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## **UCSB is Top Contributor to Peace Corps**

UC Santa Barbara has been ranked eighth nationally among universities in the country in the number of alumni volunteers who have joined the U.S. Peace Corps in 2003. UCSB has been Southern California's top university producer of currently serving volunteers for the past two years.

Since the inception of the Peace Corps in 1961, UCSB has consistently ranked among the top colleges and universities in volunteer numbers.

"Throughout the years, your school has made a tremendous contribution to this agency's global legacy of public service," wrote Gaddi H. Vasquez, national director of the Peace Corps, in a letter to UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang.

"This ranking clearly reflects the high caliber of the students who attend your institution."

In honor of the service of UCSB alumni, the Peace Corps donated its first quadrilingual Peace Pole to the campus last fall.

It is located at the Counseling and Career Center building.

Peace Corps recruiter Chiraphone Khamphouvong, who is on campus several days each quarter, said, "UCSB students want to make a difference in the world."

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## **About UC Santa Barbara**

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.