

What is PWA?

The UCSB Professional Women's Association was founded in January, 1993. The association is open to everyone affiliated with the campus, including all staff, faculty, students, alumni, and affiliates.

The purpose of the Association is:

- To develop awareness among faculty, staff and other campus constituencies of the contributions of women to the mission of UCSB.
- To provide activities and support to other campus constituencies that contribute to the advancement of women.
- To serve as a networking and communications channel among women.
- To provide a forum to influence decisions on campus and community issues.

Each spring, by election of the PWA General Membership, new officers are elected to form the Executive Committee for the following academic year. Elected positions are:

- President(s)
- Treasurer
- Vice-President(s)
- Secretary(ies)

The Executive Committee appoints PWA members to chair the four general PWA Committees:

- Membership
- Community Service
- Program
- Publicity

Membership on the general committees is open to all PWA members, and all members are eligible to run for office.

Professional Development Conference

In the Spring of 1997 PWA offered the first Professional Women's Association Conference, in partnership with UCSB Training & Organizational Development. That conference's success laid the foundation for future conferences. The goal is to provide a forum for the development of professional and personal skills.

The conference committee is composed of PWA members interested in planning and developing a day-long program of professional and personal development sessions. The committee is chaired by the PWA co-vice presidents. Members of PWA interested in joining the committee are encouraged to contact the PWA vice-presidents listed on the PWA website: <http://www.pwa.ucsb.edu>.

Get Involved

PWA encourages and fosters collaborative efforts among many talented individuals. Make the most of your membership by joining one of PWA's committees. Your active participation will provide you with an opportunity to enhance your professional development and leadership skills, broaden your knowledge of UCSB, and make personal connections with other women on campus. Members may join a committee at any time during the academic year by contacting the committee chairperson(s).

Join a PWA Committee

Membership

- Supports the growth of PWA through active recruitment of members within the UCSB community.
- Maintains membership list.

Community Service

- Provides the membership with opportunities to get involved on campus and in the community by designing and sponsoring service projects and fund-raising drives.
- Keeps members informed of local volunteer opportunities in the SB community.

Programs

- Researches and coordinates brown bag seminars, speaker luncheons, networking events and special programs on topics of interest to our members.

Publicity

- Collaborates with all PWA committees to publicize PWA events.
- Publishes the Monthly Event Calendar, creates special event flyers, and advertises PWA events in the local media.
- Keeps a photographic record of all events.

Past Projects and Events

Quarterly Speaker Luncheons

- Celesta Billeci, Director, Arts & Lectures
- Anabel Ford, Research Archaeologist
- Deborah Scott, Director, Student Information Systems and Technology
- Gisele Ben-Dor, Music Director, Santa Barbara Symphony

Brown Bag Seminars

- Gift Wrapping with Flair
- Fitting Fitness into a Busy Lifestyle
- Women in Challenging Positions
- Making the Heart Healthy Diet Work for You
- Building a Great Speech
- Cash Flow Solutions

Community Service Involvement

Projects

- Holiday Party for Low Income Children
- Scholarships for Re-Entry Students
- Donation Drives to help others in Santa Barbara County
 - Backpack Drive
 - Clothes drive for JOB SMART Program
 - Book Drive

Non-Profit Organizations Supported

- Homeless Education/Liaison Program
- Isla Vista Elementary School
- Klein Bottle Youth Programs
- Unity Shoppe/Council of Christmas Cheer
- Good Hearted People, Inc.

Your membership will make us stronger and better able to serve women at UCSB. Get actively involved by joining a committee or running for office...or simply take advantage of our numerous PWA activities. The choice is yours!



