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First-year orientation held at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus for new freshman class

PALM DESERT, Calif. – More than 150 high school students who will attend the Cal State San Bernardino, Palm Desert Campus as freshmen this fall attended a first-year orientation event on June 22.

Students toured the campus and participated in breakout sessions to learn more about campus life and services available to them, including the Career Center, the Student Health and Psychological Counseling Center, the DEN Food Pantry, the Undocumented Student Success Center, technology and library support, the university's honors program, Services to Student with Disabilities, and ways to be involved and engaged on campus.

Presentations covered topics such as academic integrity and student conduct, financial aid and scholarships, academic advising and registering for classes.

Students enjoyed lunch on campus and attended a resource fair highlighting the many services and programs available to them at the campus.

Yzell Gutierrez, a graduate of Beaumont High School, moved to Palm Desert to attend PDC.

“I chose to come to the Palm Desert Campus because it was recommended to me by my family, and I now live nearby. I also chose to attend PDC because of the affordability,” said Gutierrez. “It means a lot to me to attend PDC because I’m a first-generation student, so it makes my parents proud and I’m going to accomplish more things. I am most looking forward to getting accepted into the nursing program because they have a good nursing program here.”

Orientation is a mandatory program for all newly admitted students into CSUSB. It is the first taste of life as a new Coyote and is designed to help new students begin to feel at home on campus and become familiar with the wide range of academic opportunities available at CSUSB.

About PDC: The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, teaching credentials and certificates. Serving more than 2,300 students, it is the Coachella Valley’s four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region’s growing population.

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