

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Trust

# **IMPACT REPORT**

2022-23











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**Clockwise from top left:** (1) Alumni gathered for a welcome event hosted by UC San Diego. (2) UC Trust staff were in high spirits at our 2022 Summer Celebration. (3) Our alumni enjoyed a day trip to Berkeley Castle near Bristol in September 2021. (4) UC Alumni UK Vice President Claire Frost (UCSB '10) and partner Andy enjoying the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala. (5) UCLA hosted a series of panel discussions on sustainability practices in May 2022, hosted by Dean Tony Bernardo of UCLA Anderson. (6) Sir Isaac Julien takes stock of his exhibition at a private event for UC alumni in April 2023.

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



**Deborah Miller** Chair of Trustees

We are very pleased to present our new and improved impact report of the University of California Trust. This is the first time we have highlighted our successes in this format. With this report we will showcase some of the Trust's impact during FY 2022/23 as we celebrate and review our 23-year history and provide more information about who benefits from our work.

Momentum in collaborative activities across the UK and Europe with alumni, study abroad students and visiting faculty continued to grow throughout the year, and attendance in both virtual and face-to-face events have now surpassed prepandemic levels. It was a year in which the Trust supported the activities of three traveling UC Chancellors; Chancellor Larive, Chancellor Block and Chancellor Khosla, as well as visiting Deans, which helped to strengthen the UC presence in the UK, Europe, and India.

The 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala in March 2023 also exceeded past records for both attendance and funds raised. Next year's gala is already booked for April

27, 2024, at the iconic Drapers' Hall, former home to Thomas Cromwell, Lord Chancellor during Henry VIII's reign. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this event.

Another memorable event in FY 2022/23 was the all-UC evening hosted by UC Santa Cruz at the Tate Britain gallery celebrating the work of UCSC Professor Isaac Julien, a preeminent installation artist and faculty member working in film and video.

The Trust had a big leadership change mid-year with the appointment of Greta Paa-Kerner as the new Executive Director. She is a proud alumna of the University of California at San Diego and has lived in Europe for the past 23 years. Greta replaced Matthew Daines who served as Executive Director of the Trust since 2008. Matthew will continue to serve UCLA in Europe as the Executive Director of Development in preparation for its next fundraising campaign. The UC Trust Board and staff thank Matthew for his tremendous leadership in the growth and the impact of the Trust, and look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

We were also delighted to welcome UC San Francisco as the third UC Trust Campus Partner. We serve all 10 UC campuses, alumni and faculty in Europe and work over time to engage all campuses as declared UC Trust Campus Partners.

Throughout FY 2023/24 we look forward to continuing to strengthen our forward motion as we build new international opportunities for collaboration, scholarship and international education, and alumni, donor and faculty engagement.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at info@californiahouse.org.uk. Enjoy the read.

#### **Deborah Miller**

Chair, Board of Trustees University of California Trust

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Over the next year the UC Trust will continue to set curiosity in motion. Some upcoming initiatives include:

#### Enrich the lives of alumni living in the UK & Europe

- Maintain momentum with the UK alumni group through the Running Club, Gala Committee, and Third Thirsty Thursday.
- Grow the engagement of traditionally underrepresented UC campuses through targeted outreach.
- Host a blend of networking, scholarly and cultural enrichment events throughout the UK and Europe.
- Engage with new volunteer alumni groups throughout Europe.

#### Enhance the study abroad experience for UC students

- Align activities with the UK Education Abroad team to better engage with visiting students.
- Celebrate the 50th anniversary of UCEAP in Spain.

#### Promote knowledge exchange & enable innovation

- with new innovation opportunities.
- Support the Sustainability Committee to continue to share research, brainstorm ideas and participate in an open dialog about cross-border sustainability cooperation.
- Host networking events supporting visiting and residential UC faculty.

#### **Facilitate giving back**

- Run a series of workshops with transnational giving partners and campus development offices.
- Support the transfer of donations from across Europe to their respective campuses.
- Organize the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala to help raise funds for study abroad scholarships and other campus initiatives.

