



SSA Newsletter F23 **Week 5**

Palestine Support Statement On Behalf of SSA UCD:

Dear UC Davis Community,

As we withhold and cherish the fundamentals of Sikhi pertaining to social equality and service to humanity, we write to express our unwavering solidarity with our Palestinian brothers and sisters in their own pursuit of justice and fight towards liberation.

The struggle to attain freedom to live and worship peacefully in your homeland, is a struggle not foreign to the Sikh community. It is within the understanding of this shared fight that we voice our support of the Palestinian people, and continue to advocate alongside the masses in hopes of seeing the day peace and security return to the land.

In health,
The Sikh Student Association at UC Davis

General Announcements

Upcoming Events for Fall '23: Socials, Kirtan Nights, Discussions, and inter-SSA collabs!

- **Week 1:** General Meeting and Recruitment (Sept. 28th, 8pm in Giedt 1002) Come out to meet the board, and hear about upcoming fall plans more in depth!
 - **Week 2:** first Social of the quarter!
 - **Week 3:** Involvement Fair, Vaddha/Chotta Recruitment, and our first Discussion Night!
 - **Week 4:** first Kirtan Night and Vaddha/Chotta Networking Night!
 - **Week 5:** SSA Dixon Corn Maze Social!
 - **Week 6:** Davis Creamery Social and Campus Lunch with SSA Social
 - **Week 7:** Discussion Night
 - **Week 8:** End of Quarter Collab w/ Punjabi Club
 - **Week 10:** End of Quarter Social!
- **Look forward to several more collabs with Sikh/Punjabi orgs on UC Davis campus this quarter: JMC, Punjabi Club, as well as other Nor-Cal campus orgs!**

Stay tuned and keep up with our instagram: [@ssaucd](#) for all finalized dates, times, and locations!

Before we get into our recent events, here are some updates to make note of: we have a whatsapp group chat dedicated to Kirtan at UC Davis (details about Kirtan Night, signing up to be a Kirtani, practicing your Kirtan skills, etc), and a group chat for Yuba City Nagar Kirtan Float planning (volunteers for float planning/making are welcome to join!) [Please reach out to our instagram: @ssaucd or our email: \[sikhstudentsassociation.ucd@gmail.com\]\(mailto:sikhstudentsassociation.ucd@gmail.com\) for more information on either!](#)

SSA Shirt Design Competition: whoever wins the competition for the best 2023-2024 school year SSA shirt design, will also get a FREE shirt! Here is the link to the competition form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd57kRSVxUgN_OKp1qy7S6iTOENC78_tonTgmYq7JX_HrNkcw/viewform

Here is a quick look at the events we have had so far this quarter: Kirtan Workshop, Involvement Fair Tabling, Discussion Night: Sikh Portrayal in Media, Vaddha/Chotta Networking Event, and our first Kirtan Night!

Kirtan Workshop: Tuesday, Oct. 10th; thank you to everyone who came out to practice and teach the basics of Kirtan!



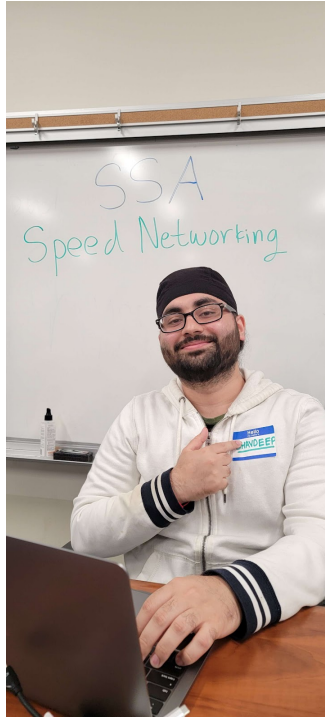
Involvement Fair Tabling: Wednesday, Oct. 11th; we had such a great turnout – thank you to everyone who stopped by to learn more about our org. and hear some beautiful instrumentals by our club members!



Discussion Night: Thursday, Oct. 12th; great conversation about the portrayal of Sikhi in the media, and how our characterization can be changed to better represent the values and foundation of Sikhi.



Vaddha/Chotta Networking Night: Wednesday, Oct. 18th; we had such a great time meeting all the Vaddha/Chotta pairs and getting to know each of you! Thank you especially to our littles for coming out – we hope to see you more often! [Note: we were busy talking to our pairs and forgot to take pictures – here is a pic of our Treasurer, Bhavdeep, helping us get the event started – sorry Phaji don't get mad]



Kirtan Night: Thursday, Oct. 19th; thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Kirtan Night of the quarter! A special appreciation note to all of our amazing performers (some not pictured here) - our Kirtan Nights are not possible without you!





We are currently working on getting more pictures from this event edited and finalized, so please keep an eye out on our instagram this week for more pictures of the sangat and our amazing performers!

That's all for this week! Thank you for reading up on our updates. We hope to see you at our future events, and we wish you all the best on your midterms!