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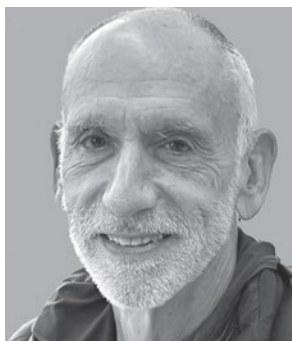
David G. Adishian '89

David G. Adishian is a managing director, senior financial advisor, and senior portfolio manager with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. For over twenty years, their group has advised successful individuals, executives, entrepreneurs, and their families on strategies to help preserve and grow their assets responsibly. Clients often seek Mr. Adishian's counsel following meaningful financial events such as the sale of their business or real estate as well as life events including relocation, changing advisors, loss of loved ones, divorce, inheritance, and other family planning matters.

Mr. Adishian has been named to Forbes Magazine's Best-in-State Wealth Advisors list for six consecutive years since its inaugural year in 2018. He has also been a featured financial commentator on radio and television as well as numerous legal and news publications. Mr. Adishian graduated with Omicron Delta Epsilon honors from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in business economics and received his J.D. from Pepperdine University School of Law, where he was a Margaret Brock Scholar. He holds the chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®) designation; and is a member of the State Bar of California.

Alongside a special commitment to his clients, Mr. Adishian is active with organizations on education, foreign affairs, domestic policy, and his childhood passion of automobiles. He serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council; board of directors of the World Affairs Council of Orange County and is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy. David and his wife, Lena, live in Palos Verdes Estates, and their two daughters attend UC Berkeley, where they are members of the Cal Beach Volleyball team.

Mr. Adishian was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2003.



John P. Arnhold '75

John P. Arnhold is a founder and managing member of Arnhold LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor. He recently retired as chairman and chief investment officer of First Eagle Investment Management, where he remains a director of First Eagle Holdings, Inc. He is also a trustee of the First Eagle Funds, where he previously served as president.

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 1994, 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, was a member of the nominating committee, the ad hoc governance committee and chair of the executive committee. He served as vice chair of the investment and finance committees, and as treasurer of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation from 2014-2022.



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 is currently serving on the National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers, an initiative of the nonprofit and nonpartisan Council on Competitiveness.

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.



Robert D. Ballard '65

Robert D. Ballard received a bachelor's degree in physical sciences with majors in chemistry and geology and minors in mathematics and physics from UC Santa Barbara in 1965. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of UCSB's Army ROTC program during the Vietnam War, served during the Cold War as a Commander in the U.S. Navy, and recently had the USNS ROBERT BALLARD named after him.

Dr. Ballard received his Ph.D. in Marine Geology and Geophysics. He has received 23 Honorary Doctorates, published 119 articles in scientific journals, was co-chief scientist of the expedition that discovered hydrothermal vents in the Galapagos Rift in 1977, and received the Newcomb Cleveland Award from for the best article of the year in Science for his discovery of high temperature "Black Smokers" on the East Pacific in 1979.

Dr. Ballard has conducted more than 165 deep sea expeditions using state-of-the-art technology and is best known for discovering the wreck of the RMS Titanic, the German battleship Bismarck, John F. Kennedy's PT-109.

He is CEO of the Ocean Exploration Trust that owns and operates the exploration vessel—E/V Nautilus, is an explorer-at-large for the National Geographic Society, an ocean exploration engineer for MITRE, scientist emeritus at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, and professor emeritus at the Graduate School of Oceanography, URI.

Dr. Ballard is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and received the Hubbard Medal from the National Geographic Society, the Explorer's Club Medal, Order of Magellan, Livingston Medal, Lindberg Award, and is author of 26 books, including two #1 New York Times and London Times bestsellers. He resides in Connecticut with wife, Barbara.

Dr. Ballard was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2014.



Edward E. Birch H'95

Edward Birch currently serves as trustee of the Margaret C. Mosher Trust and the Clement Connolly Trust. He is chairman of the Mosher Foundation and is chairman emeritus of the board of Pacific Capital Bancorp and Santa Barbara Bank and Trust. Dr. Birch served as UC Santa Barbara vice chancellor from 1976 until 1994, and upon retirement, was named vice chancellor emeritus. He also served with president Peter Ueberroth as vice president of the highly successful 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The author of a number of monographs and scholarly papers, Dr. Birch has consulted widely in the areas of business and organizational development and is the founder of several startup companies. He is a founding member and was chair of the UC Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project and was a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation from 1993 to 1999. He is the recipient of several local and national recognition awards.

Dr. Birch has served on boards of several local and national organizations, including Cottage Health Systems, the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara, UC Santa Barbara Foundation, Westmont College, Johns Hopkins University Wilmer Institute, Channel City Club, Laguna Blanca School, The Arlington Center for the Performing Arts, Community Arts Music Association, California State University Channel Islands Foundation, and the Santa Barbara Club.

A native of New York State, Dr. Birch holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University and was named an honorary alumnus of UC Santa Barbara in 1995. He resides in Santa Barbara with his wife, Suzanne. They have two married daughters, Yvette and Michele, and four grandchildren. The Birches are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society. Dr. Birch was re-elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2008 and served as secretary from 2015-2017.



Richard L. Breaux '67

Richard Breaux is the founder and chief executive officer of Peninsula Custom Homes, Inc., a residential construction company specializing in the extreme high end of the market, building and remodeling single family homes from Lake Tahoe to Pebble Beach, most of which are completed in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has sold the company and is currently retired.

He is a 1967 graduate of UC Santa Barbara and holds a teaching credential and master's of art degree from Stanford University. Mr. Breaux taught high school English and coached football for nine years before starting Peninsula Custom Homes. While an educator, he founded the School-Within-a-School, an advanced program for underachieving, economically disadvantaged students. In 2008, he was inducted into the Aragon High School Athletic Hall of Fame, where he was recognized for his role in revitalizing the football program and his overall win-loss record.

Mr. Breaux is a former president and board member of the California Golf Club of San Francisco. He was on the Board of Governors at the Winchester Golf and Country Club and chaired the Architect and Design Review Board at the same development. He recently completed a term as the president of the Hillsborough Racket Club.

