Pause on Student Loan Payments Extended to May

By Rocio Chavez, Student Staff Writer

On Dec. 22, 2021, President Joe Biden formally extended the pause on student loan repayment until May 1, 2022. According to the statement, the extension will permit the Biden Administration to assess the impacts of the Omnibus variant on nearly 41 million student borrowers, provide more time for borrowers to plan for the resumption of payments, and reduce the risk of defaults after repayment resumes.

“As we are taking this action, I’m asking all student loan borrowers to do their part as well,” Biden said. “Take full advantage of the Department of Education’s (ED) resources to help you prepare for payments to resume; look at options to lower your payments through income-based repayment plans; explore public service loan forgiveness; and make sure you are vaccinated and boosted when eligible.”

All student loan payments and accrued interest have been put on hold since the pandemic began two years ago. The pause was initiated by the The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a $2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill signed into law by former President Donald Trump on March 27, 2020.

Loans considered eligible for relief measures are as follows:
- Direct Loans (defaulted and non-defaulted)
- Federal Family Education loans (FFEL) Program loans held by ED (defaulted and non-defaulted)
- Federal Perkins Loans held by ED (defaulted and non-defaulted)
- Defaulted FFEL Program loans not held by ED
- Defaulted Health Education Assistance Loans (HEAL)

Student loans that are not covered under the executive order include non-defaulted FFEL and HEAL loans, Federal Perkins Loans not held by ED (defaulted and non-defaulted), and private student loans. If your loan is not eligible for suspended payments, the Federal Student Aid Office advises that you contact your servicers to ask about what benefits may be available.

Some local officials in San Diego see the student loan repayment pause as an essential measure to reduce the economic burden the pandemic has on students and graduated borrowers alike. U.S. Congresswoman Scott Peters of California’s 52nd District issued a statement to The UCSD Guardian concerning this matter. “Once the repayment freeze is ended, the Department of Education needs to make it very clear to borrowers what’s expected of them and what they need to do to resume payments,” Peters said.

“As your representative, it’s my job to help you and other borrowers to navigate the Department of Education and what your options are to repay student loans, so please reach out to my office if you need assistance.”
Peters also noted some legislative actions on this issue. He emphasized his support of loan forgiveness based on income levels and strengthening income-driven repayment programs, as well as reducing the interest rates, allowing refinancing and allowing people to discharge student loans in bankruptcy. Additionally, he has worked within the House of Representatives to successfully pass bipartisan student loan reduction legislation.

“I support loan forgiveness based on income levels and strengthening income-driven repayment programs, as well as reducing the interest rates, allowing refinancing and allowing people to discharge student loans in bankruptcy,” Peters wrote. “I introduced and passed the only student loan reduction legislation that has become law in the past couple years, which would incentivize businesses to pay off their employees’ student loans.”

UC San Diego has generally benefited from federal aid since the beginning of the pandemic. Both the emergency financial grants distributed by the CARES Act in addition to the newly established High Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) have aided in the alleviation of financial stress. This fund was created to allow for universities to cover costs associated with the radical changes to scholastic instruction due COVID-19.

SUSTAINABILITY

California Commences the New Year with a New Composting Law

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California Senate Bill 1383, which targets reducing food waste and greenhouse gas emissions, went into effect Jan. 1, 2022. The bill requires all residents and businesses in the state to separate their organic and compostable waste as well as requiring grocery stores and other food suppliers to donate all edible food waste to a food bank or food rescue organization. California jurisdictions were obliged to have, at minimum, a plan for diverting residential food waste from landfills by the start of the new year.

However, in San Diego, such plans have been placed on hold due to supply chain shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a labor strike by sanitation workers. ABC10 News reported that the additional paperwork and fees associated with the bill, 285,000 kitchen collection caddies, and 43 new trucks. These hold ups have pushed back the start of the city’s recycling services for residential customers with city officials disclosing that the City of San Diego is working to overcome these challenges.

