



The Silver Slug

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Tuesday May 10, 2022 11:30am – 1:00pm

Annual Scholarship Event

Virtual on ZOOM

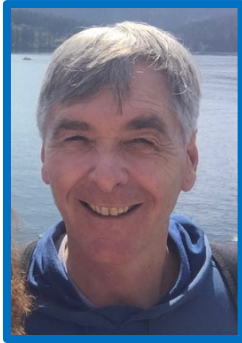
Registration is required. To register, please use this link:

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A ZOOM link will be e-mailed to you the day before the event.

Please join us as we honor the 2022 recipients of the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarships for UCSC Students who are military veterans, and the Silver Slug Award Scholarship for UCSC Staff and their dependents who are attending UCSC. You will hear from some of these amazing student recipients and also from UCSC Chancellor Cynthia Larive. This will be a virtual event, so if you have not used Zoom before and would like some help, the UCSC Retiree and Emeriti Center website has a Virtual Resources page. There is a section called “Tips For Using Zoom” and also other online information. Here is the link to that page: <https://rec.ucsc.edu/retiree-life/virtual-resources.html>.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



President's Message April 2022

Hi Retirees,

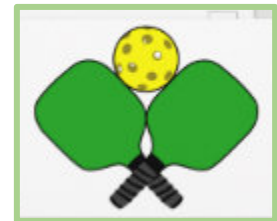
Spring has surely sprung. We have April showers and blooming flowers. People are shedding masks and starting to mingle. Since COVID hospitalizations are down, the Retirees Association is starting to plan activities in person! We will start with a few outdoor events with a small number of people and see how it goes.

- **Younger Lagoon Tours:**

Monday May 16 and Tuesday May 17. More information on page 8.

- **Pickleball Lessons:**

We are in discussions with the Santa Cruz Pickleball Club to schedule a group pickleball lesson. Look for more information in an e-mail and also on our website.



RASC Discussion:

We have a great opportunity to have a discussion with Michelle Estes, the Manager of Client Relations at RASC (That is the Retirement Administration Service Center for the uninitiated). Please join us on a ZOOM meeting May 24 at 11:00am. More information on page 8.

In Board business, Karalee Richter has resigned from the Retirees Association Board. We will miss Karalee, but she has promised to continue to make beautiful textile crafts to sell at our events and raise funds for our Silver Slug Award scholarship. We thank Karalee for her Board service. If anyone is curious about serving on the board, let me know. (wcparro@ucsc.edu) We are planning a Board Social soon if you would like to join us and learn what it is all about.

Many thanks to Robin Ove for the fascinating Speakers Event on photography. Robin revealed the process behind the art of making truly beautiful photographs. She also shared her history as a photographer coinciding with the evolution of photo technology. If you joined us, I am sure that you agree that it was a great talk.

Please check out the updates to our website at retirees.ucsc.edu. Thanks to Christy Dawley and Cori Houston, our information is more up to date and it is simplified and easy to navigate. One new section that is still in the works is the Volunteer Connection. I need more organizations to include for our members to connect with. If you are volunteering for an organization that we could help promote for new volunteers, let me know (wcparro@ucsc.edu)

Enjoy the Spring and please join in with some of our activities.

Bill Parro
President, UCSC Retirees Association

Christy's Corner - News from the Retiree and Emeriti Center

Christy Dawley Coordinator, UC Santa Cruz Retiree and Emeriti Center (831)502-8202 rec@ucsc.edu

2022 cost-of-living adjustments for UCRP benefit recipients

University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) and UC-PERS Plus 5 Plan benefit recipients, including those receiving survivor and UCRP disability income, will receive a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective July 1, 2022. The increase will appear in checks paid on August 1.

For more information including rates and how the COLA is calculated visit:

<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2022/03/2022-cost-of-living-adjustments-announced.html>

Extended credit monitoring and identity theft protection for UC members affected by 2021 Accellion incident

As a service to the University of California community, UC is extending the duration of the free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services offered by UC following the 2021 Accellion data breach incident. Following last year's incident, UC offered UC community members one year of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection through Experian. UC is now extending the free service for an additional two years, at no cost. Those already enrolled with Experian do not need to take any action – they will automatically receive the free two-year extension on the one-year anniversary of their initial enrollment.