He was elected to the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2007 and served as the chair of its finance committee, secretary/treasurer, and past president. He has been married for 54 years to Kathryn '68 and has three adult children. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2013 and served as board chair from 2017-2019. He currently serves on the executive committee and is the chair of the nominating committee.



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.



Gwendolyn A. Brown '71

Gwendolyn Brown, a 1971 graduate of UC Santa Barbara, is the former president of the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors. Ms. Brown is currently the director of Congressional Affairs at Lockheed Martin Corporation's Arlington, Virginia, office.

Prior to joining Lockheed Martin, Ms. Brown was director of Congressional Relations at Hewlett Packard Company in its Washington, D.C., office. She managed its legislative portfolio from 1991-2010. Her career in federal government service spans over 25 years. In 1995, she was appointed by former President Clinton as a deputy assistant secretary in the Department of Defense. Prior to her position at Defense, Ms. Brown was the legislative director for then-Congressman Julian Dixon of California. At the Department of Commerce, she managed the North Africa division, where she supported the United States team in bilateral trade negotiations and led U.S. trade delegations to the region.

Ms. Brown received a master's of arts from UCLA in 1973 and attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. She serves on the board of the California State Society and is a former board member of the Washington Tennis and Educational Foundation. She has received numerous awards, including three Lockheed Martin Government Operations excellence awards and the Department of Commerce Bronze Medal for superior service. She is a member of the NAACP, a friend of the National Museum of African American History, and a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2008 and serves on the Washington, D.C., Regional Leadership Committee.

Ms. Brown lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with her husband, Cameron Byrd, and their daughter, Camara. She has three stepsons: Cameron, Jr. (Linda), Brian, and Kahlil (Sarah), and a grandson, Christopher.



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 & donor relations committee. He currently serves as a member of the audit committee, the finance and investment committee, and the executive 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.



Michael Christian

Michael Christian is the founder and chairman of Risk Strategies, a leading national insurance brokerage firm. Mr. Christian was the chief executive officer of Risk Strategies from 1997 to 2019. He led the company from its startup beginnings into a prominent specialty risk advisor/broker with annual revenues of over \$1.7B. He was responsible for the development and execution of the company's business/growth strategy, recruiting, client service approach, and mergers & acquisitions.

Prior to Risk Strategies, Mr. Christian held leadership positions with Jardine Insurance Brokers, including serving on the U.S. Board of Directors, AON and Alexander & Alexander.

Mr. Christian is currently the managing partner at Community Impact Ventures, an impact venture capital fund focused on providing start-up funding for social entrepreneurs.

A long-time Boston-area resident, Mike is known for his community service with non-profits focused on youth causes, arts & entertainment, education and health. He is the president of Someone Else's Child Foundation (SEC), which was founded by his wife, Diane. SEC addresses disparities by connecting youth with consistent opportunities to live, learn, grow and engage as contributing members of their communities to help create systematic change.

Mr. Christian is currently the board chairman of the Boch Center/Wang Theater in Boston. He also serves on the Point32 Health Foundation and Northeast ARC boards. In addition, Mike is on the board of the Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers, the leading national advocate for property & casualty and health insurance issues.

Mr. Christian 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.



Ann Cady Cooper '62

Ann Cady Cooper is a third-generation Californian who graduated from UC Santa Barbara. So did her two children, Catherine '88 and Joseph '89, and her granddaughter, Marion Cooper '19. Ms. Cooper was a prior foundation trustee from 1982-1989. During those years, she acted as liaison between the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board and the UC Santa Barbara Foundation.

Ms. Cooper left the board to live in Germany, where she developed a curriculum for German industry, specifically for multinational corporations with strong ties to the United States.

Her clients included DaimlerChrysler and Pfizer. She was also a board member of the Berlin International Women's Club, which had a membership of more than 150 countries.

Previously, she was president of Cooper and Associates, an advertising company that specialized in print and video media for the food industry.

Currently, Ms. Cooper raises date palms in the Coachella Valley and resides in Palm Desert. She is on the board of the Palm Desert Architectural Committee and a member of the Historical Society of Palm Desert. She was also a docent for Modernism Week at the Miles Bates House, Walter S. White designer, which was discovered by UC Santa Barbara's own Professor Volker Welter. She is the 2020 Marrakesh Club Champion of the Marrakesh Woman's Putters Club, no easy feat! She enjoys reading, writing her memoir, raising vegetables, playing bridge, and enjoying Glacier National Park and all that Montana has to offer.

Ms. Cooper was re-elected as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2004.



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'd 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 UCSB Economics Board of Advisors, 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 investments 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. 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 in marketing 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.



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 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 and philosophy at UC Santa Barbara.

He is a member of Friends of KITP (Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics) and sponsor of the DeBenedictis Post Doctoral Fellowship in Theoretical Physics. 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.



Deanna Dehlsen

Deanna Dehlsen, along with her husband, Jim, funded one of the first chairs in environmental sciences at UC Santa Barbara and have been continuing supporters of the Bren School and the Institute for Energy Efficiency. Mrs. Dehlsen was active with the Santa Barbara community's Girl's Inc., the Breast Cancer Resource Center, and Santa Barbara City College, among others.

The Dehlsens pioneered the wind industry and development of marine renewable energy technologies. These activities have engaged them with thought leaders from across the world seeking to advance resiliency solutions in the crucial energy transition. Mrs. Dehlsen's gift in this work has been to create a warm and encouraging environment to press ahead. She fondly quotes Maya Angelou:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Mrs. Dehlsen was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1999.



Tunç Doluca '81

Tunç Doluca was born and raised in Ankara, Turkey, and holds a BSEE degree from Iowa State University and an MSEE degree from UC Santa Barbara.

Mr. Doluca has 40 years of executive leadership and technical experience in the semiconductor industry. He retired in August 2021, when Maxim Integrated merged into Analog Devices. He served as the president and chief executive officer of Maxim Integrated from 2007 to 2021. In this role, he has led multiple strategic initiatives that transformed the company's operational and manufacturing execution, including the alignment of product development with end markets and the transition of Maxim Integrated's manufacturing to a more flexible hybrid production model.

