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## **New Additions**

Bringing an infusion of keen business acumen, philanthropic vision and enthusiasm for UC Santa Barbara, four new trustees have been elected to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board.

Leonard DeBenedictis '62, Linda La Kretz Duttonhaver '77, Anne Smith Towbes and Charles Zegar join the leadership body that promotes the university by increasing philanthropy and managing and growing the endowment.

"It is with great enthusiasm that our campus welcomes our four new trustees to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board, and we extend our sincere gratitude for the leadership and vision they will bring to our institution," said Chancellor Henry T. Yang. "The partnership, guidance and generosity of all our trustees play a critical role in the advancement of the stature, diversity and excellence of our leading world-class university. Together, we look forward to building on this success for the next generation of scholars."

As UC Santa Barbara's principal fundraising organization, the nonprofit foundation generates and administers private gifts to the campus, including support for students, research and instruction. It also ensures the appropriate use of all private funds.

Helping to forge links between the professional and business communities and the campus to increase private support for university programs, the foundation plays a critical role in promoting and achieving fundraising goals and priorities. The board

consists of philanthropic leaders sharing a commitment to advance UC Santa Barbara's mission and sustain its reputation for excellence.

"We are very fortunate to welcome four new trustees onto our UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board this year," said Chairperson Richard Breaux '67. "Each new member brings with him/her special talents and abilities which promise to move our Board forward toward the successful completion of our previously stated two-year goals. I welcome these highly-talented and sought-after individuals to the UC Santa Barbara Foundation Board and thank them in advance for their service to the university."

More about the new trustees for the 2018-2019 year:

- **Leonard DeBenedictis '62** — Co-founder, former CTO and board member, Reliant Technologies and Solta Medical; former CTO Zeltiq Aesthetics; friend, Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics (Goleta)
- **Linda La Kretz Duttonhaver '77** — President, Crossroads Management, Inc. and philanthropist; member, Board of Advisors, UCLA Institute of the Environment & Sustainability (Hermosa Beach)
- **Anne Smith Towbes** — Philanthropist; community volunteer; former teacher, English and drama; board member, Towbes Foundation; community member, Taubman Foundation; ambassador and member, UC Santa Barbara Arts & Lectures Council (Santa Barbara)
- **Charles Zegar** — Founding partner, Bloomberg Financial Markets; former vice president, Salomon Brothers; trustee, New York University, The Nature Conservancy – New York State, and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (Santa Barbara and New York)

"We welcome these new foundation trustees, who each bring profound experience in their respective professional fields and true commitment to the campus, as well as an understanding of the importance of philanthropy," said Beverly Colgate, executive director of the UC Santa Barbara Foundation and associate vice chancellor for development. "We are grateful for their time, talent and promise on our continued journey in endeavors of academic excellence."

The UC Santa Barbara Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, which includes up to 100 elected distinguished trustees and 14 additional university

representatives, and complies with the University of California Policy on Campus Foundations set by the Regents of the University of California. From the foundation's inception in 1973, members of its board have formed a valuable link between UC Santa Barbara and the local, regional and national communities. As they encourage private gifts and identify and cultivate potential donors, the trustees build interest and support for the campus and communicate to the public an informed understanding of UCSB's mission.

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## **About UC Santa Barbara**

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Our academic community of faculty, students, and staff is characterized by a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration that is responsive to the needs of our multicultural and global society. All of this takes place within a living and learning environment like no other, as we draw inspiration from the beauty and resources of our extraordinary location at the edge of the Pacific Ocean.