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At UC Santa Barbara,  
We’re taking time to pause  
And reflect on generations of our supporters.

Together, we take this moment  
To celebrate what has evolved:

A campus guided by innovators,  
Full of exceptional students,  
And a community committed to generosity.
In Gratitude for Our Engaged Community

UC Santa Barbara ambassadors shine light on our campus

Dear UC Santa Barbara Supporters,

Each year, we acknowledge those who help make UC Santa Barbara excellent. With a 2018 top 5 ranking among public universities, UC Santa Barbara offers unparalleled education and research opportunities. As associate vice chancellor for development, I’m proud to share that UC Santa Barbara has recorded another successful fiscal year for private giving, surpassing $100 million. I invite you to join me in reflecting on the generosity we experienced this year in the stories that follow.

University support takes many shapes. To those who advocate for UC Santa Barbara, thank you. You celebrated UCSB by sharing stories on Give Day 2018, spread our achievements by reading The Current, and stayed connected by visiting campus for events. Your time and commitment advance our esteemed institution.

Contemplating our growth is a powerful ritual. It allows us time for appreciation, and to see the future: a bright community dedicated to education and discovery.

Thank you to UC Santa Barbara’s alumni, faculty, trustees, staff and friends for your generous support. UC Santa Barbara’s values are reflected in each of you.

With gratitude,

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Financial highlights from FY 2017-2018

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$100 MILLION

$46.76 M
INDIVIDUALS

$33.86 M
FOUNDATIONS

$11.80 M
CORPORATIONS

$7.60 M
OTHER

BY PURPOSE

$100 MILLION

$38.54 M
DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

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ENDOWMENT TOTALS

$155.4 M
FY 2006

$206.0 M
FY 2012

$348.2 M
FY 2018

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UC SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION

BY SOURCE

$46.76 M
FROM INDIVIDUALS

$22.87 M
FRIENDS

$16.00 M
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$4.44 M
FACULTY/STAFF

$3.45 M
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Annual Report of Private Giving
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When you get people talking about their experiences at UC Santa Barbara, it’s an instant connector.
If you were online on April 12, 2018, you may have noticed something different. Your email inbox was full of familiar UC Santa Barbara stories. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter flashed blue and gold with photographs and memories. At any given moment, over 100,000 people were talking about UC Santa Barbara on social media with the hashtag #UCSBGiveDay, where alumni, including musician Jack Johnson, reminisced.

Our Give Day 2018 stories focused on opportunity, leadership and legacy. The impact was tangible. In just 24 hours, thousands of individuals donated online to raise $5,695,951 for UC Santa Barbara. The celebration launched April 11 with alumni events in Los Angeles, Bay Area, Orange County and San Diego. UC Santa Barbara alumni ambassadors spanning six generations helped rally recent graduates to kick off Give Day.

“When you get people talking about their experiences at UC Santa Barbara, it’s an instant connector,” said Kristen Hayford ’11, Los Angeles regional young alumni board president. “Your experience at UC Santa Barbara, even compared to other UCs, is just different.”

Kristen wanted to capture that sense of belonging for fellow recent alumni at the Los Angeles regional launch party. Each kickoff streamed live footage of the gatherings across California so alumni could connect with other cities for games and friendly competition to raise support for UC Santa Barbara. Kristen thinks this energy helped power philanthropy.

“Events like this remind alumni of their unique shared experience and motivate them to give back,” she said. “Small gifts add up when everyone participates.”

When the sun rose on April 12, UC Santa Barbara was already awake as faculty, students and staff celebrated with food, giveaways and pop-up events across campus. Campus departments embraced Give Day by hosting their own events to encourage participation. Faculty from the Department of Communication volunteered to be pied in the face on Facebook Live when their fundraising goals were achieved. Each event was full of students witnessing the impact of giving back.

With ambassadors from the student philanthropy group UCSB First, Co-chair Deepika Chandrasekhar ’19 helped organize student engagement and opportunities for seniors to make their class gift online. “Our students are enthusiastic to be a part of one of our campus traditions and starting to become more aware of how they can relate as alumni thanks to Give Day,” said Deepika. “Philanthropy is one of the best ways to give back to campus and understand how students are experiencing UC Santa Barbara now.”

UC Santa Barbara felt that enthusiasm on April 12. “Give Days are amazing opportunities to reach out to our alumni nationally and internationally,” said Beverly Colgate, associate vice chancellor for development. “We get to meet our greatest advocates in their communities, virtually. For one day, the campus and our constituents can unite through social media and compelling conversation. It’s not about how much we raise, necessarily: the day is about participation.”

Kristen agreed. “Participating in Give Day is an incredible way to say thanks.”

Whether you opened an email, shared a Facebook post, attended an event, made a gift or set a challenge grant, thank you for your help in writing UC Santa Barbara’s next chapter on Give Day 2018.
The Gift of Time: CCS Summer Research Fellowships
The Proctors and the Spragues help students become scientists and creators

The Proctors are a three-generation University of California family. In 1962, Chris’s father received his master’s in psychology at UC Santa Barbara. Julie and Chris met at UCLA, where they both studied neurobiology. Their twins Connor (UCLA ’16) and Will (UCI ’15, now a UCSB employee) followed the family tradition, as did Duncan (UCSB ’17). Duncan was drawn to the College of Creative Studies (CCS), a small college for self-directed students within UC Santa Barbara that provides a rigorous program that facilitates original undergraduate work.