Previously, Mr. Doluca held a variety of management positions at Maxim Integrated, including leading research and development and serving as group president of its portable, computing, and instrumentation electronics business units. He has personally designed over 40 products and holds 11 patents. Currently, Mr. Doluca serves on the board of Western Digital. He is also the author of "Maximum Impact," the remarkable story behind the early years of Maxim Integrated.

His brother also is a UC Santa Barbara alumnus. Mr. Doluca and his wife, Lale, have two daughters and two grandsons and reside in Saratoga, California. They established the Doluca Family Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Mr. Doluca was the recipient of the College of Engineering Alumni Award in 2008. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2017 and currently serves on the nominating committee and governance committee.



Diandra M. Douglas '82

Diandra De Morrell Douglas grew up in Europe and speaks six languages. She then 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.



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 Gauchos. 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.



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, Pseudolithic, Quintessent, and a board observer of D-Matrix, 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.



Elizabeth Brand Gabler '77

Elizabeth Brand Gabler is president of 3000 Pictures, a multi-media division at Sony Pictures and partnership with both Sony Pictures Entertainment and HarperCollins Publishers. The company focuses on fiction and non-fiction literary adaptations for theatrical feature films, television, and streaming services.

In November 1999, Mrs. Gabler became president of Fox 2000 Pictures, a division of Twentieth Century Fox. The division is proud to have shepherded such films as "Walk the Line," "The Devil Wears Prada," the Academy Award nominated "Hidden Figures," and "Life of Pi," which was released in 2012 and was the winner of four Academy Awards, including Best Director.

Mrs. Gabler initially joined Twentieth Century Fox in 1988 as a senior vice president. Some of the highlights of her tenure in the main production division were "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Waiting to Exhale," and "Castaway." She is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara with a degree in English.

Mrs. Gabler lives on a horse farm in Santa Barbara. She currently serves on the advisory board of the Carsey-Wolf Center at UC Santa Barbara and the Dean's Council of Gallatin/NYU, where she established the Gabler Family Peer Writing Fund. She was a founding member of the Board of MOXI, the Wolf Museum of Exploration and Innovation in Santa Barbara. She was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2014. For the seventh consecutive year, 2025-2026, The Gabler Family Promise Scholars Writing Program has helped undergraduates at UC Santa Barbara with their creative skills.



John Gerngross '82

John Gerngross founded Santa Barbara-based Condor Engineering in 1989 and served as chief executive officer until it was sold 17 years later. During this time, Condor became a leading supplier of aerospace data communication equipment. The company currently exists as a part of Ametek Aerospace.

Mr. Gerngross earned an M.S. in electrical and computer engineering from UC Santa Barbara in 1982 and a B.S. in mathematics from Boston University in 1975. From 2016 to 2025, he was chairman of the Board of Laxmi Therapeutic Devices, a Santa Barbara-based biomedical device company which is building the next generation continuous glucose monitor (CGM). He enjoys mentoring entrepreneurs and works with several UC Santa Barbara-based startups. He is an

active member of the Santa Barbara Angel Alliance, an Angel Investment Group.

Mr. Gerngross is on the board of the 150-year-old Lobero Theatre in Santa Barbara and serves on the executive committee and the governance committee. He serves as a trustee of the Sea Education Association, a nonprofit dedicated to undergraduate ocean education based in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. He serves as secretary on the board of the Santa Barbara Tennis Patrons.

Mr. Gerngross and his wife, Cheryl Doty, reside in Santa Barbara and have three adult children. He is a member of the College of Engineering Dean's Cabinet at UC Santa Barbara and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2017. He served as board secretary and is currently a member of the finance and investment committee, executive committee, and the governance committee.



Barry Giesbrecht

Barry Giesbrecht is a professor in the Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences and co-director of the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Waterloo ('95, Ontario, Canada), Ph.D. from the University of Alberta ('99, Edmonton, Canada), and then trained as a post-doctoral fellow at Duke University and UC Davis before joining the UC Santa Barbara faculty in 2004.

Professor Giesbrecht is an expert in human cognitive neuroscience, focusing on understanding the complex processes of attention, working memory, and executive function; how these processes are impacted by changes in one's physiological state, as might happen during exercise or when exposed to stress; and how these processes support performance in the real world. His work combines the rigor of laboratory experimentation, brain imaging, peripheral physiological monitoring, and computational methods with translational approaches to understanding brain and cognition in the wild. In 2023, he was selected as a fellow of the Psychonomic Society and he was appointed a trustee as chair of the Academic Senate Council on Planning and Budget in 2025.



Frederick W. Gluck

Frederick W. Gluck joined McKinsey & Co. in 1967 and led the firm as its elected managing partner from 1988 to 1994. He retired from McKinsey in 1995 and joined The Bechtel Group, where he served as vice chairman and director. He rejoined McKinsey in 1998 and served as a consultant to the firm until 2004. Mr. Gluck earned a BSEE from Manhattan College in 1957 and an MSEE from New York University in 1999. He started his career at the Bell Telephone Laboratories (1957-1967) and was the program manager for the Spartan anti-ICBM missile system at the time of his departure.

In 2006, Mr. Gluck co-founded CytomX, a biotechnology company based on technologies licensed from UC Santa Barbara. He served as chairman and CEO during the initial two years of product development and market definition. CytomX (NASDAQ), now based in San Francisco, is developing families of highly targeted therapeutics for the treatment of cancer. Mr. Gluck retired as a director of the company on June 30, 2022. In 2008, CytomX spun off LungLifeAI, focused on early detection of lung cancer. Mr. Gluck retired as a director of LungLifeAI in 2021 concomitant with its listing on the AIM Exchange in London. Mr. Gluck was also an investor in and co-chairman of TrueVision Systems prior to its recent sale to Alcon. TrueVision is a world leader in computer-guided microsurgery.

Mr. Gluck serves as a director for a number of eleemosynary organizations, including New York Presbyterian Hospital (emeritus). He has also served as a director of Amgen (NASDAQ) and as the presiding director of HCA (Hospital Corporation of America) (NYSE) and as trustee of the Cottage Hospital System.

Mr. Gluck co-founded (with David Gross) the advisory council of the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics and served as its initial chairman. He and his wife, Linda, also established the Frederick W. Gluck Chair for the director of the institute. The Glucks are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society. Mr. Gluck was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1999.