For more information or to review the FAQ's visit: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2022/03/uc-extends-credit-monitoring-and-identity-theft-protection-for-uc-members-affected-by-2021-accellion-incident.html>



McIvor's Corner – News from the UCSC Benefits Office

Marianne McIvor, Health Care Facilitator (she/her)

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Working remotely per shelter in place requirements

There's news to share, but first I want to take a moment to acknowledge the heartbreaking loss of human life and displacement in Ukraine since the invasion by Russian forces. I share with many the hope that a resolution brings the return of peace and respect for humanity.

Reports of Misleading Outreach - UC retirees and employees have recently reported unauthorized and misleading financial adviser solicitations. These messages, delivered through emails, invitations, and cold calls, often purport to help with retirement planning. Most are intentionally misleading and suggest that UC is endorsing their services. It's easy to confuse these unauthorized advisers with UC-contracted financial planning services. To be clear, UC contracts exclusively with Fidelity Investments for all financial education and guidance services through a dedicated team that is well-versed in UC retirement benefits and can meet UC members onsite or over the phone. Anyone interested in having a one-on-one consultation with a UC-dedicated workplace financial consultant can call 800-558-9182 or make an appointment at: getguidance.fidelity.com/universityofcalifornia. If you prefer to consult an outside investment adviser, it's important to do your research. Always ask for and carefully read the adviser's "Form ADV", which registered investment advisers (RIA) must complete to register and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and/or state securities regulators. The Form ADV reports each RIA's professional background, including business, ownership, clients, employees, business practices, affiliations, current registrations, employment history, and disclosures about certain disciplinary events involving the individual. Find additional screening tools at: <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2022/03/be-careful-about-financial-adviser-solicitations.html>.

In other news, as Christy mentioned above, UC is extending the duration of the free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services offered by UC following the 2021 Accellion data breach incident. I would like to add a friendly reminder - It's always a good practice to use caution with your sensitive information. For example, I do not generally need your SSN to help you; I generally need just your first and last name. Though my @ucsc.edu e-mail it is protected by multi-factor authentication, your messages to me are not encrypted. Accordingly, it is a best practice to leave your SSN out of e-mails.

Membership News

Welcome New Members

Robert deFreitas - University Relations

In Memoriam

*Word of the deaths of the following UCSC staff and faculty has been received.
Condolences are extended to their families, friends and colleagues*

Paul Niebanck ◆ John Hurst ◆ William Matthews

Retirees Association Scholarship Committee Report

Many, many thanks go to my scholarship committee members: Sharon Dirnberger, Sally Lester, Corinne Miller, Nancy Pascal, Mary Wells, and Daniel Young for all their good work in choosing the 2022 scholarship recipients. Also, I can't thank Christy Dawley enough for all her work in organizing the ZOOM scholarship committee meeting and also Sally Lester for all her assistance in obtaining information regarding the military veteran students. Matt Enders, the UCSC staff coordinator for the military veteran students, was extremely helpful during the year in giving me progress information.

The twelve students chosen to receive \$1,000 military veteran student scholarships were Angelica Babinski (Neuroscience); Donovan Baker (Neuroscience); Andrei Deo Lorenzo Bato (Computer Science); Marco Carmona (PhD Computer Engineering); Austin Kirby (Cognitive Science); Nicholas Kuipers (Computer Engineering); Tyler Lockwood (Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology); Thomas Brooks McCall (Electrical Engineering); Daniel Palance (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology); Paula Rodriguez Alvarez (Human Bio); Kevin Stanford (Physics); and Brendan Schierloh (Computer Science).

In addition to the military veteran scholarships, three students were chosen to receive Silver Slug

Award scholarships: DeShonne Keller (Critical Race and Ethnic Studies); Grace Silva (Psychology); and Jeffrey Weekley (Computational Media PhD Program).

At the meeting, it was decided that even though there is a limit of three years for Bruce Lane scholarships to be awarded to military veteran students, when graduate students had received three awards as undergraduates, they would still be allowed more years of funding during graduate school. Thank you to Nancy Pascal for writing up this change and submitting it to the scholarship committee members after the meeting. Good job!

As of the end of February the Silver Slug Award Endowment totaled \$63,198.08, the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Endowment totaled \$212,045.59, and the UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship Current Year Fund totaled \$3,841.50.

I want to thank Corinne Miller for the 23 attractive pots, mugs, etc. that she collected and gave me for the succulent arrangements I sell for the military veteran students. What a help!

Please be careful and be safe until the virus is under control. I know several people who either have the virus or have it in their family.

