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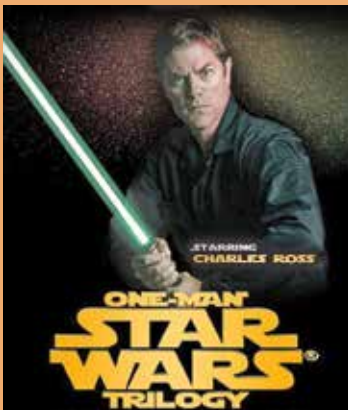
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

An Engaging New Season

The arts at SCU offers a lively selection of rich performances

This fall, SCU•Presents introduces an inspiring selection of programs that promise to educate, engage, and entertain. With offerings in theatre, dance, music, and film, there is something for everyone at this lively performing arts venue.

In response to audience demand, SCU•Presents will expand its popular film series in partnership with Student Involvement, the Multicultural Center, and the Department of Communication. On select Wednesdays during fall, you can take part in free screenings of films including *Get Out*, *Cars 2*, and *(Dis)Honesty*. Most screenings will be followed by a thoughtful discussion with alumni filmmakers, faculty members, or others connected with the making of the work. The series will continue into the winter and spring with a combination of documentary and classic films, as well as the Queer Film Festival.



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Franklin Street Facelift

Construction begins on a new pedestrian mall and reveals history beneath

Change is afoot on the north side of campus as the University converts Franklin Street—from Alviso Street to The Alameda—into a striking pedestrian mall. With the expansion of the campus across Franklin Street in recent years, pedestrian traffic has notably increased. The transformation of the space will enhance safety, improve connectivity between campus facilities, and beautify the area with a combination of paver-lined walkways and drought tolerant landscaping.

The city-approved conversion commenced in June, and the pedestrian walkways are slated to be complete in late October. Landscape design and signage will be completed shortly thereafter. Once finished, the new mall will provide an inviting space for visitors to campus, as well as faculty, students, and staff to walk, relax, and enjoy the outdoors.

As with any construction project on SCU's historically rich campus, the process incorporated an archaeological study of the area. Among the most significant findings by archaeological crews was the discovery of two sets of rail ties dating to the latter half of the 19th century. The ties, which were uncovered between Lafayette Street and the Old Alameda, are remnants of an interurban railroad that serviced the area until 1938, when cars became more popular and rendered trolleys less efficient.

Rather than obscure the history of the trolley line, the University plans to preserve as much of it as possible. Archaeological crews partnered with contractors to clear concrete paving so they could be drawn, photographed, and recorded as a historical site. The presence of the ties will be integrated into the new landscape and hardscape, and interpretive signage will be added so that visitors and campus residents may learn about the important history of this public corridor.

Herb Sendek in Conversation

Men's Basketball coach opens up about the coming season



SCU Basketball Coach Herb Sendek

A proven winner with an impressive record of success, men's basketball coach Herb Sendek is looking forward to his second season with the Broncos. In a recent conversation, he shared thoughts on the challenges that lie ahead and what excites him about this year's team.

What stands out to you about this year's team?

Herb Sendek: We have a good balance of experienced players and newcomers. Right now, we're at the beginning stages of coming together. Every season is unique, every group is different, and so it's always interesting to see how it unfolds and comes together.

What challenges do you anticipate facing this season?

HS: There are challenges every day. Some of the challenges we'll face this season are known and relatively constant, but some are random and we'll address them as they present themselves.

Bringing together individuals from different backgrounds with different goals, and coming together as a team is always a challenge. We have four goals that we try to accomplish on a daily basis: to learn, to improve, to connect, and to serve. If we can accomplish these four things on a daily basis, we're moving in the right direction.

What has your strategy been to improve the team since your arrival?

HS: I feel it's important to try to stay in the present moment—to try to accomplish our four goals every day. And to try—even though it's cliché, it's true—to honor the process. We want to have a program that we can all be proud of, one that's easy to cheer for.

What do you think fans will see this year that they may not have seen in previous seasons?

HS: I think our fans will enjoy our style of play. It will be even more uptempo and fast paced. We'll continue to take full advantage of the three-point line. Defensively, we'll hang our hat on our man-to-man, and I think our fans will appreciate the great effort the guys play with.

