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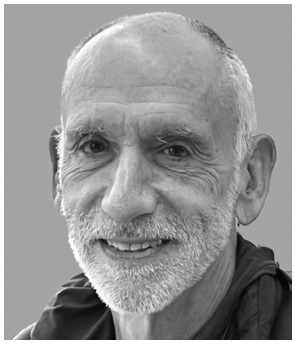
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John P. Arnhold ’75

John P. Arnhold is a founder and managing member of Arnhold LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor. Several years ago, he retired as chairman and chief investment officer of First Eagle Investment Management, where he remains a trustee of the First Eagle Funds.

Mr. Arnhold began his career in 1975 in the credit training program at Chase Manhattan Bank. From there, he joined Chase’s Corporate Lending and then Merchant Banking Groups. In 1981, he joined Lehman Brothers Kuhn Loeb’s merger arbitrage department. Two years later, he joined First Eagle, where he launched its merger arbitrage business. In 1988, he was appointed co-director of First Eagle’s institutional securities business. In 1993, Mr. Arnhold became co-chief executive officer of the firm and, in 2002, he assumed full responsibility as chairman and CEO. He served in this capacity until February 2010, when he assumed the title of chief investment officer, which he held until 2016.

In addition to his roles at First Eagle and its affiliates, Mr. Arnhold is chairman of Arnhold Ceramics, president of the Arnhold Foundation, and chairman of the Mulago Foundation. Mr. Arnhold is a trustee emeritus of Trinity Episcopal Schools Corporation, where he was a past president. He is a life trustee and former chairman of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and he is a board member at Jazz at Lincoln Center. He is also a member of the board of Conservation International and WNET.

Mr. Arnhold received his bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara. He and his wife, Jody, have two children, reside in New York City, and are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society. He became a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2012. He served as board chair from 2022-2024.



Dennis Assanis

Dennis Assanis is the sixth chancellor of UC Santa Barbara. He previously served as the president of the University of Delaware from 2016 to 2025.

Chancellor Assanis, an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering, is a distinguished educator with a wide range of academic leadership experience and a worldwide reputation as a scholar and expert in clean energy and power systems. His scientific contributions have led to significant fuel economy improvements and emission reductions in transportation. Dr. Assanis has served on the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and the National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers.

Before joining the University of Delaware, Dr. Assanis served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Stony Brook University, and also as vice president for Brookhaven National Laboratory Affairs. He previously taught and conducted research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Michigan, where he also served as chair of mechanical engineering, director of the Automotive Research Center, and director of the campus-wide Energy Institute.

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, Dr. Assanis earned his bachelor’s degree in marine engineering from Newcastle University in England. At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he earned three master’s degrees (naval architecture and marine engineering, mechanical engineering, and management) and a Ph.D. in power and propulsion. He has received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Delaware.

Chancellor Assanis and his wife, Eleni, have two adult sons.



David Brosnan ’85

Mr. Brosnan has over 35 years business experience and 15 years board level experience, having held executive insurance industry positions in Canada, Europe and the United States. He has a reputation for transforming businesses and innovative strategic thinking, and a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion.

In 1986, Mr. Brosnan began his career at Chubb in California. Mr. Brosnan held numerous leadership roles. In 2002, Mr. Brosnan assumed responsibility for Chubb’s commercial business in Europe, which spanned 11 countries. During his tenure in Europe, Mr. Brosnan launched a vibrant multilingual brand campaign, returned the business to profitability, and doubled the size of the business. In 2005, Mr. Brosnan moved to ACE USA, where he was responsible for ACE USA’s specialty casualty business. In 2008, Mr. Brosnan became the chief executive officer of ACE Canada, where he was responsible for ACE’s Canadian business. In 2013, Mr. Brosnan joined CNA, where he was president of CNA International and the chief executive officer of CNA Hardy. Mr. Brosnan deftly engineered the integration of three separate businesses to form CNA’s International segment, with businesses spanning Asia, Canada, and Europe. He positioned the business for profitable growth and improved the underlying fundamentals of the business. Mr. Brosnan retired from CNA in 2020.

In 2021, Mr. Brosnan joined WRB Underwriting (a WR Berkley Company) in London as interim CEO. Mr. Brosnan later joined the board as an independent director and chairs the Risk & Capital Committee; he is also a member of the Audit and Reserving Committees.

Mr. Brosnan holds a degree in business economics from UC Santa Barbara. He is married to Anne (Brierly) ’83 and lives in Santa Barbara. The Brosnans have two daughters, Maggie and Katie. Mr. Brosnan was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024 and is currently the president of the Alumni Association and is a member of the nominating committee.



Paula Yurkanis Bruice

Paula Yurkanis Bruice is a professor emerita in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UC Santa Barbara, where she taught organic chemistry for 48 years. In 1977, the Associated Students selected her as Teacher of the Year (the first time a teaching award had been given at UC Santa Barbara). She received the Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award (1980) and the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Teaching Award (2006). She is the author of “Organic Chemistry,” currently in its ninth edition. She is also the author of “Essential Organic Chemistry,” now in its third edition.

After graduating from The Boston Latin School, Dr. Bruice received an A.B. from Mount Holyoke College (magna cum laude) and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Virginia. She received an NIH Postdoctoral Fellowship for study in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Virginia Medical School and held a postdoctoral appointment in the Department of Pharmacology at Yale Medical School.

Dr. Bruice came to UC Santa Barbara in 1971 to marry her late husband, Tom. After professorships at Yale, Johns Hopkins, and Cornell, Tom, a native Californian, joined the UC Santa Barbara faculty in 1964 to resume his passion for surfing. Dr. Bruice’s three children graduated from UC Santa Barbara: Meghan ’88, Kenton ’90, and Alec ’91. Additionally, she has eight grandchildren.

Dr. Bruice served as the faculty representative to the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors for 15 years (1983-1998). She currently serves on the board of three local nonprofits: Ensemble Theatre Company, Adventures in Caring, and Food From the Heart. Dr. Bruice was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2013 and has served as vice chair, donor relations (2015-2017), and vice chair, development (2020-2022).



Charles Burdick ’73

Charles J. Burdick ’73 is a seasoned global executive, consultant, and non-executive director with deep expertise across the telecom, media, and technology sectors. His international career began with a relocation to Paris for Carnation’s export-import financing and factoring department, followed by a move to Switzerland post-acquisition by Nestlé.

Mr. Burdick later pivoted to Time Warner in New York, paving the way for nearly two decades in London’s cable TV industry. His leadership portfolio includes executive roles at Telewest Communications (now Virgin Media), Hit Entertainment, and Comverse Technology, alongside extensive experience as a non-executive director in Eastern Europe and Russia. He currently serves as a consultant to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, advising on portfolio investments in Eastern Europe and currently, Bulgaria.

A proud alumnus with a bachelor’s degree in economics and a former UCSB Volleyball player, Mr. Burdick also holds an MBA in finance from the UCLA Anderson School of Business (1977). He has served on the Dean’s Cabinet for the Division of Social Sciences since 2021, lending strategic guidance that advances the mission of the division and the university. Mr. Burdick is also a member of UCSB’s New York Regional Advancement Council. Deeply committed to education and philanthropy, he sponsors the Burdick Global Scholars program at UC Santa Barbara and sits on the advisory board for the Center for Media, Entertainment and Sports at UCLA Anderson.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Mr. Burdick is a passionate supporter of the arts, theater, and photography, and splits his time between New York and London. Mr. Burdick was elected to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Trustees in 2026.



Michael “Mike” Byron ’87

Mike Byron graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in business economics and was licensed as a certified public accountant in 1990. Mr. Byron began his career serving for eight years as an auditor with Deloitte in its Oakland, Silicon Valley, and Barcelona offices before working in finance and accounting roles for two public technology companies. In 2002, he joined NVIDIA, where he served in various roles, including as vice president and chief accounting officer from 2011-2019, and played a key role in the company’s growth from a rising GPU innovator to a global semiconductor leader. After retiring from NVIDIA in December 2024, Mr. Byron was appointed to the board of directors of Aeluma, Inc., a Santa Barbara-based semiconductor company specializing in high-performance, scalable technologies.

Mr. Byron and his wife, Catherine, met in high school in the San Francisco Bay area. The Byrons have established the Michael J. Byron and Catherine V. Duterte Byron Fund for Student Excellence in the Department of Economics. Mr. Byron currently serves on the board of advisors for both the UC Santa Barbara Department of Economics and the Dean’s Investment Group. Mr. Byron was originally elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2021 and served a two-year term as the vice chair of donor relations for the development and donor relations committee. He currently serves as a member of the audit committee, the finance and investment committee, and the executive committee.



Marcy Carsey H'04

Marcy Carsey is a partner with Tom Werner in The Carsey-Werner Company, the television production company responsible for "The Cosby Show," "Roseanne," "3rd Rock from the Sun," "That 70's Show," and "A Different World."

Born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, Ms. Carsey graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in English literature and began her show business career as an NBC tour guide. After years of story editing and advertising work, she rose through the ranks at the ABC network to become senior vice president of prime time series. She left ABC in 1980 and formed her own production company, which became the Carsey-Werner Company.

In addition to being inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the Broadcasting and Cable Magazine's Hall of Fame, the Carsey-Werner producing team has received numerous awards, including the Emmy, the Humanitas Prize, The Peabody Award, The People's Choice Award, The Golden Globe, and The NAACP Image Award.

At UC Santa Barbara, Ms. Carsey established the Carsey-Wolf Center for Film, Television, and New Media and is a member of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society.

She has two children, Rebecca and John, both UC Santa Barbara graduates, and three stepchildren, Riley, Heidi, and Kyre. Ms. Carsey was elected to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1999, of which she is a past chair. She served as chair of the nominations committee from 2015-2019, and also served on the Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies in 2014 and on the executive committee. She currently serves as a member of the nominating committee.



William Cheadle

Dr. William "Bill" Cheadle is a practicing surgeon and professor of surgery at the University of Louisville. He received both his bachelor's degree ('76) and an M.D. ('80) from UC Irvine. He did his surgical residency at the University of Louisville (1980-1987) and has been on faculty there for over 35 years. He is a senior member of the American Surgical Association and his main research interest has been the immune response to abdominal infection.

Dr. Cheadle is the son of Mary Cheadle and Vernon Cheadle (former chancellor of UC Santa Barbara) and grew up on the UC Santa Barbara campus from the age of 11. Dr. Cheadle and Mrs. Cheadle have continued the Cheadle family tradition of philanthropy to UC Santa Barbara. In addition to supporting UCSB Men's and Women's Soccer, Track and Field, and Baseball, they have made generous gifts to the Vernon and Mary Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, including the establishment of the center's first operating endowment. The Cheadle Center has missions of 1) housing and curating plant and animal collections, including those of Vernon Cheadle, 2) management and restoration of flora about the campus, and 3) teaching students about nature.

The Cheadles reside in Louisville, Kentucky. They have two sons: Joey '15 is a UC Santa Barbara alumnus and data scientist at Honda, and Jack (UCSD '08) is an assistant professor of vascular surgery at the University of Louisville. Dr. Cheadle, Mrs. Cheadle, and Joey serve as members of the Cheadle Center Director's Council. Dr. Cheadle is a member of the Lancaster Gold Circle Society and the Legacy Circle, and he is a Chancellor's Council Patron. Dr. Cheadle was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023.



Sarah Chrisman

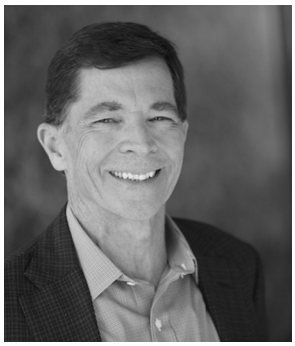
Sarah Chrisman is a former high-tech entrepreneur who parlayed breakout success in Silicon Valley into a second career as a local philanthropist. Ms. Chrisman earned bachelor's degrees in music and mathematical sciences at Stanford University before obtaining an MBA from UC Berkeley.

In 1982, she cofounded the telecommunications company Network Equipment Technologies in Cupertino with Roger Chrisman, whom she later married. At the time of its listing on the New York Stock Exchange five years later, the company had revenue of nearly $400 million. Ms. Chrisman served as the firm's CFO and treasurer before retiring in 1988 at age 33.

Ms. Chrisman and her husband moved to Montecito in 1999 and have since supported local nonprofits, including the Granada Theatre, Mystic Ocean Adventure, the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, State Street Ballet, the Santa Barbara Symphony, the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, and Opera Santa Barbara.

