FINAL PROJECT INSPIRATION PROPOSAL

Davis on a Dime application

As a 5th-year graduating this quarter, my familiarity with UC Davis and navigating the city itself as a struggling college student on a tight budget could be useful to future students.

For my final project, I would like to create an application called, Davis on a Dime, that allows students to share secrets anonymously on how to circumvent situations that may not require you to pay money, or at least the full-amount. There would be multiple forums that provide information on a variety of needs, like public vs. private transporation, cheap eats, retail shopping, etc.

Under the transportation tab, the app would list tips and tricks that any new student would be unaware of, like being able to park in carpool spots with a C permit past 9:30 a.m. or being able to park anywhere on campus after 10:00 p.m. during the academic year and after 5:00 p.m. during the summer months if you did not purchase a C permit.

For the food category, users can suggest and rank their favorite cheap meal options, whether they be something you buy as a take-out order or something you cook at home using a simple recipe. Users may also even go as far as to make suggestions on which grocery stores to buy certain products or produce items for the best deal and notify the community on special discount events within the immediate Davis area.

There are a multitude of ways we can help the future student community here at UC Davis by providing them the vital information they need to save as much as they earn and thrive, not survive. ■