

## Retirees Association Holiday Gathering

### Message from the President

We hope you will join us on December 12 for the Holiday Gathering with members of the Retirees Association and Emeriti Association! Be sure to [register soon](#) as space is filling up!

Recently, the Retirees Association and Emeriti Association had the honor of hosting a conference with the Council of UC Retirees Association (CUCRA) and the Council of UC Emeriti Association (CUCEA) at UC Santa Cruz. The conference, which meets twice a year to discuss and address retirement benefits and services, included managers from UCOP, RASC, and retired delegates from each of the UC campuses and labs. An enormous thanks to everyone who participated and helped make the conference a success!



Sincerely,

Bill Parro  
Retirees Association President



## Retirees Association Holiday Gathering

Thursday, December 12, 2024

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church, 250 California St., Santa Cruz

Cost: \$25 per person (payment upon registration is required)

Registration Deadline: December 4, 2024

**Register online at:**

<https://events.ucsc.edu/en/8c5uR8G7/retirees-association-holiday-gathering-4a4h8cMh2W/overview>



## Silver Slug Crafty Sales

Patt Takeuchi

The Silver Slug craft sales will be at the holiday event once again! New items plus some of your favorites are back. All sales, including labor and supplies, are donated with 100% of sales going directly into the scholarship. We are counting on brisk sales to support our staff pursuing their education at UCSC.

## SLUGS ON THE GO



### Premier World Discovery Trip Preview with UC Retiree Travel

Friday, December 6, 10 a.m. via Zoom

Register for the [webinar](#)



Are you looking for shorter trips closer to California? Travel with us to Cuba in October where we will unpack just once and stay in Havana to explore the city and surrounding countryside. Or consider celebrating the 2025 Christmas season in style while staying in the gorgeous Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria and the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Canada. We'll visit Christmas markets, Butchart Gardens, and much more. Learn about these and other travel options during this

informative webinar. Joan Thornton from Premier World Travel will review the trip itineraries and answer questions. Questions? Contact Frank Trueba ([ftrueba@ucsc.edu](mailto:ftrueba@ucsc.edu))

UC Retirees Travel <https://cucra.ucsd.edu/travel/>

## SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS



### Championing Veteran Students: Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship helps veterans succeed at UC Santa Cruz

Tara Fatemi Walker

UC Santa Cruz welcomes military veterans as students. There are lots of resources to help make the transition easier: a [Veteran Benefits Services Office](#), a [UCSC VETS program](#), and awards such as the [Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship](#).



Nick Kuipers (Cowell '24 electrical engineering) (M.A. '26, electrical engineering) and Sammy Tesfai ('23, computer engineering) (M.A. '24, computer engineering) are two of several Bruce Lane Scholarship recipients this year. Currently graduate students, both Kuipers and Tesfai studied at UCSC as undergrads as well. They demonstrate how hard work and utilizing available resources can result in academic success.

Read more:

<https://news.ucsc.edu/2024/11/bruce-lane-scholarship.html>



### Thanks for supporting UC Santa Cruz students through the Retirees Association Scholarships on Giving Day!

Thanks to the generous support of our campus community, we raised nearly \$5,000 for the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship, supporting military veterans, and the Silver Slug Award, benefiting UCSC staff and their dependents pursuing degrees at the university. We are deeply grateful for your help!

## NEWS AND INFORMATION



### Helpful reminder: Review copays and Rx fees

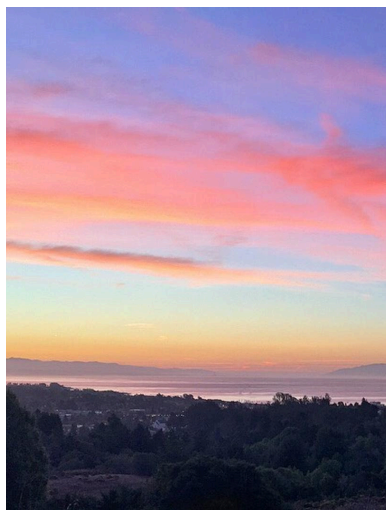
Marianne McIvor, UC Santa Cruz Health Care Facilitator

Some cost-sharing amounts are increasing in 2025. For example, the copay for office visits is changing in 2025 from \$20 to \$30 for UC Blue & Gold HMO, Kaiser HMO, UC Care (tier 1), Kaiser Senior Advantage and UC Medicare Choice (United Healthcare). Prescription drug copays in 2025 are increasing incrementally, too.

Find the specifics for your medical plan changes at: [UC Medical plans for retirees page on UCNet](#). You may also watch informational videos at the UC Santa Cruz Benefits Office [Open Enrollment page](#).

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## IN MEMORIAM



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

- Barbara Davis, Academic Coordinator
  - Conn Hallinan, Associate College Provost
  - Cynthia Plasman, Senior Administrative Analyst
  - Mary-Kay Gamel, Research Professor of Classics, Comparative Literature, and Theater Arts
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