

Dear Tacy

Thank you for helping us in guiding our son as he decides his next step for college. His passion and talent for baseball made him a star and motivated him to earn good grades in high school. But he would not be competitive with the caliber of athletes recruited to your school. He has applied for Engineering at several schools and UCSB would be an excellent choice, but since he didn't get accepted into his first major choice or for the baseball team, we feared he will not be able to fulfill his dreams at UCSB.

We appreciate your help and wisdom in this area. You are the first UC counselor to suggest he accept his offer at the local Cal State campus where he can pursue both his dreams. When you said 'life is too short to walk away from your dreams at the age of 17', I wanted to hug you. Our son's notion that a UC is more prestigious than the CSU was affecting his judgment – but when you gently reminded him what he would have to give up if he attended your school you opened a new way of thinking in him. Thank you so much for being an advocate for our son's dreams regardless of your recruitment responsibilities at your own school.

Sincerely,

Greta and Carl