The 16th Annual UCSC Alumni Vintners Wine-Tasting Taking place during reunion weekend, this delectable event will showcase select wines, gourmet food, and music by talented alumni.

The Alumni Panel Discussion will feature Emmy Award-winning writers, an expert on nuclear strategy and nonproliferation, and an acclaimed science writer discussing how UCSC changed them and how they are changing the world (see article, page 7).

Alumni Reunion Luncheon will feature classmates and favorite professors; special recognition will be given to ’71, ’76, ’81, ’86, ’91, ’96, and ’99 graduates.


Distinguished Faculty Lecture “Financial Crises Around the World,” by Michael Hutchison (Merrill ’76, economics), UCSC professor of economics and interim dean of the Social Sciences Division.

Stevenson College 40th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner with provosts (past and present), faculty, current students, and alumni for discussion, socializing, and more.

Reception for alumni writers—poets, fiction writers, journalists, screenwriters, and other past and present members of the pen.

Humanities Division “Classes Without Quizzes.”

“The Future of Museums” panel discussion with alumni directors and curators of major national museums and art galleries.

Admissions Office “insiders session” for alumni parents of prospective students.

Departmental and divisional reunions for economics, environmental studies, Earth sciences, the Jack Baskin School of Engineering, and all the sciences from the 70s.

TWINAS (Third World and Native American Students) reunion.

Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander, GLBTI, and African American alumni and current student mentor circle.

Santa Cruz Hullabaloo Saturday night event for Jewish alumni, students, and friends.

Slug Run reunion.

Receptions and reunion events at the college.

UC Extension discounts: Another reason to join the Alumni Association

Join the UCSC Alumni Association and take advantage of its many membership benefits, including discounts at UC Extension, the continuing education resource of the University of California. Offering some 17,000 different courses each year, UC Extension is one of the world’s largest providers of continuing education, with campuses at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Some campuses are offering a 10 percent discount on one class per quarter, while others give a flat amount. The savings apply equally to Alumni Association members from all UC campuses, regardless of where they live or the campus from which they graduated. You don’t even have to be in California to take advantage of the UC Extension discount. Many online courses are offered, and the discount applies to them as well.

For more information about this and other Alumni Association membership benefits, go to www.alumni.ucsc.edu/members.asp.
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Nothing Can Stop Me: An Open Book on Transfer Applications, Essays for community college students applying to four-year schools.

Evelyn (Portfolio, 2005). She has received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has received a master’s degree from Harvard University, and is the owner of Sea Breeze Florist.


A remarkable new book by USC alumni Bela Young (College '82) taps into the hopes and fears immigrant children when they try to grab hold of the American dream. Drawn from Young’s own saga of coming to San Francisco Bay as a child, Hannah is My Name tells the story of a Chinese family’s new life, in a brightly illustrated 32-page children’s book published by Candlewick. To read the complete article about Bela Young and other recent stories of accomplished USC alumni, go to www.ucsc.edu/alumni_friends/

Lyga is a graduate student at Stanford University, working toward her master’s degree in family therapy.

Merrill College

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Planning Department; he also wrote “Kinky & Warren,” a family comedy screenplay. Julie SILLIMAN has been hired as the director of civic art for the Los Angeles County Arts Commission—the first public art program adopted by Los Angeles County; she and her husband, John Coven, welcomed the birth of twin sons in March 2005.

‘83 Lynn HUDSON, a specialist in African American history, has taken a position as associate professor in the History Department at Macaulay College in Saint Paul, Minn.; her recent research investigates the legal, cultural, and social manifestations of Jim Crow discrimination in California in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

‘91 After nearly nine years making video game manuals, Belinda VAN SICKLE has started her own business, called Game Docs, she writes. “I really like what I do, but I’m tired of working for other people. I hope to grow my company into the video game industry’s top manual business.”

‘92 Jeremy YUNT received his master’s degree in ethics (focusing on environmental ethics) in 1999 from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, and he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Carpinteria, Calif.; he has been published in the Journal of Humanistic Psychology and Psychology North, among others; friends may contact him at www.jeremyyunt.com.

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‘97 Matthew DEVITO was elected to the San Jose City Council in 2001. The San Jose Mercury News named him the Bay Area’s Politician of the Year in 2004; he’s currently performing in the Bay Area, working with parrots and gremlins on a scavenging of someplace Spanish and warm, while rebuilding his VW bus.

College Eight

‘98 Myrii RUBERT Berry has published a short story, “Reckoning Shores,” and a novel excerpt, “Strong Bones,” in the Tidal-Pool Review. Rachel GOLDBERG is an instructor of conflict analysis and dispute resolution in the Department of Sociology at the Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University; she completed her Ph.D. in social justice at Syracuse University last May.

‘99 Denise SULLIVAN and her wife welcomed their son, Shmoe, into the world in July.

Oakes College

‘95 After working in Indian education for four years, Christina PARKER earned a law degree from Denver University in 2002, where she practices tribal law in Washington State.

‘96 Rachel HELMER is currently performing in the Bay Area; after parting with the group Delicious Vinyl, he produced his own compilation of songs, which was released in July; to download songs, go to www.elijahhenry.com.

‘98 Victoria SANDILANDS, a poultry behavior and welfare scientist with the Avian Science Research Centre in Scotland for the web site Global Friends of Scotland that included a glowing description of her field studies class at UCSC with biology professor Barry Le Bouef and the influence that class had on her career path.

‘99 Peter LEHMAN has published a book, “It’s Never Too Late,” in 2006; Maybe you were too broke, saddled with student loans, or maybe you didn’t think it was cool.

Graduate Studies

‘94 Karen HANSEN (M.S., Earth sciences) has taken a new job with Granitstock, at the A. W. Wilson Quarry in Aromas, Calif.

‘95 Gregory HANCOCK (M.S., Earth sciences), an associate professor of geology at the College of William and Mary, was the winner of one of five Alumni Fellowships Award, which are presented annually, along with a $1,000 honorarium, to younger members of the faculty who “possess outstanding qualities as mentors of William and Mary students.”

‘96 Lida FAIER (M.A., anthropology) has been awarded a prestigious Abe Fellowship from the Social Sciences Research Council, which she will use to do research on human trafficking in Japan, the Philippines, and the U.S.

‘99 Roopali PHADKE (Ph.D., environmental studies) has been appointed assistant professor in the Environmental Studies Department at Macaulay College; her work over the last decade has focused on how river basin technologies, such as dams and canals, can be more sustainably and democratically designed and managed.

In Memoriam

Christopher COLLINS (Ph.D., chemistry ’00), a senior organic chemist at SRI International, died unexpectedly in August 2005.

Virginia FIERRO (M.A., sociology ’79), who worked at UCSC first as assistant to the director of the Bay TIme Bookstore and then in a similar position for the UC College Prep Initiative, died at her Santa Cruz home in December 2005 after a lengthy illness; she was 53.

Larry HEIN (ComSc ’32), a fire-fighter who served as assistant chief of the East Contra Costa Fire District, died in March 2005 of cancer; he was 47.

Walter McKEE (ComSc ’76), a professorial homophysian with a gift for numbers and an interest in emerging music, who played a funky techno brand of keyboards, according to his old friend Don Wallace, died of heart failure at age 53 in September 2005.