With a well-considered engagement plan, the Trust will continue to advance cultural, educational, and philanthropic opportunities and, ultimately, continue to unleash the power of curiosity for the benefit of people and planet.

#### **Greta Paa-Kerner**

**Executive Director** University of California Trust



Greta Paa-Kerner Executive Director

• Participate in the Global Challenge Lab, hosted by Imperial College London, to provide UC students



# **ABOUT US**

#### Vision

We spark curiosity through international opportunities that transform lives and society.

#### Mission

The UC Trust works with partners, campuses, alumni, study abroad students, and faculty to bring the UC to the UK & Europe.

#### **Purpose**

- Enrich the lives of UC alumni living in the UK & Europe: Whether a graduate, former extension or exchange student, your relationship with the UC system extends beyond your time in California.
- Enhance the international experience for UC students: Studying abroad in the UK and Europe is an opportunity to expand one's horizons academically, professionally, culturally, and personally.
- Promote knowledge exchange & enable innovation: The UC Trust strengthens international collaborations in research, knowledge exchange and innovation. We connect UC campuses and faculty with partners in the UK and Europe.
- Facilitate giving back: The UC Trust offers a unique opportunity to donate tax effectively and to volunteer for the advancement of the UC system.

Image above: A group of our alumni enjoyed a day-trip to Berkeley Castle near Bristol in September 2021.



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**CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT** 

## **OUR WORK**

Income Data (July 2022 - June 2023)				
	Revenue (22-23)^	Number of Donors	Number of Gifts	
Berkeley	\$2,028.532	51	151	
Davis	\$1,084	7	24	
Irvine	\$515	5	7	
UCLA	\$4,118,810	47	252	
Riverside	\$1,042	3	31	
San Diego	\$30,677	46	115	
Santa Barbara	\$6,243	19	93	
Santa Cruz	\$187	1	4	

#### BERKELEY

- Study Abroad General Support Fund
- Fund for International House
- Haas School of Business Scholarships
- Human Mortality Database
- Berkeley Library
- Berkeley School of Law
- Center for Human Compatible AI (CHAI)
- CAL Fund
- Quarterly Featured Funds
- Goldman School of Public policy
- Sustainability Initiatives

#### DAVIS

- Study Abroad
- Sustainability Initiatives

#### IRVINE

• Study Abroad

#### RIVERSIDE

- Education Abroad Program
- Environmental and Sustainability Research
   Endowment Fund

#### SANTA BARBARA

- UK Donor Group
- Area of Greatest Need
- Quarterly Featured Funds
- Sustainability Initiatives

#### SANTA CRUZ

• Study Abroad Fund

Income Data (July 2018 - June 2023)				
	Revenue (18-23)^	Number of Donors	Number of Gifts	
Berkeley	\$3,398,448	137	584	
Davis	\$73,663	32	259	
Irvine	\$4,881	19	52	
UCLA	\$6,273,350	170	1249	
Riverside	\$5,075	18	173	
San Diego	\$397,621	99	365	
San Francisco	\$4,230,018	5	7	
Santa Barbara	\$20,291	54	388	
Santa Cruz	\$1,407	9	22	

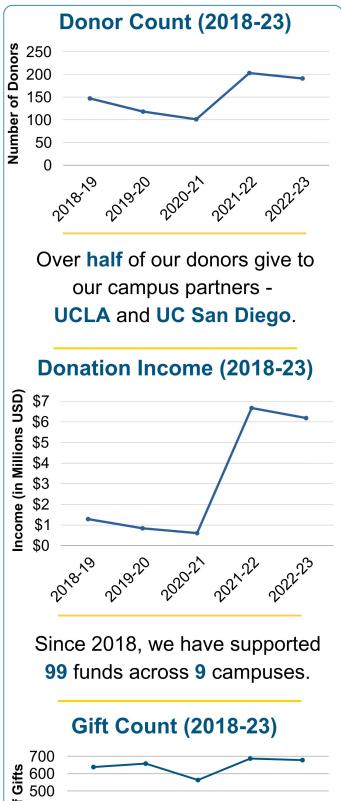
#### UCLA

- UK Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship Fund
- Department of Linguistics
- Department of Musicology
- UCLA Library
- Anderson School of Management
- GSEIS Dean's Scholars Fund
- UCLA Grand Challenges
- Medical Research
- Sustainability Initiatives
- Quarterly Featured Funds
- Medieval and European Faculty Support Fund