Maxine Lane
Scholarship Chairperson

Silver Slug Award – 2022 recipients



Grace Silva

I am currently a Transfer Junior, majoring in General Psychology. After graduation I plan to pursue a PsyD in Clinical Psychology with a focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences. I hope to work in schools to educate teachers and other role models how to identify trauma and stress responses, so kids who struggle in school as a result are not left behind. With this scholarship, I plan to supplement living costs while working an unpaid internship over the summer. I am so grateful and thankful for being chosen for this award.

DeShonne Keller

I have worked as Professional Staff since 2012. I worked as the College Assistant at Kresge College, and as of April 11th, I will have been with STARS-Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students for two years as the Administrative Specialist. I am a current 2nd year Transfer Student, and my major is CRES-Critical Race & Ethnic Studies. My goal after graduation is to apply for a Program Coordinator position on campus, specifically within departments that support students of color and non-traditional students. I plan to use this award to cover the balance of tuition for the Spring quarter.



Jeffrey Weekly

I am currently a 3rd year PhD student in Computational Media in the School of Engineering. My studies focus on improving science communication and scientific visualization through story and games. After graduation, I plan to continue to pursue research in this area as a research scientist and work at UCSC in Research IT. The award will help me pay my tuition and other expenses related to my studies, especially textbooks and building my professional library.

UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship – 2022 Recipients



Andrei Deo Lorenzo Bato

I am a Junior majoring in computer science. In the future I aspire to be a software engineer in the field of robotics and autonomous systems. I plan to use this award to take extra courses within the field of robotics. I am also a Construction Mechanic, 2nd Class in the United States Navy.

Tyler Lockwood

I am a senior, majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. My short-term goals are to finish my Bachelor's degree and gain some experience in a research laboratory. Long-term goals are to get into and attend medical school, and eventually return to the military as a physician. I plan to use this award for current expenses at UCSC, and preparation materials for the MCAT and the med school application process. My branch of service is Army, where I served as a Combat Medic for 4 years.



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UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship (cont.)



Angelica Babinski

I am in the Army National guard as a medic and spent two years on active duty orders. My job was to assist incoming traumas in the ER, float to medical surgical wings, and perform sick call and medical transport in the field. I am a 2nd year re-entry student majoring in neuroscience. Once I finish my bachelor's degree I want to pursue a medical degree and work for Doctors Without Borders or as an officer. I plan to use this scholarship to pay for rent and books that aren't covered by financial aid.



Brendan Schierloh

I am a USMC veteran, where I worked with avionics on attack helicopters for HMLA-269. I'm a senior transfer student (Las Positas College, Livermore CA) and my major is Computer Science. My future goals are to graduate in the Fall 2022 and start a career at the Federal Reserve Bank of SF, where I interned previously. My plan for the award is to cover living expenses during times when traditional financial aid isn't available, such as winter and summer breaks.



Donovan Baker

I served in the Marine Corps as an aviation logistics specialist (6672) for 4 years. I am a junior majoring in neuroscience and planning to go to medical school. My goal is to attend medical school in CA which is away from my family. The Bruce Lane Scholarship helps afford me more time and chances to be with my family before they leave the Bay Area and to see my nephew.



Austin Kirby

I'm currently seeking a major in Cognitive Science. I transferred here from South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, WA, where I received my associates in pre-nursing but by that point had already found an addiction to brain science. I have a serious interest in anything related to cognitive science and a good work ethic that I picked up from the Marine Corps. I was an administrative specialist, also known as a Remington Raider by my father-in-law who was a Marine in the 80s. I'm grateful for the military because it is giving me this life changing experience at UCSC.

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UCSC Retirees Association Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship (cont.)



Kevin Sanford

I am a navy veteran that worked as an electrician on ship-based nuclear power plants while enlisted. I am now a Senior majoring in physics and graduating in June. My goals for the near future are to finish my degree and begin a career at a national laboratory. This award will help me pay rent during my transition from academia to industry.



Dan Palance

I am a veteran with 8 years of service with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's Commissioned Officer Corps and a current PhD student in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. My future goals are to become a marine ecologist and work for the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration in a civilian capacity. I plan to use this award to help fund materials for my research on elephant seal and whale foraging in the California Current Ecosystem.



Marco Carmona

I am a PhD candidate graduate student in Computer Engineering. My future goals are to get a job and then complete my PhD. My plan for the award is to help pay for rent and costs related to conference publications. I served in the U.S. Army National Guard and my main job duty was being an electronic warfare officer.