Jane Gottlieb

Jane Gottlieb began as a painter, evolved into a photographer, and eventually began hand painting with vivid colors on individual Cibachrome prints over thirty years ago. In her early twenties, she made her first trip to Paris. The images she took then and on subsequent trips have been a touchstone of her life's work. She has returned to them again and again in the last decades. Now, she scans her one-of-a-kind hand-painted prints, enhances them with Photoshop, and produces archival prints on aluminum, canvas, and paper.

Ms. Gottlieb lives in Santa Barbara and has a bachelor's degree in painting and art history from UCLA. She currently has 100 pieces of her work on loan at UCLA and at UC Santa Barbara. Her work has been exhibited at the UCSB Art, Design & Architecture Museum.

Ms. Gottlieb has served on the board of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and has been an art committee member for the Santa Barbara Jewish Federation. She has served as Los Angeles County Commissioner of Music and the Performing Arts and as a member of the Los Angeles Music Center Arts Education Council. She was elected 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 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 secretary for the board of trustees and is a member of the executive committee.



Marc Grossman '73

Marc Grossman served as the undersecretary of state for political affairs, the State Department's third ranking official, until his retirement in 2005 after 29 years in the U.S. Foreign Service. As undersecretary, he helped marshal diplomatic support for the international response to the attacks of September 11, 2001. He also managed U.S. policies in the Balkans and Colombia and promoted a key expansion of the NATO alliance. As assistant secretary for European Affairs, he helped direct NATO's military campaign in Kosovo and an earlier round of NATO expansion. As ambassador to Turkey, Ambassador Grossman encouraged vibrant U.S.-Turkish security and economic relations. Ambassador Grossman was a vice chairman of The Cohen Group from July 2005 to February 2011.

In February 2011, President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton called Ambassador Grossman back to service as the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan. Ambassador Grossman promoted the international effort to support Afghanistan by shaping major international meetings in Istanbul, Bonn, Chicago, and Tokyo. He provided U.S. backing for an Afghan peace process designed to end 30 years of conflict and played an important part in restoring U.S. ties with Pakistan. He returned to The Cohen Group in 2013.

Ambassador Grossman is chairman of the board of the Senior Living Foundation of the Foreign Service and a trustee of the C&O Canal Trust.

Born in Los Angeles, California, and raised in La Habra, Ambassador Grossman received his B.A. in political science from UC Santa Barbara in 1973 and a M.Sc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 1974. The UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association awarded Ambassador Grossman the Distinguished Alumni Award in December 2001. Ambassador Grossman resides in Arlington, Virginia, with his wife, Mildred. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2014 and served on the executive committee from 2017-2019.



John A. Gurley '78,'83

John "Gus" Gurley co-founded the local high-tech company Digital Instruments (DI) in 1987, with Virgil Elings, former UC Santa Barbara physics professor. DI pioneered scanning probe microscopy with a simple goal — to make the power of scanning probe microscopy readily available to scientists and engineers, enabling them to image and explore nanoscale features and structures never seen before. That year, they constructed the first commercially successful scanning tunneling microscope, shipping the first NanoScope units. Mr. Gurley designed and led the NanoScope software development. He managed new product development at DI and is one of the world's leading authorities on scanning probe control systems. Prior to DI, he designed flight simulators for Link Flight Simulation.

DI received several awards for business and engineering, including three Photonics Circle of Excellence awards and local, state, and national new product awards from the Society of Professional Engineers. In 1998, DI officially merged with Veeco Instruments, a leading supplier of instrumentation for the research, semiconductor, data storage, telecommunications, and other industries. By combining their strengths, the newly formed company added the distinction of being the world leader in 3-D surface metrology. Since retiring from Digital Instruments/Veeco, Mr. Gurley has been exploring his interest in systems level neuroscience and neural networking. He hopes to develop a neural simulator and has been working on the software that would support this digital-based device.

Mr. Gurley has a bachelor's of science degree in physics from UC Santa Barbara and an M.S. in physics, scientific instrumentation. He received the Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012 and the College of Creative Studies Notable Alumni Award in 2015. He and his wife, Meg, established the Susan F. Gurley Chair in Theoretical Physics and Biology at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP). They are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society. Mr. Gurley is also a member of the KITP Director's Council. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2017.



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 legal 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 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.



David Henke '78

David Henke is an American entrepreneur, businessman, and technical advisor. He served as the senior vice president of engineering and operations for LinkedIn, a professional social networking website, from 2009 to 2013. He currently serves on the advisory board for NerdWallet in the fintech space. Mr. Henke previously served on the board of Turn until it was acquired, and the advisory boards for two early stage startups, Avid Secure and SignofAI, both acquired.

Mr. Henke joined LinkedIn in November 2009. He ran all of technology for over two years and during the company's IPO. He then shifted to run product operations, IT, security, and data systems for the remaining two years. Prior to LinkedIn, Henke was the SVP of engineering and operations at Yahoo for over four years. He led a team of 500 engineers in Panama advertising systems to overhaul the company's search marketing platform. He ran engineering and operations at AltaVista, an internet search engine company, from 1998 to 2002. He has worked at Silicon Graphics, Hewlett Packard, and co-founded two successful startups, CAE Systems (acquired) and TeamOne systems (acquired).

Although his LinkedIn profile states that he is "retired," Mr. Henke is an active board member for startups and education. He is also an active contributor to his five favorite philanthropic categories: education, cancer research, stroke research, the foster systems (CASA), and immigration reform.

Mr. Henke holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UC Santa Barbara, class of 1978, graduating with highest honors. He currently serves on the UC Santa Barbara College of Engineering Dean's Cabinet and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2017.



Judith L. Hopkins H'18

Judith L. Hopkins is a regent emeritus, appointed to the University of California Board of Regents by Governor Gray Davis in 1999. She chaired the compensation, finance, investment, and grounds and buildings committees.

She was chief operating officer of Amerquest Capital Corporation, a national financial services company with 4,000 employees and offices throughout the United States prior to her retirement in late 1999.

Ms. Hopkins is past president and current member of the board of the Community Arts Music Association of Santa Barbara, a past board member of Cottage Health Systems, and a past board member of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Ensemble Theatre Company. She is a current member of the Human Rights Watch Santa Barbara Committee and the California Coalition for Public Higher Education.