The construction of the southeast portion of the UC San Diego Medical Center in Hillcrest started in November 2021, initiating Phase One of the Hillcrest Campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The Hillcrest location has been a part of the UC San Diego campus since 1966, when the university first began operating the county hospital. Nearly half of the buildings on the Hillcrest Campus were constructed before 1970.

As one of five academic medical centers in the University of California system, UCSD holds a two-campus strategy: distributing and integrating research, teaching, and clinical care at its Hillcrest and La Jolla campuses.

The Hillcrest Campus provides care for all patients in the community, including those who are uninsured and underinsured. As an essential regional resource, it is equipped with a Level 1 Trauma Center, Regional Burn Center, and Comprehensive Stroke Center, according to the Long Range Development Plan webpage.

Driven by the need to replace the hospital, modernize facilities, improve circulation, and achieve compliance with seismic safety provisions of the California Health and Safety Code (Aquitude Act/SB 1953) by 2030, the LRDP was approved by the UC Board of Regents in November 2019 as the third comprehensive long-range plan for the physical development of the campus. This followed previous plans in 1978 and 1995.

The first phase includes the Outpatient Pavilion project, which extends around 251,000 gross square feet. The space is planned to be used for various diagnostics, treatments, and surgical services, across special programs including oncology, neurosurgery, and orthopedics.

Additional space for new patient-centric drop-off corridors and extra accommodations for multimodal transports will be made due to an extension on First Avenue. Bachman Place/ Arbor Drive and Central Utility Plant (CUP) will accommodate multimodal transport systems and expand patient access routes. This includes the building of new transit vehicle lanes and grade-separated bike lanes. Additionally, a new parking structure with approximately 1,850 parking spaces will be established.

“The new hospital will...”

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In response to the UCSD Guardian's inquiry about changes to campus policy regarding Senate Bill 1383, Leslie Sepuka, the Associate Director of University Communications, provided the following statement: "UC San Diego has incorporated the elements of Senate Bill 1383 and other food/organic waste-related legislation into our operations." Sepuka said: "As a specific example, North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood has large waste collection rooms that can accommodate new food waste bins. In addition, the retail restaurants on the east side of the neighborhood are working with the university to minimize trash and food waste." Sepuka also shared that there will be new food waste containers added to Price Center as part of a pilot study on food waste. The official deadline for California cities to have fully operational composting facilities is in 2024, when fines will begin to be enforced for non-compliant cities. To learn more about Senate Bill 1383 and composting visit CalRecycle. A guide for separating your waste-related legislation into our operations. The University of California has incorporated the elements of Senate Bill 1383, Leslie Sepuka, the Associate Director of University Communications, provided the following statement: "UC San Diego has incorporated the elements of Senate Bill 1383 and other food/organic waste-related legislation into our operations." Sepuka said: "As a specific example, North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood has large waste collection rooms that can accommodate new food waste bins. In addition, the retail restaurants on the east side of the neighborhood are working with the university to minimize trash and food waste." Sepuka also shared that there will be new food waste containers added to Price Center as part of a pilot study on food waste. The official deadline for California cities to have fully operational composting facilities is in 2024, when fines will begin to be enforced for non-compliant cities. To learn more about Senate Bill 1383 and composting visit CalRecycle. A guide for separating your waste.
The goals of the LDRP were described in a Hillcrest Information Session in August 2021 as improving Hillcrest as a center of teaching and care.

“This new framework [built on LRDP] will help UC San Diego achieve a complete redevelopment of its Hillcrest Campus that will further its commitment to teaching, research, and patient care, while also creating a healthy, sustainable campus environment,” the presentation said.

Aside from New Outpatient Services and Parking, the following planned phases include construction and improvements on the Research/Educational Facilities, Community Wellness Facility and Workforce Housing, and $2.5 to $3 billion total financial investment.