#### SAN DIEGO

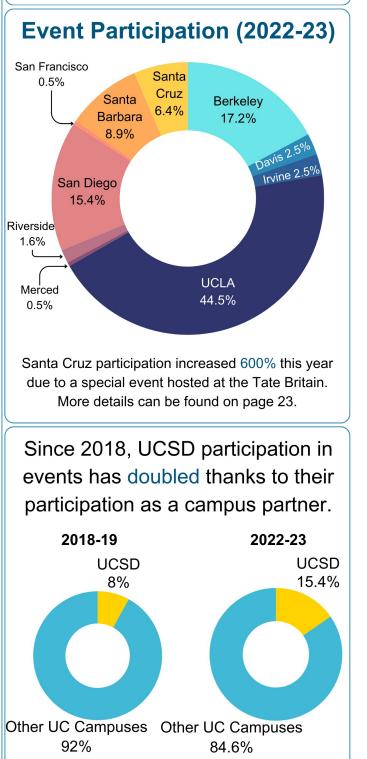
- UK Alumni Education Abroad Program Scholarship
- Diversity Award for Undergraduate
   Endowment
- Quarterly Featured Funds
- Alumni Services
- Athletics
- The Basement Accelerator Innovation Fund
- School of Global Policy & Strategy
- Women's Fund

 Revenue 22-23 only includes revenue transferred through the Trust, and does not include direct gifts to campuses.





### **Cities Engaged** Barcelona | Berlin | Bradford **Cambridge** | Chennai | Edinburgh Glasgow | London | Madrid | Mumbai | Munich | Paris | Zurich





Our Cal alumni in London enjoyed a reception with Chancellor Christ in June, 2019.

# Berkelev **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

**Notable European Cities:** London, Paris, Munich No. of Alumni in the UK 5,824 \*

#### **Knowledge Exchange**

Dacher Keltner is a professor in the Department of Psychology at UC Berkeley. Throughout his career he has been interested in two animating questions: How do emotions shape human social life? And what is the nature of human hierarchies, as manifested in power, class dynamics, and how inequality shapes the human psyche?

Keltner has been a central voice in making the case that emotions serve important social functions, enabling us to fold into relationships vital to survival, like friendships, groups, romantic partnerships, and parent-child attachments. As well,



in 2003 he published the Approach/Inhibition Theory of Power, which provides a theoretical account of how social class shapes human thought, feeling, and action.

Professor Keltner visited London in 2023 and provided a talk to the How To Academy on how finding happiness requires a person to find awe and wonder in daily life. "Awe," he writes, "is almost always nearby, and is a pathway to healing and growing in the face of the losses and traumas that are part of life." As part of his visit, he also spoke to a group of Berkeley alumni on his research and current projects.

# **BerkeleyHaas**

#### Alumni Engagement

Diego Groiso (MBA '02) is the President of our UC Alumni Sustainability Committee and one of our most active alumni in the UK. Diego reflects on his time at Haas stating, "it was the best two years of my life". Since finishing his MBA, he has stayed involved in the UC Alumni community, stating, "It gives me a belonging to a group of people and the opportunity to make connections and network with interesting people."

In collaboration with other UC Alumni, Diego organized and launched the Sustainability Committee. The group consists of alumni across the UK & Europe with an interest in learning more about a sustainable future.



#### **Knowledge Exchange**

In February 2023, acclaimed Berkeley Haas professor, Michele de Nevers spoke to our alumni about the Paris Climate Agreement, global carbon budgets and sustainability initiatives at Haas.

Organized by our Sustainability Committee, 11 alumni from across the UK & Europe participated in this virtual discussion with Michele.

