

Pittsburgh Antisemitism on Campus Today Conference



Two weeks ago, I traveled with seven UCSB students to Pittsburgh to attend the inaugural Antisemitism on Campus Today conference. Through this incredible opportunity, our students and I connected with over 300 students from around the U.S. and Canada and learned from renowned professionals on how to combat antisemitism on campus and beyond. In the spirit of Pittsburgh being known as the city of bridges, a thematic undertone of the conference, I look forward to working with our students to share what we have learned and effectively build bridges with the rest of Santa Barbara Hillel and the UCSB community.

-Ally Gerstley

Hear from our students:

"Antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiments are very real, especially on college campuses. It is up to us to fight them. We need to stand up and be heard. Protecting and preserving a proud Jewish identity starts with us, the students." - Ariel Berwald '23

"At the Pittsburgh trip, it was very inspiring to see Jewish heroes speak out against antisemitism. Seeing activists like Judah Samet, a Holocaust survivor who also survived the Tree of Life shooting, Prof. Deborah Lipstadt, and Dr. Rachel Fish was a poignant call to action for us as Jewish students on campus." - Leah Weissbuch '20

"Coming from an area where relatively few Jews live, this conference really showed me the power of community and common beliefs. I was amazed to see so many people from such diverse backgrounds all join and educate themselves on such important topics. I can only hope to take all that I've learned this weekend and apply it back home." - Ofek Sverdlov '20