From 1982 through 1987, Ms. Hopkins served on the California Transportation Commission as a member, vice chairman, and chairman. She was also a founding board member of the California Association for Local Economic Development; served on the California State Bar Client Security Fund; was a member of the Senate Housing Authority Task Force; and was a member and vice chair of the Los Angeles County Board of the Rail Construction Company.

Ms. Hopkins is a graduate of UC Berkeley, where she received her bachelor's degree in architecture. Ms. Hopkins resides in Santa Barbara and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2000. She is currently a member of the ad hoc engagement committee and the finance & investment committee. She served as a member of the Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies in 2014 and received an honorary alumnus award from UC Santa Barbara in 2018.



M. Blair Hull '65

M. Blair Hull is the chairman and founder of Hull Tactical Asset Allocation, LLC, a quantitative asset management firm utilizing advanced algorithms to anticipate future market returns in options and equity markets.

Mr. Hull was the founder of Hull Trading Company and served as that firm's chairman and chief executive officer. As a global leader in the application of computer technology to listed derivatives trading, Hull Trading leveraged technological innovations and quantitative models to become one of the world's premier market-making firms, trading on 28 exchanges in nine countries, until it sold in 1999 to Goldman Sachs.

Mr. Hull has worked in the trading industry for nearly 40 years. Worth magazine named him one of "Wall Street's 25 Smartest Players." In 2014, Mr. Hull received the Joseph W. Sullivan Options Industry Council Award in recognition of his outstanding lifetime contributions to the growth and integrity of the U.S. options market.

In 1998, Mr. Hull endowed the first chair in women's studies at UC Santa Barbara in honor of the women in his family. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UC Santa Barbara in 1965 and his MBA from Santa Clara University in 1969. Mr. Hull is a member of the Gold Circle Society and the Social Sciences Dean's Cabinet. He became a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1996. He served as chair of the finance and investment committee and as a member of the executive committee.



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.

Mr. Ibel holds a diploma in mathematics from the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg and a Ph.D. in computer science from UC Santa Barbara. Max has co-authored more than 10 patents.

Mr. Ibel 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. After a few years, he 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. 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, vice 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. He was an Alumni Association Board member from 2004 to 2009 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 & 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.



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, Hiro 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.



Jack Krouskup '71

Jack Krouskup was born and raised in San Jose, California. He was awarded a bachelor's degree in economics from UC Santa Barbara in 1971 and was honored with the university's Distinguished Accounting Alumnus Award in 1995. Mr. Krouskup joined Deloitte in the firm's San Francisco office in 1973, was promoted to partner in 1983, and retired in 2011. He served a diverse and distinguished client list during his career, specializing in financial services, real estate, health care, and manufacturing. Early in 2005, after more than 25 years of practicing in San Francisco, he assumed the Lead Audit Partner role serving a significant chemical client in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Krouskup joined the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2004, was elected president in June 2007, and completed his second term in June 2011. He served as an appointed trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation from 2007-2011.

Mr. Krouskup and his wife, Kay, who is a UC Santa Barbara alumna, reside in Jackson, Wyoming, and Santa Barbara, California. They are members of 3 Creek Ranch Golf Club in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. They are active members of the community and participate in educational, environmental, and other charitable activities. He is a member of the board of Teton Literacy Center in Jackson, Wyoming. They also enjoy traveling. Their two children are married and reside in Austin, Texas, and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Mr. Krouskup was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2011. He currently serves on the nominating committee.



Jayron J. Larijani '93

Jayron Larijani graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies. She has built a career as a corporate systems architect in the insurance industry. Recently, Ms. Larijani has been devoting much of her time to her family's foundation. Following in the footsteps of her mother, Lillian, and late stepfather, Dr. James Martin, she has formed catalytic partnerships between the foundation and diverse groups around the world. At UC Santa Barbara, the foundation has generously supported Dr. Ken Kosik's small molecule research and the innovative Partners in Tau project with Oxford University. Together with Lillian and her sister Leila, Ms. Larijani has established the Martin-Larijani Alzheimer's Research Initiative at UC Santa Barbara.

Ms. Larijani was born in Iran and immigrated as a child to Los Angeles, where she grew up. After graduating from UC Santa Barbara, she moved to the Bay Area and then eventually to New York to be closer to her family. She has developed a network of friends around the world and travels often.

Ms. Larijani is an active volunteer and supporter of the Lower East Side Girls Club and other local service organizations and firmly believes in giving at all levels. On behalf of the foundation, she is associated with the Oxford Martin School at Oxford University, The Bodleian Library at Oxford University, and The James and Lillian Martin Centre for Stem Cell Research also at Oxford. Ms. Larijani was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023 and currently serves as the vice chair of donor relations and is a member of the executive committee.



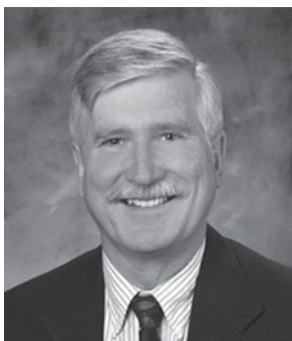
Pamela Lopker '77

Pamela Lopker is the founder of QAD, a software company focused on the needs of global manufacturers. Mrs. Lopker founded the company in 1979 and retired in November of 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 of 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 for jurisdictions and private sector clients. Mr. Mancia has a strong knowledge of local and state government general fund tax laws, and regulatory and legislative issues that impact governments and communities. He monitors and leads lobbying efforts related to legislation, state mandates, regulatory changes and policies that affect client revenue streams. Mr. Mancia serves on the advisory board of Avenu Insights and Analytics, a nationwide full-service provider of revenue enhancement and tax administration services to over 3,000 state and local jurisdictions throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Mancia served as a two-term president of the League of California Cities League Partner Program and is past chair of the California Contract Cities Association. He completed a 14-year term as a trustee of the California City Management Foundation, and he is a longstanding 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 (AAUC). The AAUC is composed of 1.4 million 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 and currently serves on the executive and audit committees and is vice chair of the governance committee.



