

# University of California Student Regents' Recruitment

Merhawi Tesfai, UC Student Regent  
Josiah Beharry, UC Student Regent-Designate

*“University of California, where dreams  
can soar, be a Student Regent, and  
open new doors!”*



# Presentation Outline

- Introduction to the UC Board of Regents
- Role of Student Regent and Student Regent-Designate
- StARs and Committee Observers
- Current Issues Facing the UC
- Questions



# Introduction to UC Board Regents

**Executive and Senior Vice Presidents**  
12

**Appointed by Governor**  
18

**Chancellors**  
10

**Officers of the Regents**  
4

**Regent-Designate**  
3

**Ex Officio**  
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# Merhawi Tesfai

## Student Regent

2nd Year PhD Student at UCLA  
Studying Social Welfare

Current: Academic & Student Affairs,  
Public Engagement

Topics of Interest: Diversity in  
Admissions, Transfer Support,  
Support for Underrepresented  
Students, Financial Aid, Housing



# Josiah Beharry: Student Regent-Designate

1st year Phd Student at UC Merced  
Interdisciplinary Humanities

Current: Academic & Student Affairs,  
Audit and Compliance, 50th Student  
Regent

Topics of Interest: Undocumented  
Students, Basic Needs, Student  
Access and Affordability, Black  
Student Retainment



# Student Regent: Roles & Responsibilities

One Regent is required to be a student. Steward for the university on behalf of all Californians.

Attend Regents' meetings, participate in advocacy, serve on university task forces, committees, and working groups.

Engage with key university stakeholders: students, staff, faculty, alumni, retirees, members of CA legislature, and U.S. Congress.



# Student Regent-Designate: Roles & Responsibilities

Serve as designate for one year. Designate does not have a vote, but can engage in all board and committee discussions.

Attend Regents' meetings, participate in advocacy, serve on university task forces, committees, and working groups, engage with key university stakeholders.

Support the goals and initiatives of the Student Regent.





# Board of Regents' Committees

Standing Committees of the Regents:



- Academic & Student Affairs
- Audit & Compliance
- Finance & Capital Strategies
- Governance



- Health Services
- Investments
- Public Engagement & Development
- National Laboratories



Special Committees:

- Nominations
- Athletics



# Issues Confronting the University of California

1. Tuition Affordability and State Disinvestment in Higher Education
2. Basic Needs: Housing Access and Food Security
3. Addressing Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault
4. Advocacy: State Government Relations & Federal Government Relations
5. Undocumented Student Support
6. Black Student Retention and Success
7. Access to Affordable and Accessible Health services



# Student Advocates to the Regents (StARs) & Committee Observers

- ☑ University of California Student Association & Graduate and Professional Council nominated positions.
- ☑ StARs attend Regents' meeting, speak in public comment, and can interact with Regents
- ☑ Committee Observers are appointed for one year term to testify at Regents' standing committees.



# Perks of being the UC Student Regent

Tuition and fees are covered

Travel

UC-wide parking pass (!)

Office space and operational budget

Most transformative experience of your life!

**AND A STIPEND!!!!**

# Who Should Apply?

Everyone!

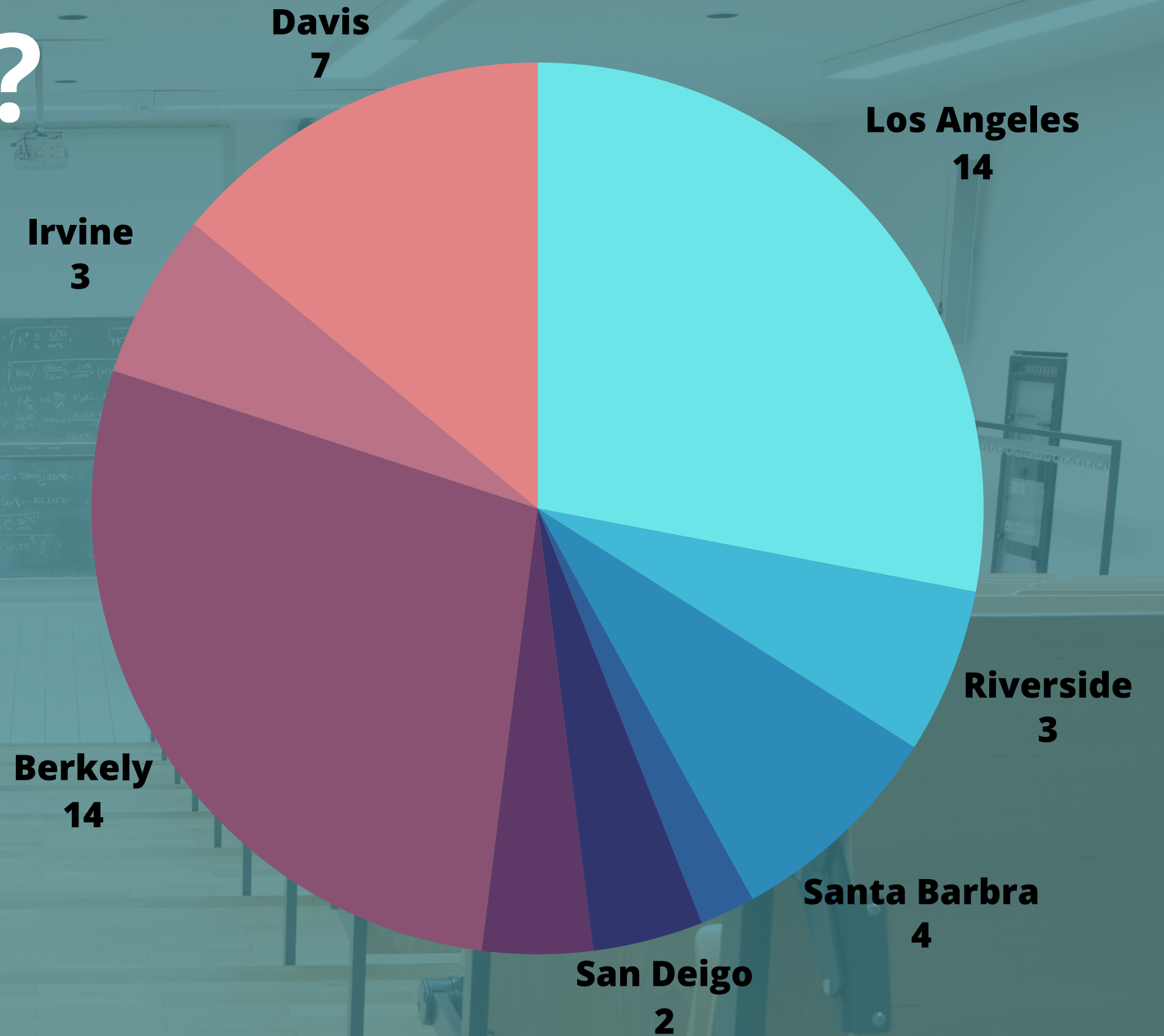
Carol Mock, first student regent  
Jamaal Muwwakkil, first transfer student.

