject

Warm up your brain and lungo at the last Poetry Slam of the Fall Quarter! Share your words on stage or come be an audience member experiencing the art of performance poetry. Sign-ups at 7:30 pm.

**Music of the Waves**

Friday, Dec 19; 4-6 pm; Page Smith Library
For more info: wsmith@ucsc.edu

Lawrence Weschler, William Finnegan and Harry Berger will come together to reflect on writing, music, time and surfing. All are welcome to this literary symposium!

**Open Winter 2015 Classes at Cowell**

Check out these Winter Quarter Cowell classes on your Student Portal:

- **Brain, Mind, Consciousness (Cowell 39)** - This class will explore human cognition, behavior and experience with regards to a just and sustainable future. Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6pm. (Contact cvpwvtsra@ucsc.edu for enrollment information)

- **Introduction to Anarchism (Cowell 199F)** - What is the Nature of the State? What obligations do we owe the State? Is it possible to have Law without the State? Discuss these topics and more in Intro to Anarchism next quarter! Thursdays at 4pm. (Contact cvpwvtsra@ucsc.edu for enrollment information)

- **Modern Ancient Drama (Cowell 161Y)** - This interdisciplinary seminar will study modern adaptations of ancient texts, focusing on Homer’s “The Odyssey” and related Greek dramas. Tuesdays/Thursdays at 4pm. (Contact cvpwvtsra@ucsc.edu for enrollment information)

- **Mock Trial Workshop (Cowell 111)** - Designed for training and mentoring of UCSC’s Mock Trial team and students interested in acquiring forensic speech skills. Wednesdays at 3:30pm. (Contact cvpwvtsra@ucsc.edu for enrollment information)

**Want to be an RA in the 2015-16 Academic Year?**

RA Selection is coming in early January!! Each Resident Assistant (RA) helps to create and maintain community in an assigned living area and Cowell College. Residential staff members are representatives of the college to students, their families, and other visitors. Resident Assistants work as part of an overall residential support team with other members of the residential and college staff. Supervised by a Coordinator for Residential Education (CRE), Resident Assistants live and work together in each house or apartment area to promote and maintain healthy community development. Look for how to apply when you get back from winter break. In the mean time brush up your resume and be on the lookout for reliable people to be your references.

**Hapa Happy Hour**

Thursday Dec 4; 7:30 pm; Ethnic Resource Centers Lounge
(3rd Floor, Bay Tree Bookstore Building)
For more info: (831) 459-5349

This event focuses on the different aspects and struggles for having a mixed heritage background, while creating an opportunity of discussion for those with similar experiences. Save the date and dinner is provided sponsored by Asian American/ Pacific Islander Resource Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Mixed Ethnicities Student Headquarters.

**Fifth Element Production: Big, Bad, and Beautiful by Alicia Fernandez**

Dec 5-7; 7:00 pm; Stevenson Event Center
For more info: (831) 459-5349

Big, Bad, and Beautiful presents a collection of vignettes, poetry, and comedic sketches about being an overweight woman, highlighting their beauty by giving them voice and embracing their individuality. Our dance segment, “Rainbow” is the newest addition to Rainbow Theater and this year we have decided to invite other UCSC dance groups as well. The Rainbots create a show that represents the dance styles of many different cultures. Tickets sold at door. Free for students with a Student ID and general admission is $10.

**Acquire A Cappella Fall Showcase**

Thursday, Dec. 11; 8:30-10pm; Humanities Lecture Hall
For more info: info@acquiremusic.org

Take a study break and come enjoy our debut island themed cappella showcase! The tide is high, surf’s up, and the sun is out. We’ve got a tropical explosion of music that will be sure to blow you out of the water! Admission is free with student ID.

**Around Campus...**

**The Cowell Bulletin**

**Save the Dates for Winter College Nights:**

Tuesday, January 13th
Wednesday, February 11th
Thursday, March 5th

**Cowell T-Shirts**

$13 cash or check
Check out our fabulous design by Cowell’s own Cecilia Felipe! Pop into the Cowell Programs Office, Room 133, to purchase your very own Cowell t-shirt. A great gift for friends and family during the holiday season! Available in black or white, unisex or women’s cut.

**Have a fantastic break! See you in January.**