

# UC SANTA BARBARA Alumni

@ UCSB March 2021



## Engineering a Cleaner Future

Dr. Tanya Das, Ph.D. '17 leads a new generation of senior leaders at the Department of Energy. The Biden Administration recently appointed Dr. Tanya Das as Chief of Staff for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

[Learn more about Tanya](#)



## The Emmy Cinderella Story

Ben Feigin '97 wins big as the Executive Producer behind "Schitt's Creek", helping the show make history with a clean sweep at the Emmys and earning himself an Emmy for "Outstanding Comedy Series."

[Learn more about Ben's big win](#)





## Double the Pell Grant

Together, UC and the UC Student Association are fighting to increase federal financial aid by calling on Congress to double the maximum Pell Grant award.

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## Humanity's Best Friend

Dogs' highly evolved noses can rapidly detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

[Learn how dogs can sniff out COVID-19](#)

Career & Networking

ALUMNI CAREER NETWORK

## Leading through challenging times

March 24, 2021  
12:00–1:00 PM PST

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# Leading Through Challenging Times

Join us for a discussion on the traumatic toll the pandemic has taken on leaders, with strategies you can implement to prioritize your needs and those of your team.

[Register for webinar](#)

## In Their Words



### The UCSB-Community Food Security Initiative

"This work has affected our culinary staff to the heart. They are providing food to the local community where they live each day." —Jill Horst, Executive Director of Campus Dining

[Learn about this creative partnership](#)



## All Gaucho Reunion is back and this year, it's virtual!

Some much needed fun and connection for each and every Gaucho, no travel necessary!

[Explore the full schedule](#)



## Michelle Alexander

The New York Times columnist and acclaimed author of "The New Jim Crow" speaks with sociology professor Victor Rios.

**Thursday, March 4th, 5 pm**

[Register Now](#)

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## More Gaucho News

### A Surprising Cycle

Researchers discover an immense hydrocarbon cycle in the world's oceans.

[Learn more about this unexpected finding](#)

### Creamy or Gritty

Researchers uncover how some animals sense the gritty texture of their food.

[Learn how there's more to taste than flavor](#)

## Virtual Grad Slam - Live!

Experience the award-winning event for the best 3-minute talk by a graduate student. \$16,000 in cash and prizes are on the line in this fast-paced competition.

[Enjoy this stimulating live event](#)

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