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With Sustainability in mind, our Haas alumni group also organised a Game Day with the Forest Green Rovers, a football club based in Gloucestershire, England. Dubbed the "world's greenest club" by FIFA, the Rovers have changed operations at their home football stadium by swapping to renewable energy resources and serving a fully vegan menu to patrons. The Rovers also wear uniforms made from recycled materials, and use recycled water to maintain their fields. These are only a few of the efforts that led the Rovers to being the first carbonneutral football club in the world, efforts recognized and appreciated by our Haas alumni in the UK.





Notable European Cities: London, Paris, Madrid

No. of Alumni in the UK 1.345 \*



#### **Alumni Engagement**

Tim Ilchene graduated UC Davis in 2019 with a Bachelor's in Economics and Statistics. He moved to Edinburgh, Scotland in 2021 and is the current Co-President of our UC Alumni Scotland Community. Tim volunteers by organising UC events and engaging with the Scotland community.

Tim moved to the UK to work for bigspark, a data engineering company. His organization hires interns and new graduates to learn more about solving complex data and analytics problems for clients in the UK and US.

He is interested in partnering with UC as a pipeline to provide current computer science (or other semi -related fields, e.g. Mathematics, Statistics, etc.) students and new graduates with hands-on experience in this field.

Alongside Mhairi London (UCSD Alumna) Tim has been integral in helping to coordinate activities and opportunities for the UC community in Scotland.

At right: Tim and Mhairi helped to coordinate an evening event for UC alumni and students abroad at The Chocolatarium in Edinburgh. (November 2022)





#### **Knowledge Exchange**

In January 2023, Professor Josué Medellín-Azuara kicked off our Sustainability Talks by discussing Environmental Systems, Engineering and Water Management. In addition to being a UC Davis alumnus (MS '03, PhD '06), he is the Associate Director for the Center of Watershed Sciences at Davis and an Associate Professor at UC Merced.

He led an engaging discussion with our alumni about the state of water management, agricultural production, climate policy, and water informatics.

# **UCI** University of California, Irvine

#### **A Cross-Border Gift** for Hearing Research

A generous gift from an anonymous German entrepreneur and tinnitus patient will support the groundbreaking work of Dr. Hamid Djalilian, a professor of otolaryngology, neurosurgery, and biomedical engineering and director of otology, neurotology, and skull base surgery at University of California, Irvine. By leveraging tax incentives, the donor's original \$50,000 donation became a \$250,000 gift.

Dialilian and his research team are leading the way in developing a number of innovative medical devices, new procedures and novel medications to help those experiencing tinnitus, hearing loss, balance disorders, migraines, vertigo and facial nerve paralysis. He is a founding member and president of the Migraine in Otolaryngology Society and a global leader in this effort. This donor's generous gift will help advance Djalilian and his team's work on these life-changing devices and treatments that will benefit the millions who suffer from tinnitus.

This anonymous donation was made through a collaborative partnership with UC Irvine and the UC Trust – through a Berlin-based transnational giving foundation. Individual or corporate donors who are European taxpayers may be able to make tax-effective, cross-border gifts to University of California campuses through these collaborative partnerships.

## UCI Health in the News Lifetime exposure to loud noises is

causing hearing loss among older Americans

**UCI** Health

"Coming up with a tax-deductible solution for a transnational donation has been a crucial factor to enable me to increase my support," says the donor. "Being quite aware about the worldwide developments in tinnitus research, Dr. Djalilian's ideas were the most disruptive and innovative ones I have heard so far. Furthermore, his drive to bring those developments into a clinical reality on a basis that could be provided by ENTs worldwide has impressed me."



A group of medical residents and researchers from UCI.

**Notable European Cities:** London, Madrid, Milan No. of Alumni in the UK 1,073 \*

# UCLA



Dr William Zachs showing a 900-year old manuscript of the Gospel of St Luke from St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury to Chancellor Block. Dr Colin Graham (post-doc 1973-75). and Francesca Ziolkowska (Study Abroad, 2003-04). (Edinburgh, January 2023)



Professor Patricia Turner (pictured above with the late US Representative John Lewis) spoke to a captive audience at Distinguished Professor and Edward W. the Bradford Literature Festival about the impacts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have A Dream" speech sixty years on.

