Baby Bears @ Cal: campus support for expectant and new parents

Academic achievement and progress to degree:

• Reduced course load planning/strategies for balancing school/family
• Assistance in requesting/obtaining academic accommodations
• Course enrollment in “It Takes A Village: An Expectant & New Parents Learning Community”
• Information/assistance with campus policies and procedures for deferred admission, stopping out, withdrawal, re-admission
• Graduate school information/preparation and graduation celebrations!

Financial aid partnership, scholarship promotion and peer advising:

• Assistance in revising financial aid awards to include a new dependent
• Development of parent budget addendum for family related expenses
• Peer advising to maximize grant, loan and work study eligibility
• Development of scholarship applications/letters of recommendation
• Financial Aid Office partnership, designated counselor liaison, specialized student parent information and workshops

Peer advising support and internship options during pregnancy:

• Peer feedback on family friendly courses/faculty
• Enrollment in 1-3 units of Social Welfare service/learning

Pregnancy/parent-friendly campus space and equipment:

• Access to computers, printer, copier, campus phone and fax
• Breast pump access/breastfeeding privacy
• Changing table and “emergency” diapers
• Refrigerator and microwave
• Distribution point for new parent and Bear Pantry donations: (diapers, baby clothes, baby food, car seats, high chairs)

Information and application assistance to access campus resources:

• Family Housing
• UC Early Childhood Education Program
• Breastfeeding Support Program
• Disabled Student’s Program

Information and eligibility verification for community resources:

• Headstart Programs and State funded Child Care Centers
• CalWORKs
• Food Assistance
• Medi-Cal and Healthy Families