The Proctors understood the impact of summer fellowships after Duncan’s graduation, when they attended the inaugural Research and Creative Activities Conference (RACA-CON) in the fall of 2018. “RACA-CON inspired us to give by establishing an endowment in support of summer fellowships,” said Julie. “We heard music; we saw paintings. There were posters and podium presentations. All the students were so excited.”

The College of Creative Studies launched its 50th anniversary celebration in 2017 and brought together CCS students to showcase their undergraduate work. At the conference, students including Dolev Bluvstein ’19 displayed graduate-level research. Under Professor Ania Jayich, Dolev worked on a quantum microscope capable of viewing single atoms. Through his summer undergraduate research fellowship, Dolev published findings in the journal Nature Communications.

“Summer is sacred time for research,” said Dolev. “Two weeks of 20 hours a week is not the same as one week of 40 hours. If you don’t have time, no one will give you serious responsibility.”

“We saw that summer research programs can be transformative for the kids,” said Chris. “It gives them a hands-on opportunity to be mentored by world-class researchers and find a career path.”

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The story of Amber Sprague ’06 is one of strong mentors: a mother who encouraged her to bring home rocks and shells, an AP chemistry teacher who helped her apply to UC Santa Barbara, and Professor Armand Kuris, under whose guidance she published a milestone first author paper.

Amber’s childhood roaming the backwoods of Alaska stoked her love of the natural world. Her fascination with biology started young. At UC Santa Barbara, she joined the College of Creative Studies, where she received three summer undergraduate research fellowships to study evolutionary genetics and ecological parasitology.

In Professor Kuris’s lab during her second summer, Amber was sifting through fish for small digested blobs of trematode parasites. Night after night, she found nothing, pushed close to tears. The last three fish revealed the evidence. The discovery would reveal a component of the food chain: how an infective process could fit into nutrition.

“It was a good lesson, because much of science is persistence combined with a systematic approach,” said Amber.

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“Our family has a long history of supporting education, the arts and science,” said Ben. “We believe it’s one of the best investments we can make in our future.”

The Sprague family’s giving to the College of Creative Studies has supported life-altering summer research fellowships, telling students that their creative and scientific contributions are valued.

“One thing that was echoed continuously at UCSB was being a good participant in the scientific community. You don’t have to wait for tenure to become a mentor,” Amber said. “As soon as you learn something in science, you can turn around and teach someone else.”
I had a great experience. I’d like to give back, and I’ve been lucky enough to be able to.
Leaving Legacies and Living Legends

Bill ’68 and Janet Dinsmore honor their late son through a legacy gift

In college, many of us are told we can be anything we want to be. But what if we don’t know what that “something” is?

For UC Santa Barbara Foundation Trustee William “Bill” Dinsmore ’68, the career path was paved with many questions. He originally planned to pursue medical school, but realized the vocation was just not for him.

“I went through a challenging process,” recalled Bill. “It’s so rare for campuses to give any kind of career help.”

Bill was accepted into a management achievement program at Pacific Telephone Company where (to his surprise) he loved the work. This inspired him to obtain his MBA from the University of Southern California and work his way up through consumer business management. He eventually became the CEO of The Learning Company, which became the leader in online educational software for children and adults.

In 2000, patrilineal traits started to emerge. Bill and his wife, Janet, witnessed their son Scott enroll in UC Santa Barbara and begin flexing his entrepreneurial muscles. Scott explored careers and business ideas through the Technology Management Program (TMP), which is part of the College of Engineering. The curriculum explores the intersection of technology, business and social science, and offers innovative programming to its students.

“We always knew [Scott would] do something different,” said Janet, who also attended UCSB. “He was very inquisitive and inspired by so many things.”

“Scott was eager for information,” added Bill. “He would pull out his notebook and pencil — about whatever business he was doing — and take his little notes and probe. When he saw an opportunity to better his knowledge about something, he would go for it.”

Scott launched his own global company, “Live Your Legend” (LYL), thanks to his years at UCSB. LYL helps people discover their passion and do the work they can’t not do.

“I interviewed Scott when he was just starting Live Your Legend,” recalled TMP Professor of Practice John Greathouse. “I just remember Scott’s humbleness and sincerity — and the way he delivered his message was so powerful! He had this smile that was just ridiculous. A warm smile,” Greathouse added.

John mentored Scott throughout the years, and their work produced mutual inspiration (Greathouse even incorporated LYL content into his TMP curriculum). He also added “The Alchemist” to the syllabus — a book Scott recommended.

“‘The Alchemist’ was [Scott’s] favorite book,” said Janet. “He took it everywhere. That’s where he came up with the [Live Your Legend] name.”

Scott was an avid learner, runner and adventurer whose life abruptly ended when he and his wife, Chelsea, summited Mt. Kilimanjaro. The passing of Scott prompted Bill and Janet to make a legacy gift, which would memorialize his indomitable spirit.

“There’s no major in university on passion and purpose and career,” said Scott in his 2012 TEDx Talk. “It’s on us to figure that out and we need a framework; we need a way to navigate through this.”

The Dinsmores’ gift is inspired by the influence TMP had in Scott’s life. Made through their charitable remainder trust, the gift will expand TMP’s career programming and help students (from any discipline) explore careers that leverage their talent and passion.

“[Scott’s] parents saw the impact that our program has on young people,” observed Greathouse. “I like the idea that we can continue to tell this story to future UCSB students. It’s nice that we can extend Scott’s legend and his legacy going forward.”

