



SSA Newsletter F23 Week 1

General Announcements

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a great summer! We have a fun and involving year ahead, starting with an introduction to our new program within SSA:

Alumni Associations - a program that allows undergraduate students to interact and network with UC Davis SSA Alumni! More information on this new program at our first General Meeting... make sure you come out!

Upcoming Events for Fall '23: Socials, Kirtan Nights, Discussions, and inter-SSA collabs!

- **Week 1:** General Meeting and Recruitment (Sept. 28th, 8pm in Giedt 1002) Come out to meet the board, and hear about upcoming fall plans more in depth!
 - **Week 2:** first Social of the quarter!
 - **Week 3:** Involvement Fair, Vaddha/Chotta Recruitment, and our first Discussion Night!
 - **Week 4:** first Kirtan Night!
 - **Week 5:** SSA Dixon Corn Maze Social!
 - **Week 7:** Discussion Night
 - **Week 8:** End of Quarter Collab w/ Punjabi Club!
 - **Week 10:** End of Quarter Social!
- **Look forward to several more collabs with Sikh/Punjabi orgs on UC Davis campus this year, as well as Inter-SSA collabs with other NorCal campuses!**

Stay tuned and keep up with our instagram: @ssaucd for all finalized dates, times, and locations!

Past Events/Important Notices:

Last week on September 22nd, 2023, SSA had the honor of attending the renaming ceremony of the Science Lecture Hall at UC Davis, which will now be formally recognized as the Ravinder and Kamaljit **Khaira Lecture Hall**, in honor of the alumni couple's generous \$1 million donation to the College of Biological Sciences. With strong ties to UC Davis, Ravinder and Kamaljit Khaira hope to support student success initiatives, faculty excellence, and life science research advances through their donation.

Here is more information on the renaming:

<https://biology.ucdavis.edu/news/life-service-alumni-couple-give-1m-name-lecture-hall>



Kamaljeet Singh-Khaira, M.S., graduated from UC Davis in 1993 with a Bachelor's Degree in exercise physiology and a minor in nutrition, and earned a Master's Degree in community and regional development in 2012. Her passion for working towards a healthy and just society for young people was recognized in June 2012 when she received the Ted K. Bradshaw Memorial Alumni Award, which is given to an alum who exemplifies passion, humanity and devotion for community empowerment.

Ravinder S. Khaira, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., graduated from UC Davis in 1990 with a Bachelor's Degree in biological sciences and as a founding member of Sigma Chi Fraternity chapter at Davis. He attended St. George's University School of Medicine and completed his clinical cores at Yale and Cornell Medical Centers. Dr. Khaira completed his post-doctoral training in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Together, they have twin daughters – Meera '22 and Navneet. Through their generous philanthropy, the Khairas honor their families and recognize their large family of Aggies:

Birindar 'Binnie' Singh, B.S. '90, Ed.D. '21
Kulvinder 'Rani' Singh, B.A. '95, J.D.
Justin Singh Courtney, B.A. '21
Saira Kaur Singh, B.S. '20
Meera Kaur Khaira, B.S. '22



Ravinder and Kamaljeet Khaira Lecture Hall Dedication

**Friday, September 22, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome and Introduction

Mark Winey
Dean, College of Biological Sciences

University Leadership

Gary S. May
Chancellor

Sikh Student Association Leaders

Gurman Sidhu, co-president
Prabhjot Sambi, co-president
Bhavdeep Kahlon, treasurer

Ravi and Kamal Khaira

Ardaas
Gurpal S. Khaira

Reception immediately following in Green Hall Courtyard



The renaming of the lecture hall is an incredibly considerate response to the seva done by both Ravinder and Kamaljit Khaira, and the SSA board would like to express their gratitude and appreciation for being called to be in attendance of the ceremony. Three of our officers: Gurman Sidhu (Co-President), Prabhjot Sambi (Co-President), and Bhavdeep Kahlon (Treasurer) made speeches in regards to the importance of this event, and the significance behind a Punjabi/Sikh name being assigned to the historic lecture hall.

The speeches given by our officers are attached separately!

Lastly, our Vaddha/Chotta program is starting back up for the school year! Pasted below are 2 interest form QR codes: 1 for Vaddha applications and 1 for Chotta applications. Please come out to our first meeting on [Thursday, September 28th at 8pm in Giedt Hall 1002](#) for more information. Check out our SSA Membership link for the year, and have a great start to your quarter!