Ms. Chrisman's dedication to youth, education, and the Central Coast is evident through her involvement with Mystic Ocean Adventures Foundation, the Mystic Whaler (a floating classroom), and the Chrisman California Islands Center. The Island Center focuses on preserving and promoting the distinct cultural and environmental heritage of the Channel Islands.

Ms. Chrisman is a dedicated supporter of UCSB Arts & Lectures and the Kavli Center for Theoretical Physics. She was elected to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Trustees in 2026.



Michael Christian

Michael Christian has served as Board President of Someone Else's Child, Inc. (SEC) for nearly 25 years. The foundation supports youth causes throughout the U.S., Africa, and Central America with areas of emphasis including education, the arts, youth living with disabilities, economic justice, and collective action efforts. SEC addresses disparities by investing in opportunities for young people to live, learn, grow and engage as contributing members of their communities.

Mr. Christian was also the CEO, chairman, and founder of Risk Strategies, a leading national insurance brokerage firm. He started the company in 1997 as a risk consulting firm. Risk Strategies evolved into a national insurance broker, and ultimately, a top 10 privately-held broker in the USA. In his role as CEO/chairman, Mr. Christian worked with the Risk Strategies' senior team, private equity partner, and the board of directors on strategic and client value initiatives. The company merged with Brown & Brown in 2025.

Mr. Christian is the Managing Partner for Community Impact Ventures (CIV), a venture capital impact fund that provides financial support to social entrepreneurs and for-profit companies that have missions similar to that of Someone Else's Child.

He is currently the chairman of the board for the Boch Center/Wang Theater, and serves on various nonprofit boards including the Point32 Health Foundation, NortheastARC, Rwanda Youth Partners, Yiya Solutions, The Folk/Americana/Roots Hall of Fame, and the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers Foundation.

He hosts the What's @ Risk radio show on WBZ (iHeartRadio) in Boston.

Mr. Christian majored in Philosophy at UC Santa Barbara. He was elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



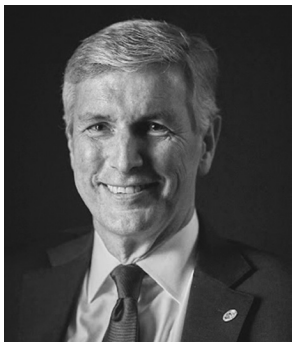
Jon Clark ’82

Jon Clark ’82, a Santa Barbara native, has served for the past 18 years as president of the James S. Bower Foundation, a local grantmaker that focuses on early childhood, education, end of life care, and the environment. The foundation helps to create a better future by making grants to partners who share the belief that a healthier world can be fostered through compassionate action and social change.

Mr. Clark has a long history with Santa Barbara’s Community Environmental Council, where he interned in the mid-80s and later became the organization’s third executive director. After leaving the council in 1998, Mr. Clark became executive director of the Wendy P. McCaw Foundation, a position he held until 2006. In 2017, he was named “Man of the Year” by the Santa Barbara Foundation.

Mr. Clark is an active leader in the Santa Barbara community. He was board president of the Community Environmental Council and has served on the boards of Cottage Health, the Santa Barbara Foundation, Storyteller Children’s Center, Carpinteria Children’s Project, Direct Relief International, Santa Barbara Region Economic Community Project, and Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce.

Through the Bower Foundation, Mr. Clark is a longtime supporter of UC Santa Barbara’s Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. He earned bachelor’s degrees in business economics and psychology from UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Clark was elected trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Rafael R. Costas Jr. ’86

Rafael R. Costas Jr. retired from Franklin Templeton Investments in 2018, after more than 32 years at the firm. Since 1999, he had been senior vice president and co-director of the municipal bond department. Mr. Costas joined Franklin Templeton’s Management Training Program in 1986 after he received his bachelor’s degree in economics from UC Santa Barbara. He earned a master’s degree in finance from Golden Gate University in 1993. While at UC Santa Barbara, Mr. Costas worked in the Davidson Library as a student assistant and assistant supervisor.

A native of Puerto Rico, Mr. Costas moved with his family to Pleasanton, California, at the end of 1979 and has been a resident of California ever since. He divides his time between his homes in San Francisco and Pacific Grove.

Mr. Costas is an American history and music aficionado (especially jazz). He is an amateur musician in the Bay Area and is a member of The Family Club, the SFJAZZ Board of Trustees, The Citadel Foundation Board of Directors, and the Society of Municipal Analysts. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley Authors Festival.

Mr. Costas established the Costas Graduate Fellowship in 2016 to support a graduate fellowship in the UCSB Department of Economics. The purpose is to provide financial support for graduate students. In addition to this fellowship and his support of the Davidson Library and Promise Scholars, Mr. Costas and his family created an endowment fund at The Citadel’s Department of Engineering in memory of his father, who attended the institution.

Mr. Costas is a member of the Lancaster Society and the Legacy Circle. Mr. Costas was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2019. He is currently the vice chair of investment and treasurer, chair of the finance and investment committee and a member of the executive committee.



Laura Cox ’83

Laura Cox retired as the executive director of Bridge the Gap College Prep, a nonprofit that assists first-generation middle school and high school students in preparing to enter college and succeed in college. She had been with Bridge the Gap since 2008, having spent her first seven years there as board chair. Over the past 19 years, Ms. Cox has dedicated much of her work to youth and education, with an emphasis in Marin County. Ms. Cox previously worked as director of development for World of Children, president of The Reed Schools Foundation, and as a strategic consultant for numerous nonprofits.

A 1983 graduate of UC Santa Barbara, Ms. Cox holds bachelor’s degrees in both economics and psychology. She earned an MBA from Northwestern University in 1988. Ms. Cox is a member of the Dean’s Cabinet in Social Sciences. She and her husband, Jay, reside in Tiburon, California. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023 and currently serves as vice chair of donor relations for the development and donor relations committee.



John A. Davis ’82,’84

Born in Berkeley to two University of California first-year students and raised in Lafayette, California, John A. Davis (J.D.) graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and in 1984 with a master’s degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Davis has been a licensed California professional engineer since 1984.

Subsequent to UC Santa Barbara, Mr. Davis enjoyed a 31+ year career at Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon before retiring in 2005 as an executive at Raytheon Vision Systems. Throughout his Santa Barbara-based career, Mr. Davis worked closely with the nation’s aerospace community, including NASA and numerous government agencies as well as the European and Japanese space agencies. Mr. Davis continues to be involved in the aerospace community as a consultant.

Mr. Davis has additionally been an active Big Brother mentor for over 25 years, helping multiple Santa Barbara teens through their often-troubled times and serving as a male role model in what is often a fatherless home. Mr. Davis has also been working closely with UCSB Athletics for the past 12 years, and more specifically UCSB Men’s Baseball, to grow the program’s visibility and have it be recognized in the broader community for the Top 25 national level program it has become.

Mr. Davis is currently on the board of directors for the Santa Barbara Foresters and Hugs for Cubs Foundation. An active member at La Cumbre Country Club, Mr. Davis and his native Santa Barbara wife enjoy golf, travel, gardening, and the company of many local friends.

Mr. Davis was elected a trustee to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023.



Leonard DeBenedictis ’62

Len DeBenedictis began his commercial career as a laser technology pioneer working for Ted Maiman (first demonstration of a functional laser) at Korad Lasers. Mid-career, he was an inventor/scientist/engineer and senior executive holding 40 U.S. Patents and co-authoring 30 peer reviewed journal articles in areas of lasers and laser scanners applied to scientific measurements, digital printing, optical disk recording, material processing, and medical applications of lasers. He managed the Laser Scanning Technology Center for Xerox for seven years and went on to become vice president of Coherent Inc. and general manager of the Laser and Medical Groups over a period of 11 years. Mr. DeBenedictis was a co-founder, CTO, and CEO of Reliant Technologies and the inventor/developer of the Fraxel brand of medical aesthetic lasers over a period of 10 years. He served on boards at private, public, and nonprofit companies for many years, including Reliant Inc., Solta Medical, and Sports Medicine Institute. He retired as chief technical officer from Zeltiq Aesthetics (CoolSculpting brand of body sculpting using cryolipolysis) when it was acquired by Allergan in 2017.

Mr. DeBenedictis graduated with a degree in physics from UC Santa Barbara in 1962. He went on to earn an M.S. from San Diego State University in 1964 and completed post-graduate work at UC San Diego. He is currently retired and auditing courses in physics, math, philosophy and computer sciences at UC Santa Barbara.

He is a member of the Friends of KITP (Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics) and supports postdoctoral fellowships in Theoretical Physics and Computer Science. He resides in Goleta, California. Mr. DeBenedictis is a member of the Division of Science Dean’s Cabinet and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2018.



Diandra M. Douglas ’82

Diandra De Morrell Douglas grew up in Europe and speaks six languages. She attended Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. While there, she served as a White House Intern. After attending UCLA, she received her bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara.

Ms. Douglas has published many books on the subjects of Spanish architecture and environmental sustainability and has been featured in many TV and print interviews. She is currently writing her autobiography.

Ms. Douglas served as a producer of documentary films for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City between 1984 and 1990. In 1990, she founded Wild Wolf productions, a company that produces documentary films.

Ms. Douglas served as a trustee of the American Red Cross of Greater New York for decades, while also serving as special advisor to the chairman of the NYC Red Cross. She received the Special Achievement Award in 1991 after the National Humanitarian Award in 1985, presented by Senator Dianne Feinstein. In 1990, Ms. Douglas received a special recognition award from the Partnership for the Homeless. In 2006, she won the Siurells Award in Spain, alongside the tennis player Rafael Nadal, for her lifelong environmental work. In 2011, Hale House awarded her with the Mother Hale Award for Caring.

Ms. Douglas serves on the board of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and served on the board of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. She served as chairperson of Muse Film and Television at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which produces films on the arts for worldwide distribution. Ms. Douglas won the best documentary award at the Hamptons Film Festival for the documentary “Off The Menu” and other awards through other organizations for her documentaries.

In 2015, Ms. Douglas worked with FAMM in Washington, D.C., helping to fight the injustice and burden of mandatory minimums. She currently resides between Santa Barbara and England. She has four children and two grandchildren. Ms. Douglas was elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1991.



Norah Dunbar

Norah E. Dunbar is a professor of communication at UC Santa Barbara and a fellow of the International Communication Association. She is the immediate past chair of the Department of Communication and is affiliate faculty in four UCSB centers: the Center for Information, Technology & Society; the Center for Responsible Machine Learning; the Center for Digital Games Research; and the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences program.

Dr. Dunbar's research focuses on nonverbal communication, deception detection, and trust, with direct applications to national security, intelligence, and emerging AI technologies. She has received over $19 million in external research funding from agencies including the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense, and the Center for Identification Technology Research. Her current work develops automated, AI-driven tools for assessing credibility in human communication, building on decades of research into how people detect — and fail to detect — deception.

She has published over 100 journal articles, book chapters, and encyclopedia entries, and has presented more than 120 papers at national and international conferences. Her scholarship appears in leading journals such as Communication Research, Communication Monographs, and the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, as well as interdisciplinary outlets like the Journal of Management Information Systems and Computers in Human Behavior.

Dr. Dunbar has served on the editorial boards of more than a dozen academic journals and chaired the Nonverbal Division of the National Communication Association from 2014 to 2016. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona.

She was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026 as the chair of the Council on Planning & Budget, Academic Senate.



Linda La Kretz Duttenhaver '77

Linda La Kretz Duttenhaver is president of Crossroads Management Inc., a real estate development and property management firm based in Los Angeles. She manages a portfolio of family-owned industrial, commercial, and residential properties throughout the Los Angeles area. Prior to joining Crossroads Management, she spent 25 years in public relations in the software industry.

Ms. Duttenhaver is an ardent supporter of the 6,000-acre UC Santa Barbara Sedgwick Reserve. She first became involved at Sedgwick in 2008, when she funded the restoration of the Reserve's 1908 hay barn. In 2017, she funded the restoration of the historic Ranch House, and later, along with her father Morton La Kretz, created the La Kretz Research Center at Sedgwick Reserve.

Ms. Duttenhaver has also established the University of California's Duttenhaver Scholars program for financial assistance to students participating in the Education Abroad Program, and created the "Duttenhaver Outdoor Classroom" at UCSB North Campus Open Space.

Ms. Duttenhaver is a member of the Gold Circle Society and was elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2018.



Glenn Duval ’80

Glenn Duval is the CEO of Challenger Cable Sales, which develops, manufactures, and sells specialty electronics to the cable television industry. Established in 1986, Challenger has an office in Los Angeles and a warehouse distribution facility in Baltimore.