For the Technology Management Program, the Dinsmore fund represents sustained impact. This irrevocable planned gift ensures the expansion and acceleration of the program and speaks to TMP’s — and Scott’s — enduring influence.
Homegrown Support

Mike ‘87 and Catherine Byron explain their humble path to philanthropy

“There’s something about our roots that makes us see the world in the same way,” remarked Michael “Mike” Byron ‘87, who met his wife, Catherine, in their high school English class. “Since we grew up in the same area and went to the same high school, there are these places and people who made us who we are.”

“We’re both from humble upbringings,” added Catherine, who graduated from California State University, East Bay. “That really shaped the way we live and how we see the world.”

The Byrons’ humility persists despite their ever-increasing generosity to UC Santa Barbara. Together, their giving bolsters the Division of Social Sciences and the Department of Economics, where Mike serves as a board advisor.

“They’re lovely people,” said Kelly Bedard, chair of the economics department. “The university would benefit from more folks like them involved.”

The Byrons’ economics funding serves a twofold purpose: to provide scholarship support for students and enhance departmental programming. Students benefit from these offerings, which include a campus speaker series, resume coaching and internships at Big Four accounting firms.

“One of the things that I think is really important for [economics] students is that we create opportunities for experience,” asserted Bedard. “We’ve always tried to have high quality education in classrooms, but it’s also important to have other sources of education — and that relies on outside funding.”

Fortunately for the department, the Byrons believe in experience. Their affinity for UC Santa Barbara beckons their return (they plan to migrate from Northern California to Santa Barbara once their kids are out of high school).

“UC Santa Barbara was, for me, such an amazing experience in my life,” recalled Mike, who majored in business economics. “[Our son] Logan loves Santa Barbara, too, and can’t understand why anybody wouldn’t want to go there,” he laughed.

The couple relishes the journey, and it would seem they’re not alone. The new SAGE Sara Miller McCune Dean of Social Sciences, Charles R. Hale, boasts an impressive history of anthropology adventures. His research and fieldwork in Bolivia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Mexico and Honduras (to name a few), resembles an “Indiana Jones” movie according to Mike. “We got to really know the dean. He’s super interesting.”

Hale called Mike the real deal. “[He’s] a highly successful executive of NVIDIA,” observed Hale, “yet modest and welcoming to those from outside that world. [He’s] intensely loyal to UC Santa Barbara, and genuinely interested in our success today.”

The Byrons’ generosity continues, as they’ve committed additional funding for 2019. Their gift will fund economics as well as the dean’s Social Sciences Initiative, which enables Hale to enrich teaching, curricular activities and research in the social sciences.

“We are deeply grateful for Mike and Catherine’s extraordinary generosity,” remarked Hale, “and excited to continue putting their gifts to work for the benefit of students, faculty and programs in the economics department and throughout the Division of Social Sciences.”

Happily, Mike and Catherine share in the community’s enthusiasm: “We’re always thinking about how we can help people,” said Mike.

“Indeed,” added Catherine, “I can’t buy for myself unless I help someone else!”
"I’d rather not just throw another little bit into a giant vat," said Gus Gurley ’78, ’83. "I support areas missed by mainstream thinking. Even scientists develop herd instincts and come to accepted orthodoxy. I like to take a less conventional approach."

In 2009, Gus and his wife, Meg, were among the first to back the emerging field of theoretical and quantitative biology at the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics (KITP). Their endowment — the Susan F. Gurley Chair in Theoretical Physics and Biology — was established in honor of Gus’s mother, who fell in love with biology. Now almost a decade later, the Gurleys continue to boost resources for KITP and the Division of Mathematical, Life, and Physical Sciences at UC Santa Barbara.

"Gus has been very instrumental in supporting new ventures outside the comfort zone," explained Boris Shraiman, KITP permanent member and Gurley chairholder. "Gus took interest and supported our venture into population genetics, using physics ideas to study dynamics of evolution. He also helped us with getting started with a lab, bridging theory and experiment."

Those ventures spawned some impressive results. Shraiman and Richard Neher, former postdoctoral fellow at KITP, used ideas from physics to come up with a new way of forecasting influenza evolution. Neher then teamed up with Trevor Bedford (who came to KITP for the subsequent evolutionary dynamics program), and together they developed a cloud-based flu surveillance and prediction tool called “nextflu.” Bedford and Neher are now collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I’m proud of how this research went on," said Shraiman. "It’s exactly the way KITP is supposed to function, both in generating ideas and facilitating interactions between people — serving as a germinator of projects that go and acquire their own life."

Shraiman and the KITP community are what continue to attract Gus to campus. His connection to UC Santa Barbara began as an undergraduate in the College of Creative Studies, where he studied physics; it was then that he met Virgil Elings, a former physics professor who later became his business partner.

Gus obtained his master’s degree in scientific instrumentation from UCSB before co-founding Digital Instruments (DI) with Elings. The duo pioneered scanning probe microscopes, which enable scientists to view materials at the atomic level. DI merged with Veeco Instruments in 1998 and since that time, Gus keeps busy with research and by serving on the KITP Director’s Advisory Cabinet and the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board of Trustees.

"Gus has been a consistent supporter of our evolving KITP programming at the interface of physics and biology," said KITP Director Lars Bildsten. "He was also the first investor in our project that became the Charles T. Munger Physics Residence and has supported the career development of KITP postdoctoral scholars by enabling their travel to conferences to present their work. We are incredibly grateful for his friendship and shared passion for exploring new scientific frontiers."

