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CSOs
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Team Spotlight | Community Service Officials

UC San Diego's 53 incredible [Community Service Officials](#) work tirelessly to ensure our campus remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. Your safety is their primary mission. These dedicated students serve as the backbone of campus safety, providing crucial support and serving as the eyes and ears for the UC San Diego Police Department. CSOs perform several functions on campus, including:

- **Providing safety escorts:** If you need to travel from point A to point B on campus, especially late at night or in low-visibility areas, our CSOs are ready to provide safe escorts from sunset to sunrise by calling (858) 534-9255.
- **Patrolling grounds:** Whether on foot, bike or vehicle, CSOs maintain a visible presence to deter potential safety risks and promptly address concerns. CSOs assist with medical aid and radio police dispatch at signs of danger, unsafe situations or crimes in progress so officers can respond.
- **Monitoring buildings:** From securing doors to reporting maintenance needs, CSOs help keep university facilities functional and protected, which includes providing contracted support for many campus businesses.
- **Assisting in emergencies:** Trained to respond quickly, CSOs provide critical support during incidents and collaborate with UCPD when needed.

Let's celebrate our CSOs' unwavering commitment to our community. If you see a CSO, don't hesitate to thank them for all they do!

Fun Fact: In 2023, CSOs completed 253 safe escorts for students and employees.

Triton Trivia

How many individual keys does Facilities Management maintain for the La Jolla campus?

Submit your answer [online](#) by Friday, December 20. The person with the correct, or closest, answer will win a \$25 Bookstore gift card.

Eligible employees can submit one entry per month and win one \$25 Bookstore gift card per calendar year.

November Question: How many employees does OMCP currently have, including students?

Answer: 1,325 | Winner: Teresa Hernandez



Caity Simmers | Making Waves

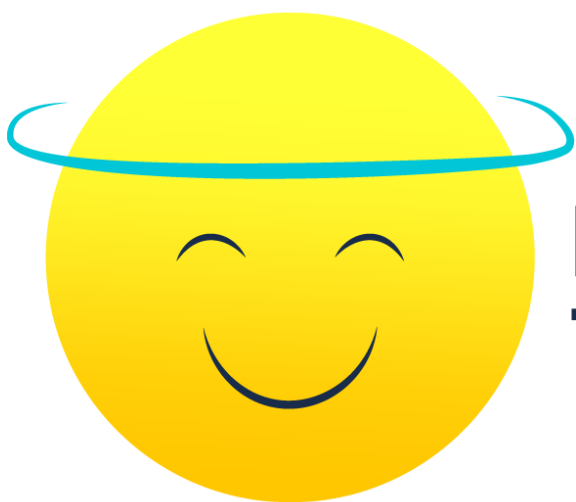
Meet Caitlin "Caity" Simmers, daughter of Jesse Simmers, a Maintenance Electrician in Facilities Management. Born in 2005, Caity grew up surfing and competed in her first contest at 10. With her parents'

support, she traveled to competitions throughout California and beyond. By 12, she finished 9th at the ISA World Surfing Games in Japan, and by 13, she won the U16 ISA World Title and other prestigious events.

At 15, Caity won the U.S. Open of Surfing and by 16, she joined the World Tour. In her first year on the Pro Tour (2023), she won two events and was nominated "Rookie of the Year." In 2024, she won three events, including Pipeline and Bells Beach and secured the World Title at Lower Trestles, becoming the youngest woman to achieve this feat.

Jesse, who has worked at UC San Diego since 2015, is grateful for the support that allowed him to travel with Caity to events worldwide. He says, "It's been an amazing experience, and I'm thankful for this job." The Simmers family's journey is a testament to dedication, hard work and the power of family support.

See [18-Year-Old Caity Simmers Makes History As Youngest Women's World Champ](#)



Be an Angel This Year!

Triton Wishes

Participate in the 9th Annual EH&S/OMCP Triton Holiday Wishes Program and help San Diego families experience a better holiday season. Your gifts benefit a student through [The Preuss School](#).

Sign up online for the Triton Holiday Wishes List and choose a student. Recipients' listed items are their wishes. The Preuss School does not promise or guarantee the gifts. You choose age-appropriate gifts (\$30-\$50). Bring your gift, with the name of the recipient attached, to the EH&S Emergency Operations Center, TPCS, Ste. 375 by noon, Wednesday, December 18.

Thanks for your generosity!

[Sign Up Now](#)

Holiday Food Drive

In the spirit of the season, Facilities Management is hosting a canned food drive through Monday, December 16 with a goal of collecting 500 pounds of food for the San Diego Food Bank. Please donate whatever you can

to help make someone's holiday special this year.

Drop-off bins are located at the Campus Services Complex Bldg. D front desk and the Campus Services Complex Storehouse.

Staffing Update | November 2024



15
hired



2
promoted



1
retired

OMCP Open Positions

Do you know anyone who may be interested in working us? We encourage you to refer qualified individuals to apply for our [open positions](#).

Coming Up...

Events and Announcements

- **Expansion of Paid Sick Leave:** The University of California will expand access to paid sick leave, effective January 1, 2025, by revising leave policies for staff and academic personnel. Learn more about this change and find answers to frequently asked questions on [UCNet](#).
- **Triton Treats – Soups & Sandwiches:** Join the Staff Association for soup, sandwiches and good company on **Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 7–8:30 p.m.**, at the Price Center West Ballroom A. Triton Treats is a great opportunity to network with fellow staff while enjoying free, tasty provisions. Grab your treat and stay to mingle or take it back to the office.
- **People Leader Summit:** People Leaders, save the date for our upcoming People Leader Summit on **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, 10–11:30 a.m.** Register and submit questions in advance through [Zoom](#). We are still fleshing out amazing programming for the year, so stay tuned for details through your People Leader Network newsletter. What's a People Leader? Learn more on [Blink](#).

Reminders

- **Benefits:** Employees on a biweekly pay schedule will see their first deductions towards 2025 medical premiums on their **12/04/24** paycheck.
- **December 2024 Curtailment:** UC San Diego has four (4) university paid holidays (December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 2025) during the holiday/winter period. Refer to the [Holiday Schedule Campus Notice](#) for details.

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If you have ideas, comments or concerns that you would like to share, send Niraj a note at vc-omcp@ucsd.edu.



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