SDSU wait-list students get admission
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More than 850 Imperial and San Diego county students on a waiting list for San Diego State University will have a chance to start school in the spring, announced the university Monday.

An additional 852 students will be admitted from the university’s spring wait list because of federal stimulus funds, according to a press release from the university. The university had previously announced $8.7 million in federal funding that would allow it to enroll about 1,700 new upper-division transfer students in spring 2011.

Based on new enrollment goals set Monday by the California State University Chancellor’s Office, SDSU will be able to admit all freshmen remaining on its wait list for the fall 2010 enrollment cycle, according to the press release. It was not known how many of those freshmen are from Imperial County.

“SDSU is pleased to offer admission to wait-listed local admission-area applicants who were previously not admitted due to state budget cuts,” SDSU President Stephen Weber said. “This is a unique situation using one-time stimulus funds from the federal government.”

Weber emphasized the need for a state budget that restores permanent enrollment funding so more qualified applicants can be admitted next fall, he said.

SDSU established a wait list for qualified local admission-area applicants for the first time in its history after unprecedented state budget cuts, according to the press release. The university’s local admissions area includes all high schools and community colleges in San Diego County south of State Route 56 and all of Imperial County.

This spring, 1,747 qualified local applicants were offered the chance to put their names on a wait list for enrollment this fall — if additional funds became available, according to the press release. Of those, 934 added their names to the wait list and 82 were admitted.

The students on the wait list will receive a letter next week inviting them to enroll in classes for the sprint semester.

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