"Gus is an amazing individual," added Shraiman. "He’s fun to be with; he comes around and we just talk science. [Gus] has remarkably broad interests, which go from neuroscience to quantum information and entanglement. I’m honored to think of myself as his friend."

The Shraiman-Gurley friendship is 15 years in the making. Together with Bildsten and others in the KITP community, the group resembles one big, happy family of physicists.

"KITP is well-established internationally in terms of being a premier place for holding conferences and getting people to collaborate,” said Gus. “I support [KITP] because I know the people.”
Golden eras typically belong to the past, but not for UC Santa Barbara’s men’s basketball. Their golden era is having a serious comeback.

“We had a phenomenal team the years that I was there,” reflected Mike Stewart ’91. “It’s great when people rally around these things.”

Now with Head Coach Joe Pasternack in charge, Mike is once again wrapped in Gaucho fervor. He and his wife, Melissa, have decided to fund and name the Thunderdome’s video board, which will feature elements like pregame introductions and instant replays. The 54-foot display is expected to revolutionize the gametime atmosphere.

“This will really increase the fan experience,” said Coach Pasternack. “It’s going to benefit not just basketball and volleyball, but the student body that uses the Thunderdome for recreational sports and concerts.”

The rise of men’s basketball has a lot to do with Pasternack, whose first year was nothing short of remarkable. Pasternack led one of UCSB’s biggest athletic turnarounds, tying the school’s record for wins and equaling the NCAA’s largest increase in regular season victories from one season to the next.

“I think [Coach Pasternack] works tirelessly,” said Mike. “He’s a great example for everybody. When there’s a leader that I think is worth backing, I’ll back him.”

That goes for Chancellor Yang, too, whom Mike deeply respects. “[I love] what the Chancellor has done for this university,” said Mike. “He really made the first difference for me.”

The resurgence of hoops caught Mike’s attention, but it certainly wasn’t the first time. His love of basketball dates back to his undergraduate years, when he played sports and studied English and business economics. As the young and inquiring sort, Mike took full advantage of what UC Santa Barbara had to offer. He wrote for the Daily Nexus, attended free film screenings and studied abroad in England.

“UCSB gave me a chance to bloom,” reflected Mike. “It was just a very expansive place for me.”

As managing director of Credit Suisse and its global markets head of equities, Mike chooses to also support UCSB economics. He cites his education as the training ground for life and business — where he learned to acclimate to different environments, figure it out and find good people.

“I had a great experience. I’d like to give back and I’ve been lucky enough to be able to,” said Mike. “I picked a couple areas on campus [to support] but fundamentally I want to see the entire school succeed.”

Giving back involves not only money, but also time for Mike and Melissa. Melissa serves on the board of the World Monuments Fund and Mike serves as a trustee for the UC Santa Barbara Foundation; he’s also an advisor to the economics department. Together, the couple resides in New York City and visit campus whenever possible.

“I personally get a lot out of it,” said Mike. “It’s interesting — the people that I get to interact with are incredibly accomplished. The energy of learning, of research, of youth is a great energy to be around.”

Indeed the golden era seems to be returning — not just for men’s basketball but for Mike, too. He’s become a fully engaged alumnus, cheering UC Santa Barbara’s leadership and the millennial Gauchos.

“We’re so grateful for the Stewart family and their generosity,” said Pasternack. “To build a successful basketball program, resources are huge in moving the program forward and they’ve been one of the ones who have helped.”

A Video Board to Spark Hoopla
Mike ’91 and Melissa Stewart herald the return of a golden era
Everyone can find ways of giving that have remarkable effects.
In 1966, Duncan Mellichamp visited UC Santa Barbara to give a chemical engineering lecture—a presentation that would launch over 50 years of teaching and ongoing dedication to the university. Shortly after, he was recruited to help create the Department of Chemical Engineering, now top-ranked among U.S. public universities. In between, he has mentored over 50 graduate students to degrees, starting with the first to earn a Ph.D. here in chemical engineering.

“Be careful what you start: it may change your life, and the lives of others,” Professor Emeritus Mellichamp advised during his 2016 commencement speech.

As members of UC Santa Barbara’s Gold Circle Society, Duncan and his wife, Suzanne, have changed countless lives. Duncan met Suzanne on a blind date when she was a young teacher living in her hometown of Dubuque and he was a graduate student visiting from Purdue.

“We started our marriage seven months (seven dates) later with little more than a box of love letters,” the couple confessed. Suzanne, who always wanted to be a teacher, taught for 30 years, including 20 years in Santa Barbara city schools. In 1970, she earned her master’s from the UC Santa Barbara Gevirtz Graduate School of Education. In 1966, Duncan Mellichamp visited UC Santa Barbara to give a chemical engineering lecture—a presentation that would launch over 50 years of teaching and ongoing dedication to the university. Shortly after, he was recruited to help create the Department of Chemical Engineering, now top-ranked among U.S. public universities. In between, he has mentored over 50 graduate students to degrees, starting with the first to earn a Ph.D. here in chemical engineering.

The Mellichamps are known for the vision behind their gifts to UC Santa Barbara. Together, they have established 16 endowed chairs. Three clusters, each of four chairs for distinguished mid-career faculty, help UC Santa Barbara recruit scholars and build new research initiatives in programs such as systems biology, globalization, sustainable chemistry and — just announced — Mind and Machine (Artificial) Intelligence.

