**Spring 2016 Refunds**

The University encourages all students to sign up for eRefund (commonly known as Direct Deposit). It is safer and far more convenient than having a traditional paper check mailed to the student. Signing up for eRefund only takes about 2 minutes. Complete, step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for eRefund can be found on our website at [http://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc/e-refund-instructions](http://www.bfs.ucsb.edu/barc/e-refund-instructions).

Federal law prohibits UCSB from disbursing Financial Aid any sooner than 7 days prior to the start of classes. Students enrolled in eRefund should see their first **Spring 2016 refund** settle in their personal checking or savings account on **March 21, 2016**. Those students not enrolled in eRefund should expect receive a check sent to their Local Mailing Address (as listed in GOLD) no sooner than **March 31, 2016**.

After the first refund run described above, UCSB continues to run refunds twice per week for eRefund and once per week for checks throughout the balance of the quarter.