Mr. Duval has served as co-chairman of Emerald Bay committee. Emerald Bay Boy Scout facility is located on Catalina Island and serves 9,000 economically and racially diverse campers from throughout California. He created “Scout for a Day,” a highly successful fundraiser, and is also a board member on the Boy Scouts of America West Los Angeles Council.

Mr. Duval and his wife, Bettina, generously support many projects and initiatives across UC Santa Barbara. These include The Duval Family Fund for Undergraduate Education, which provides annual scholarships for promising students who are participating in a research or honors program; the Institute for Energy Efficiency, including the Duval Family Presidential Chair in Energy Efficiency; graduate fellowships at KITP; marine science research and education, the Men’s Volleyball Legacy Fund; and Arts & Lectures.

Mr. Duval is an avid golfer and is a member of the Riviera Country Club. You can often see Mr. Duval cycling to work. He is also a long time member of the La Grange Cycling Club and has participated in cycling races throughout Europe, including the Trans-Alp Race in 2001.

Mr. Duval holds a bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara, where he was a volleyball student-athlete. The Duvals have served as UC Santa Barbara Parents Fund chairs. The Duvals are parents to four children, three of whom are UC graduates: two UC Berkeley Bears and one UC Santa Barbara Gaucho. The Duvals embrace all that UCSB can offer and look forward to continuing in the future. Mr. Duval is currently a member of the Nominating Committee and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2012.



Mohamed Elhabashy ’26

Mohamed Elhabashy is a Ph.D. student in economics at UC Santa Barbara, specializing in macroeconomics. Originally from Egypt, his research focuses on policy-relevant questions facing developing economies in the Middle East, including economic diversification, sovereign wealth funds, and industrial policy.

Through his research, he seeks to develop quantitative macroeconomic models that inform policies promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth across the region. Mr. Elhabashy serves as co-president of the UCSB Graduate Student Association. In this role, he advocates for graduate student interests, strengthens shared governance, and represents graduate students across numerous campus leadership bodies, including the UCSB Foundation Board of Trustees, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Academic Senate, the Council of Presidents, and several chancellor’s advisory committees.

Driven by a commitment to institutional improvement, Mr. Elhabashy is leading efforts to restructure the GSA’s representative system by creating dedicated teams focused on key areas of university governance, including the Academic Senate, Graduate Division, and campus administration. These efforts aim to strengthen coordination, accountability, and transparency in graduate student representation while fostering more effective collaboration across campus.

Mr. Elhabashy brings a strong foundation in financial stewardship to his leadership roles. After managing an annual student government budget of more than $500,000 during his undergraduate studies, he now oversees a similarly sized budget for the GSA, bringing extensive experience in organizational finance and responsible resource management.

Mr. Elhabashy believes that meaningful partnerships among students, faculty, alumni, and university leadership are essential to advancing UC Santa Barbara’s mission and creating opportunities for future generations. Outside of his academic and leadership commitments, he enjoys playing soccer, table tennis, and cooking for friends. He is honored to serve on the UCSB Foundation Board of Trustees and looks forward to supporting the university’s mission while representing the interests of the graduate student community. Mr. Elhabashy is the co-president of the graduate students association, and was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Alexander W. Fang ‘05,’08

Alexander W. Fang is an entrepreneur with a track record of building teams that take ideas from the research laboratory through commercialization. He is currently a co-founder and managing partner at Entrada Ventures, a venture capital firm focused on working with early stage venture-track companies. He is a board director of Coreshell, Lucidean, Pseudolithic, Quintessent, and a board observer of D-Matrix, Terawand, Titan Haptics, and Abacus Power.

From 2008-2016, Dr. Fang was a co-founder, CEO, and board director of Aurrion, a fabless semiconductor company that developed photonic integrated circuits for use in data center networking applications. The business was acquired by Juniper Networks for $165M.

Dr. Fang has authored or co-authored over 80 papers in the field, co-authored three book chapters, and has filed/ been granted 18 patents. He has won a number of awards for the technology he developed together with UC Santa Barbara Professor John Bowers and colleagues. Dr. Fang worked for IBM, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Intel prior to founding Aurrion.

Dr. Fang earned his bachelor’s in electrical engineering with minors in math and physics from San Jose State University (’03) and his M.S. and Ph.D. from UC Santa Barbara (’05,’08). He is an alumnus of the Harvard Business School Owner/President Management Program (OPM 47).

Dr. Fang was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2019 and is currently a member of the finance and investment committee.



Chris K. Fletcher ‘77

Chris K. Fletcher graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a bachelor’s degree in business economics and environmental studies. Mr. Fletcher also received his MBA from UCLA with concentrations in real estate and finance in 1982. He joined Security Pacific Bank’s corporate training program after business school and enjoyed a 12-year career with Security Pacific and subsequently Bank of America within the corporate real estate lending group. He handled all aspects of real estate finance in a number of management positions. As first vice president of Security Pacific’s Real Estate Capital Company, Mr. Fletcher managed the bank’s Realty Ventures group, where his responsibilities included oversight of the group’s $1 billion of profit participation loan commitments and 23 staff members in Los Angeles and San Francisco. From 1991 through 1994, Mr. Fletcher was based in London with the bank’s finance subsidiary, where he assisted in the orderly liquidation of the group’s real estate loan and property portfolio.

Mr. Fletcher is currently a principal involved in the acquisition of multi-family apartment complexes throughout Southern California. Over the past nearly 30 years, he has purchased numerous apartment complexes and acted as managing partner for over 35 investment partnerships. He is also one of the founding partners of the real estate management company that oversees the portfolio.

Mr. Fletcher has been involved with UC Santa Barbara’s Orange County Leadership Committee for the past 15 years and also served on the Dean’s Cabinet for the Sciences.

Mr. Fletcher is married with three children and two grandchildren and lives in Newport Beach, California. Mr. Fletcher was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2022 and currently is a member of the finance and investment committee and served on the ad hoc engagement committee.



Jane Gottlieb

Jane Gottlieb is a Santa Barbara-based artist and the first artistic trustee appointed to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Trustees— a role through which she is working to expand the presence of art across the campus.

Ms. Gottlieb's connection to UC Santa Barbara runs deep. Her large-scale work "Check It Out" — a 15-foot-by-15-foot composition of eight archival prints on aluminum depicting the UCSB Library — is among the most prominent pieces on campus.

She has also installed 25 large-format artworks at the UCSB Library and held a four-month solo exhibition titled "Jane Gottlieb Photographs France" at UCSB's Art, Design & Architecture Museum in 2018.

Her signature technique involves hand-painting on individual prints, using her huge library of Kodachrome slides taken all over the world during her travels. She then scans, enhances, and creates her art with Photoshop to produce her colorful, idyllic world.

As Bruce Robertson, director emeritus of the UCSB Art, Design & Architecture Museum, has noted, Ms. Gottlieb's work treats color as a synonym for energy, joy, and happiness — placing her in a long tradition of modern artists who use color to explore human experience.

Her work is held in public collections including the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Butler Institute of American Art, the Orange County Museum of Art, the Laguna Art Museum, the Frederick R. Weisman Collection, and the Walt Disney Art Collection, among others.

Ms. Gottlieb has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and as a member of the Art Council of the UCSB AD&A Museum. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Paul A. Graziano

Paul Graziano is the managing senior partner of Allen & Kimbell. He maintains dual Certified Specializations of the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization in: (i) Estate Planning, Probate, and Trust Law; and (ii) Taxation Law. Mr. Graziano is an AV-Rated attorney, and is nationally and regionally acknowledged for his expertise in estate planning, probate and trust law, and tax law.

Mr. Graziano is a member of the Tax, Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Sections of the State Bar of California and has served on the Estate and Gift Tax Committee of the State Bar Taxation Section. Paul is a member of the Santa Barbara Estate Planning Council and has served as its president. He is a member and former director of the Santa Barbara County Bar Association, and also a former chair of its Estate Planning and Probate Section.

In addition to his professional practice, Mr. Graziano is president and CEO of The Gretler Foundation and is actively involved with several local charitable organizations, including service on boards of directors, planned giving committees, and advisory committees. He is a UC system alumnus who earned his bachelor's degree from UC Davis and his law degree from UCLA. Mr. Graziano is passionate about the UC Santa Barbara Department of Economics and Intercollegiate Athletics. He enjoys traveling and golf.

Mr. Graziano was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2022 and is currently serving as vice chair of development for the development & donor relations committee, is a member of the executive committee, and was secretary for the board of trustees from 2024-2026.



Eva Haller

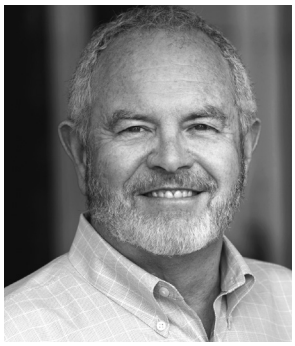
Hungarian-born Eva Haller has been a social justice advocate since age thirteen, when she helped her brother distribute anti-Hitler pamphlets in Budapest. His death crossing the Yugoslavian border to join Tito's army propelled her lifelong activism. To honor his memory, she executive-produced the Jewish Partisan documentary FOUR WINTERS. From marching in Selma with Dr. King to volunteering with UNICEF and Mother Teresa in Calcutta, Eva has dedicated her life to social, educational, and environmental causes — a journey detailed in the documentary EVA HALLER: A WORK IN PROGRESS.

Mrs. Haller has engaged in and has mentored countless organizations, serving as a board member, trustee, and passionate participant. She works tirelessly to promote peace and social policies that deal effectively with today's global challenges.

Among the boards on which she serves are: Asia Initiatives, News Literacy Project, The Prince's Trust Canada, The Jane Goodall Institute, World Faiths Development Dialogue, and The New School for Social Research. She has received many awards, including: The Mandala Award for Humanitarian Achievement, The Inaugural Mentoring Award at Forbes Women's Summit, and A Lifetime Achievement Award at the United Nations Population Fund. She received an honorary doctorate from Glasgow Caledonian University. Mrs. Haller is a recipient of the Ban Ki-moon Mentorship Award.

At UC Santa Barbara, Mrs. Haller is a generous leadership donor and champion for the arts and humanities, supporting Arts & Lectures, Viva el Arte, and the Art, Design & Architecture Museum, where she established the Murray Roman Fellowship in honor of her late husband. Most recently, she funded the beautification of the Theater & Dance Plaza to establish the Eva and Yoel Haller Lagoon Overlook, which will honor her late husband Dr. Yoel Haller.

She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1985.



Roy C. Hardiman '81,'83

Roy C. Hardiman received his bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara in pharmacology in 1981, his master's degree in biology (emphasis in biochemistry and molecular biology) in 1983, and his J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

Mr. Hardiman is chief business and strategy officer of Alumnis, Inc., a precision immunology company. Prior to Alumnis, Mr. Hardiman was chief business officer of Principia Biopharma, which was acquired by Sanofi in the fall of 2020. Earlier in his career, Mr. Hardiman was on the board of Pharmacyclics, and spent almost two decades at the biotechnology company Genentech, Inc, serving in senior positions in business development, alliance management, corporate law, and environmental health and safety. Prior to joining Genentech, he was an associate with the Morrison & Foerster law firm.

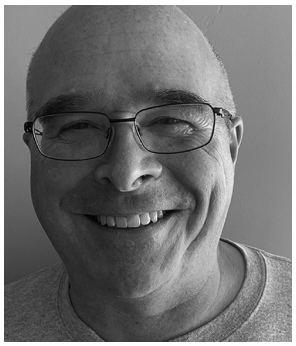
Mr. Hardiman and his wife, Janet, have been supporters of the sciences, pharmacology and molecular biology, bioengineering, and the Robert Mehrabian College of Engineering at UC Santa Barbara. The Hardimans reside in Mill Valley, California. Mr. Hardiman serves as a member of the Dean's Cabinet for the Division of Science at UC Santa Barbara and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2012.



Maximilian Ibel ’00

Maximilian Ibel ’00 worked for Google from 2000 to 2017, including a four-year stint at Google Switzerland. He worked in many areas throughout his tenure, from crawling and searching the web to building Google search appliances to leading the identity management and account security team. He was a partner at AMINO Capital from 2017-2024 and is now serving on the Board of Directors at BrainKey.ai and Seyond.

