

UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association (Oct 2023)

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The UCSC Retirees Association (RA) Board meets bimonthly and in conjunction with the Retiree and Emeriti Center focuses on providing social and educational programs for all UCSC retirees as well as fund-raising for scholarships on behalf of veteran & staff pursuing a degree at UCSC. The RA Board publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Silver Slug Newsletter and maintains a website (<https://retirees.ucsc.edu/>). While we represent all retirees, our “official” membership currently stands at 352.

We are on track to normalizing our activities post-COVID, that is more and more in-person events. We continue to communicate with our members through on-line newsletters and direct e-mails.

Scholarships:

The Retirees Association continues to sponsor and fundraise for two scholarships, the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship for UCSC students who are Military Veterans and the "Silver Slug Award" for current and retired staff and their dependents studying at UCSC who need financial assistance.

Programs/Events (since Apr 2023 report)

- Scholarship Event (May 4, 2023) where the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarships for veterans and Silver Slug Awards for employees/dependents who are pursuing a degree at UCSC were presented.
- Campus Staff Appreciation Day* (May 11, 2023) where we staffed an info table informing current staff about our Association and recruited new Board members.
- Wilder Ranch Coastal Hike (May 30, 2023)
- “Welcome to Retirement” event* (June 29, 2023) new retirees were celebrated and welcomed--included remarks by the Chancellor.
- Author Book Talk (Leslie Karst, author and speaker) (June 27, 2023)
- Joint Emeriti/Retiree Annual Picnic (Sept 12, 2023)

*Signifies events Co-Sponsored with the Retiree & Emeriti Center (REC)