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Make plans now to attend your reunion



Religious studies professor emeritus Noel King reconnects with his former student Renee De Palma (Stevenson '88, now a documentary filmmaker in southern California) at the All-Alumni Reunion Luncheon. Banana Slug Spring Fair 2005 offered alumni 37 events, which drew more than 2,500 attendees.

Plans are under way for reunions, other activities at Banana Slug Spring Fair weekend on April 22–23

Events will include the following:

- ▶ **All-Alumni Reunion Luncheon**, bringing together long-lost alumni friends and reconnecting faculty with their former students. Special recognition will be given to the classes of '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, and '01.
- ▶ **Alumni Vintners Wine Tasting**.
- ▶ **Panel discussion** featuring fascinating graduates from the class of '76.
- ▶ **Distinguished Faculty Lecture**.
- ▶ **Reunions** for affinity groups, academic departments, college-based groups, and others.

The Alumni Association's popular annual Alumni Vintners Wine Tasting will take place Saturday afternoon. The event, which in the past has always been held during the summer, has historically attracted hundreds of loyal alumni, faculty, and other wine lovers from Santa Cruz and the Bay Area; now, it's easier for all alumni to participate while they're on campus for their reunions.

Participating 2006 vintners are still tentative, but in prior years they included such wineries as Saintsbury, Bonny Doon Vineyard, Morgan Winery, and Barefoot Cellars.

Other reunion weekend events will include a special session with UCSC Admissions Office staff for alumni parents whose children are interested in attending UCSC; the "Cowell Press Wayzgoose," a

gathering of alumni and friends of the Cowell Press; and a reunion of alumni who, in the early '80s, were involved with TWANAS (Third World and Native American Students) Press. The Alumni Association's web page has the latest information about all Banana Slug Spring Fair programs. Your reunion ideas are welcome via e-mail. See alumni.ucsc.edu.

Last year, generous alumni celebrating five- through 35-year reunions donated over \$300,000 to support scholarships and programs at UCSC. Reunions are a great time for alumni to reconnect with the campus in many ways, including financial support. To make your reunion gift online, go to giveto.ucsc.edu or contact Jennifer Wood, director of development, Annual Fund and Colleges, at (831) 459-2489.

Old friends reconnect after 30 years

YURI SASAKI WOO LEFT behind her family and home state of Hawaii when she enrolled at UCSC in 1972.

Laura Garcia Sobrino grew up not 15 miles from campus, but she too was living away from family for the first time when she became Woo's neighbor across the hall.

They grew up thousands of miles apart, but once they met, the two became fast friends.

"We'd never experienced anything like dorm life" remembered Sobrino, "and we were both minorities at College Five (later renamed Porter). There weren't many of us."

"We always hung out together in the dining hall, playing ping-pong" said Woo. "It was a great time."



Over the years Woo and Sobrino lost touch but always wondered what path the other had taken. Recently, Woo decided to look up her old friend using the UCSC alumni Online Community. "Just wondering if you're 'Laurasaurus' Garcia," she wrote. "If so, please write back. It's me, Yuri, from College Five days!"

Since then, the two are planning a visit and catching up via long e-mails. Woo now works at Stanford University; Sobrino, a pioneer female mariachi performer, was inducted into the Mariachi Hall of Fame last year.

The UCSC alumni Online Community makes it easy to reconnect with old friends. It contains nearly 52,000 alumni records, more than half of which list an e-mail address. To find your old friends, and to post your e-mail address so they can find you, go to the UCSC Alumni Association's Online Directory, alumni.ucsc.edu.



2004–05 Alumni Association College Service Award Winners
BACK ROW, L–R: Lindsay Osborne (Porter), James Patrick Scott (Kresge), Rosa Contreras (College Ten), Valerie Guerrero (Oakes), and Jennifer Lawrence (Crown); FRONT ROW: Olivia Villanueva (Cowell), Amanda Elliott (Stevenson), and William Welcher (College Nine). Not shown are Ryan Francis (College Eight) and Martin Smith (Merrill). In addition, the association supported 43 financially needy students, providing qualified undergraduates with a record high of \$99,500 in 2004–05. To make a donation to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund for students with financial need, go to giveto.ucsc.edu.

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Alumni are invited to participate in UC Day

ALUMNI WHO LIKE to shape the news, not just read about it, are invited to participate in UC Day on Tuesday, February 7, in Sacramento. UC Day brings together all nine UC alumni associations to discuss issues of concern to the university with members of the legislature. It is the only time when the UC systemwide "family" gathers in one place to acknowledge UC's contributions to the state.

Alumni participants hear from some of the newsmakers themselves, including UC President Robert C. Dynes. They meet senators and assemblymembers and, during a special reception, participate in honoring outstanding legislators who have helped shape the future of higher education in California. The day ends with an all-UC reception and campus-hosted dinners.

Whether providing a world-class education for high-achieving students, generating economic growth



Among the participants at UC Day 2005 were (l-r) Assemblymember John Laird (Stevenson '72), Chancellor Denice D. Denton, and Gary Novack (Kresge '73), former alumni member of the UC Regents.

and new jobs through research innovations, or working to improve California's health care and quality of life, UC's impact is felt statewide. Budget cuts have threatened the future of the university. Alumni, with their firsthand UC experience, can share a special perspective with elected officials about adequate levels of higher education funding.

To participate or find out more about UC Day, contact the UCSC Alumni Association. For information about advocating for UC, go to UCforCalifornia.org.

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- ▶ Enrich college life.
- ▶ Bring the voice of alumni to campus.
- ▶ Reconnect with your alma mater.

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