In addition to the clusters, each of which runs for 15 years and then rotates, the Mellichamps endowed a chair in process control, a program that Duncan founded at UC Santa Barbara, and in systems engineering, his present research area. Two more honor founders of the Department of Chemical Engineering. Instead of endowing these two chairs in full, Duncan inspired his community to match their support.

“I try to encourage people to associate with programs and the faculty here,” said Duncan. “It’s a unique privilege to be part of a world class program, and there is every opportunity to do that.”

Professor Emeritus Mellichamp remains active in university affairs and philanthropy despite retiring in 2003. He channels his energy into motivating others. Colleagues know him as the first person to stand up and take charge, such as when he volunteered to chair the 2014 Trustee Advisory Committee on Isla Vista Strategies—a group which changed that community.

Duncan has ventured far beyond labs and classrooms, and together, he and Suzanne have left an indelible impression on the wider Santa Barbara community. Their support of the North Campus Open Space helps preserve the natural wildlife of the California coast. Their plans advocate for giving now, and in the future, through blended gifts. Duncan is quick to make recommendations to friends.

“I think most people don’t treat giving money away the same way they treat making it,” said Duncan. “And not many have a well-planned exit strategy, but everyone can find ways of giving that have remarkable effects and that will be fun.”

To the Mellichamps, philanthropy is a rewarding and constantly evolving practice.

“Educating young people to become responsible citizens—who care for our environment, the arts and the community—is key. Santa Barbara has been our special community for 52 years,” said Suzanne.

The Gold Circle Society is UC Santa Barbara’s premier recognition society, honoring philanthropists who have cumulatively invested more than $1,000,000 in this institution. UC Santa Barbara gratefully acknowledges and celebrates the profound impact brought about by these visionary leaders.
Enduring Influence
A lasting commitment to education

Professor York Mandra
York Mandra, professor emeritus of earth science, passed away in May 2018. For over three decades, Mandra spent his summers teaching at UC Santa Barbara, where he served as a Summer Sessions instructor. He held the longest active teaching record at San Francisco State University, where he founded the earth science program.

Professor Mandra’s teaching prowess was hallmarked by his specialization in micropaleontology, societal problems of energy and broad grasp of earth science. Mandra’s commitment to the UC Santa Barbara Department of Earth Science is memorialized through his estate gift, which will create scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students studying earth science with an emphasis in geological sciences and field studies.

Professor Joseph “Joe” Polchinski
Joe Polchinski, professor emeritus and inspirational theoretical physicist, passed away in February 2018. Professor Polchinski joined UC Santa Barbara’s physics faculty in 1992. He was a permanent member of the Kavli Institute for Theoretical Physics and inaugural incumbent of the Pat & Joe Yzuriaga Chair in Theoretical Physics. The New York Times called him “one of the most creative physicists of his generation,” and his originality earned him the prestigious 2017 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.

Polchinski was known for being an excellent teacher and generous donor to UC Santa Barbara. He and his wife, Dorothy Chun, professor at UC Santa Barbara’s Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, established endowments to support graduate fellowships in the Department of Physics and The Gevirtz School. “Donating to education was a natural thing,” Polchinski said in a 2017 interview. “A lot of my research grew out of my work with students and postdocs. It’s our role to teach and educate students.”
You have to find your passion and really work toward something that has meaning to you.
Inspired by her family’s lifelong affinity for the outdoors, Betty Elings Wells H'10 has made a pair of gifts to campus that support environmental education, and the environment itself.

Betty, a UC Santa Barbara Foundation trustee, real estate investor and philanthropist, has made the largest gift to the REEF in campus history to create the Betty Wells Marine Science Outreach Initiative at the interactive instructional touch-tank facility run by UC Santa Barbara’s renowned Marine Science Institute (MSI). She made a separate, significant donation to fund a public trail system at North Campus Open Space (NCOS).

“I have three little grandchildren that live here — they’re 7, 5 and 3 — and three who live in Boulder, Colorado that are 16, 13 and 11, who all like to be out walking, out at the beach and all of that. Whenever possible, our family will do those activities,” Betty said. “I’ve been an environmentalist all my life and contributed to Elings Park to help preserve open spaces for the future. I believe in open spaces where people can get out and enjoy nature. I know I’ll be out there with the grandkids, and that’s why I gave that gift to NCOS. I went by emotion. And I thought it looked like a really good cause. I want to be sure that in generations to come, there will be open space.”

Making Waves
Betty Elings Wells's H'10 latest gifts put nature in the hands of the community

At the REEF (formally known as the Research Experience and Education Facility), a popular spot for families and the general public, Betty’s generosity will fund a myriad of infrastructure improvements. Her gift also will enable new outreach and education opportunities for thousands of students every year by way of MSI’s robust outreach programs, which teach some 20,000 students annually about the diversity of marine life and ocean environments.

“I hope this gift will help provide a better experience for all the children that go to the REEF, different things for kids to feel and touch and even more great teaching about the oceans,” Betty said. “The oceans are so important to us all, and they are going to be even more important in the future.”

The same could be said for open spaces on land. UC Santa Barbara’s North Campus Open Space is a 136-acre parcel in the midst of an extensive ecological restoration — for 50 years the site was home to a golf course — that will ultimately open to the public coastal habitat and trails extending three miles along the Ellwood Devereux coast by connecting several existing preserved properties.