In a statement to the UCSD News Center, the chief administrative officer for the Hillcrest Campus, Lisa Rhodes, expressed optimism about the renovations to the project.

“The teams who work in Hillcrest have this in common: they love the Hillcrest Campus, our mission, and our patients,” Rhodes said. “It brings me great satisfaction to be on the precipice of Hillcrest’s journey and to renew its status as a beacon of world-class health care, and I am honored to help lead that process. The result will be magnificent and will truly transform our staff, patient, and community experiences.”

As part of the project phasing, some of the UCSD Health staff will move from their area, with the earliest wave starting in 2024.

Phase One is expected to finish in 2025, as the new Outpatient Pavilion is expected to open in May 2025. And the second phase will include the renovation and construction of the new hospital. The anticipated time span to complete all five phases of development is 15 years.
Don’t compromise on COVID safety measures

Because in 2022, workplace safety includes protection from infection.

BY SPARKY MITRA
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Headlines this past week were inundated with those regarding the Democratic Party’s fear of schools going back to remote instruction. While they had previously promised that schools would remain open following their election, their fear of the contrary is largely illegitimate. Instead of centering their fears on promises which were made before the current Covid surge, the party should revert back to putting science and people’s safety first. The facts have written themselves out. Teachers’ unions have made their stance clear and in favor of remote instruction. Their voice is as important as anybody else’s. If parents want to undermine their children’s safety by sending them to school, that’s their prerogative. But ensuring the teachers’ workplace is safe is contractually mandated, and threatening it in any way is ridiculous especially when there is an alternative.

Many have asserted that we must treat times under coronavirus as the new normal. But during a pandemic, the best solution entails a measure supported by teachers to return to remote instruction. The Chicago Teachers Union has in fact held its ground as it demands returning to virtual classes. But because the city refuses to address the teachers’ concerns, ongoing strikes have led to delays in Chicago school openings.

Besides the quintessential conservative arguments against implementing COVID safety measures, there is one other argument that holds more water. Many working parents are being forced to return to work regardless of infection hazard, which leaves their children without supervision if they have no school to physically attend. But during a pandemic, there are better ways for the Democratic Party to address these qualms than putting teachers in dangerous conditions. Namely, passing the Build Back Better act which mandates practices that will lower childcare costs in the long term.

The permanent solution must not include a permanent disregard for people’s safety. Our long-term strategy for dealing with crises like the coronavirus pandemic must include temporary mandates that reduce mutation and contagion rates.
Underground hip-hop poster child Earl Sweatshirt is set to release his upcoming fourth studio album “Sick!” on Jan. 14, 2022. Sweatshirt first announced the record in December of 2021. Subsequently, the three singles “2010,” “Tabula Rasa,” and “Titanic” have been released from the 10-track project. In a statement to HipHopDX, the rapper said, “‘Sick!’ is my humble offering of 10 songs recorded in the wake of the worldwide Coronavirus pandemic and its subsequent lockdowns.”

Judging from the singles, Sweatshirt’s newest sound is a natural progression from his previous record “Some Rap Songs.” The only exception being the third song “Titanic,” which is Earl’s return to the ever-popular trap genre. The production, which is rumored to feature the likes of The Alchemist and Black Noi$e, seems to complement Sweatshirt’s steady and monotone delivery. Of course, the logophile remains as articulate as ever dropping complicated bars over progressive rhyme schemes. With the wait nearly over, we are itching to hear what he’s been quietly working on over the past few years.

Unnamed Kendrick Lamar Record

In late 2021, Kendrick Lamar finally gave fans relative knowledge of his whereabouts after a long period of silence following the release of his 2017 record “DAMN.” Not only did his verses on Baby Keem’s “family ties” and “range brothers” completely shock the world, but it’s now been confirmed that a new project from Kung-Fu Kenny is coming down the pipeline.