Mr. Ibel holds a diploma in mathematics from the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg and a Ph.D. in computer science from UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Ibel has co-authored more than 10 patents. He was elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Thomas Jevens ’87

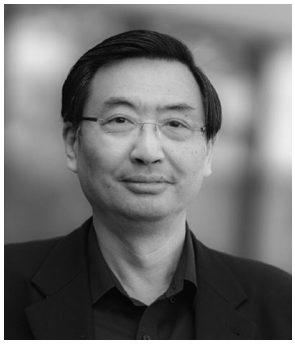
Tom Jevens ’87 is an attorney who spent 30 years in Silicon Valley, counseling technology companies and teaching law. He and his wife, Heather ’87, sold their metal fabrication business in 2016 and retired to Santa Barbara in 2018. Their older daughter Emily teaches fifth grade in San Diego and their younger daughter Allison is a housing policy consultant in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Jevens began his career with the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. He soon transitioned to counseling technology companies, starting with Business Objects Americas. He later held various managerial roles with international technology firms including Hewlett Packard before retiring in 2018 as a Google senior corporate counsel. In addition, Mr. Jevens taught for 16 years at Santa Clara University’s School of Law and served on its High Tech Law Advisory Board.

Mr. Jevens graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1987, earning a bachelor’s degree with majors in political science and business economics. He was also a University Service Award recipient. After graduation, Mr. Jevens received a California Executive Fellowship to California State University-Sacramento. He was placed with the California Health and Welfare Agency and worked on immigration policy. After his fellowship, he earned a law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law and was admitted to practice in 1992.

In addition to enjoying retirement, Mr. Jevens serves as president of the UC Santa Barbara Affiliates, president of the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Docent’s Council, a Bellosugardo Foundation docent, a Santa Barbara Historical Museum docent, a founding mentor for the UC Santa Barbara College of Letters & Science Pre-Law Mentorship Program, and a volunteer for various UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association programs, including the All Gaucho Reunion.

Mr. Jevens was an Alumni Association Board member from 2004 to 2009. He is currently president, UCSB Affiliates, coordinating council, and was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Wenbin Jiang ’93

Wenbin Jiang is a seasoned entrepreneur. In 1998, he co-founded E2O Communications, Inc., a fiber optic subsystems company, which was acquired by JDS Uniphase Corporation in 2004. In December 2014, he co-founded Cytek Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq CTKB). He has since served as chief executive officer and chairman of the Cytek Biosciences, Inc. board of directors.

Dr. Jiang holds a bachelor’s of science in physics and master’s of science in optics and laser physics from Fudan University. He obtained his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from UC Santa Barbara in 1993. He is an inventor of 100 U.S. patents and an author of five book chapters and over 50 peer-reviewed technical papers.

Dr. Jiang was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2022.



Elizabeth (Liz) Juenger ’04

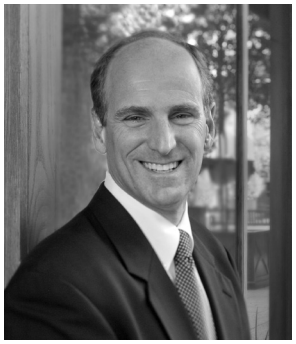
Elizabeth Juenger ’04 is a director of product management at Sony Interactive Entertainment (PlayStation), where she leads teams of product managers focused on the core software architecture across console, mobile, and PC platforms. Her work also includes driving adoption of internal AI tools that support engineering velocity and innovation at scale.

Ms. Juenger graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in global studies and international relations and has since built a career in technology product leadership with a focus on empowering cross-functional teams and delivering high-impact solutions. She has held product and leadership roles at companies including Apple, Dell, Private Communications Corporation, Directv, and Elephant.

In addition to her product leadership, Ms. Juenger is a passionate advocate for women in technology. She serves as a leader in the Women@PlayStation employee network, where she champions mentorship, allyship, and career development initiatives. Her commitment to elevating women in the workplace is central to her leadership philosophy.

Ms. Juenger holds a postgraduate diploma in Strategy and Innovation from the Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. She lives in San Francisco, where she enjoys distance running and volunteering with organizations supporting veterans and underrepresented groups in STEM.

Ms. Juenger is the vice president of the Alumni Association, and was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Mitch Kauffman ’77

2022 Mitch Kauffman ’77 is an educator, wealth manager, and dedicated UC Santa Barbara alumnus focused on applied economics and financial ethics. After a 35-year career founding, scaling, and successfully selling his independent advisory firm, Kauffman Wealth Management Inc., he returned to UCSB in 2016 to launch his second career, serving as a volunteer instructor to teach, mentor, and prepare the next generation of business leaders.

Mr. Kauffman teaches courses across the Departments of Economics and Technology Management, with curriculum spanning investment and financial management, managing ESG enterprise risk, and Wall Street ethics. Through the Strategic Investment Program, he teaches specialized courses on portfolio management, navigating financial crises, and ethics while also advising the Dean’s Investment Group.

A committed philanthropic partner, Mr. Kauffman and his wife, Joanne Moran, actively champion first-generation and low-income student success through the Mitchell Kauffman Strategic Investment Program Scholarship, the UCSB Promise Scholarship, and PROPEL.

He earned dual bachelor’s degrees in business economics and political science from UC Santa Barbara in 1977, followed by an MBA from the Drucker School of Management at Claremont Graduate University and an M.S. in wealth management from the College for Financial Planning, where he also earned his Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) designation. A proud Gaucho parent to Kelly J. Smith ’99, Mr. Kauffman lives in Santa Barbara and was elected to the UCSB Foundation Board of Trustees in 2026.



Kanika Kim

Kanika Bhalla Kim is a doctoral student in the Department of Global Studies at UC Santa Barbara. Originally from Punjab, India, she came to the United States to pursue a Ph.D. after developing a deep interest in the histories, languages, and stories that shape how communities understand themselves. Her research explores how British colonial archives documented Punjabi folklore and what these collections reveal about the relationship between knowledge, power, and empire.

At UC Santa Barbara, Ms. Kim has embraced the many roles of academic life — as a researcher, instructor, mentor, and lifelong learner. She enjoys introducing students to global histories and encouraging them to ask critical questions about the world around them. She believes that education is most meaningful when it inspires curiosity, empathy, and thoughtful dialogue across cultures and perspectives. Her work has taken her to archives and research libraries, where she studies manuscripts and historical collections while contributing to broader conversations about archives, colonialism, and the preservation of cultural heritage. She is passionate about making scholarship accessible beyond the university and about demonstrating how historical research can illuminate contemporary questions of identity, memory, and belonging.

As the first person in her family to pursue a Ph.D., Ms. Kim values the opportunities that higher education has opened for her and hopes to create similar pathways for future generations of students. Outside of academia, she enjoys reading, traveling, and staying connected to her roots in Punjab. She is also a proud new mother, an experience that has deepened her appreciation for storytelling, resilience, and the importance of building a more thoughtful and compassionate world for the next generation.

Ms. Kim is the co-president of the graduate students association, and was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Hiro Kozato ’85

Hiro Kozato was the CEO and president of Techpoint since founding the company in 2012. On June 2, 2025, Techpoint was acquired by ASMedia. He is currently working as a special assistant to the chairman of Techpoint to ensure a smooth transition. He was the former founder and CEO of Techwell, which he took public in 2006; he sold Techwell to Intersil in 2010. From 1994 to 1996, Mr. Kozato was president of Sigmax, a start-up company based in Silicon Valley developing CD-ROM controller chips. Sigmax was sold to Adaptec in 1996. From 1987 to 1994, he was the business controller for Ricoh, a large Japanese electronics conglomerate, where he was responsible for Ricoh’s U.S. semiconductor business.

Mr. Kozato started his career at Tomen, a large Japanese trading company. Growing up in both Japan and Taiwan, Mr. Kozato learned to speak both Japanese and Chinese. He and his wife, Masako, have one adult daughter and reside in Saratoga, California.

Mr. Kozato and his wife have created the Kozato Fellowships to support graduate students in the Department of Mathematics. Mr. Kozato was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2019.



Jayron J. Larijani ’93

Jayron Larijani graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies. After graduating from UC Santa Barbara, she moved to the Bay Area, where she worked as a hazardous waste remediation consultant for the EPA and US Navy. Eventually, she moved to New York to be closer to her family, and established a career as a software architect in the insurance space. She has developed a network of friends and associates around the world and travels often.

Today, she devotes her time to her family’s philanthropic interests. Following in the footsteps of her parents and step-parents, she has formed catalytic and creative partnerships with diverse groups around the world.

At UC Santa Barbara, she, her mother Lillian and sister Leila generously support Dr. Ken Kosik’s work through the Martin-Larijani Alzheimer’s Initiative, which has included introductions to other research groups at Oxford University. At home in New York, Ms. Larijani is an active volunteer and supporter of the Lower East Side Girls Club and other local service organizations. On behalf of her family, she is associated with a number of initiatives in Oxford, United Kingdom, including the Oxford Martin School, the Bodleian Library of Oxford, and the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ms. Larijani was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023 and served as the vice chair of donor relations from 2024-2026. She is a member of the nominating committee and the executive committee.



R. Marilyn Lee ’69

R. Marilyn Lee ’69 is a Regent Emeriti, retired attorney, and retired vice president of the Los Angeles Times. Ms. Lee worked in congressional offices in Washington, D.C., after graduating with her B.A. in political science. Ms. Lee received her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific. She was a deputy city attorney for Los Angeles before joining Times Mirror as director of human resources. Ms. Lee was appointed vice president of human resources of the Los Angeles Times in 1992, and then to the new position of vice president, public affairs.

Ms. Lee served on the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association 1983-89 and was vice president of the board. She was elected as Alumni Regent of the UC Board of Regents, 1986-88, and also president of the system-wide Alumni Associations of the University of California. Ms. Lee received the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Service Award in 1992 and co-chaired the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1969. McGeorge School of Law has honored Ms. Lee as one of 100 Distinguished Alumni for the school’s centennial in 2024.

Ms. Lee has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the UC Press Foundation, California State Summer School for the Arts, Los Angeles Times Fund, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Las Angelitas del Pueblo (Olvera Street) and others.

Ms. Lee and her husband, retired Judge Harvey Schneider, reside in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. They established the Larry Adams Scholars in Political Science and support the American Presidency Project, the Alumni Association, and social science student projects. They are members of the Legacy Circle.

Ms. Lee was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1989. She has served as chair of the Foundation’s nominating committee, board secretary, vice chair of the stewardship committee, the Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies in 2014, and the executive committee and the ad hoc committee on bylaws and governance. She currently serves on the Dean’s Cabinet of Social Sciences and the governance committee.



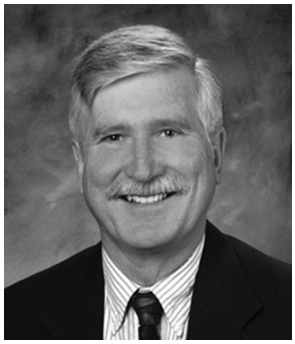
Pamela Lopker ’77

Pamela Lopker is the founder of QAD, a software company focused on the needs of global manufactures. Mrs. Lopker founded the company in 1979 and retired in November 2021. She was responsible for shaping the vision and strategic direction of QAD, as well as directing the company’s global research and development efforts.

In November 2021, Mrs. Lopker sold the majority of QAD to the private equity company Thoma Bravo, retaining 25% ownership. She remains on the board of the company and serves on the compensation and cybersecurity committee.

In 2022, Mrs. Lopker was recognized by Forbes in a list of America’s Top 100 Self-Made Women.

Mrs. Lopker earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from UC Santa Barbara. She is certified in production and inventory management by the American Production and Inventory Control Society. Mrs. Lopker and her late husband, Karl, established the Venkatesh Narayanamurti Chair in Computer Science. Mrs. Lopker was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2009 and is a member of the finance and investment committee.



Glenn E. Lucas ‘73

Glenn E. “Gene” Lucas obtained his bachelor’s of science degree in nuclear engineering from UC Santa Barbara in 1973. He went on to obtain his Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also in nuclear engineering, in 1978, and subsequently joined the faculty at UC Santa Barbara. He rose from the rank of assistant professor to full professor over his career at UC Santa Barbara. He has served in a variety of academic administrative capacities, including vice chair of chemical engineering, associate chair of materials, associate dean and acting dean of the college of engineering, and finally, executive vice chancellor. He has also chaired numerous Academic Senate and special campus committees. He retired at the end of 2013, but is currently serving as a volunteer on a number of campus projects.

Dr. Lucas served as a professor in both the Department of Mechanical and Environmental Engineering and the Department of Chemical Engineering. His expertise is in the experimental evaluation of mechanical properties of advanced structural materials, and how these properties change in response to microstructural changes induced by processing or service environments (chemical, thermal, or nuclear). He is the author/co-author of two monographs, editor/co-editor of six international conference proceedings, and has over 150 publications in refereed journals and conference proceedings. He has received several Significant Contribution Awards, the R. E. Peterson Award from the Society for Experimental Mechanics, the Graver Service Award, and the Young Member Engineering Achievement Award from the American Nuclear Society. He is a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Lucas was vice president of the Alumni Association in 2022-2023 and was the president of the Alumni Association 2024-2025. He is currently a member of the Governance Committee, was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2022 and elected in 2025.