Jacquelyn Ross, first Indigenous

Marlenee Blas Pedral, first 3 UC's

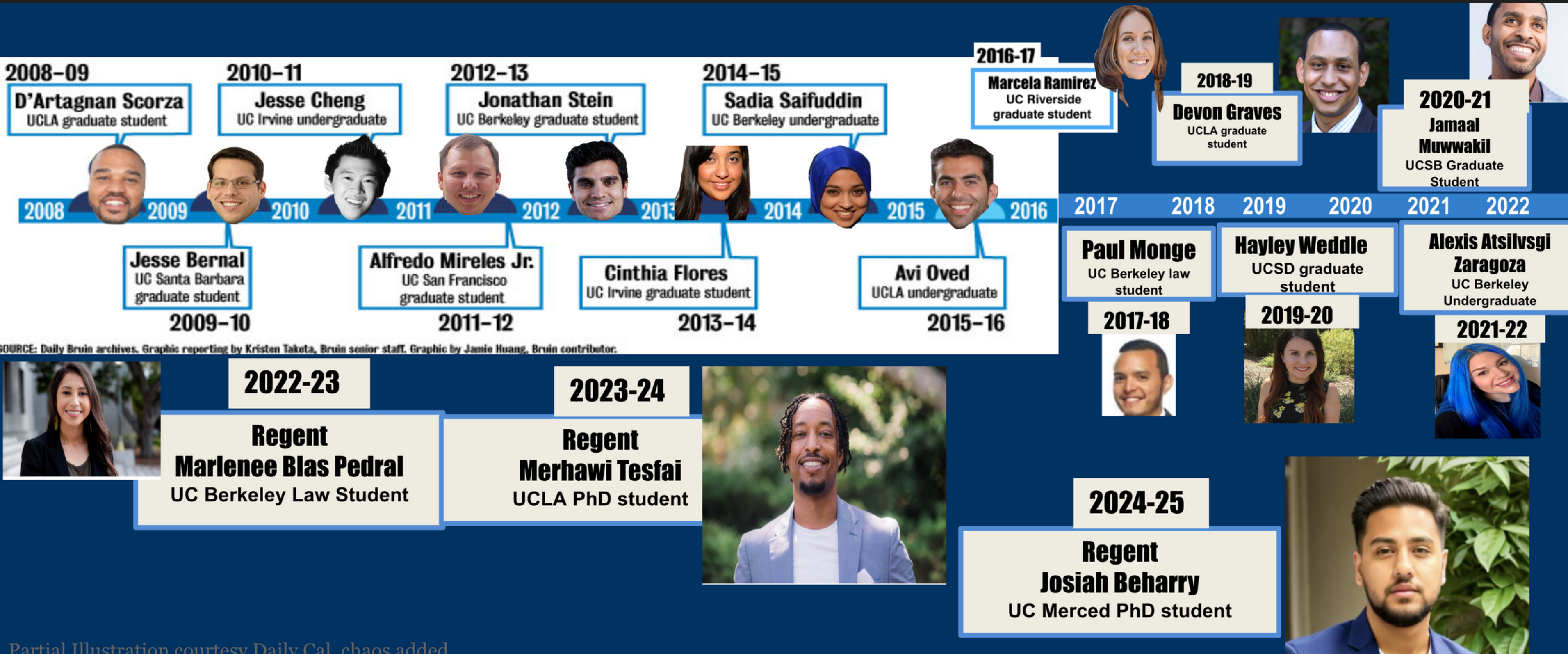
Merhawi Tesfai, first Parent

Josiah Beharry, first UC Merced and Undocumented



# The UC Student Regent

## 1975-present



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# UC Student Regent: Application Information



Due Date:

March 11, 2024

Application Process:

Application Form, Resume, Personal Statement, and References

Interview Process:

- 1) Student Body Presidents Paper Applications Reviewed (option to interview a subset of applicants)
- 2) University of California Student Association & Graduate Professional Council (interview 6-8 students)
- 3) UC Board of Regents Selection Committee (final interview)



Complete Application Ahead of Time: Due March 11,  
2024

Application Requirements:  
Form, Resume, Personal Statement, and List of  
References

Preparation:  
Research the Position, Contact Individuals, and Practice

**Application Tips**

# Questions? We'd love to hear from you!

- **Eligibility**
- **Time Commitment**
- **Serving in Multiple Positions (such as Student Government)**
- **Experience**

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