#### **Notable European Cities:** London, Paris, Milan No. of Alumni in the UK 6,036

#### **Knowledge Exchange**

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block visited Blackie House Library and Museum, Edinburgh, during a visit to Europe in January. A research center and exhibition space of some 25,000 items, Blackie House Museum was originally the private collection of Dr. William Zachs, a friend and supporter of the William Andrews Clarke Memorial Library at UCLA.

On the occasion of his production of Wagner's opera Tristan and Isolde at the Paris Opera House, Professor of World Arts and Cultures Peter Sellars spoke to UCLA alumni in Paris.

Professor of World Arts and Cultures Patricia Turner participated in a panel discussion at Bradford Literature Festival to the commemorate the 60th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Dean of Undergraduate Education Adriana Galván, and Professor Saree Makdisi, all visited Europe in FY 2022/23. Other UCLA faculty members involved in UCLA's Development program in Europe in FY 2022-23 were Vice Provost for International Studies and Global Engagement Cindy Fan, Carter Professor of Business Administration Christopher Tang, and Professor of Psychiatry Nelson Freimer.

#### Fundraising

FY 2022/23 was a banner fundraising year for UCLA. When income routed through CAF and NPT Transatlantic and direct donations to the campus are included in calculations, UCLA experienced an average return of investment of \$18 for every dollar invested. Including gifts from Europe made directly to campus, more than 50 donors made over 300 gifts to UCLA.

#### Alumni

2022-23 saw increased levels of alumni activity in London, Edinburgh, Paris and Zurich. Attendance at UCLA almost returned to pre-pandemic levels. Highpoints of the year were a UCLA reception dinner in Zurich for Dean of Undergraduate Studies Adriana Galván in Zurich and several receptions and gatherings in Paris including one hosted by Diane Johnson.

#### **Student Support**

The biggest success of UCLA's Student Support Program Europe in 2022-23 was a \$2.5m donation from Dublin to fund the Screening and Treatment for Anxiety & Depression (STAND) program. First developed in 2017 for students by Dr. Michelle Craske as part of UCLA's Depression Grand Challenge, the STAND program has changed the lives of thousands of students at UCLA and East Los Angeles College where the program to roll out the program statewide to mental wellness tools.

all community colleges in California.



UCLA's Depression Grand Challenge has experienced immense growth since the inception of the program. The research from the has been piloted. The creators hope Challenge has been used by tech firms such as Apple to develop



Victoria Frost (BA '07), President of UCLA Alumni UK with Lance D'Antignac (BA '23), Student Speaker at the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala. (London, March 2023)

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In addition to the Depression Grand Challenge, UCLA fundraised for two Travel Study programs: a program for Undergraduate students majoring in English at the Bradford Literature Festival in West Yorkshire, England, and an elective Food Studies program in Rome. The Bradford Travel Study program will be the fifth Study Abroad at UCLA funded by donors in Europe. An initiative for UCLA students to participate in program at Chatham House is also in the works for 2023-24. A recipient of Travel Study Scholarship to Paris in 2022-23 was Lance D'Antignac, a Sociology major and served a student speaker at this year's UC Alumni UK Gala.

Increasing the level of scholarship support for programs in other European nations such as France will continue to be a priority.



Notable European Cities: London, Paris, Milan

No. of Alumni in the UK 611 \*

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Notable European Cities:** Paris, Madrid, London No. of Alumni in the UK 491 \*



#### **Alumni Engagement**

The Scottish Parliament considers the celebration of **Burns Night** each year to be a key cultural heritage event. Many Scots will host dinners in his honour on or near the poet's birthday, January 25. This event is known as Burns Night (also called Robert Burns Day or Rabbie Burns Day).

History can trace its origins back to nine of Burns' close friends who decided to get together one evening to mark the fifth anniversary of their friend's death.

Since UC Riverside has a Scottish affiliation as 'The Highlanders', UCR alumni gather every year in London for this traditional Scottish celebration. Our Highlanders enjoy the traditional Burns night festivities including haggis (a traditional Scottish dish celebrated by Burns in "Address to a Haggis"), Scotch whisky and recitations of Burns' poetry.

