

University of California, Santa Barbara College Link Outreach Program

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Dear participating members of CLOP,

We are writing to you all to inform you about the current status of the 21st Annual CLOP amid the COVID-19 concerns.

UC Santa Barbara's Chancellor Henry T. Yang issued another statement informing all students and faculty about the preventive measures our campus is taking to help protect the health and well-being of our campus community. Following discussions held with the campus's COVID-19 Response Working Group, Chancellor Yang has instructed all professors to transition to remote instruction indefinitely, through the end of spring quarter.

After again seeking guidance from our advisor Viviana Marsano, PhD, Senior Advisor of Campus Organizations and head of Student Initiated Outreach Programs, our team has ultimately decided to **cancel CLOP** for the 2020 year.

This update comes with a huge amount of disappointment as the 2019-2020 CLOP team have worked tirelessly to ensure that CLOP would be executed for its 21st year. Unfortunately, the presence of a pandemic is far beyond what any of us would have ever anticipated.

To any of you who applied to our program, we are devastated that we were unable to have had the opportunity in meeting you all. Knowing that this cycle had over 400 applicants, shows the strength that all of you have in seeking an avenue towards higher education. Regardless of the state of the world right now, we sincerely hope you all understand that this or any other adversity for that matter, is ever an indication of who you are and what you can achieve.

With that being said, we will soon be announcing scholarship opportunities for students from this year's participating schools, and former cloppers. More info to be announced via instagram: @ucsbclp

Thank you to the entire CLOP family for your unwavering support during this difficult time.

Please feel free to reach out to us directly if you have any further questions and/or concerns.

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