David Marshall

David Marshall is executive vice chancellor 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.

From 2003 to 2014, Dr. Marshall was chair of the University of California President's Advisory Committee on Research in the Humanities. He was the principal investigator for the \$12M+ University of California Multi-Campus Research Program and Initiative Award for the UC Humanities Network. He served on the board of directors of the National Humanities Alliance for over a decade, including four years as president. He recently served on the board of directors of the Center for Research Libraries.

Dr. Marshall and his wife, Dr. Candace Waid, who is a professor of English at UC Santa Barbara, have one son and reside in Santa Barbara. He was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2014. He is currently a member of the executive committee.



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 serves 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. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024 and serves on the Foundation's finance & investment committee and the audit 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 Graduate School of Education, providing, for the last decade, literacy support for children in grades 1-8 with intensive, research-based instruction through clinical services and partnerships with community organizations.

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. 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 B.S. from USC, a master's of education degree from UC Santa Barbara and an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Besides having developed numerous teaching curriculums, 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, MSPM, is a community developer who focuses on advancing social impact real estate development projects, primarily in Central Texas and Central California. Mr. Meredith is a native Californian who grew up in Texas and Montana and obtained his bachelor's degree in political science from UC Santa Barbara. Mr. Meredith was also a member of UCSB's Men's Soccer team. Additionally, he obtained a master's in the science of project management (MSPM) from St. Edward's University in Austin.

Over the past 25 years, Mr. Meredith has helped shape transformative and innovative projects, across all levels of the built environment, with strategic public, private, and civic partnerships, and in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors. Most notably, this transformative work has included some of Austin's more iconic projects, like the Laguna Gloria Art Museum on Lake Austin, the hike and bike trails around Lady Bird Lake, the Long Center for Performing Arts, Waller Creek Conservancy, South Congress Hotel, Hotel Ella, Austin's MetroRail Line and the city's first Transit Oriented Districts, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, the Austin Film Studios, and much more.

Mr. Meredith is currently focused on advancing his practice in community and sustainable development in a few large-scale urban projects in Austin and San Antonio, and in his civic and academic positions with The Nature Conservancy of Texas, Texas State University in San Marcos, and with UC Santa Barbara. Will and his wife, Natalie Rose, have three children (4,6,8), a Vizsla named Ace, and live off South Congress in Austin, Texas.

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



Le Anh Metzger

Le Anh Metzger is a senior at UC Santa Barbara triple-majoring in global studies, Spanish, and communication. She serves as Associated Students president (2025-2026), representing and advocating for over 24,000 students on university, local, and state levels as an elected official. As president, she pursues projects to address the basic needs issues of students, such as food insecurity, housing safety, mental health, overdose prevention, and public safety.

Her academic and research interests center on the experiences of undocumented immigrants and family separation. She is passionate about refugee and immigrant advocacy, global access to education, and digital inequality. After graduation, Ms. Metzger hopes to pursue a master's degree and enter a career in social justice.

Ms. Metzger was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Mercedes Millington

Mercedes Millington is vice president and CFO of the John C. Mithun Foundation, where she serves on the board with her partner, John “Jack” Mithun. They are local philanthropists who support several Santa Barbara area nonprofit organizations through this foundation as well as the Mithun Family Foundation. Ms. Millington and Mr. Mithun have generously supported undergraduate scholarships at UC Santa Barbara for over 10 consecutive years. More recently, they established the John C. Mithun Sailing fund to support the sailing team.

Ms. Millington is a former elementary school teacher/librarian and Real Estate Broker. She is proud of her Filipino heritage and grew up in Hawaii. After graduating from a boarding high school in Honolulu, she graduated from the USC School of Education with a major in psychology and minor in math. Ms. Millington and Mr. Mithun reside in Santa Barbara. She has a son and daughter who reside in Santa Barbara. She also has two grandsons. One graduated from Johns Hopkins University, and the other graduated with an MBA from Columbia University. A granddaughter is attending Haverford College. Education is obviously a top priority for her and her family.

Ms. Millington was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2023.



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 also 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 UC Santa Barbara, Mr. Okatch served as a graduate intern for the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, Kenya. He has served as a therapist for adolescents in foster care settings 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 Lola 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 with the opportunity 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 is currently serving as the vice chair of development and is a member of the executive committee.



Alex Pananides H'06

Alex Pananides was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and grew up in Southern California. In 1965, he received his B.S. from San Jose State University. He began his real estate development career in 1966 in Santa Barbara. In 1974, he founded Westpac Companies, a Santa Barbara-based real estate development and management firm handling a diversified, privately-held investment portfolio. At present, WestPac Companies employs over 350 employees and has operations throughout California, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Australia.

Mr. Pananides is a former trustee of the California State University Foundation (systemwide) and a past member of the board of Laguna Blanca School. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1987, serving as chair in 1995-96.

Mr. Pananides received an honorary alumnus award from UC Santa Barbara in 2006.



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.



Samantha Putnam

Samantha Putnam is the executive director for alumni affairs and the UC Santa Barbara Alumni Association. Mrs. Putnam joined the alumni team in 2016 as programs director and went on to serve as associate director.

Prior to 2016, Mrs. Putnam worked in alumni affairs and development at a private liberal arts college, Cal Lutheran in Thousand Oaks, and as manager of community engagement for the Girl Scouts in Santa Barbara. Prior to this, Mrs. Putnam worked in development at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management and at Environmental Defense Fund in San Francisco.

Ms. Putnam is a native of Hampshire, England, and graduated from the University of the West of England, Bristol, with a bachelor's degree with honors in 2004, reading media and cultural studies. Mrs. Putnam and her husband, Dustin, an RN at Cottage Hospital, have two daughters, Indie and Maia.

Ms. Putnam was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2020.



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 becoming 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 (AAUC) 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 and currently serves on the nominating committee.



Rick Rosen '75

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

Mr. Rosen works with comedian Conan O'Brien and represents the creators of many top television series such as Dick Wolf ("Law & Order," and Chicago, FBI franchises), Howard Gordon ("24," "Homeland"), Alex Gansa ("Homeland"), Linwood Boomer ("Malcolm in the Middle"), Jed Mercurio ("Line of Duty"), Hagai Levi ("Scenes from a Marriage," "Our Boys," "In Treatment").