#### Student Support & Knowledge Exchange

As in previous years, student support of out-bound MBA, part-time MBA, Executive MBA and Global MBA programs was the focus of the UCLA Anderson School of Management's program of activities in Europe specifically a Travel Study program for UCLA Undergraduates in Paris with Professor Paul Park, and an International Business Residency (IBR) program in Milan and Turin for Executive MBA students with Professor Nico Voigtlander.

The aim of both programs is to provide students with knowledge of the business environment of another country. UCLA's development officer in Europe arranged for the Paris group to visit the global headquarters of office Pernod Ricard and for the Milan group to meet distinguished local panel who agreed to participate in a panel discussion about their industries and life in Italy.

#### **Facilitating Giving Back**

UCLA Anderson's Center for Global *Above: Toby Raymond (MBA '84) speaks to a group of* Management oversees a body of twenty *MBA students. (London, September 2019)* 

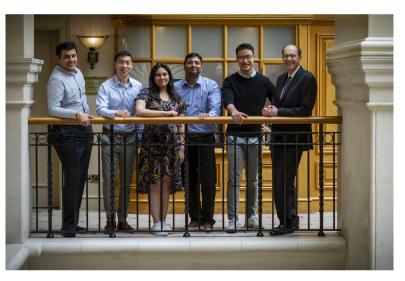
#### international courses whereby MBA

students undertake an international study experience. Its European board member, Toby Raymond (MBA '84), is Hamburg-based.

UCLA Anderson's Center for Media, Entertainment and Sports has two distinguished board members, one in London and another in Madrid. The focal point of its European activities will be to capitalise on the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

UCLA Anderson has alumni networks in France, Italy, Switzerland, Spain and the United Kingdom. All were active during 2022-23 following the visit of Dean Tony Bernardo to Madrid, London and Paris in May 2022.







#### **Highlanders Giving Back**

This year, a group of London-based Highlanders gathered at a local community farm as part of Highlanders' Day of Service. They replenished the herb garden and planted wildflowers.

Organised by the UC Riverside UK Chapter, the group meets up throughout the year to network and give back to their community.

# UC San Diego

#### Alumni Engagement

UC San Dieao Europe programming for alumni and friends saw a steady increase in FY 22-23, across five cities in the United Kingdom and London, Munich, Europe: Berlin, Madrid and Edinburgh.

In addition to social events and talks in London, UCSD Europe hosted a visit from UCSD's Associate Vice Chancellor of Affairs. Chervl Alumni Harrelson. Over two days, AVC Harrelson met with several (London, March 2023). alumni, who have since made



San Diego alumni gathered at the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala.

donations, are helping to set up student internships, and are prospective speakers for alumni activities in 2023-24.



Tritons enjoyed meeting at The Castle Berlin Mitte for a festive winter warmer. (November 2022)

In January 2023, Francesca Lazzaro (BA '16), Sabrina Bohedba (BA '19) and Ellerbe Whang (BA '22) were onboarded as Triton London Ambassadors.

UCSD Europe hosted activities in Munich and Berlin, which encouraged the first ever donations from Berlin-based alumni, and saw the first UCSD Day of Service in Munich.

The UC Alumni Scotland program continued for its second year, with UCSD alumna Mhairi London (BA '17) acting as co-chair and serving as the Triton Edinburgh Ambassador. The UC professor dinner and

charity run in Scotland in May 2023 both saw majority turnout from UC San Diego alumni.

The highlight of the UCSD Europe's alumni programming this year was the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala in March. To encourage European alumni to make the trip, UCSD Europe hosted a special 'Triton European Reunion' the evening preceded the Gala at Sky Garden in the City of London. For the first time we had alumni from Belgium and Germany join us at the Gala, where alumnus David Spector (BA '98) served as the Donor Speaker.



Tritons attended the launch of the UCSD & Cambridge Library partnership (June 2023.)

#### Student Enrichment

Director of Development Violet Del Toro began conversations with UCSD's Career Center and a London-based recruitment company regarding the UK's High Potential Individual Visa. The visa allows foreign nationals who graduated from a top University (global rankings required) to come work in the UK for up to 2 years without needing a work sponsor. Ongoing conversations include launching a talent pipeline, making it easy for UCSD students to apply and quickly secure jobs with UK-based companies.

