Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program
A prestigious $20,000 scholarship to attend UC Santa Cruz

The University of California, Santa Cruz, has a strong commitment to the future of California. The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program has been established to enable community college transfer students to complete their undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz. The scholarship is for junior-level UC transfer-eligible students who:

- Have shown exceptional achievement through academic and extracurricular accomplishments despite adverse socioeconomic conditions;
- Have demonstrated an involvement in activities that assist and improve the lives of others;
- Exhibit outstanding leadership qualities that reflect the ideals of the Pister Leadership Opportunity Program;
- Because of financial need, would not otherwise be able to attend UC Santa Cruz;
- Are U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.

The program provides a $20,000 scholarship distributed over two years, individually tailored mentoring and academic support, and assistance in finding paid or volunteer summer work experience, co-sponsored by private- and public-sector employers. Recipients will be selected by the chancellor of UCSC from candidates submitted by the presidents of participating community colleges.

HOW TO APPLY AT Gavilan College
Visit the Financial Aid Office to pick up an application for the Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Program scholarship. Application deadline is February 6, 2009.

Apply for admission to UC Santa Cruz during the filing period, November 1–30, 2008. Visit the Transfer Center for more information.

Apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2009.