

UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association (October, 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 354.

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.

Silver Slug Craft Group:

Established the Silver Slug Craft Group. The group meets 2x a month. Members are encouraged to bring their hand crafts or learn a new one.

Programs/Events (since April, 2025 report)

- Scholarship Event (April 22 2025)
- Staff Appreciation Picnic event (May 8, 2025)* Retiree & Emeriti Center and Retiree Association share a booth
- Defensible Space presentation (May 29, 2025)*
- Cotooni-Coast Dairies Hike (June 6, 2025)
- Raptor Rehab Center Tour (June 11, 2025)
- O'Neill Monterey Bay Cruise with the Emeriti Association (July 16, 2025)
- Retiree & Emeriti Group Seating @ Santa Cruz Shakespeare performance (August 13, 2025)
- Helping student Move-In (Sept 18-21, 2025)
- Westcliff Walk (Sept 30, 2025)
- Joint Emeriti/Retiree Annual Picnic (Sept 16, 2025) including a special invitation to recent retirees*
- Brewery Visit (Oct 8, 2025)
- Rancho del Oso Walk (Oct 13, 2025)

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