The UC San Diego Guardian Scholars has found a new home in DASIS under the Student Retention & Success Cluster of Student Affairs. The program is overseen by Berenice Jau and Javier Arredondo. It offers support to current and former foster youth enrolled at UC San Diego through quarterly meetings, workshops, and/or events. Mentors and staff provide a sense of family, community building, life counseling, and encouragement with the goal of ensuring academic and personal success and graduation. There are currently 65 Guardian Scholars in the program, and we hope to grow with campus and community support.

Guardian Scholars receive orientation to university life, priority registration, an opportunity to live on campus year-round, employment opportunities, assistance with financial aid and scholarship applications, life skills counseling, and career planning.

Javier Arredondo grew up in Northern CA in a small farming community called Gridley. He attended UC Davis and graduated with a degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Education with a concentration in College Counseling and Student Development at PLNU, which he is on track to complete this May. He has always had a passion for education, but he pursued a career in engineering. While working in that field, he realized what he was missing. Javier has lived in San Diego for more than three years. He enjoys sports, video games, and hanging out at the beach.

Guardian Scholar Fun Facts

- Guardian Scholars study 31 different majors.
- Most popular majors: Biochemistry and Mathematics
- Other Majors: Aerospace Engineering, Theatre, Linguistics, and Philosophy
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The UC San Diego Guardian Scholars Program will continue to be supported through a collaborative between the departments listed above to ensure a holistic and complete support system for our students. We welcome more support and campus partners!

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