Mr. Rosen serves on the advisory board for UC Santa Barbara's Carsey-Wolf Center, is on the board of directors for the Los Angeles Leadership Academy and is the former co-chair of the board of the Alliance for Children's Rights. He is the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Israel Policy Forum. He is the former president of the board of directors of the Hollywood Radio & Television Society and was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mr. Rosen received a bachelor's degree in political science at UC Santa Barbara and a J.D. from the Golden Gate University School of Law. In 2019, he delivered the commencement speech for the Division of Humanities & Fine Arts in the College of Letters & Sciences. Mr. Rosen was elected trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Richard K. N. Ryu

Born in Monterey, California, Richard K. N. Ryu graduated from Yale University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. He completed medical school and his residency in orthopedic surgery at UC San Francisco, followed by a fellowship in sports medicine and arthroscopy at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in Los Angeles.

Dr. Ryu, senior surgeon at The Ryu Hurvitz Orthopedic Clinic, began private practice in Santa Barbara in 1986, specializing in arthroscopic and reconstructive surgery of the knee and shoulder. He is a past trustee of the Crane School, the Camino Real Foundation, and the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table.

Dr. Ryu is a past president of the Arthroscopy Association of North America (AANA) and served as a California delegate to the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. He currently serves on the editorial board for Orthopedics Today and for Operative Techniques in Sports Medicine and is past chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Journal of Arthroscopy and Related Surgery. He has been designated a master surgeon shoulder surgeon by AANA and has authored numerous scientific articles and textbooks.

Dr. Ryu is married to Linda Ryu, Pharm-D (UCSF). They have three daughters. Dr. Ryu was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1996.



Gustavo Prado Sampaio

Gustavo Prado Sampaio is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Theater and Dance. He holds an MFA in theater from Sarah Lawrence College, an M.A. in arts management from The New School, and a B.A. in liberal arts from The Evergreen State College. Mr. Sampaio is serving as internal co-president for UC Santa Barbara's Graduate Student Association for his second year and previously served as vice president of communication and events. Mr. Sampaio's research at UC Santa Barbara is primarily concerned with the work of Augusto Boal, creator of Theater of the Oppressed. Mr. Sampaio was appointed a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024.



Kenneth P. Slaughter '79

Born and raised in Pasadena, California, Kenneth P. Slaughter graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1979 with a degree in business economics and was a member of the UC Santa Barbara men's varsity basketball team from 1976-1978. In 1979, he became a partner in MKS Companies, a firm involved in real estate development and asset management. Mr. Slaughter founded Investec Real Estate Companies in 1983 and quickly established the firm's reputation for producing practical and profitable solutions for investors. Investec is one of the largest owners and managers of shopping centers and office buildings on the South Coast.

Mr. Slaughter is active with a number of local charities and is a charter member of Storyteller, an organization dedicated to the education and support of Santa Barbara's homeless children and their families. He also serves on the board of Dream Foundation.

Mr. Slaughter and his wife reside in Santa Barbara and have six grown children. He was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1996. He currently serves as chair of the audit committee.



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.



Laura Snell '25

Laura Snell is a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara. Her research is centered on Shinto in the United States alongside the construction of Shinto and the category of religion through place, image, and historiography. She is currently serving as the external co-president of the UCSB Graduate Student Association. She has previously served as the GSA representative for the Department of Religious Studies, the department graduate-faculty liaison, and the recording secretary of the Santa Barbara unit of the UAW 4811. Prior to starting her Ph.D. program at UC Santa Barbara, she received a MAR from Yale University, and a BFA and BA from Randolph College. She served in the student government at both institutions. Outside of academia, she has worked in arts nonprofits and education.

She was appointed 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.



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 is a partner in Stones’ Phones, a leading 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. Mr. Stone also served as the finance director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Drawing from personal experience, 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 in applied politics. Being dyslexic himself, Mr. Stone served on the Board of the International Dyslexia Association. Recruiting other dyslexic entrepreneurs to mentor young people with dyslexia.

Mr. Stone loves wine, particularly old Maderias (the oldest Maderia he drank was an 1815 Malvasia). He invests in wine and spirit ventures with a social purpose: minority and women-owned Cork Wine Bar in Washington, D.C., women-owned AVP Wine Collective helping small winemakers get started in Oregon, and recently, Virunga Mountain spirits, the first distillery in Rwanda, staffed and supplied by local subsistence farmers.

Mr. Stone is an energetic supporter of UC Santa Barbara’s Promise Scholars program and served as its commencement speaker in June 2023 in Corwin Pavilion. He resides in Washington, DC, with his wife, Lisa Sherman, deputy chief administrative officer of the U.S. House of Representatives, and his daughter, Stella Quincy Stone, a 12th grader at Sidwell Friends. Mr. Stone is currently a member of the governance committee and was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024.



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 is editor-in-chief for Automatica, and a Fellow of the IEEE and of IFAC.

Dr. Teel 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.



Phillip Tucker '06

Philip Tucker Jr. is a senior manager at Airbnb, where he leads roadmap governance, designs enterprise scale frameworks for strategic planning, drives product development and ways of working for the Payments Engineering team.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Mr. Tucker graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2006 with degrees in business economics and psychology. While at UCSB, he was very involved on campus as an active member of the Black Student Union, co-founding the Proactive Leadership Development Program, and serving as co-lead of the Black Pioneer's Renaissance Organization.

It is his belief that "the most profound intellectual and spiritual growth comes from service to others." In his professional career, Mr. Tucker has leveraged many opportunities to lead Employee Resource Groups. While at Visa, he served as a co-lead of Visa Black Employees for four years and is currently a sponsorship village advisor at Airbnb. Mr. Tucker has focused his efforts to positively impact his community by fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace and driving corporate philanthropy and investment for underserved communities. He is most proud of aiding underprivileged youth in their pursuit of third-level education and creating professional opportunities for underrepresented minorities.

In his spare time, Mr. Tucker loves to explore new music and food by traveling the world with family and friends. He is passionate about Los Angeles sports teams, especially the Lakers and Rams. His hobbies include writing, hiking, attending music festivals, and golfing.