A post on the rapper’s social media linked to a website called “oklama.com” where he revealed he was creating his final record under Top Dawg Entertainment. Lamar further explained, “I feel joy to have been a part of such a cultural imprint after 17 years… May the Most High continue to use Top Dawg as a vessel for candid creators. As I continue to pursue my life’s calling.”

There is no official release date for the upcoming record; however, Lamar’s scheduled inclusion in the Super Bowl LVI Halftime Show and his recent appearance at the 2021 Day N Vegas festival is further confirmation 2022 will not be a quiet year for the Compton-born rapper.

The Smile Unnamed Record (Radiohead sister band)

Radiohead and its various personnel have remained relatively busy since the release of their 2016 record “A Moon Shaped Pool.” Frontman Thom Yorke and guitarist Johnny Greenwood have returned alongside Sons of Kemet drummer Tom Skinner and Radiohead producer Nigel Godrich for a brand new project called The Smile. First announced in early 2021, the band released their debut single “You Will Never Work in Television Again” on January 5, 2022 and announced that their first record was complete. In an Instagram post, the group said “we’re at the track-listing stage, where there are 627020800 possible song orders.” A roundabout way of saying the record is 13 tracks long.

The Smile seems to be invoking their previous Radiohead sound from the ’90s. “We are very keen/scared/proud for you to hear these songs, and are currently practicing in a small room in Oxford, where work is more fun than fun, like the man said,” said the group on Instagram. While there is no official release date for the unnamed record, it seems that it’s only a matter of time before it is released.
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In the past, Mitski has revealed her struggles with being a public figure while also being a private person. Following the release of her 2018 record "Be the Cowboy," she took a three-year hiatus to clear her mind. During this period is when she also found the inspiration to write a majority of the songs from her upcoming sixth studio album “Laurel Hell.”

In an official statement, the Japanese-American singer said the record is: "a soundtrack for transformation, a map to the place where vulnerability and resilience, sorrow and delight, error and transcendence can all sit within our humanity, can all be seen as worthy of acknowledgment, and ultimately, love."

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BY KEIKEI MIURA  Features Editor

Underground Scholars is a student organization that supports formerly incarcerated or system-implemented individuals through their advocacy, outreach, and policy reform work. Colleen Murphy, a first-year transfer student and the new president of Underground Scholars, says that “in three short years, I went from living in my car on drugs to completely sober, happy, healthy, making intentional choices in my life to perpetuate this happiness and to use my own past experiences involving alcoholism, drugs, and an arrest, Murphy is now an avid advocate for systemic reform when it comes to incarceration. In the future, she hopes to become a US senator. Currently, she is dedicated to the Underground Scholars initiative.

Murphy explains that the Underground Scholars initiative was founded at UC Berkeley in 2013 and has since opened chapters in all the other UC campuses and students. For Colleen Murphy, her previous life began in a small rural town in San Bernardino County, near Joshua Tree National Park. After doing well in high school and graduating a year early, Murphy moved to San Diego in 2005 due to a more economic and educational opportunities to attend a local community college. Murphy dropped out of school and full-time to support herself, but moving away from home gave her support system was challenging. She began dealing with mental and substance abuse issues, and eventually turned to alcohol and drugs as coping mechanisms. She decided to continue attending school and working as an investment broker at TD Ameritrade, but her mental health issues and substance abuse issues continued to persist.

During this time, Murphy was also involved in relationships. Eventually, she ended up leaving her job, dropping out of school and moving back to her hometown in 2008. After returning to her hometown, as a consequence of her unhealthy coping mechanisms, she was arrested. Prior to her arrest, she was going through background checks and other processes required for employment. As soon as her potential employers were notified about her charge, they rescinded her offer of employment.

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When her son was six months old, Murphy went back to school and got a part-time job working as an insurance agent, which she held for the next two and a half years. After all trials and tribulations, education has been one of the most liberating forces in my life,” Murphy said. “When you’re incarcerated, you have no way to maintain a fulfilling life. She wants the other communities can find a fulfilling life. She wants the ‘voices that have been quieted because of this carceral history. Murphy told The Guardian. ‘It’s been extremely empowering. She ended up getting housing through their programs, and her son was born in July of 2018.