Francesco D. Mancia ‘80

Francesco “Fran” Mancia is a strategic partner with Precision Advocacy LLC, a Sacramento based full-service lobbying, public affairs, and public relations firm. He has over 30 years of experience offering state and local advocacy services to local jurisdictions and private sector clients. Mr. Mancia has a strong working knowledge of local and state government general fund tax laws, and regulatory and legislative issues that impact government entities.

Mr. Mancia served as a two-term president of the League of California Cities League Partner Program, and co-founder and past chairman of the California Contract Cities Associate Member Program. He also served a 14-year term as a trustee of the California City Management Foundation. Fran is a long standing advisor to the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee.

Mr. Mancia has provided 30+ years of volunteer service to the University of California. He has served on the board of directors of the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association, as a founding and still active member of the Department of Communication Alumni Council, and as past president of the Alumni Associations of the University of California, which is composed of all living alumni from all 10 UC campuses.

Mr. Mancia serves as president of the Signet Corporation, a nonprofit housing corporation that owns and operates the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity property in Isla Vista. He is a regent emeritus of the University of California and serves as an appointed member of the Fiat Lux Alliance, the advisory board to the Office of the President of the University of California. Mr. Mancia became a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023, currently serves on the executive and audit committees, and is the vice chair of governance.



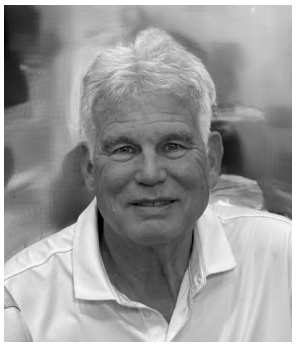
David Marshall

David Marshall is executive vice chancellor and provost of UC Santa Barbara. He previously served for 16 years as dean of Humanities and Fine Arts and was the first Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts. From 2005 to 2012, he also was executive dean of the College of Letters and Science. Before joining UC Santa Barbara, Dr. Marshall was a professor at Yale University, where he taught from 1979 to 1997. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Marshall is a professor of English and comparative literature. His research focuses on eighteenth-century fiction, aesthetics, and moral philosophy. He is the author of numerous essays and four books, one of which was awarded the 2005-2006 Louis Gottschalk Prize by the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. A former Guggenheim Fellow, he also has lectured widely and published on issues in higher education and public education. He served on the board of directors of the National Humanities Alliance for over a decade, including four years as president, as well as the board of directors of the Center for Research Libraries.

Marshall currently chairs the University of California University Systemwide Library and Scholarly Information Committee, which advises the University on systemwide library policies and strategic priorities, and the University of California Executive Budget Committee. Past UC assignments include serving as Chair of the University of California President's Advisory Committee on Research in the Humanities, Chair of the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Advisory Committee, Chair of the UC Education Abroad Governing Board, and Chair of the UC Washington Center Governing Council.

Dr. Marshall and his wife, Dr. Candace Waid, who is a professor emerita of English at UC Santa Barbara, have one son and reside in Santa Barbara. A member of the executive committee, he has been a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation since 2014.



Mark Maxson '75

Mark Maxson currently serves as a reinsurance consultant with Maxson Consulting. Before this role, he held the position of president of API Re, a division of Allied Professionals Insurance Services. Previously, Mr. Maxson served as executive vice president and was a member of the executive committee at JLT Re, a division of Jardine Matheson (Hong Kong). Prior to his tenure at JLT Re, he held the position of senior vice president at Willis Re Inc., a Lloyd's of London reinsurance broker.

Beyond his professional commitments, Mr. Maxson actively contributes to the community. He has served on the board of UC San Diego Athletics and has been a board member of the National Risk Retention Association. Mr. Maxson is also dedicated to volunteer work and has actively supported Friends of Cal Crew.

At UC Santa Barbara, Mr. Maxson is a devoted advocate of the UCSB Library, supporting digitization projects within the Performing Arts Collection in the Special Research Collection. These include audio recordings of John Steinbeck and major authors of the 20th century.

He and his wife, Mary Burchill, have two adult sons and reside in Orinda, California. Mr. Maxson has a degree in economics from UC Santa Barbara and an MBA in finance from the University of Puget Sound. While at UCSB, Mr. Maxson was elected to the Santa Barbara Athletic Hall of Fame for crew and was a Dean's Scholar during his senior year.

Mr. Maxon was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024. He serves on the Foundation's audit committee and the finance & investment committee.



Tina Hansen McEnroe ’89

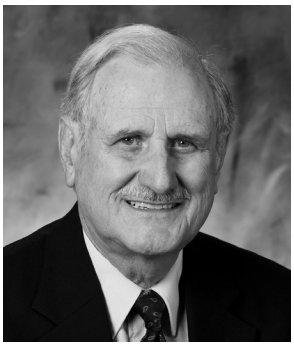
Tina Hansen McEnroe, a visionary and creative innovator in elementary and middle school education, has been recognized for her contributions to the field locally, statewide, and nationally. She is the founder and associate director of the McEnroe Reading and Language Arts Clinic in the Gevirtz School of Education, providing, for close to two decades, literacy support for children in grades 1-8 with intensive, research-based instruction through clinical services and partnerships with community organizations. On the horizon is the establishment of the youth leadership collaborative.

Tina teaches an 1800s curriculum from her restored 1869 Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse, a Santa Barbara County Building of Historic Merit, located on the McEnroes’ Santa Ynez Valley Rancho La Purisima. Pleasant Valley School is the first schoolhouse in California to be recognized by the Country School Association of America. She also serves as the president of the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum.

Her awards include: the Honored Alumna from the College of Education at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; the Distinguished Alumna of the Santa Catalina School in Monterey; the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Excellence in Teaching Award; California’s Outstanding Educator of the Year Award from the Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom; and the Santa Barbara County Outstanding Educator Award. Having been the ADL Education Honoree and the Santa Barbara Junior League Woman of the Year, she continues to serve her community in leadership positions on several local boards, as well as on Monterey County’s Santa Catalina Board of Trustees.

Tina holds a bachelor’s of science in education from University Southern California. At UC Santa Barbara, she earned a master’s in education as well as a teaching credential and professional reading specialist credential. She received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters and two special education credentials from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Besides having developed numerous teaching curricula, she is the co-author of two children’s books.

Tina was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2021.



Duncan A. Mellichamp H’09

Trustee Emeritus

Duncan A. Mellichamp, professor emeritus of chemical engineering at UC Santa Barbara, is a founding member of the department faculty, starting up the process dynamics and control programs in 1966-1967. Earlier, he was a research engineer with DuPont. His bachelor’s degree is from Georgia Tech, and his Ph.D. is from Purdue University. He is the author of more than 100 research publications. Recent research focuses on estimating profitability and risk in the design of large-scale chemical plants.

Dr. Mellichamp was elected chair of the UC Santa Barbara Academic Senate (1990-92) and of the UC system-wide Academic Senate (1995-97), serving ex-officio on the Board of Regents. In 2018, well after his term, he received the Oliver Johnson award for exemplary service. Before his retirement in 2003, he served for nearly seven years as special assistant to the chancellor for long-range planning. He led the university effort to initiate land-swaps that would protect open-space on the Ellwood and Devereux Mesas while providing for future student and faculty housing. He initiated early joint efforts between the campus and County of Santa Barbara of a long-term planning effort for the community of Isla Vista. He joined the California Trust for Public Land’s statewide advisory board as they bought and gifted the former Ocean Meadows Golf Course to UC Santa Barbara. His family continues to work with the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity & Ecological Restoration (CCBER) toward its restoration of the North Campus Open Space.

Dr. Mellichamp and his wife, Suzanne (M.A. education ’70 and teacher for nearly 30 years), have endowed 15 academic chairs and they remain active in several Santa Barbara nonprofits.

Dr. Mellichamp was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2003 and was made an honorary alumnus in 2009. In 2014, he chaired the Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies. He currently is a member of the finance and investment committee and was voted as the first trustee emeritus of the Foundation in 2024.



Steven C. Mendell ’63

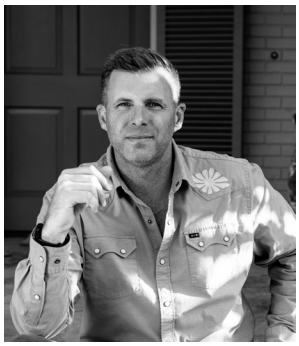
Trustee Emeritus

Steven C. Mendell grew up in Palo Alto, California. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from UC Santa Barbara and is a graduate of Arizona State University’s Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. Mr. Mendell and his wife, Barbara, reside in Rancho Santa Fe, California. They have two grown sons and four grandchildren.

Mr. Mendell served in the U.S. Army from 1964-1968 in Vietnam and Belgium, attaining the rank of captain. He was a senior executive with Becton, Dickinson and Company and was chairman and CEO of Xoma Corporation, Prizm Pharmaceuticals, and Selective Genetics. He was most recently CEO of LMA North America, a leader in devices for medical anesthesia.

He is on the board of YPO Gold (Young Presidents’ Organization) and was chairman of the Chairmen’s Roundtable, a group of CEOs that provide mentorship to San Diego area companies. He served on the corporate advisory board for the NASDAQ Stock Market.

Mr. Mendell is a past chair of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation and served on the board of the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1983. He has served as secretary as well as vice chair of the development, donor relations, nominations, and finance committees. Mr. and Mrs. Mendell established and endowed The Mendell Graduate Fellowship in Cultural Literacy and The Mendell Prize in Political Science. They are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society. Mr. Mendell is the recipient of the Graver University Service Award from the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association. He received the distinguished alumni award in 2015 and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1983. Mr. Mendell was voted as trustee emeritus of the Foundation in 2025.



William Bennett Meredith ’04

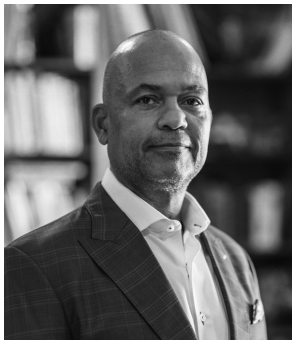
William Bennett Meredith (Will) is a community and regional development partner who focuses on advancing equitable and holistic placemaking through the built environment with strategic partnerships and creative capital stacks, across Texas, California, Utah and Montana. Mr. Meredith obtained his B.A. in political science from UC Santa Barbara, where he competed in UCSB’s Men’s Soccer. Additionally, Mr. Meredith obtained a master’s in science of project management, holds an associate’s degree in construction management, and has a portfolio of real estate brokerage, development, and construction technology related businesses.

Over the past 25 years, Mr. Meredith has taken pride in supporting community leaders and coalitions in shaping transformative and innovative projects, notably: the “Crown of the Continent” in Montana, Austin’s Waterloo Greenway, The Austin Film Studios, The Sustainable Food Center, The Long Center for Performing Arts, Laguna Gloria, The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, PeopleFund, and numerous housing, mixed-use, transit oriented developments, hike and bike trails, and nature preserves.

As a native Californian and passionate steward of the spirit of the American West, Mr. Meredith considers it an honor and a privilege to be of service to UC Santa Barbara as a member of the Department of Political Science Alumni Advisory Council and the Men’s Soccer Alumni Advisory Council. Will is a trustee of The Nature Conservancy in Texas, which is working towards stewarding two million acres and 5,000 miles of rivers. Additionally, he is a board member of eight other organizations, including Main Plaza Conservancy in San Antonio, Street Soccer USA. At Texas State University, Will is chairing the building committee for a new Cultural Arts and Welcome Center at Spring Lake.

Will and his wife, Natalie Rose, have three children (6,7,9) and a Vizsla named Ace. They live in South Austin and enjoy spending time at their home in Montecito.

Mr. Meredith was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024.



Otieno Okatch ’92

Otieno Okatch is the founder and president of Per Ankh Life Skills, Inc., also known as PALS, Inc., a leading southern California provider of therapeutic services for adults with cognitive and behavioral challenges. Since 2001, PALS has worked with people who have severe behavioral deficits and/or excesses. PALS, Inc. has offices throughout Southern and Central California.

Mr. Okatch is the co-owner of Wayando Beach Eco Lodge, a small hotel on the shores of Lake Victoria, Rusinga Island, Kenya. He donates his time as a commissioner on the City of Long Beach’s Police Oversight Commission.