You've been at SCU for one year. What is one thing that has surprised you about Santa Clara?

HS: I don't know if I would say I've been surprised, but I've been delighted to experience firsthand the great spirit of Santa Clara University and the surrounding community. It's a warm, welcoming, and inclusive place.

How is this team going to embody your coaching philosophy more so than teams in previous years?

HS: It's hard to say. It'll unfold. I try to refrain from comparing one year to the next. This group is the team we have now. It will write its own journal. We'll have the uniqueness of this group and it will be different than all previous ones. And we'll truly enjoy the relationships that are forged because, like I said earlier, we have extraordinary young men on our team.

How would you describe your coaching philosophy?

HS: We want a program that is comprehensive, one that offers the complete and total package so that our men can become the very best version of themselves, individually and collectively. That includes academics, community service, development, leadership, and athletics. Everything. It's a very broad-based approach.

How do you ensure that your athletes perform as well in the classroom as they do on the court?

HS: Santa Clara is the kind of university that attracts student-athletes who care about their education. That makes all the difference in the world. When you have someone who wants to earn an education and cares about learning, then everything else is so much easier.

From our standpoint, we try to provide them with the resources and the encouragement they need. We have a terrific academic support program. We have tutoring available, and we are dialed in to what's happening on a daily basis in their academic affairs.

What advice do you have for parents with children who aspire to play basketball at the collegiate level?

HS: The best thing you can do is to have fun with the sport. Fall in love with the sport. If you love it and you have fun playing it, then it's much more likely that you'll invest the time practicing. And, receiving the proper coaching is also important so that you develop fundamentals the right way.

Students grow so much during their time at Santa Clara. What does it feel like to be a part of that change?

HS: That's probably one of the most satisfying things about being a coach—watching the transformation of young people. Watching them grow and blossom into a better version of themselves.

Do you have any final thoughts you'd like to share?

HS: I'd like for our community to know that we appreciate their continued support. For those who have come to our games through the years, thank you very much. For those who haven't yet, we invite you to join us. Your support for these student-athletes and for our program is tremendously important.

Sports have a way of bringing a community together. You just never know what you're going to experience when you go to a game. When you put yourself out there, good things happen. And if you can enjoy the event with the company of friends and family, you can create some great memories. I hope our community will do that and that they'll embrace us in a way they never have before.

New Faces in the Neighborhood

Off Campus Living welcomes new staff



Allie Cionco, SCU's off-campus area coordinator

The transition to off-campus housing—living independently for the first time—can be a challenge for many students. In recent years, SCU's Off Campus Living (OCL) office has increased its efforts to support students through this change, adding programming and resources to help them adapt to new responsibilities. While this year will be no different, there are some changes on the horizon for OCL, notably the addition of four new, enthusiastic, and well-qualified staff members.

Allesandra "Allie" Cionco will take on the leadership role of off-campus area coordinator. Allie brings nearly a decade of experience in residence life to the job. She understands the importance of connecting directly with students and aims to be both a resource and a guide to the off-campus community. "Living off campus is an exciting and significant transition for students. But, the change comes with added responsibilities," says Allie. "I'm looking forward to diving in and helping students understand what is expected of them as members of the community." Allie will be living in the neighborhood and anticipates that the experience will give her insight into the challenges students face as well as enable her to shed light on issues that may be of concern to permanent residents. "I want the neighbors to know—whether they are students with a question or permanent residents with a budding concern—that my door is always open. I'm here to help and to do what I can to build a strong community in our neighborhood."

Allie will be joined by three new neighborhood ambassadors (NAs)—Zerreen Kazi, Lyndsey Kincaid, and Seve Mustone. As current SCU students, their primary role will be to act as liaisons with their peers. "You work best with students when connecting to students through students," Allie says. While they come to the position with different academic backgrounds and professional goals, all three NAs understand the significance of their positions. They want to make the off-campus housing experience more positive. "It is incredibly important for students to be aware of the impact that their actions can have," says Zerreen. Like her two cohorts, Zerreen wants to "aid students in making decisions that will create positive outcomes." They also want to make the process of finding housing and transitioning to off-campus living more fluid for students. When Seve struggled to identify properties to lease, he found that OCL was "always there to answer questions about off-campus life for me." While all three recognize that their roles as NAs will require hard work, problem solving, and creative thinking, they are excited about what lies ahead and confident that they can work successfully with Allie to grow and improve the neighborhood experience.