In 2020, Murphy graduated with three associates degrees—a degree in psychology, a degree in sociology, and then a degree in university studies, social and behavioral sciences—from Grossmont Community College. After receiving her degrees in 2020, Murphy applied to UCSD and was denied. Murphy appealed the decision, explaining that she was attempting to build a framework to help this demographic and that her voice was important, and got on appeal. At the time she came to UCSD, the majority of the Underground Scholars officers had recently graduated, so the officer team had multiple vacant positions. Murphy was asked if she would be willing to fill the vacancy in the presidency of Underground Scholars. Since she had been doing similar type of work at Grossmont, she agreed to take on the position.

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After years of going through this, in June 2018, Murphy decided she needed to break out of this cycle. She packed her car, took her two dogs, and moved back to San Diego. Soon after she moved back, Murphy ended up in another abusive relationship. After suffering physical abuse from her then-partner, Murphy ended up in the hospital. At the hospital, a routine check-up led her to discover that she was pregnant. Murphy decided that she needed to ask for help. She was living in her car at the time, so she sought refuge at a homeless shelter in downtown San Diego called the Alpha Project. “When I came in there, I had nothing,” Murphy said. “You’re homeless, you lose everything so quickly, because it’s just like, you have no way to maintain anything. It’s just a terrible, terrible thing. I can’t say how difficult it is, especially being a woman, to be homeless.” During her time at the shelter, Murphy was able to finally take care of her physical and mental health and begin the process of up getting housing through their programs, and her son was born in July of 2018.

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The main point of the Underground Scholars initiative is also to systemically impact communities that are disproportionally impacted by mass incarceration is a systemic issue as well—marginalized communities such as the Latino and Black communities are disproportionately impacted by this issue.

Murphy says that although the formerly incarcerated students, there is more that we need to do to support the formerly incarcerated students demographic. For instance, Murphy says that there could be the implementation of a project like Project Rebound, which is a program at the California State level that helps increase the number of formerly incarcerated students who identify as formerly incarcerated or are just interested in the cross enrollment process, through the cross enrollment process, students at community colleges who identify as formerly incarcerated are or just interested in the topic can enroll in a UCSF course relating to the carceral system. “I’m hoping that during my time here, that I will be able to reach out to the administration and see if there’s any way we can create that pipeline,” Murphy said. “I would really love to see that demographic given some sort of preference to come here because that is life changing. Education prevents recidivism, and recidivism is the tendency to reoffend and end up back in jail. When you start education, people and giving them options other than the lives that were contributing to their incarceration, then the incarceration cycle stops.

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Seven Steps to Getting Rid of Gifts You Didn’t Want

This one is self-explanatory. If you aren’t creative enough to make something new, find someone who is! After all, friends are there to lend a helping hand. This is an especially good option if this gift is so upsetting that you don’t even want to touch it anymore, for fear of being possessed or otherwise. Don’t be afraid to reach out!

6. DESTROYING!

You’ve tried everything. There’s simply no easy way to get rid of this gift. There’s only one more option: destroy it. There are several ways to go about this. You can throw it in the bin and wait for the garbage truck to take it away. Or, if you feel that you would take too long and you were worried the trash compactor may not be enough, you can use other means. Some of my favorites include setting it on fire, running it through a paper shredder, or dumping it in toxic chemicals. Just be sure to use gloves!

7. VANISHING TO ANOTHER REALM!

In the extremely rare case that this gift has the ability to come back from the dead, you may want to use this option. It may take a bit more effort and supplies, but it will definitely be worth it. Especially since you’re finally able to sleep at night. Just make sure that nothing from that dimension crosses over here. Instructions for this will come in the next issue.

