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# Guide to the Educational Opportunity Program records

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## Overview of the Collection

- Title:** Educational Opportunity Program records
- Dates:** 1969-1977, 1990-2008
- Creator:** University of San Diego
- Quantity:** 1 box, (1 linear foot)
- Summary:** These records document the functions of the Educational Opportunity Program at the University of San Diego. Among these materials are publication materials about the EOP, orientation information, correspondence from University administrators about the program, and newspaper clippings regarding minority students at USD.
- Identification:** USDA\_2010\_001
- Language:** English
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## Historical Note

The Educational Opportunity Program at the University of San Diego began in 1968 with the University's admittance of six students from marginalized backgrounds who did not meet general admission standards but gave evidence of strong motivation. The University of San Diego worked in conjunction with the Community Opportunities Program for Education (COPE), a San Diego County organization to foster educational opportunities for minority students, to admit these students and assist them with tutorial assistance and counseling services. In

1970, the Educational Opportunity Program was run by the Educational Development Center Director and two part-time co-directors who served both the College for Women and College for Men. In 1973, USD defined a "4% rule" in which "four percent of new freshman and transfer students each year may be students whose high school records show achievements less than that required of those regularly admitted." The EOP did provide funding to these incoming students in the 1970s but had dropped that portion of the program by the 1990s. The EOP assisted student through tutoring, advising, assistance with applying for financial aid, recruitment and orientation. Tutorial assistance for general education courses was a mandatory part of the program and students were required to have weekly meetings with their advisor during their first year on campus.

In 1996, 24 students were admitted the USD through the EOP. This number rose to 45 students in 2006. Between 1989 and 2006, 648 students had been admitted and 249 had graduated from USD. The program continued through 2011.

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### **Scope and Content Note**

The Educational Opportunity Program records document the functions of the EOP at the University of San Diego. Among these materials are information about students enrolled in the program, orientation information including a proposal for how the EOP orientation should operate, and correspondence from University administrators about the program. Publication materials denote general operations of the program. Also included are newspaper clippings related to USD minority students, and grant information for the James Irvine Foundation Grant which helped fund the program. These records are primarily those of Mike Austin, who served as the Director of the Educational Opportunity Program for many years.

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### **Arrangement**

These records are arranged in chronological order.

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### **Restrictions**

This collection is restricted. Please contact University Archives for research inquiries.

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## **Index Terms**

University of San Diego  
San Diego (Calif.)  
Affirmative action programs--California.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Preferred citation**

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### **Processing Information**

Initial processing of these records was conducted by Tessie Camina in 2010.  
Further processing was conducted by Ashley Toutain in 2017.

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