Betty’s leadership and impact at UCSB extends far beyond philanthropy. Her longtime volunteer role with the Faculty Women’s Club, a campus support network now known as the Shoreliners, includes two terms as president and four years as treasurer. Her involvement in the group ultimately inspired her to support the renovation of the former Faculty Club (now The Club & Guest House, where both a pavilion and a terrace bear her name). She also supports and serves as a mentor to student philanthropy group UCSB First. In this way, her generosity will be felt for generations to come.
Growing up in Colorado ranch country, T.A. Barron dreamed of becoming a writer, outdoorsman and conservationist. Two decades and more than 30 books later, he has achieved all three and then some.

He gives much of the credit to nature, which he has described as his “ultimate source of balance, inspiration and magic.” In fact, nature plays a starring role in most of Barron’s novels, from New York Times bestseller “The Great Tree of Avalon” to the entire series “The Merlin Saga,” now being made into a feature film by Disney.

“Nature has always been my greatest inspiration,” Barron reiterated in a recent interview, “and, I would add, also my friend, my healer and my teacher.” No wonder, then, that he is so driven to protect it.

A lifelong environmentalist, increasingly as prolific in his conservation philanthropy as he is in his writing, Barron has donated to UC Santa Barbara to create the T.A. Barron Endowed Environmental Leadership Fund. The fund is meant to expressly support and advance environmental advocacy by undergraduates in the humanities.

“If we are going to save this precious planet of ours — the only place we know in the entire universe that has life — we have to think about ways that involve philosophy and history and literature, and connect with people on those levels of fundamental ideas,” Barron said of the motivation for his gift, his first to UC Santa Barbara. “That’s why the humanities are so important.”

“UC Santa Barbara is a laboratory for the very best ways to communicate the important ethical, historical, cultural and literary ideas about protecting our environment,” added Barron, who helped to create the Princeton Environmental Institute at Princeton University.

With more than 70 faculty members who teach courses that address issues in the environmental humanities, UCSB already is an international leader in the field, a growing focus in undergraduate curriculum. The campus has a range of existing related programming, from the English department’s Literature and the Environment Center, to the Environmental/Climate Justice Hub based at the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, to the Blue Horizons and GreenScreen programs in environmental media production.

This new initiative raises the bar another notch (or three), in part with its focus on undergraduates. The Barron Fund will help provide first- and second-year students with ways to explore environmental advocacy through the lens of liberal arts education.

With the fund, UC Santa Barbara aims to provide outstanding students with opportunities to combine academic training, team-based learning and practical experience to help make a difference in the world by becoming effective and persuasive advocates for the environment. Research, mentoring and student scholarships in environmental humanities are among the possibilities on the table, along with curricular innovations and community-building activities.

“What we are doing at UCSB is planting seeds,” said Barron. “I can’t tell you how those seeds are going to grow or what they might produce, but I have a feeling those seeds will take root and help these young people become the leaders who will ask really thoughtful questions and guide us through all these tough challenges.”
Coral bleaching and global food supply are at the center of new research efforts at UC Santa Barbara being funded by a gift from the Zegar Family Foundation. With a total donation of $1.04 million, the nonprofit organization founded by Charles “Chuck” Zegar and his wife, Merryl Snow Zegar, is supporting three new UCSB-based projects aimed at finding environmental solutions.

“We knew we wanted to get involved with UC Santa Barbara, and we wanted to zoom in on something that we thought would be beneficial and that this institution has expertise in,” said Chuck, co-founder and original software architect for Bloomberg, and a trustee of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation. “We knew ocean science and the environment are UCSB’s specialties and have seen where they are doing very important work in this area. We wanted to be involved.”

Merryl, an attorney and former administrative law judge, agreed. “We first came to the university to explore many different projects for scientific investment,” she said, “ultimately deciding that, for our foundation, we wanted to really focus a lot of our efforts and energy on the environment.”

So it is that the Zegars are funding important new endeavors by two accomplished UC Santa Barbara scientists — marine biologist Ben Halpern and ecologist Deron Burkepile — that will address different aspects of climate change.

In two synergistic projects, Halpern, director of UCSB’s National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, will explore the environmental impact of food production and the impact of environmental change (notably climate change) on food. Burkepile, an associate professor in UCSB’s Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology, will synthesize data from coral bleaching events over the past several decades to determine where corals are bleaching less than expected and where they are bleaching more.

“We are really excited to see the results that come and, importantly, to openly share all of the data and results so that others can build on our work and take it in directions we never could have imagined. To me that’s one of the most exciting things about science — the iterative process of discovery that leverages the past and finds unexpected insights in the future.”

The environmental focus for the Zegars is relatively new, but science has long been central to their philanthropy — in particular for Chuck, who holds advanced degrees from New York University in both computer science and biology. He is actively involved in research himself, part of a biology lab at NYU, where he also sits on the Board of Trustees.

In all of their philanthropy, the Zegars are oriented toward impact.

“To me what’s most important is the bang for the buck and how you move the needle,” Merryl said. “Don’t just throw money at something — take time to understand what a program is doing and how it can create the impact you want. You have to find your passion and really work toward something that has meaning to you. It’s all about passion and impact.”
The Study of Pristine Land
With a two-part gift, the Dangermonds create a new model of conservation

With a visionary and generous gift to support interdisciplinary research, a hallmark of UC Santa Barbara, Jack and Laura Dangermond established an endowed chair in conservation studies. The Dangermonds are the founders of Esri, the world’s largest geographic information systems (GIS) software company.