Mr. Okatch is the son of a Kenyan immigrant father and an American mother. Born in Kansas, he grew up in Ventura County. He holds a bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara; a master’s degree in African studies with a concentration in public health from UCLA; and a master’s degree in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University.

After graduating from UCSB, Mr. Okatch served as an intern for the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi. He has served as a therapist for adolescents in foster care and as a behavior consultant, and has managed residential adult day care programs. He is fluent in English and Kiswahili.

Mr. Okatch created the Mable Iola Brown Fuller Endowment in Black Studies to emphasize the importance of increasing positives in the restoration of the traditional greatness of African culture. He is a member of the Dean’s Cabinet in Social Sciences. In 2023, he was honored to provide a commencement address for the College of Letters and Science. Mr. Okatch and his wife, Christina Buth-Okatch, reside in Long Beach, California. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023 and served as the vice chair of development for 2024-2026. He is currently the chair of the audit committee and a member of the executive committee.



Louise A. Pahl ’77

Louise A. Pahl graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a B.A. in sociology. She met her husband, fellow alumnus Stephen Pahl ’77 (B.A. in political science and business economics), while living next door to him in Isla Vista.

Mrs. Pahl worked as a nursing home administrator, was a fundraiser for the American Heart Association, and was associate director of Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos.

She has been actively involved with the Junior League of San Jose since 1990 and serves on their 60th anniversary committee. Mrs. Pahl has served as vice president and house committee chair at Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Pahl has been a member of the northern California campaign committee for UC Santa Barbara and currently serves on the Bay Area Regional Leadership Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Pahl have endowed an undergraduate upper division “Making a Difference” award in social sciences. They established the Pahl Center on the Study of Critical Social Issues in UC Santa Barbara’s Division of Social Sciences and the Pahl Endowed Professorship Fund, to be held by the director of The Pahl Center. Mrs. Pahl is a member of the UC Santa Barbara Division of Social Sciences Dean’s Cabinet. They both are active golfers and supporters of the Men’s Golf Program.

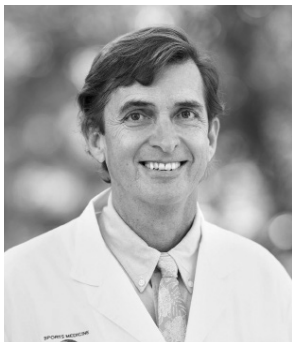
The Pahls reside in Los Altos Hills. Mrs. Pahl and her husband are life members of the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association and members of the Gold Circle Society. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2013 and is currently the secretary of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation board of trustees.



Chris Pizzinat ‘88

Chris Pizzinat serves as associate vice chancellor for UC Santa Barbara’s office of development as well as executive director of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation. In these roles, he oversees and provides strategic direction for university advancement, is responsible for annual fundraising growth, and oversees and helps guide the Board of Trustees of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation. He began his career with UC Santa Barbara’s Office of Development in 2006 and has led the department since 2020. Prior to that, he served for a decade as deputy director of an NGO working in the field of international peace and security. He began his career in the private sector, primarily in real estate finance, development, and property management.

Chris earned his bachelor’s degree in international relations from UC Santa Barbara in 1988. He and his wife reside in Santa Barbara and have three adult children, two of whom are fellow UCSB alumni.



Dr. Christopher S. Proctor

Dr. Christopher S. Proctor is a retired orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist who dedicated over 35 years to patient care. As the longtime managing partner at Alta Orthopaedics in Santa Barbara, he was recognized as a Castle Connolly Top Doctor for 15 consecutive years.

Dr. Proctor graduated magna cum laude from UCLA in neurobiology before earning his medical degree from Columbia University in 1986. He completed his orthopedic residency at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center and an advanced sports medicine fellowship with the Southern California Center for Sports Medicine.

Dr. Proctor has a 28-year history of involvement with UC Santa Barbara. He has collaborated on joint research projects as an affiliated faculty scientist and given invited lectures. On campus, Dr. Proctor has served as a Student Health staff physician, a UCSB Athletics team consultation physician, and the UCSB Baseball head team physician. Dr. Proctor and his wife, Julie, established an undergraduate research endowment at the UCSB College of Creative Studies and are longtime supporters of UCSB Athletics.

Dr. Proctor is senior fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and a senior member of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons.

Outside the clinic, Dr. Proctor and his wife, Julie, raised three sons and established an undergraduate research endowment fund at the UC Santa Barbara College of Creative Studies. Their eldest, Duncan, graduated from the UCSB College of Creative Studies with a biology degree in 2017 and went on to pursue a Ph.D. in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology at UC Santa Barbara. Dr. Proctor was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Samantha Putnam

Samantha Putnam is executive director for alumni affairs and executive director of the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association, where she leads the university's alumni engagement strategy, alumni association operations, and a broad portfolio of programs that strengthen lifelong connections between alumni and UC Santa Barbara.

Ms. Putnam joined the alumni team in 2016 as director of programs and was promoted to associate director before being appointed executive director in 2020. Under her leadership, the Alumni Association has focused on expanding meaningful alumni engagement, strengthening strategic partnerships, enhancing career and lifelong learning opportunities, and ensuring the organization's long-term financial sustainability.

Before joining UC Santa Barbara, she worked in alumni affairs and development at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks and served as manager of community engagement for the Girl Scouts in Santa Barbara. Earlier in her career, she held development roles at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at UC Santa Barbara and Environmental Defense Fund in San Francisco.

A native of Hampshire, England, Ms. Putnam earned a bachelor's degree with honors in media and cultural studies from the University of the West of England, Bristol, in 2004. She and her husband have two daughters.

Ms. Putnam has served as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation since 2020.



EJ Raad

Mr. Raad is a senior at UC Santa Barbara studying political science. Originally from Monrovia, California, he enjoys working out, playing basketball, and spending time with friends and family. He currently serves as the Associated Students president and previously served as the Associated Students external vice president for local affairs. He looks forward to furthering the philanthropy of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Raad is president, Associated Students, and was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Rita Raley

Rita Raley is professor of English at UC Santa Barbara and serves as divisional chair of the Academic Senate (2024–2026), following appointments as vice chair (2020–2022, 2023–2024), chair of the Program Review Panel (2015–2017), and chair of Graduate Council (2011–2012). Her current research focuses on "critical AI" and the cultural, aesthetic, social, political, and institutional implications of large language models. In addition to previous teaching positions at the University of Minnesota, Rice, and NYU, she has held fellowship and short-term residency appointments hosted by the National Humanities Center; the University of Bergen; the Dutch Foundation for Literature; and UCLA. Ms. Raley was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024. She is currently chair of the Academic Senate and is on the executive committee.



Joel S. Raznick '81

Joel Raznick has had the honor of being a regent of the University of California, representing our two million alumni, and is proud to continue as a trustee of UC Santa Barbara. He is passionate about enabling and supporting education for young people and others. He is focused on helping to enrich the K-12 student journey to higher education and to roles as business and civic leaders.

Mr. Raznick is a proven business and community leader with expertise building companies and delivering ROI and equity growth through corporate marketing, including strategic planning, brand building, visual identity, communication architectures, and integrated programs and initiatives. He has created and enhanced brands for start-ups, SMB, and global Fortune 100 and 500 companies by developing relationships from awareness to advocacy with consumers and partners across diverse audiences.

Mr. Raznick has extensive experience in both in-house corporate C-level management and is the founder and CEO of Undivided Agency, a successful worldwide marketing firm. He has worked across sectors including CBG, spirits, technology, consumer electronics, financial services, non-profit, MarTech, entertainment, and more. He is the chief communications officer at NEFT Vodka, a brand that is now in 25 states and 18 countries. Working with a highly dedicated team, he has helped craft and implement NEFT's brand essence, presence, voice, and GTM strategy.

Mr. Raznick served as the president of the Alumni Associations of the University of California and is a UC Regent-Emeritus, having served on the UC Board of Regents from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Mr. Raznick was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2021, served on the nominating committee, and currently serves on the executive committee.



Luanne Raznick Andreotti ’81

Ms. Luanne Raznick Andreotti ’81 is an arts advocate, writer, editor, and civic leader who earned a bachelor’s degree in history from UC Santa Barbara in 1981 and a master’s degree in journalism from Northwestern.

Throughout her career, Ms. Raznick Andreotti has contributed to the arts and cultural landscape of the San Francisco Bay Area through museum engagement, arts writing, and community leadership. She serves as a docent at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, where she shares her passion for the visual arts with the public. Here, she founded Docent to Docent, an internal digital magazine by and for the volunteer docents. She also serves as chair of the Achenbach Graphic Arts Council, supporting the museum’s renowned works-on-paper collection and helping advance appreciation for these important cultural resources.

Ms. Raznick Andreotti is deeply committed to strengthening the UC Santa Barbara community. As a director of the UCSB Alumni Association Board (elected 2020), she helps foster connections between alumni and the university while creating opportunities for students, including student artists, to showcase their work at alumni events.

She divides her time between San Mateo and Half Moon Bay, where she continues to support the arts. Ms. Raznick Andreotti was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Rick Rosen ’75

Rick Rosen is a co-founder of Endeavor, now WME Agency. For many years, Mr. Rosen oversaw the agency’s television division, in addition to his role in broadcast and sports broadcast divisions. He played a critical role in orchestrating Endeavor’s 2009 merger with the William Morris Agency, the largest talent agency merger in history.

Mr. Rosen works with comedic icon Conan O’Brien and represents the creators of many top television series, such as Dick Wolf (“Law & Order,” “Chicago,” FBI franchises), Howard Gordon (“24,” “Homeland”), Alex Gansa (“Homeland”), Hagai Levi (“Scenes from a Marriage,” “Our Boys,” “In Treatment”), and documentary filmmaker RJ Cutler. He also represents the largest media company in Israel, Keshet Media Group (“Homeland,” “When Heroes Fly,” “The Gordin Cell,” “Our Boys”) as well as Chernin Entertainment Group. Additionally, he represents the British production company Hat Trick Productions and Jed Mercurio (“Line of Duty,” “Bodyguard”).

Mr. Rosen serves on the board of directors of the Israeli Policy Forum and the Creative Coalition for Peace. He is also the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. He is a member of the board of the Carsey-Wolf Center, the film and television School at UC Santa Barbara. He was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mr. Rosen was elected a trustee to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025 and is currently a member of the governance committee.



Lynn Scarlett ’70,’73

Lynn Scarlett ’70,’73 is a distinguished environmental policy leader and strategist with decades of experience at the intersection of natural resource management, climate resilience, and sustainable development. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science and political economy from UC Santa Barbara, where she developed her lifelong commitment to public service and environmental stewardship.

Ms. Scarlett served as deputy secretary and chief operating officer of the U.S. Department of the Interior, where she oversaw operations of the nation’s vast public lands and natural resources. She later became global chief external affairs officer at The Nature Conservancy, leading global efforts to advance solutions to climate change, sustainable infrastructure, and landscape-scale conservation.

Ms. Scarlett has advised on climate policy, ecosystem services, and collaborative resource management at national and international levels. She has served on numerous boards, councils, and commissions, including the National Academy of Sciences’ Sustainability Roundtable and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Science Advisory Board.

Ms. Scarlett is highly involved with the UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. She is a current member of the Bren School Dean’s Council and has taught graduate students. She also serves on the Directors Council for UCSB’s National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis. Ms. Scarlett lives in Santa Barbara and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2026.



Amy Smiley ’82

Amy Lutz Smiley ’82 spent her professional career in process development at Genentech, Inc., working in the development of manufacturing processes for genetically engineered pharmaceuticals, including Activase, Avastin, Herceptin, Pulmozyme, and Relaxin.

Ms. Smiley received her B.S. in chemical engineering from UC Santa Barbara. At Santa Barbara, Ms. Smiley was a Regent’s Scholar and a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. She received her M.S. in chemical engineering from MIT in 1984, where she conducted her research in mammalian cell culture process development. She and her husband, Brian, call the Bay Area their home.

Ms. Smiley was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Phillip L. Spector ’72

Phillip Spector is an attorney and business executive with decades of experience in technology, mobile and satellite communications, and related fields.

He was the managing partner of the Washington, D.C., office and a member of the management committee of Paul, Weiss, an international law firm, where he chaired the Communications and Technology Group. He later was senior counsel in the Washington office of the Milbank law firm.

Prior to joining Milbank, Mr. Spector was executive vice president, business development, and general counsel of Intelsat, the world’s largest satellite operator, where his responsibilities included strategic ventures and acquisitions, regulatory compliance, the procurement and provisioning of satellite capacity, and multi-billion dollar financing transactions. He served on the board of Intelsat after helping to arrange the company’s listing on the New York Stock Exchange. He later was general counsel of a start-up company in the apparel industry.