Mr. Tucker was appointed as a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



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, support UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz. They have made gifts to institutions and charities through their family foundation, the Helen and Will Webster Foundation. The Websters are devoted advocates for quality education. Currently, Claudia is championing the Community Fellows Initiative, UCSB Gevirtz School of Education's flagship approach to diversifying Santa Barbara's education workforce.

Through philanthropic investments from the Webster Foundation, Claudia and Alec established the endowed Community Fellows Fund and catalyzed its growth by putting forward a generous matching challenge. The Webster Foundation has also funded UCSB Rowing, primarily through a long-term Mentorship Program, acquisition of boats, and most recently, the purchase of the "SATYAGRAHA," a women's rowing shell named in honor of Congressman John Lewis.

Claudia and Alec support earth science to acknowledge their connection to the department and to honor Robert M. Norris, who taught them in the field in the 1970s. Along with the Office of the President and other donors, the Websters helped fund the Presidential Chair honoring Professor Norris, the first endowed chair in the Department of Earth Sciences at UC Santa Barbara. The Websters specifically support the work of Professor David Valentine by helping establish C-BRIDGES, which is working toward finding solutions to fossil fuel dependency. At UC Santa Cruz, the Webster Foundation funded the restoration of the Cowell Hay Barn, a campus icon. In conjunction with the UCOP, the Websters funded chairs in the Natural Reserves, Library, Groundwater, Diversity in Astronomy and Science Communication. The Webster Foundation provided funding for the re-naming and endowing of College 8 to "Rachel Carson College."

The Websters have three children and two terrific grandchildren. They reside in Bonny Doon, CA. Claudia was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2016 and served as co-chair of development for the Development and Donor Relations Committee. Currently she is Chair-elect and a member of the governance, nominating and executive committees.



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.



Bruce G. Wilcox '77

Bruce G. Wilcox is CEO of NXT Energy Solutions, Inc., a Calgary-based energy exploration company, and 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 formerly the 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. 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. He currently serves on the finance and investment committee.



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.

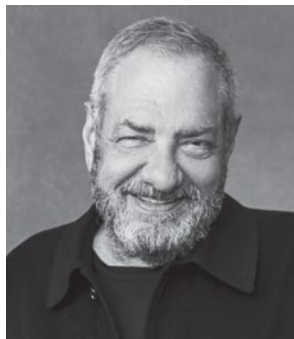
Sue and her late husband, Gary (trustee from 1997-2021), established Wilcox Family Chairs in BioMedicine, Biotechnology, Molecular Biology and Economics and endowed Wilcox Family Graduate Fellowships to support each chair holder. Dr. Wilcox was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in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



Lindsey Wilde '05

Lindsey Wilde and her family relocated to Santa Barbara from New York after she spent nearly two decades in the finance industry. Ms. Wilde is the former business development director at Element Capital Management, a global macro hedge fund. In this role, she was responsible for investor relations, capital fundraising, charitable initiatives, firm-wide recruiting, and other business operations. Previously, 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 earned her B.A. in mathematics/economics in 2005 from UC Santa Barbara. She supports the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics and the Division of Social Sciences. She 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 as a member of 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" (27 seasons) and "Law & Order" (25 seasons). A two-time Emmy winner for "Law & Order" and HBO's "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee," 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 includes "Law & Order: Organized Crime"; NBC's "Chicago Fire" (season 14), "Chicago PD" (13), and "Chicago Med" (11); CBS's "FBI" (season 8) and the upcoming "CIA" (2026). 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"), 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.

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 trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2025.



Susan Worster '70

Susan Worster spent her early career as a clinical laboratory scientist, also working in quality assurance and risk management in medical laboratories. Her husband, Bruce Worster, is a retired vice president at JDS-Uniphase Corporation in San Jose, a leading maker of optoelectronic components for the telecommunications industry.

Mrs. Worster received her bachelor's degree in environmental biology from UC Santa Barbara in 1970. She completed her internship in clinical laboratory science at Santa Barbara County Hospital in Santa Barbara in 1971. She received her MBA from City University of Bellingham, Washington, in 1990. Her husband received his Ph.D. in physics from UC Santa Barbara in 1971. Mr. Worster currently serves as a trustee of Harvey Mudd College, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1964. The Worsters established the Susan and Bruce Worster Chair for the Dean of Science and the Susan and Bruce Worster Chair in Experimental Physics at UC Santa Barbara. They are members of the UC Santa Barbara Gold Circle Society and members of the Dean's Cabinet for the Division of Science at UC Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Worster now concentrates on philanthropy in the areas of higher education and the arts. Mr. and Mrs. Worster reside in Montecito. Mrs. Worster was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 1999. She served as secretary of the board and was a member of the nominating committee.

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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 – New York State.

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 obtaining her Ph.D., Dr. Zhu worked at Google, where she was responsible for many significant Google 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 and mentors an all-girl robotics team in her spare time.

Dr. Zhu is currently a member of the Nomination Committee and was a member of the ad hoc engagement committee. She was elected a trustee of 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. EnCap is the largest private equity firm in the country focused on energy development and production. It was founded 36 years ago and manages over \$40 billion for approximately 350 institutions around the world. EnCap has backed over 275 companies. 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 an active member of the board of directors for several EnCap portfolio companies. He still holds memberships in various industry-related organizations, but today is more focused on philanthropy with a particular focus on mental health research and treatment and organizations focused on helping lift people out of life's circumstances.

Mr. Zorich has also served as a chair of the WorkFaith Connection and the Hope and Healing Center and Institute; he is recognized as an emeritus board member of both organizations as well as Memorial Assistance Ministries. He is a member of the President's Council at Houston Methodist Hospital, the Council of the Duncan NRI at Texas Children's Hospital, and is actively engaged at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Houston. He is also a member of the Thunderbird Global Alumni Network Advisory Council. Honors include being inducted as a member of the Western Energy Alliance Rocky Mountain Hall of Fame, the Hart Energy Hall of Fame, and Sigma Chi Fraternity's Significant Sig award. He and his wife of 52 years, Barbara '72, have three grown children and eight grandchildren and call Houston their home.

Mr. Zorich was elected a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation in 2024 and is currently a member of the Finance and Investment committee.

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