Neighborhood residents wishing to speak directly with Allie can reach her at acionco@scu.edu.

Campus Connections

A new tunnel and pedestrian walkways improve safety and connectivity at SCU

You may have noticed some changes as you drive down Lafayette Street. After years of dodging oncoming traffic, pedestrians will now have safer passage on and off campus across Lafayette. Two High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk beacon systems, otherwise known as Hawk beacon systems, have been added. One is located at the intersection of Franklin and Lafayette streets; the other is just down the road at Lexington Street. The Hawk beacon utilizes a series of lights—flashing yellow, steady yellow, then red—to notify drivers of a pedestrian's presence and to bring traffic to a stop. Like a traditional crosswalk, the Hawk system is activated by a push button. Plans for the crossings have been in the works since 2013. Both the University and the city are excited about the improvement, which will safeguard crossings for all visitors to and from the west side of campus.

Across El Camino Real another noteworthy safety enhancement was recently put into place. This summer, the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) completed a \$12 million tunnel linking the Santa Clara CalTrain station with Avaya Stadium. Previously, the stadium was only accessible by car, taxi, or bus. The new 80-foot-long tunnel, which runs under the Pacific Railroad tracks and connects via a path to Brokaw Road, gives safe passage to pedestrians and bicyclists. The tunnel will also eventually provide easy access to the BART extension.

"With so much foot traffic on and around campus, we are pleased to see these improvements go into place," said Chris Shay, interim vice president for Finance and Administration and assistant vice president for University Operations. "Safety is always a priority. Residents and students will greatly benefit from these much-needed changes."



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Engage, Educate, and Entertain

SCU•Presents, the Performing Arts Center at Santa Clara University, is dedicated to the enhancement of arts education, where artists are central to our creative culture; the advancement of Arts for Social Justice programs, which creates a catalyst for change in our society; and the presentation of a rich program of diverse professional artists and art forms for campus and the Silicon Valley community.

Educate

The arts stimulate, celebrate, and enhance an understanding of others and ourselves through a shared experience. Our goal is to make the arts an integral part of student life, while keeping it affordable and accessible to all who want to participate.

Engage

The Arts for Social Justice program is a collaborative, interdisciplinary initiative whose mission is to raise awareness about critical issues addressing the human condition,

through the creation of and participation in a wide variety of art forms, both on and off campus, that foster dialogue and action in the community.

We further engage and strengthen our commitment to the arts through our Visiting Artists Partnerships. From the finest professional artists, (*Broadway's Next Hit Musical!*) to the best community arts organizations (*Ching Ching Chorus, India Waves, Center Stage Dance Company, Arte Flamenco de San Jose*) SCU•Presents demonstrates our commitment to all the arts.

Entertain

In everything we do, whether to educate the whole person, make a difference through Arts for Social Justice, or engage our community, our underlying goal is to also entertain. We invite you to join us at SCU•Presents for a wonderful season.

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Among the highlights this season will be the raucous and entertaining *One-Man Star Wars® Trilogy*. Performed by visiting artist Charles Ross, the show encompasses the entirety of the original Star Wars trilogy—presented in a mere 75 minutes. Officially endorsed by Lucasfilm, the production is both energetic and highly enjoyable. To maximize the evening of fun, SCU•Presents will kick off the event with a Star Wars themed pre-party, including a food truck and live music.

Musical offerings this fall will include solo performances by faculty pianist Hans Boepple and flutist Ray Furuta. As the holidays approach, SCU's student orchestra, wind ensemble, and jazz band will share their many talents. The fall music season will culminate with the popular Festival of Lights performed in the stunning Mission Church. And, the Department of Theatre and Dance will welcome the holidays with Larry Shue's hilarious and timely play *The Foreigner*.

With a mix of free and ticketed events, SCU•Presents truly offers something for everyone this season.

Please visit scupresents.org for show times, tickets, and event details.