Mr. Spector served in government as law clerk to Judge James Oakes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and to Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court. He also worked in the White House as associate assistant to the president.

Mr. Spector is the former chairman of the American Bar Association’s International Communications Committee, and the co-author of the book “Communications and Technology Alliances.” In 2016, he was inducted into the Satellite Hall of Fame.

Mr. Spector earned his J.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where he was the Supreme Court editor of the Harvard Law Review. He also received a master’s in public policy degree from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor’s degree, with highest honors, from UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Spector is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2012.



Judith Stapelmann ’63,’65

Judith Stapelmann graduated from UC Santa Barbara and continued on for a master’s degree in immunology. Trained as a general biologist, she taught biology and ecology at Ventura College, Glendale College, and Santa Barbara City College.

A deep concern for environmental issues led to volunteer work for Planned Parenthood California Central Coast beginning in the early 1980s. She has served in many capacities, from clinic work to serving as president of the board, and continues to serve on the development committee. She has been deeply involved with supporting the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Land Trust for Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Environmental Defense Center, Wilding Museum, the Women’s Fund, and the Santa Barbara Foundation. Her dear husband, Jack Stapelmann, who passed away in 2024, helped establish Santa Barbara Channelkeeper and served on its board. Together, the couple donated the 100-acre Big Bend Ranch to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. She is proud to have negotiated the first Williamson Act contract to protect private property as wildlife habitat. In 2021, she was named Person of the Year by the Santa Barbara Foundation. Currently she is the campaign co-chair for Fairview Gardens in Goleta, with the mission to preserve the agricultural heritage, provide research, and offer educational programs to the community.

Mrs. Stapelmann’s environmental influence runs deep at UC Santa Barbara, from helping Sedgwick Reserve build an operating endowment to investing in the success of the North Campus Open Space restoration program and helping facilitate field experiences for Environmental Studies students. Her commitment to student success is reflected in her ongoing support of the Promise Scholars program. She is a member of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society, and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2006.



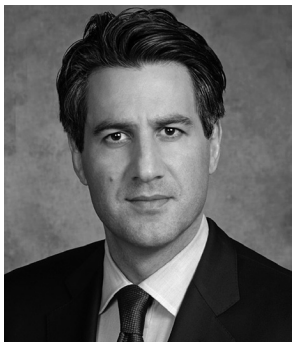
Andrew Stewart ’96

Andrew Stewart is an industry partner at Motive Partners, which he joined in 2016. At Motive, Mr. Stewart sources and executes investment opportunities with a focus on strategy and growth for Motive portfolio companies. Mr. Stewart also serves as executive chairman at Wilshire and is a board member at With Intelligence. He previously served as executive chairman of Global Shares, where he supported strategic initiatives to capitalize on market opportunities and foster growth before its sale to JPMorgan in 2022. He also served as the chairman of the board of directors and was an advisory board member of Finantix, which is now a part of the InvestCloud platform.

Prior to joining Motive Partners, Mr. Stewart co-led Blackrock’s Alternative Investment Platform (BAI). He chaired BAI’s Executive Committee and was a member of BAI’s Investment Committees, as well as Blackrock’s Global Operating and Human Capital Committees.

Before BAI, Mr. Stewart helped build the Credit Suisse alternatives business into a robust driver of profitability and managed the global credit, commodities, insurance and hedge fund strategies across the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Latin America. Prior to joining Credit Suisse, he helped build Man Investments into one of the largest publicly traded alternative asset management firms in the world.

Mr. Stewart earned a J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, where he served as an editor of the Indiana Law Journal and graduated cum laude. He has a bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Stewart was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Michael P. Stewart ’91

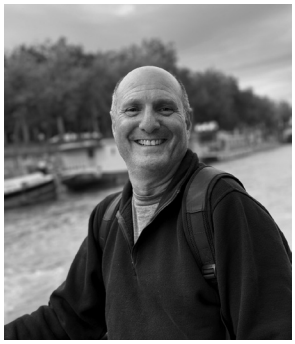
Michael Stewart was born and raised in California, and graduated from UC Santa Barbara with bachelor’s degrees in business economics and English.

In 2019, Mr. Stewart retired from his role as managing director at Credit Suisse in New York, where he was responsible for global equities and sat on the global markets management team. Previously, Mr. Stewart was a group managing director at UBS in Zurich, Switzerland, where he ran global investment products and services and sat on the wealth management executive committee. From 2011-2014, Mr. Stewart was global head of equities for the UBS Investment Bank, based in New York.

Since retiring, Mr Stewart has focused on his family and consulting office, Cardiff Associates, and work on various engagements, board and advisory positions, as well as spending time in FinTech private equity, primarily at 7RIDGE.

Mr. Stewart began his career in financial services in 1992 at Barclays Global Investors in San Francisco, where he worked in various capacities, ultimately heading the equity trading division. He relocated to New York in 2002 to work for Merrill Lynch, and subsequently Bank of America Merrill Lynch, where he served in a variety of roles, including global head of cash equities, global head of electronic execution, and global head of portfolio and automated trading. From 2008-2011, Mr. Stewart was in London as co-head of Bank of America Merrill Lynch’s global equities division, co-head of European Markets and a member of the investment bank management committee.

Mr. Stewart currently is a member of the board of directors of the Global Financial Markets Association. At UC Santa Barbara, Mr. Stewart has supported the economics programs and recently made a major investment in Men’s Basketball and Athletics. He also serves on the advisory board of UC Santa Barbara’s Center for Research in Financial Mathematics and Statistics and the Department of Economics Advisory Board. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Gold Circle Society and served on the finance and investment committee. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2014.



Marty Stone ’82

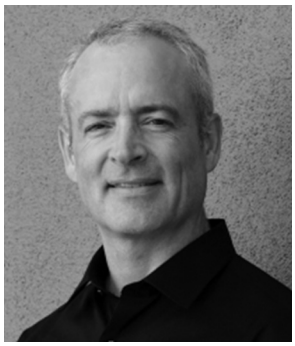
Martin “Marty” Stone recently sold Stones’ Phones, a Democratic political consulting firm known for working on high-profile campaigns, nonprofits, and progressive causes.

His extensive political career includes five election cycles with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, where he recruited candidates and taught campaign skills to challengers and incumbents. He also served as the finance director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Mr. Stone ventured into the role of a candidate, running for Congress in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo in 1994. He lost to his friend and former UCSB Professor Walter Capps. His commitment to democracy runs deep; he has worked pro bono for the National Democratic Institute, training opposition parties in Croatia, Bosnia, and Azerbaijan. Marty often lectures at American University and George Washington University on applied politics. Being dyslexic himself, Mr. Stone served on the Board of the International Dyslexia Association, recruiting other dyslexic entrepreneurs to mentor young people.

Mr. Stone loves wine, particularly old Madeiras (the oldest Madeira he drank was an 1815 Malvasia). He invests in wine and spirits ventures with a social purpose: the minority- and women-owned Cork Wine Bar in Washington, D.C., and Virunga Mountain Spirits, the first distillery in Rwanda, staffed and supplied by local farmers.

Mr. Stone supports the UCSB Promise Scholars program and served as its commencement speaker in 2023. He resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Lisa Sherman, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives, and their three cats. His daughter, Stella Quincy Stone, a graduate of Sidwell Friends School, will attend the USC Annenberg School of Communication (despite his lobbying her to go to UCSB). Elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024, he is a member of the governance committee.



Andrew Teel

Andrew R. Teel received his A.B. degree in engineering sciences from Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1987, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from UC Berkeley in 1989 and 1992, respectively. After receiving his Ph.D., he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Ecole des Mines de Paris in Fontainebleau, France. In 1992, he joined the faculty of the electrical engineering department at the University of Minnesota, where he was an assistant professor until 1997. Subsequently, he joined the faculty of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at UC Santa Barbara, where he is currently a distinguished professor and director of the Center for Control, Dynamical systems, and Computation.

His research interests are in nonlinear and hybrid dynamical systems, with a focus on stability analysis and control design. He has received NSF Research Initiation and CAREER Awards, the 1998 IEEE Leon K. Kirchmayer Prize Paper Award, the 1998 George S. Axelby Outstanding Paper Award, and was the recipient of the first SIAM Control and Systems Theory Prize in 1998. He was the recipient of the 1999 Donald P. Eckman Award and the 2001 O. Hugo Schuck Best Paper Award, both given by the American Automatic Control Council, and also received the 2010 IEEE Control Systems Magazine Outstanding Paper Award. In 2016, he received the Certificate of Excellent Achievements from the IFAC Technical Committee on Nonlinear Control Systems. In 2020, he and his co-authors received the HSCC Test-of-Time Award. He recently completed a nine-year term as editor-in-chief for Automatica. He is a fellow of the IEEE and of IFAC.

Dr. Teel is the chair, committee on development and community relations, Academic Senate. He was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Anne Smith Towbes H'20

Anne Smith Towbes is a native of Detroit, Michigan, and a graduate of the University of Michigan, B.A., M.A. '69. She spent the first 20 years of her professional life teaching English and drama in grades 4-12 in Maryland and Michigan.

Ms. Towbes and her late husband, Bob Smith, moved their daughter, Jennifer, and son, Michael, to Santa Barbara in 1991, where they owned KEYT TV for 12 years. After Bob's passing in 2003, Anne carried on his legacy by establishing the Mission for Mentors Telethon and served as a consultant to her daughter's magazines, the Santa Barbara Magazine and C Magazine. In 2005, Anne married the revered community leader and philanthropist Michael Towbes, who sadly passed away in 2017. Ms. Towbes carries on his legacy by continuing to be involved in organizations dear to both of them, such as Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care, United Way, Council Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the Granada Theater, State Street Ballet, and the Unity Shoppe.

Ms. Towbes was president of the Cate School Parents Council and was president of the Lobero Theatre Foundation Board. She served on the Santa Barbara City College Foundation, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Hutton Foundation, and the Towbes Foundation. She has been a UC Santa Barbara Arts & Lectures ambassador and council member for several years and a community member of the Taubman Foundation.

In her spare time, Ms. Towbes enjoys traveling and playing tennis, bridge and piano; however, she is happiest spending time with her four adorable grandchildren. She currently resides in Santa Barbara. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2018.



Christian Treitler

Christian Treitler is the chief financial officer of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation. He has been a member of the UC Santa Barbara community since 2016, serving as the Foundation's associate director for finance and administration previously. Prior to his service to our university, he was president of Nosara Financial Planning, Inc., providing financial and wealth management services to small businesses. Before Nosara, Mr. Treitler, who is a CFA Charterholder, served in several leadership roles mostly for financial service firms specializing in global equity training. He was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2020. He serves as chief financial officer and is a member of the finance & investment committee, the governance committee and the executive committee.



Claudia Lee Webster ’75

Claudia Lee Webster is a retired teacher who graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in studio art. She and her husband, Alec, are devoted philanthropists focused on education, health, and the environment, championing institutions like UCSB and UC Santa Cruz through the Helen and Will Webster Foundation.

Through their foundation, the Websters established the Gevirtz School of Education’s endowed Community Fellows Fund to diversify Santa Barbara’s education workforce. They also support UCSB Rowing, including the purchase of a women’s rowing shell, “SATYAGRAHA,” named for Congressman John Lewis.

The Websters invest in cutting-edge research, including Professor Max Wilson’s lab and the BioFoundry to advance treatments for human disease.

Their environmental focus includes funding the Natural Reserve System’s Santa Cruz Island Reserve field station, helping to endow the Robert M. Norris Presidential Chair in Earth Science, currently held by Professor Dave Valentine, and supporting his work with C-BRIDGES.

They contributed to the playground at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics’ Munger Residence.

At UC Santa Cruz, the foundation funded the restoration of the iconic Cowell Hay Barn, and named and endowed the John R. Lewis College and the Rachel Carson College. In partnership with the UC Office of the President, they established endowed chairs in the Natural Reserves, Library, Groundwater, Diversity in Astronomy, and Science Communication.

The Websters have three children and three terrific grandchildren and reside in Bonny Doon, CA. Mrs. Webster was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2016, and previously served as co-chair of the development and donor relations committee. Currently, she is the chair of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Trustees, and as such serves on the finance and investment, governance, and nominating committees and chairs the executive committee.



