

UC San Diego Emeriti Association Report Fall 2024

The UCSD Emeriti Association membership is currently 567. Dues for annual single and life single memberships remain at \$30 and \$300, respectively. Couple annual and couple life memberships are \$40 and \$400, respectively. However, new joiners are offset by attrition and deaths.

During the academic year, the UCSD Emeriti Association offers a monthly academic seminar via Zoom. These lectures are open to all Emeriti members as well as to current faculty and academics and to members of the UCSD Retirement Association. Speakers are faculty members from the full range of academic disciplines and are presented at levels of technical detail accessible to nonexperts. New this year, the UCSD Chancellor will be the featured speaker at the Emeriti Association Annual Luncheon in May 2025.

Monthly seminars since March 2020 have been presented via Zoom. Attendance often reaches more than 30 participants synchronously, with an additional 100 to 300 members viewing the video recordings afterward. All UCSD Emeriti Association monthly lectures are recorded and are available on the [Emeriti Association playlist](#) on the [Retiree & Emeriti YouTube Channel](#). Emeriti Association members enjoy having access to an online event [Emeriti Association RSVP website](#) and a user-friendly online registration tool.

The very popular Emeriti Association's Book Club meets once per month, in a hybrid format (in-person and via Zoom), to discuss a book selected by one of the Book Club members. The member who proposes the book also serves as lead discussant at that meeting.

The UCSD Emeriti Association delivered its Dickson Awards at the Emeriti Association Annual Meeting on May 8 to Sonia Ancoli-Israel, David Jordan, and Martin Stein, recognizing their long history of continued service.

A new initiative this year is the UCSD Emeriti Association Video Legacy Project in which an emeritus faculty member is interviewed to reflect on his/her life, career contributions, leadership and/or program building activities. The interview is captured on Zoom and uploaded to the Retiree & Emeriti YouTube Channel.

The UCSD Emeriti Association's [Emeriti Mentor Program](#) (EMP) sponsors the [Chancellor's Scholars Program](#) (CSP) to provide first generation college students, two years of communication and leadership training, as well as one-on-one mentoring. Some [fifty-four emeriti faculty serve as mentors](#) to forty freshmen and forty second-year mentees. Many mentors continue with their mentees for the entire 4-year undergraduate experience. Participation in this program has enriched the experience for mentors as well as their mentees.

In addition to their mentoring activities, UCSD Emeriti Association members donated to the UCSD Emeriti Chancellor's Scholarship fund. At the CSP Closing Reception on June 5, a total of six study abroad scholarships were awarded through the generosity of Emeriti Association donors who wanted to make Scholars' dreams of studying abroad a reality.

The Emeriti Association continues its close partnership with the UCSD Retirement Association. This relationship is supported by the coordination efforts of the UCSD Retirement Resource Center (RRC). Vania Bailon serves as Center Director currently but will be stepping down in December with a current search for a replacement in progress. Jen Homrich serves as the CSP/EMP Coordinator. The RRC has a dynamic part-time staff made up of Chancellor's Scholars.

Emeriti Association members participate in the Retirement Association's many Zoom programs, which are recorded and appear on the Retiree & Emeriti YouTube Channel, with 280+ programs and more than 50,000 views. Emeriti Association members have become active participants in many Retirement Association activities such as a wide array of senior and financial education seminars and discussion forums; an elder-care discussion group; and an Investments Interest Group to name just a few.

The Emeriti Association's website is a valuable resource for current and prospective members. Please see: <https://emeriti.ucsd.edu>. Information about Emeriti Association [events](#), the [Emeriti Mentor Program](#), [Emeriti Awards](#), [membership](#), and the [Chronicles](#) can all be found there. Our quarterly newsletter, Chronicles, superbly edited by Steven Adler and co-edited by Suzan Cioffi, can be found on Emeriti website.

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