

WE, STAKEHOLDERS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, WILL STRIKE ON MARCH 1ST, TO DEMAND QUALITY AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC EDUCATION. As fees increase across

California’s higher education system, the quality of public education continues to decline. Classes, programs, and teaching positions are being cut. Access to campus resources, such as libraries and childcare facilities, are being diminished. We are paying far more for far less, accumulating debt on top of our dismal employment prospects. These fee increases not only shackle the futures of the students inside the university, but also limit the possibilities of people outside. As workers, students, and educators, we know that a quality, accessible, *public* education is vital to providing paths to social mobility. The privatization of the university is an attack on communities of color, children in poverty, and the working class. **We demand that priorities be adjusted to address the needs of students, teachers, workers, and communities.**

As part of state-wide days of action across K-12 and higher education, The University of California at Santa Cruz will STRIKE on March 1st, in solidarity with student and worker actions on campuses across the state, to demand quality and accessible public education. Beyond merely shutting our campus down, we plan to use this day to offer an alternative vision of higher education—through a Tent University. We will hold workshops and teach-ins at the base of campus, emphasizing that a university is about people sharing knowledge rather than producing degrees.

On March 5th, buses to Sacramento will carry hundreds to UCSC students to join a convergence of thousands of students, workers, and educators, to Occupy the Capitol. This March, we will demonstrate to administrators, to lawmakers, and to the people of California that public education is fundamental to the future of this state, and that “business as usual” is unacceptable. Together, we will **STRIKE AND OCCUPY TO SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION.**

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