Betty Elings Wells H’10

Trustee Emerita

Betty Elings Wells is a successful real estate investor and property manager in Santa Barbara, Santa Ynez, Iowa, and Arizona. Ms. Wells and former spouse, Virgil Elings, have launched numerous successful entrepreneurial ventures including Santa Barbara-based Digital Instruments (DI). DI pioneered the development of atomic force and scanning probe microscopes that led to a scientific revolution at the nanoscale. DI was acquired by Veeco Instruments Inc. in 1999.

Ms. Wells’s philanthropy in our community includes the Women’s Fund of Santa Barbara, Elings Park, and the Elings Aquatic Center at Dos Pueblos High School. She recently completed the Solvang Alisal Vacation Cottages in downtown Solvang, which feature four Craftsmen style cottages that represent Solvang’s heritage and are an idyllic destination for visitors.

At UC Santa Barbara, Ms. Wells has been a member of the Faculty Women’s Club, now the Shoreliners, for over 50 years and has served two terms as president. Her generosity includes major contributions to the UC Santa Barbara California Nanosystems Institute/Elings Hall, the Faculty Club renovation project, the Research Experience and Education Facility (REEF) at the Marine Science Institute, the North Campus Open Space project, and student philanthropy initiatives (UCSB First). She additionally established the Virgil Elings Endowed Chair in Quantum Science in honor of Virgil, which is held by Professor Ania Bleszynski Jayich, who chose UC Santa Barbara over MIT after earning her doctorate from Harvard.

Ms. Wells resides with Eric Wulff in Goleta. Their blended family includes five children and twelve grandchildren. She is a member of the Gold Circle Society and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2013. Ms. Wells served as board chair from 2019-2022 and was voted as trustee emerita in 2025.



Howard Wenger ’82

Howard Wenger is passionate about enabling a clean all-electric future. He has worked for more than 40 years in the solar and utility power field, including executive and board member positions — from start-ups to leading multi-billion-dollar public companies.

Mr. Wenger currently serves on the board of directors and as president of Nextpower, a leading provider of an advanced energy technology platform for solar power plants and energy storage systems for utility-scale and distributed generation projects. (NASDAQ : NXT)

Mr. Wenger is also founder of Wenger Ventures, which provides funding to early-stage clean power companies and partnerships.

Mr. Wenger holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from UC Santa Barbara and an M.S. in engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Howard’s wife, Lisa ’82, also graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies, received a law degree from Stanford University, and is a member of the Division of Science Dean’s Cabinet.

The Wengers are members of the Lancaster Society and enjoy supporting environmental sustainability at UC Santa Barbara, including establishing the Manalis Environmental Leadership Fund and the Wenger Scholarship Fund for Sustainable Energy. They reside in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mr. Wenger was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2016.



Bruce G. Wilcox ’77

Bruce G. Wilcox is a principal of the Zheng He Group, LLC, Investment Manager for Xiling Fund III, LLC, a private equity fund that invests in Imperial Chinese Porcelains and Archaic Chinese Bronzes. He is the former CEO of NXT Energy Solutions, Inc., a Calgary-based energy exploration technology company, and the former CEO of the E Street Fund, LLC, a long-short equity fund of funds. He began his Wall Street career in 1984 at Central National-Gottesman (VP, Investment Division) after working as a lending officer at Continental Illinois National Bank. Mr. Wilcox joined Cumberland Associates in 1986, became a general partner in 1990, CEO of the Management Committee in 1997, and retired in 2010.

He has a bachelor’s degree with honors in modern Chinese from UC Santa Barbara, 1977, and a master’s degree in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management, 1980.

With a leadership gift, Mr. Wilcox established the Kenneth Pai Graduate Fellowship in Chinese Studies at UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Wilcox is a trustee of Teachers College of Columbia University, and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2003. He served as chair from 2011-2013 and on the finance and investment committee. Mr. Wilcox is a member of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society and served as a member of the Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies in 2014.



Susan Wilcox ’70,’72,’75

Dr. Susan “Sue” Wilcox received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics (’70), a master’s degree in economics (’72), and a doctorate in economics (’75), all from UC Santa Barbara.

From 1980 to 2021, she was active as an entrepreneur and consultant assisting in the startup of multiple biotech companies. She previously served as an adjunct professor of economics at Pepperdine University and worked for Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) from 1974 to 1984.

Dr. Wilcox served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, where she assisted in the conceptualization and realization of a New Venture Incubator built in the Mosher Alumni House in conjunction with the Technology Management Program. She received the UC Santa Barbara Graver Alumni Service Award in 2019. She is also a member of the Department of Economics Board of Advisors and the Division of Science Dean’s Cabinet.

Living in Santa Barbara, Dr. Wilcox is an active golfer and enjoys traveling.

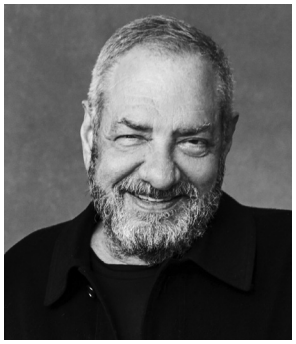
Sue and her late husband, Gary (trustee from 1997-2021), established Wilcox Family Chairs in BioMedicine, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology and Economics and endowed Wilcox Family Graduate Fellowships to support each chair holder. Dr. Wilcox was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2021. She currently serves as chair of the nominating committee, was chair of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board from 2024-2026, and is on the Director’s Council for UCSB’s Center for Aging Longevity Science.



Lindsey Wilde ’05

Lindsey Wilde is the co-founder of Collective Peak, a boutique talent representation and capital advisory firm specializing in investment talent within the hedge fund industry. Ms. Wilde was previously the business development director at Element Capital Management, a global macro hedge fund, where she was responsible for investor relations, capital fundraising, firm-wide recruiting, philanthropy, and business operations. Before that, she was a vice president in emerging market sales at Goldman Sachs and Royal Bank of Scotland. She began her career at Wells Capital Management as a corporate credit research analyst before moving into trading and strategy. Ms. Wilde, her husband and two young children reside in Montecito.

Ms. Wilde earned her B.A. in mathematics and economics in 2005 from UC Santa Barbara. She supports the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics and the Division of Social Sciences, and serves as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Department of Economics. Ms. Wilde was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023 and currently serves on the finance and investment committee. She previously was a member of UC Santa Barbara’s New York Regional Leadership Committee.



Dick Wolf

Dick Wolf, one of television's most successful producers, is the creator and executive producer of the "Law & Order" brand, including two of the longest-running dramas, NBC's "Law & Order: SVU" (28 seasons) and "Law & Order" (26 seasons). A two-time Emmy winner for "Law & Order" and HBO's "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," Mr. Wolf has earned 13 nominations, won a Grammy for the Doors documentary "When You're Strange," and produced the Oscar-winning short "Twin Towers," among other awards.

Wolf Entertainment's current slate also includes NBC's "Chicago Fire" (S15), "Chicago PD" (S14), and "Chicago Med" (S12); CBS's "FBI" (S9) and "CIA" (S2). Highlights of past successes include: Prime Video's "On Call", "FBI: Most Wanted", "FBI: International", and "Law & Order: Criminal Intent". Under the aegis of Elliot Wolf, the company also produces podcasts and recently launched Wolf Games.

A New York Times bestselling author ("The Intercept," "The Execution," "The Ultimatum"), Mr. Wolf has received the Television Academy Hall of Fame honor, the International Emmy's Lifetime Achievement Award, the PGA's Norman Lear Showmanship Award, DGA Honors, the Monte Carlo Television Festival Gold Nymph, Banff's Award of Excellence, and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Mr. Wolf's philanthropy is equally distinguished. With Marcy Carsey, he founded the Carsey-Wolf Center at UC Santa Barbara, led by the Dick Wolf Endowed Director. Dick serves as a founding member of the Advisory Board. His other philanthropies include the Wolf Theater at the Television Academy; MOXI, the Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation; the Wolf Humanities Center at Penn; USC's Dick Wolf School of Drama; Mount Desert Island Hospital, and a donation of Renaissance and Baroque works to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. Wolf was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.

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Chuck Zegar

Charles "Chuck" Zegar is one of the original four founding partners of Bloomberg Financial Markets. He was the technical computer expert for this partnership. He originally designed, programmed, and managed the development of the Bloomberg terminal system. Prior to Bloomberg, Chuck was a vice president at Salomon Brothers (planning and choosing data processing equipment).

Mr. Zegar has a bachelor's of science in chemistry from Long Island University (1971). He also has two master's degrees from New York University, the first in computer science (1977) and the second in biology (2005). He is still involved in functional genomics research at NYU. Mr. Zegar serves as trustee and chief financial officer of his family foundation, the Zegar Family Foundation. He also serves as a trustee of NYU and The Nature Conservancy – California.

Mr. Zegar, who prefers to be called "Chuck," splits his time living with his wife, Merryl, in both New York City and Santa Barbara. Merryl is a former administrative law judge, who is also trustee and CEO of their family foundation. The Zegars have four grown children between them and five grandchildren, in addition to two step-grandchildren. Two sons and their families reside locally in Santa Barbara.

The Zegar Family Foundation focuses in the areas of environment as well as justice and human rights, but also supports basic science, human services, economic opportunity, and arts, culture, and heritage, among others.

Mr. Zegar was elected a trustee of UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2018 and served on the finance and investment committee.



Hongjun Zhu ’02

Dr. Hongjun Zhu ’02 co-founded WiTagg with her husband, Jing Wang ’98, in 2011. WiTagg focuses on wireless networking and cloud solutions and has built and installed large-scale WiFi networks across China.

Dr. Zhu received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in computer science from Renmin University, China, and her doctorate in computer science from UC Santa Barbara. After earning her Ph.D., Dr. Zhu worked at Google, where she led several significant projects, including Google Search Appliance and Google Maps for China, Japan, and Korea.

Dr. Zhu and her husband, Jing, have two children. They both sit on the board of their family foundation, The Ann Jie Foundation. They are long-standing supporters of the Department of Computer Science and, in 2015, established an endowed chair. Dr. Zhu is also a passionate advocate for K–12 STEM education for girls. She mentors an all-girl robotics team in her spare time and serves as an advisor for the REAL AI initiative at UC Santa Barbara.

Dr. Zhu is currently a member of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Bay Area Advancement Council. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2022.



Huican Zhu ’00

Huican Zhu is a founder and managing partner at AMINO Capital. He joined Google in 2000, where he pioneered Google’s image search as an early employee of Google. In 2010, he left Google and joined Tencent as the chief architect and general manager of infrastructure.

Dr. Zhu completed his bachelor’s degree in engineering at Sun Yat-sen University, M.S. at the National Academy of Sciences, and Ph.D. at UC Santa Barbara. He is a recipient of the UC Santa Barbara Department of Computer Science’s Distinguished Graduate Alumnus Award. He has a strong academic presence, with research resulting in over 12,000 citations and seven patents. He is currently a board member of Innogrit and Anchain, and president of the Zhu Family Foundation.

Dr. Zhu and his wife, Hong Wei, have four children and reside in Saratoga, California. They are members of the Lancaster Society. Dr. Zhu was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2019.



Robert Zorich ’71

Robert “Bob” Zorich is a partner and founder of EnCap Investments L.P., the largest private equity firm in the country focused on energy development. It was founded 38 years ago and manages over $50 billion for approximately 350 global institutions. EnCap has backed 300+ companies since inception. Prior to EnCap, Mr. Zorich began his career as an energy banker, started an oil and gas company in the 1980s, and had a brief stint in institutional money management.

Mr. Zorich received his bachelor’s degree in economics from UC Santa Barbara in 1971, and in 1974, he earned a master’s degree in international management with distinction from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in Phoenix.

Mr. Zorich is still an active member of the board of directors for several EnCap portfolio companies. He continues to hold memberships in industry-related organizations, but today is more focused on philanthropy, with a focus on mental health research, energy education, and treatment, and organizations focused on helping lift people out of life’s circumstances.

Mr. Zorich has also served as a chair of (and is recognized as an emeritus board member of) the WorkFaith Connection and the Hope and Healing Center and Institute. He is also an emeritus board member of Memorial Assistance Ministries. He is a member of the President’s Council at Houston Methodist Hospital and the Council of the Duncan NRI at Texas Children’s Hospital. He is actively engaged at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston. Mr. Zorich is a member of the Thunderbird Global Alumni Network Advisory Council. Honors include being inducted as a member of the Texas Business Hall of Fame, the Western Energy Alliance Rocky Mountain Hall of Fame, the Hart Energy Hall of Fame. He received the Sigma Chi Fraternity’s Significant Sig award.

He and his wife of 54 years, Barbara ’72, have three grown children, eight grandchildren, and call Houston their home.

Mr. Zorich was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024.

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