“Santa Barbara and UCSB are near and dear to me and Laura, and it was incredibly important that we continue supporting the amazing talent coming out of the world-class institution that is UC Santa Barbara,” said Jack. “We look forward to strong collaboration between Esri, UCSB and the conservation communities for many years to come.”

The $1 million Jack and Laura Dangermond Endowed Chair in Conservation Studies will further enhance UC Santa Barbara’s reputation for research and teaching in the environmental and earth sciences, environmental sustainability and technological innovation. Holders of the Dangermond Chair will bring distinguished records of active scholarly engagement and teaching to new innovative research projects conducted, in part, at a new conservation preserve near Point Conception.

The new preserve, named the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve, is part of The Nature Conservancy (a globally recognized conservation organization). The preserve provides a natural laboratory for environmental investigations in the chair’s areas of scientific expertise for the purpose of addressing challenges, issues and opportunities presented by the natural environment.

“The Conception coast is one of the last remaining undeveloped areas in Southern California, and in close proximity to UCSB’s campus,” said Michael Goodchild, emeritus professor of geography and former director of UCSB’s Center for Spatial Studies. “The preserve and the donation of this new chair will bring great new strength to UCSB in the area of conservation studies, and build on many past efforts of UCSB faculty and students to draw attention to this unique and critically important area.”

Goodchild was the inaugural holder of the Dangermond Chair in Geography, established in 2015 on a previous gift from the couple. (The chair is now held by geography professor and current Center for Spatial Studies Director Werner Kuhn.)

The Dangermonds are longtime friends and benefactors of the campus, where their philanthropy also includes the Jack and Laura Dangermond Endowed Chair in Geography to support students and the Spatial Discovery Fund at the UC Santa Barbara Library, which funds research tools for scholars. Through the Center for Spatial Studies, they also fund annual “specialist meetings” that bring together experts from academia and industry to discuss a specific topic in depth.

Through their decades of visionary support, the Dangermonds have had a broad impact on UC Santa Barbara that advances the university’s mission of research, teaching and public service, and serves as a model for philanthropy that will benefit the campus and community well into the future.

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Peter Montgomery
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Scholars on Board

The Bentson Foundation secures future opportunities for students in marine science

It was a partnership that made perfect sense.

Alumni Laurie Bentson Kauth and William Kauth both graduated from UC Santa Barbara and have stayed local ever since. When William shifted career gears from fisherman to marine biology teacher at Santa Barbara High School, he frequently visited the campus with his students. The couple raised a daughter so passionate about the ocean she became a maritime lawyer.

Their Bentson Foundation has long held a focus on public education and student support. So it came to be that in 2014 the Bentson Scholars Program was launched at UC Santa Barbara, a merit-based initiative for undergraduates with an interest in aquatic biology. They have now cemented the program for generations, with a new gift to endow the fund based in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology (EEMB).

“We had always been back and forth with UCSB about this idea, so it was a natural thing to do, and it’s been more successful than we ever imagined,” said Laurie, whose parents, Larry and Nancy Bentson, started the Bentson Foundation in 1956. “UCSB and the team there have taken this program under their wing and made it even better than we ever dreamed it could be. The students are phenomenal. Every single one is beyond belief and each in a different way, but all related to marine science.

“That’s the whole idea — to get the brightest and the best and get them working on this topic,” she added. “The oceans and marine science are more important now than ever.”

The substantial Bentson Scholarship covers part of tuition and reduces the need to work, while also providing hands-on enrichment and research opportunities that enable scholars to immediately apply lessons from the classroom in the field. It’s a win-win for the students and faculty alike, according to Craig Carlson, a professor and vice chair in EEMB, who oversees the program.

“The generous fellowships provided by the Bentson Foundation afford unique opportunities and experiences that take these outstanding students to the next level,” Carlson said. “These fellowships are often real difference-makers that allow these students to reach their academic and research goals.”

Those sentiments are echoed resoundingly by the students themselves, who attest to the scholarship’s impact on their academic pursuits and future aspirations. “Without the Bentson Scholarship, I wouldn’t have as many of the opportunities that I now have in front of me,” said Ally Aplin, a pre-biology major in the class of 2021. “This scholarship allows me to be involved in incredible research opportunities to further my field of knowledge in a way that I never could in a classroom, and to help me to achieve my goal of being a part of the fight to save coral reefs.”

That’s exactly what the Bentson Foundation wants to hear from its scholars, said Judi Dutcher, executive director.

“Looking toward the horizon, these scholars are going to have an impact in the field,” said Judi. “The decision to amplify our support with this new gift really is an outgrowth of the fact that we’ve been really pleased with the caliber of the students and the difference we’ve seen that they have made.

“Our support has been paid back ten-fold in terms of the leaders that they become and the testimonials they give in regards to what impact the scholarship has had,” Judi continued. “I would encourage any other donor or foundation, if you are considering something similar — whatever their field of interest — do it, because you will immediately see the impact of your gift. And that’s so important. Start modestly and you’ll see.”
The ecology of video games. Elastic wave propagation. Feeding competition in primates. Engendering protest across the globe. Musical mourning in the German Democratic Republic. Such are some of the diverse lines of inquiry now being pursued by some UC Santa Barbara junior faculty members, courtesy of the Hellman Fellows Fund.

