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Re: UC Students' Double the Pell Week of Action

SACRAMENTO, CA - University of California Student Association (UCSA) will join student associations across the country for a press conference at 10am PST on Monday, February 22 to discuss their "Double the Pell" Campaign with which students hope to increase the maximum federal Pell Grant award. The press conference will kick-off the coalition's Double the Pell Week of Action and be followed by UCSA's Double the Pell Briefing on the Hill for congressional staffers on Tuesday, February 23 and a social media boost that will include a UCSA Instagram Live focused on the benefits of doubling the Pell on February 25.

The Double the Pell Week of Action is the culmination of a UC-wide effort to double the Pell Grant and make college attainable for all. More information about the campaign, as well as the University of California Advocacy Network (UCAN) #DoublePell petition can be found [here](#).

UCSA President Aidan Arasasingham, a senior at UCLA, issued the following statement on the nationwide coalition to double the Pell Grant:

"Doubling the Pell Grant has the potential to ease the student loan burden, help students with their basic needs, and expand financial aid across the UC. We're invested in this multi-year campaign with our partners both at UC and across the country, and look forward to calling on Congress to reinvest in students nationwide by doubling Pell."

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About UCSA: The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 285,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses. It is our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.