#### **Giving Back**

Polo, UCSD Alumni UK Study Abroad Diego, he was invited to be the Donor Speaker at

Although UCSD Europe remained focused on engagement and pipeline-building, we saw an increase in small gifts from London, Berlin, and Munich. Most of these were from first-time donors. We also had a special gift from alumnus David **Spector**, to support the Men and Women's Water Scholarship, and Basement initiative on campus. After connecting with David on campus in San the UC UK Gala. With this invite, he increased his annual gift from \$1,500 to \$20,000. Spector gave an insightful account of his time at UCSD, the work he is doing now, and his reasons for giving.

#### **Knowledge Exchange**

UCSD Europe supported the launch of the UCSD & Cambridge Library Partnership in late June. The partnership the between two Universities marks а special connection that we intend to cultivate.

Through some dedicated outreach, ten local Tritons attended the Partnership Launch Event and joined an alumni lunch following. There was a lot of excitement and interest in continuing to grow the group in Cambridge.



Alumnus David Spector (BA '98) speaking at the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala. (London, March 2023)



# UC SANTA BARBARA

#### Notable European Cities:

London, Munich, Oslo
No. of Alumni in the UK 1,737 \*

#### **Thirsty Third Thursday (TTT)**

Hosted by UCSB Olé UK, our monthly pub night offers alumni and students the opportunity to socialize over drinks and snacks.

The event is open to alumni from all UC campuses, and is a popular event of the UC Alumni UK calendar.

Baron Abramowitz (BA '15) and Potato (Honorary Gaucho) enjoying TTT in London, June 2023.





#### **Distinguished Gauchos**

This year, our Keynote Speaker was former US Ambassador to Yemen, Barbara Bodine (UCSB '70). Ambassador Bodine spent over 30 years in the foreign service with a focus on the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf, before becoming a Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and Director of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Bodine spoke about how her desire to work in the foreign service shaped her university experience, including her study abroad experiences in British Hong Kong. She also covered her perspective on current global events, and how an international perspective is critical to understand our roles in society.

Alumna Barbara Bodine (BA '70) spoke about her experiences studying abroad and her time as an ambassador at the 6th Annual UC Alumni UK Gala. London, March 2023

# UC SANTA CRUZ

Notable European Cities:			
London, Paris, Madrid			
No. of Alumni in the UK	864 *		

UC Santa Cruz, in partnership with the UC Trust, hosted a special evening for UC alumni and guests at the Tate Britain gallery to celebrate the first major UK exhibition by UC Santa Cruz Professor Sir Isaac Julien, one of today's most compelling artists and filmmakers.

Sir Isaac Julien's exhibition, "What Freedom is to Me" presented a selection of Julien's expansive career. Places, events, and historical moments recur throughout Julien's films: from Notting Hill Carnival, to 1920s Harlem and abolition movements. The exhibition highlights Professor Julien's critical thinking and how, through themes of desire, history, and culture and by drawing from multiple artistic disciplines including film, dance, photography, music, theatre, painting, and sculpture, his work breaks down barriers. This was the first time Isaac Julien's work, which spans forty years, was presented in the UK.

In the first week of the exhibition, UC hosted a private gathering for alumni and friends to view the exhibition and hear from the artist himself. Over 150 guests (including UCSC Chancellor Cindy Larive) gathered at the Tate Britain for this exclusive event, and were among the first in the UK to view the exhibition.

From Top: (1) The Tate Britain gallery in London hosted a retrospective of Sir Isaac Julien's work in the summer of 2023. (2) Sir Isaac Julien stands before a still from his installation piece "Ten Thousand Waves". (3) Dean of the Arts Celine Parreñas Shimizu, Associate Vice Chancellor John Pine, Sir Isaac Julien, and Chancellor Cindy Larive at the Tate Britain.