Nick Kuipers

I am currently a junior undergrad majoring in Electrical Engineering. Worthy of note: I am currently working with the HARE robotics lab on campus designing a position-locating network for unmanned vehicles. My future goals align closely with this in research and design of wireless communication infrastructure with autonomous vehicles/drones in mind. I've envisioned becoming a contractor with the US DoD and remaining affiliated with the military in some form after my education. I plan to utilize my award to cover costs that will arise in the upcoming academic year, and it will be an enormous help in allowing me to spend more time focusing on my work and education. I served in the Marines from 2015-2019 as a Field Radio Operator, where my duties involved design and construction of ground radio networks in a variety of challenging environments. For two years I was attached to 9th Communication Battalion, a garrison unit, and spent a great deal of time in training cycles. In 2018 - 2019, however, I was attached to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, where I deployed as part of a naval group for 10 months to patrol the western Pacific, northern Africa, and the Middle East.

Paula Rodriguez Alvarez and Thomas Brooks McCall

photos and bios were not available at the time the Silver Slug went to press.



Slugs on the Go!

UCSC retirees find ways to be of service, stay active, and learn new things.

*If you have photos or stories to share,
please submit to ucscsilverslug@gmail.com*

Upcoming Events

UCSC Younger Lagoon Reserve



- Walking Tour #1
Mon. May 16, 10 – 11:30am
- Walking Tour #2
Tue. May 17, 10- 11:30am

This is the same tour offered two separate times. Both will be led by Beth Howard, Director of the Younger Lagoon Reserve and 2019 Silver Slug Award Scholarship recipient. The lagoon is located on the West Side of Santa Cruz adjacent to the Seymour Marine Discovery Center. It is part of the University of California Natural Reserve System. An e-mail will be sent out with registration information.

RASC Discussion – a virtual ZOOM event

- Mon. May 24th, 11:00am

An interactive event with Michelle Estes, the Manager of Client Relations at the UC Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC). She will cover a variety of topics including an update on retirement processing and improvements on services for survivors. An e-mail will be sent out with registration information.

Things we've been doing

Mostly Mokuhanga

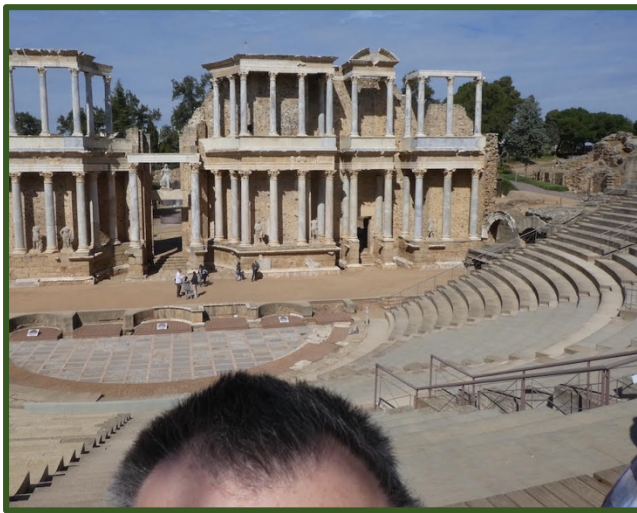
UCSC retiree and RA Board member Frank Trueba recently had a show of his mokuhanga prints at the Tannery Arts Center in Santa Cruz. His studio is located there as part of printmaking co-op called Printmakers at the Tannery (PAT). Here is what he says about his work:



“The bulk of my artistic interest and work is in printmaking, mostly serigraphy and woodblock printing, although I have dabbled with etching, collagraphy, polymer plate printing and bookbinding. I find myself drawn to the printing arts for a variety of reasons. Printing, as a medium, satisfies my analytical side with its adherence to technical requirements (carving the blocks in reverse, creating the separations for silkscreens, etc.). Yet, at the same time, it satisfies my artistic
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side with its flexibility in design and experimentation with color variations. Additionally, the reproductive nature of printmaking allows me to share original works with many people at the same time.”

A native New Yorker, Frank has lived on the West Coast for over four decades and in Santa Cruz County for over 25 years. He is a founding member of the printmaking co-op Printmakers at the Tannery (PATT) and a member of the California Society of Printmakers (CSP). He currently lives in Felton and has a thing about ginkgo leaves. We are hoping to convince him to offer a mokuhanga workshop for retirees in the near future!



On a trip offered by UC Retiree Travel, Frank Trueba visited the Merida Theater & Amphitheater in Spain. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and as you can see, not too crowded right now! If you're considering travelling again, check out what UC Travels has scheduled for the rest of the 2022 and into 2023:

<http://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/>



*Tulips blooming at Filoli Gardens in Woodside, CA
(photos by Cori Houston on April 10)*