Aiming to boost the research endeavors of promising early-career faculty, the fund has supported fellowships for assistant professors at UC Santa Barbara since 2008. The Hellman Fellows Fund’s latest three-year pledge brings to $2.8 million the total amount that the fund has invested in these emerging experts across the disciplines.

Since launching the Hellman Fellows Program on campus, UC Santa Barbara has awarded funds to 106 junior faculty, 64 of whom have now attained tenure. Individual awards can be as much as $50,000; annually there is $225,000 available for the program at UCSB. Eight assistant professors, from 25 who applied, were awarded Hellman Fellowships for the 2017-18 year.

“These awards are intended for faculty to further develop their research careers at a time when they don’t yet have tenure, but their setup money is beginning to dwindle and they haven’t secured that first big grant,” said Alison Butler, UC Santa Barbara’s associate vice chancellor for academic personnel and a professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who leads the Hellman Fellows selection committee. “I know from experience, it’s very stressful when you’re starting off and don’t have your first major grants funded but you’re trying to grow a research program. So this is huge. That it is competitive and they’re winning it is huge. It’s really quite significant.”

Established by Chris and Warren Hellman and their children in 1995, the purpose of the Hellman Fellows Program is to support the research of promising assistant professors who show capacity for great distinction in their chosen fields.

“The Hellman Fellows Program had its start at UC Berkeley and UC San Diego in 1995, and over time the program grew to support all ten campuses in the University of California System,” said Frances Hellman, president of the Hellman Fellows Fund and dean of Math & Physical Science in the College of Letters & Science at UC Berkeley.

“My family knew we wanted to lend support to junior faculty at a critical juncture in their research careers and now 24 years later, we are pleased to report that over 1,650 Hellman Fellowships have been made to do just that.”

“Perhaps most excitingly, though, is that these longer research trips to Germany have allowed me to lay the groundwork for future research projects,” Sprigge added. “I’m grateful that the Hellman Fellows Fund has given me the opportunity to continue my research momentum as I think ahead to the future.”

Count Martha Sprigge among them. The assistant professor of musicology and 2017 Hellman Fellow said the award has enabled her to travel and conduct research abroad as she works to complete her first book as a UC Santa Barbara faculty member.

"With the support of the Hellman fund, I’ve spent most of the past two summers in Dresden and Berlin, conducting the remaining research for this project," said Sprigge, who is investigating how composers, performers and audiences in Germany and Eastern Europe used music to voice expressions of mourning, grief and loss after 1945. "Without the Hellman funding, a lot of the materials I need to write this book would be difficult — even impossible — to access: many of the musical works I’m writing about aren’t published and are only available in German archives. Because the Hellman funds allowed me to take longer research trips than I would have with my own resources, I’ve also been able to follow up on research threads more thoroughly.

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Promise and Potential

Hellman Fellows Fund supports early-career faculty with competitive fellowships
Thanks to this scholarship, I am able to build a better future for myself.
Dan Ovando, Ph.D. ’18, reflected on the Vapnek Fisheries Management Fellowship: “Supporting Bren students gives us the critical opportunity to have summers to do fieldwork, engage with new stakeholders and get a feel for the on-the-ground process that goes with applied research. Hands dirty, feet wet: that’s hard to do if you’re slogging away on campus. These opportunities make it easy for students to get the practical real world experience to come out ready to make a difference. I’m now working with the United Nations to redesign a global fisheries monitoring program to better understand parts of the world that don’t have the statistical tools of the United States.”

Dr. Daniel Vapnek’s support of fellowships is inspired by his academic experience: “I’ve always been cognizant of the importance of well-trained scientists for the future of America, particularly with the acceleration of climate change. As the water warms, many of the fish stocks will migrate north. It’s important that scientists are trained to monitor these changes, and since fish are an important protein source for so much of the planet, make fisheries sustainable. I was impressed by the quality of UC Santa Barbara scientists as they seek solutions for world fisheries management. I know graduate support can be extremely important, particularly to people getting their Ph.D.s.”

Dr. Daniel Vapnek is a scientist, fisherman and past UC Santa Barbara parent. He has a Ph.D. in microbiology and taught for nine years in Athens, Georgia, before joining Amgen as the director of research when the company had just 35 employees.

Alessandra Mittelstet ’19 reflected on receiving the Zorich Family Scholarship: “As a person with no parental support, college seemed to be out of reach for me. Thanks to the Zorich Family Scholarship, I am able to build a better future for myself. My interest is in developmental and educational psychology. I have worked as a teaching assistant, a peer mentor, a behavioral therapist and a camp counselor. I truly believe my calling is to work with children. Thanks to this scholarship, I can focus more on research. Now I’m working in two research labs on campus that are in my field, which will give me a head start in my applications for grad school. My future plans are to pursue school psychology or school counseling at the graduate level, and to work with the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education in school psychology research.”

Dr. Robert Zorich ’71 contemplates his own experience at UC Santa Barbara: “UC Santa Barbara shaped our lives. My wife and I are in a position to give back, and establishing this scholarship allows us to help students receive a UC education who might not otherwise be able to do so. We are pleased to pay forward the opportunity we had, and to help future generations of Gauchos.”

Dr. Robert Zorich ’71, B.A. Business Economics, is the founder and managing director of EnCap Investments, a venture capital firm supporting the oil and gas industry. Barbara Lyn Zorich ’71 received her B.A. in English from UC Santa Barbara.
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