Remember, you never know who or what is watching! Happy New Year everyone!

1. 1. REGIFTING!

Why buy more gifts when you already have one? After all, the gift is now yours, and if they truly love you, your friends and family (or creepy next-door neighbor) would be happy to let you exchange their thoughtful presents for some cold hard cash. There are lots of ways you can go about this, from selling on eBay to attending a flea market. Unfortunately, this method does not work if your gift is so disturbing that nobody actually wants it, which leads us to step two.

2. SELLING!

Now it’s time to bring out your inner business major and make some money! After all, if the gift is no longer serving you, it can be useful for someone else! The only thing you have to do is rewrap the present in order to have a brand new gift! Just make sure you don’t give it back to the same person, or else they could get mad and exact some ominous revenge on you. This is especially important to remember if this person knows where you live!

But maybe the time for gift-giving is already over, and you don’t want to keep something like this around until the next holiday season. This brings us to step two. This brings us to step two.

For most of us, winter quarter has ended and the holiday season is over. Say goodbye to all of the great meals, beautiful clothes, and festive decorations. But is it over? No! In fact, while the holiday season may be over, things have only just begun. Say hello to the new year of color. From the infamous Euphoria and the cult following that Alexa Demie has created, this trend was cute, flattering, and simple. However, the act of impulsively spending my paychecks on OMEGTY dresses and maxi skirts (please don’t do that), but have now come to realize I have not worn these pieces since July of 2021. Now, I’m not saying to never buy these pieces, but much of the clothing that designers create are meant to be worn for short periods rather than lasting you a lifetime. We all love a little bit of color in our wardrobe, but I find that incorporating color into outfits through small accessories such as jewelry, hairpieces, and sunglasses might be the better move this year.

WRAP HALTER TOPS

As seen on your favorite social media influencer’s Instagram, this trend was cute, flattering, and made heads turn. But, I feel as if this piece has made its final stretch and has been overworn. Now I love the idea of wrap tops in general because they are versatile and comfortable, and who doesn’t love that? I would like to see different ways wrap tops can be worn rather than the same, overused pattern of a bold wrap. There are other methods of wearing wrap tops that can easily complement your silhouette without having fabric tugging at the back of your neck.

As the New Year and new quarter kick into gear, I can’t help but reflect on the year that 2021 brought us in the fashion world. From sourcing new vintage pieces, the Y2K revival, cloud boots, and the surge of subversive basics, I was personally inspired to throw my old closet away in exchange for a new one (but of course, like any other college student, I sadly did not have the funds).

A fresh start calls for new trends and although I cannot predict the future, here are some of the trends I think might die in 2022. Perhaps I am simply writing my projections and would like to see these trends end (even though I’m a hypocrite and did partake in some of these), but if they don’t come true, you can come back to this article and say, “I told you so.”

COLORFUL PATTERNS

From what I’ve seen on the internet and my mediocre observation skills, 2021 was the year of color. From the infamous House of Sunny, “Hockey Dress,” to the Maison Soksi silhouette and all of the bold prints. These patterns wore down so quickly that the $132.56 you spent on that dress is probably collecting dust in your closet. Of course, I am a victim and have indulged in

Trends I Think Will Die in 2022

CHUNKY NECKLACES

Now I love the chunky necklace trend, with its glimmering pearls and statement charms, but in terms of longevity, I don’t see this trend lasting past summer. Many of the necklaces I have seen myself have fit to one’s “aesthetic” liking, and if you’re like me and your sense of style tends to change very often so on, these necklaces will probably continue to hang around in your room. But if large amounts of hardware are off to you, layering necklaces might be the way to incorporate tons of sparkling jewelry into your wardrobe.

