

UC SANTA CRUZ

Alumni COUNCIL

Dear Fellow Banana Slug,

You are part of a powerful, supportive alumni network of over 140,000 UC Santa Cruz alumni. We all share the experience of receiving an amazing education and a unique college experience at UCSC that helped shape who we are today. From pioneer alumni to the Class of 2022, UC Santa Cruz graduates are making an impact, facing challenges, and living UCSC's principles of community and social justice across the globe. And when we come together to support each other and our alma mater, we change lives for the better.

All alumni are members of the alumni *network*. But only half of alumni are members of the *UCSC Alumni Association*. **Membership is free**; all we need is your current email address. Simply contact alumni@ucsc.edu to provide your current email.

Alumni can make all the difference in the life of other alumni and students. How? Share advice on a career panel, offer student internships and job opportunities to recent grads, or mentor students. You can join an interest group or a regional alumni group, offer advice to mid-to-late career alumni, and attend campus events. Connect with others on [UCSC alumni social media channels](#), share your story on [alumni profiles](#), or help select students to receive scholarships. Share your ideas with us and campus leaders on how we can make this an even more impactful organization and campus. As alumni, we can help ensure continued access, opportunity, and excellence for UCSC students. How do you want to get involved?

Alumni can also enjoy exclusive [UCSC benefits and services](#). There are many, but to name a few: UC library memberships, UCSC gym discounts, hotel and car rental discounts, travel opportunities, fun and educational events and entertainment - both virtual and in person. We also offer fascinating and cutting-edge stories, and communities built around affinities, interests, and locations. Let us know what you would like to gain from your alumni network and we'll do our best to match you with the right opportunity.

I chose to give back by joining the UCSC Alumni Council. We have [24 dedicated Alumni Councilors](#) volunteering their time to strengthen the UCSC alumni network and support our campus and its students. I've had the pleasure of serving on the Association's Alumni Council for nine years, and I can't emphasize enough what an incredible joy it is to work with this exceptional group of alumni leaders. Our mission – "To support the educational calling of UC Santa Cruz. To provide a means by which alumni may serve the university, its colleges, its students, and each other. To help guide the university into the future." – informs how we direct our time and energy. You can learn more about our work [here](#).

Your UCSC Alumni Association is here for you. Tell us how we can make the UCSC alumni community more relevant in your life. Email alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu.

Fiat Lux,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Madrid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John Madrid, President
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