

Report UC Santa Cruz Retiree & Emeriti Center

Spring 2020

Resource and Support for retirees during shelter-in-place:

- New resource page: Staying Connected During Covid-19
- New resource page: Virtual Resource page which includes digital entertainment, lectures, and more.
- The RA repurposed its phone tree used for event reminders to make friendly calls to members during shelter-in-place.
- Grocery Stores and Pharmacy list for Santa Cruz County:
Thanks to retiree volunteers we were able to create a spreadsheet with updated store hours during shelter-in-place and included shopping times for seniors, delivery/curbside pickup options, and senior discounts.
- Shared previously recorded videos of pioneer faculty and staff discussing their time on campus, and promoted a recently released book of oral histories from UC Santa Cruz that received great feedback from retirees.
- Promoted webinars on financial planning and one-on-one sessions with Fidelity to both pre-retirees planning for retirement and current retirees.
- Zoom Practice Sessions:
Along with creating a Zoom guide, we held Zoom practice sessions to offer a comfortable space where people could test out their device and ask questions.

Programming & Events

Pre-Retirement Planning and Benefits Presentations

The Retiree & Emeriti Center tabled at the events listed below; providing promotional materials including items for UCSC RA, UC Retirees Travel, Fidelity, and more. These events also help to increase awareness of the Retiree & Emeriti Center on campus. This office assists with promoting events to retirees and pre-retirees in conjunction with efforts through the campus Benefits Office.

Open Enrollment Sessions for Retirees Nov 1, 8, 19; through HR/Benefits

Medicare presentations Nov 4; offered by Kaiser in partnership with HR/Benefits



Open Enrollment Fair Nov 5; through HR/Benefits

Social Security presentation Nov 21; through HR/Benefits

Pre-Retirement Planning Series Feb - March; offered through HR/Benefits

Some of the events in the series transitioned to webinars or were substituted with pre-recorded sessions due to shelter-in-place orders.

Special Events

Digital Photography Classes Nov 4, 6

Zoom Practice Sessions April

Bridge to Retirement Sessions *rescheduled for Zoom*

Staff Appreciation Picnic *Postponed*

Welcome to Retirement Celebration *Postponed*

Support for the UC Santa Cruz Retirees Association & UC Santa Cruz Emeriti Association

Event Support Coordinate A/V support and additional event support as needed.

EA/RA Board Meetings Coordinator for the Center attends both association's board meetings and takes minutes for the Emeriti Association until they are able to locate a member to fill this role.

Retirees Association Staff Scholarship article (Nov 2019) An article about the newly created Silver Slug Award scholarship for staff and their dependents was featured on the UCnet news stream as part of news from the campuses.

UC Retirees Travel Promoted excursions through the newsletter, website, and flyers.

Retirees Association Memberships / Scholarship Donation Forms In an effort to accept online payments a membership/scholarship form and a scholarship donation form has been created for the association's website and may be used during promotional and fundraising efforts.

Scholarship Award Processing & Liaison Silver Slug Award supports staff or their dependants pursuing a degree at UC Santa Cruz. The Center submits scholarship awards to Financial Aid for processing and monitors the fund along with the Bruce Lane Memorial Scholarship for Military Veterans.

Fundraising / Crowdfunding Competition Coordinate the associations online campaign page, provide assistance by coordinating volunteer efforts and videographer at the request of the RA president due to the loss of a fundraising chair.

Emeriti Public Lectures (November 2019) “Seal Supermoms Reign,” lecture by Burney Leboeuf, Professor Emeritus of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. Was featured in the campus Fall Lineup event promotion to the local community and campus.

Emeriti Association Lunch Lectures Continues to support check-in at emeriti lectures.

Emeriti Student AV Assistant In an effort to record the emeriti lunch lecture series, assist in locating, hiring and arranging compensation for student AV Assistants.

Emeriti Association Current Use Fund Review monthly reports and maintain separate tracking to monitor the use of the fund.