THE LAM-IA CULT FASHION

Now hear me out, I find that I.A.M.GIA continues to make the trendiest pieces that are really up-to-date and loved by millions, but that’s the catch: it’s a trend (and don’t get me started on its lack of inclusive sizing). Trends aren’t meant to last you a year of worth of wear. With the success of the television show Euphoria and the cult following that Alexis Demie has created, they have popularized the use of glimmering matching sets for the past two years but have lasted only months after viewers have stopped raving about the show. This one is a little tricky on my end because who knows? The new season of Euphoria about to launch may cause a comeback in the realm of glitz and glam.

WRAP HALTER TOPS

As seen on your favorite social media influencer’s Instagram, this trend was cute, flattering, and made heads turn. But, I feel as if this piece has made its final stretch and has been overworn. Now I love the idea of wrap tops in general because they are versatile and comfortable, and who doesn’t love that? I would like to see different ways wrap tops can be worn rather than the same, overused pattern of a bold wrap. There are other methods of wearing wrap tops that can easily complement your silhouette without having fabric tugging at the back of your neck.
Brown’s Double-Double Helps UCSD Overcome Riverside in Conference Opener

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In their first game of the season in the Big West Conference, the UC San Diego women’s basketball team (4-6, 1-8 Big West) defeated UC Riverside (3-4, 0-1 Big West), 60–57 in RIMAC Arena this past Thursday in a hard-fought, spectator-free win to kick off the new year. The victory marked UCSD’s fourth win of the season in all competitions, and was especially welcome after their most recent two defeats against California Baptist University and San Diego State University in December.

It was a tight game, with the lead never exceeding 9 points for either team. The Tritons were feeling the effects of their extended break from play as the night wore on. San Diego’s last game had been Dec. 17, so there was some rust to play through on Thursday. Regardless, they put on a dominant display of defense, persevering, controlling their undefeated run in all three of their games against the Highlanders since they joined the conference last year. Their stout performance for the Tritons came from sophomore forward Ashia Brown, who logged an impressive double-double with career-high 19 points and 10 rebounds.

UCSD opened the scoring in the first minute with a bucket by Ryanne Walters after winning the tipoff, but UCSD’s lead was rattled to take the lead soon after, courtesy of a 3-pointer followed by a basket from in the paint by senior guard Sydney Brown, who also put up an impressive season-high 10 points in the game. The first quarter followed this back-and-forth between the two sides, seeing Ashia Brown net a 3-pointer, a freshman forward Francis Mullings provide a layup, and a jumper by UCLA Chamberlin to keep San Diego lead throughout the period. Chamberlin also contributed a pretty 3-pointer of her own on a fastbreak with 41.5 seconds to the clock to put the score at 15–10 to the home side at the break.

The second period began with the Highlanders coming back into the game and narrowing the lead to just a point within the first minute through a pair of baskets from Kelelani Cooper. The Tritons showed signs of fatigue, their game slightly slower in the second quarter, with two good free throws by Ashia Brown. Riverside took back the lead for the first time since their opening points at the beginning of the game. It was a relatively short-lived lead though, as Riverside was fouled with 3:01 left on the clock, and a 3-pointer from a fastbreak by senior guard Madison Baxter put San Diego ahead again, a lead they widened over the rest of the period.

As the scoreboard grew for both sides, San Diego maintained the gap in points with contributions from Chamberlin, Baxter, and senior guard Julia Macabahuy. The Tritons were not able to close the threat of the outside attack. UCSD’s fourth win of the season came with a 60–57 final score, after winning the tipoff, but UCSD’s lead was rattled to take the lead soon after, courtesy of a 3-pointer followed by a basket from in the paint by senior guard Sydney Brown, who also put up an impressive season-high 10 points in the game. The first quarter followed this back-and-forth between the two sides, seeing Ashia Brown net a 3-pointer, a freshman forward Francis Mullings provide a layup, and a jumper by UCLA Chamberlin to keep San Diego lead throughout the period. Chamberlin also contributed a pretty 3-pointer of her own on a fastbreak with 41.5 seconds to the clock to put the score at 15–10 to the home side at the break.

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