

UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association (April, 2024)

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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 350.

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 scholarship funds; 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 Oct, 2023 report)

- Annual Holiday Luncheon (December 6, 2023) featuring a catered lunch and Trivia Contest
- Board Social/Brainstorming Luncheon (January 16, 2024)
- Speaker Series scholarship recipients discussed his research (March 14, 2024) Pie was served in honor of Pi Day.
- Bridge-to-Retirement panel (retirees/emeriti talk about life after retirement) (March, 2024)*
- Coffee Meet-Ups/Social Series (Nov 16, 2023, Feb 20, 2024, Apr 17, 2024) an excuse to get-together and socialize.
- Pogonip (nature reserve) hike (April 24)

Scheduled:

- Scholarship Event (April 30, 2024)
- Campus Staff Appreciation Day Booth (May 9, 2024) where we staff an info table informing current staff about our Association and recruit new Board members.*
- Campus Wellness Fair booth (May 22, 2024)*
- “Welcome to Retirement” event* (June 25, 2024) new retirees are celebrated and welcomed--including remarks by the Chancellor. We continue to offer a free initial year membership to new retirees who attend the celebration.*

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