Banana Slug Spring Fair reunion weekend, April 28–29

Join us for reunions, receptions, lectures, and more on Saturday, April 28, at Banana Slug Spring Fair. For up-to-the-minute information and to RSVP, call the Alumni Association at (800) 933-SLUG or check the web, alumni.ucsc.edu.

The 17th Annual UCSC Alumni Vintners Wine Tasting, Wines, gourmet hors d’oeuvres, and live music—all by alumni.

- All-Alumni Reunion Luncheon, reconnects old friends and faculty; recognizes ’67, ’72, ’77, ’82, ’87, ’92, ’97, and ’02 grads.
- Distinguished Faculty Lecture: “Challenges in the Development of an AIDS Vaccine,” presented by Phillip Berman, chair of biomedical engineering, with responses Cheryl Scott (Oakes ’74), U.S. Public Health Service captain, and UCSC Foundation Vice President Gordon Ringold (Crown ’72), chairman and CEO of Avista.
- Dinner for UCSC’s Summer Bridge Program alumni, staff, and faculty
- Crown College 40th Anniversary, with a keynote talk by U.S. Public Health Service captain Cheryl Scott (Oakes ’74), followed by a reception at the provost’s house and free dinner at the dining hall.
- Oakes College 35th Anniversary Celebration, with founding provost J. Herman Blake and other key faculty
- Classics at Cowell
- Provost’s receptions at every college
- School of Engineering 10th Anniversary: robot demos, student projects, dean’s reception, alumni achievement awards, and tours, including the new Game Design Lab
- Class of 1972 Celebration
- Departmental reunions for education, psychology, and all sciences
- Opera-To-Go: student arts performances
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Connect at the alumni Online Community

With campus reunions coming up in April, now is a great time to look up old friends and classmates in the UCSC alumni Online Community. Invite your favorite Banana Slugs to join you at the reunions described at left.

To help you make connections quickly and informally in cyberspace, the site has e-mail addresses for almost 30,000 UCSC alumni. Search by name, college, year, or major, or by city, state, or any keyword.

The Online Community also allows you to RSVP for reunions, regional, and other events; post a “class note” with your latest news; make career connections; get campus updates; read profiles of alumni; and more. Check it out today. alumni.ucsc.edu

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Berkeley to Boston, alumni reconnect

In Berkeley not too long ago, about 30 people of all ages, backgrounds, and professions—most of them strangers to each other—showed up at a popular pub to imbibe, chat, and swap business cards. After refreshments and conversation, there was a giveaway of decals, key chains, and an especially sought-after T-shirt. Satisfied guests proposed ideas for their next meeting. One suggested informal social networking, another proposed a program about hypnosis. “How about an evening of hypnosis, followed by networking?” one participant suggested with a wink. Another proposed a program about hypnosis. “How about evening of hypnosis, followed by networking?” one participant suggested with a wink. The group’s common bond is “not just nostalgia,” says Eion Lys (Merrill ’93), an office manager at an electronic press in the San Francisco Bay Area. “It’s being part of a community of people who remember walking among the weird, trudging up the hill, and the unique collegiate academic environment at UCSC. It’s bringing all that we experienced into the real world and showing our continuing connection to the campus.” Lys’s gathering was one of about 50 such events each year that are organized by alumni volunteers with support from the UCSC Alumni Association. Volunteers recently organized a Boston-area museum tour, a San Diego faculty lecture, and a Los Angeles showing of films made by UCSC alumni, to name just a few. Some programs are just for graduates and their guests. Others bring alumni together with parents of current students, donors, and other campus friends. Events are now being planned for cities throughout California and the nation.

To find out more, check View the full list of benefits and join online at: alumni.ucsc.edu

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- Group savings on insurance and travel
- Banana Slug Bulletin membership newsletter

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