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# **ACTIVITIES &** COMMITTEES







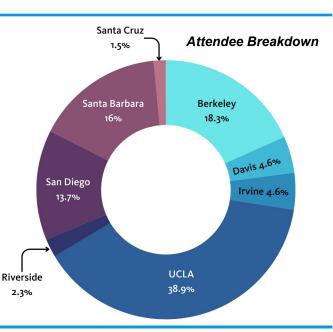


## UC ALUMNI UK GALA

Every year, UC Alumni gather for an annual fundraising Gala in support of student scholarships. This year's Gala took place in March 2023 at the art deco Banking Hall in the City of London.

To support our fundraising efforts, alumni were encouraged to bid on items in the Silent Auction, take a chance to win a prize in the raffle draw, and make pledges to contribute to scholarship funds at their home UC. Guests enjoyed a sparkling reception, three course dinner, remarks from distinguished alumni, and capped off the night with dancing.

We managed to raise over \$75,000 for the UC campuses, with most funds support student scholarships. Alumni also chose to support athletic and accelerator funds on their home UC campuses, among other initiatives.



Images From Top: (1) Planning Committee Co-Chair Victoria Frost (UCLA '07), Student Speaker Lance d'Antignac (UCLA '23), Keynote Speaker Barbara Bodine (UCSB '70), Donor Speaker David Spector (UCSD '98), Planning Committee Co-Chair Kara Goslin (UCSB '10). (2) Guests take a moment during dinner to smile for the camera. (3) Attendees explore the items on offer at the Silent Auction table. (4) The evening finishes off with dancing until midnight.

# **UC ALUMNI UK COMMITTEES**



#### **UC London Running Club**

The UC Running Club is a fun way for alumni and students to connect with their community here in London. Led by Lawrence Kao of UCLA and UC Berkeley and Ashley Dotter of UC Santa Barbara, they organize monthly runs around various London parks. Ashley says, she enjoys being part of the Running Club because it "provides and opportunity for students and other UC alumni to get out and enjoy the beautiful London parks."

Right: Our Running Club gathers for a photo op after a winter run.



The UC Alumni UK Sustainability Committee is coordinated by a group of dedicated alumni volunteers, with support from the University of California Trust. The Committee aims to increase access and awareness to different efforts and research areas within the realm of sustainability to UC alumni. In the FY 2022/23, organized four interactive they have discussions with professors who have affiliations to UC Berkeley, Davis, Merced and Santa Barbara. Many of their discussions are UCSB Professor Douglas McCauley speaks to alumni virtual to increase attendance from people about his research on the oceans and marine wildlife. throughout Europe, the UK and the US. (London, June 2023)

#### **Mentorship Program**

The University of California UK Alumni Mentorship Program is a cross-campus free matching service which puts prospective mentors in touch with fellow alumni "mentees" who have asked for specific type of help. It is powered by a small committee of volunteer alumni to assist in matching and getting each mentorship pair off to a productive start. This year, the committee made 25 pairings from 50 applicants for the six-month program.

Left: Attendees at our 2020 program launch work on a task.

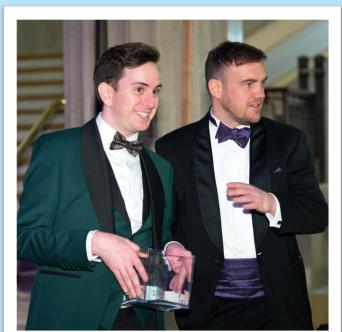


#### Sustainability Committee















# OUR PEOPLE

### **OUR TEAM**



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## NOTES

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The methodology for the number of alumni across Europe and the United Kingdom was gathered through LinkedIn data. On each campus's LinkedIn page under the 'Alumni' tab, one can search for alumni based on current location. Individuals that are considered to be alumni from the University of California on LinkedIn vary. The search includes anyone who attended UC including but not limited to: BA, BS, MA, MS, MBA, LLM, PhD, Post-Doc, Certificate, Exchange and Visiting scholar.

At this time, the Annual Review does not include our efforts with UC Merced or UC San Francisco. If you are affiliated with either campus, and would like to help with our UK efforts, please contact info@californiahouse.org.uk. We look forward to working with UC Merced and UC San Francisco in the future.

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