

# UC SANTA CRUZ Alumni COUNCIL

Dear Banana Slug,

UC Santa Cruz alumni understand the importance of making a difference in the world. Our time at UCSC prepared us to follow our passions, fight for a more just and equitable future, and contribute our gifts to the world. Without a doubt, **UCSC alumni are making a difference every day.**

From pioneer alumni to the class of 2021, we each have so much to contribute to ensure continued access, opportunity, and excellence at this exceptional university. **We welcome alumni** who want to contribute financially or dedicate their time and talents to support the success of our students, graduates, and the alumni network.

Today, I ask that you join me in supporting the UC Santa Cruz community. **Our campus needs us.** Recent graduates are trying to find their first jobs in an increasingly demanding market, while many mid-to-late career alumni are adapting to uncertain workplaces. Do you have [internships or job opportunities](#) to offer fellow Banana Slugs? Want to inspire others by sharing your story on our [alumni profiles](#)? There are so many great opportunities for alumni to give and to receive through [professional and career services](#), [alumni benefits and services](#), [affinity groups](#), [regional networks](#), [events](#), and connecting on [UCSC alumni social media channels](#).

One immediate way you can help is by making a gift to the [Alumni Association Scholarship Fund](#), which provides \$3,000 annual scholarships to students until they graduate. We have a goal of raising \$100,000 by June 30, 2022 in celebration of the scholarship's 30th anniversary – with the help of our alumni and friends. See the impact the [Alumni Association scholarship](#) is making.

We have [21 dedicated Alumni Councilors](#) who are volunteering their time to serve UCSC alumni and students—but we can't do it alone. It will take thousands of alumni to make the impact we want to see – with a network of 140,000 alumni, we have the power to achieve this. **Will you join us?** Email me at [alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu](mailto:alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu) so we can discover how and where you would like to get involved. You can also learn more about the Council's priorities for the coming years by taking a look at our [Strategic Work Plan](#).

**We are here for you.** How can we make the UCSC alumni community more relevant in your life? What would you like to gain from your alumni network? My door is always open; please email me your ideas and questions at [alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu](mailto:alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu).

Fiat Lux,



**Meredith Vivian Turner, President** UC Santa Cruz Alumni Association Rachel Carson College, '09, B.A. History *Once a Slug, always a Slug.*

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