UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association (April, 2025)

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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 347.

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 online newsletters and direct e-mails.

Scholarships:

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

Programs/Events (since Oct, 2024 report)

- Annual Holiday Luncheon (December 12, 2024) featuring a catered lunch and Trivia Contest
- Silver Slugs Hike-East Glenwood Preserve (February 10, 2025)
- Bridge-to-Retirement panel (retirees/emeriti talk about life after retirement) (March 10, 2025)*
- Speaker's Series: Presentation about Climate Change (March 13, 2025)
- Coffee Meet-Ups/Social Series (Oct 18, 2024) an excuse to get-together and socialize.

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