

# ALUMNI

## NEWSLETTER



## SSA - UC DAVIS

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# Mission Statement

The Sikh Student Association is an organization at the University of California, Davis that brings together Sikh and Punjabi American identities to provide students with an environment that allows greater exploration of Sikhi and the Punjabi culture through events such as Kirtan Nights, guest-speaker discussions, social events, and programs such as Vaddha-Chotta mentoring and Alumni Association.

# Meet the Board!



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Kirtan Night  
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Alumni Association  
Coordinator



**Ashlin Pannu**  
Event Coordinator

# Accomplishments

These past two quarters, fall and winter, were full of big changes for SSA. This year, we organized a Basant Darbar to welcome the season of Spring, launched our Alumni Association program, and also saw great success in our Vaddha Chotta program.

## Basant Darbar

The UC Davis Sikh Student Association organized a musical concert inspired by the writings of Bhai Nand Lal Ji Goya, the beloved poet of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji to celebrate the spring season. “ਬਹੋਸ਼ ਬਾਸ਼ ਕਿ ਹੰਗਾਮਿ ਨੌਬਹਾਰ ਆਮਦ : bahosh baash k ha(n)gaam nauabahaar aamadh,” in this verse Bhai Nand Lal Ji tells us to “come back to our senses and rejoice! It is the time for the onset of the new spring season.” Chancellor Gary May and his wife Mrs. May were the chief guest on this occasion.



## Vaddha-Chotta

The Vaddha Chotta program is essentially a big/little program that helps students new to UC Davis adjust to the environment and get guidance from older students. Vaddhe, the mentors, consist of mainly third and fourth years while chotte consist of first and second years or third year transfers. Vaddhe and Chotte are constantly communicating with one another and strengthening their bond of friendship/mentorship.



## Alumni Association

For this program, we dedicated a page on the official website of SSA to feature alumni and highlight their accomplishments. Another major development of this program was the start of a series of professional nights. These professional workshops would help undergraduate students develop their professional skills and gain guidance on their careers. The first professional night took place over winter quarter and was focused on resume building.

**"Be the change you want to see!" - Jasdeep Kaur Hothi**



**"Make connections with professors!" - Simarjyot Singh**

**"Don't focus so much on bad grades; try to go to office hours, tutoring, study groups, etc. However, don't fret over a bad grade on your transcript, it all works out eventually." - Jasmine Rattanpal**



# Other Events From the Quarter

## CULTURAL MUSIC NIGHT WITH ASA



## VADDHA/CHOTTA SOCIAL AND A ROTI MAKING COMPETITION



## PIZZA AND BHABI NIGHT WITH NISHKAM SEWA



## KIRTAN NIGHT



# Professional Development

## Resume Building Resources

### Formatting Tips:

- Between 10-12 point font
- Keep formatting on sections consistent
- Use headings and subheadings
- Proofread for spelling or grammatical errors
- Be consistent with verb tense - either use past or present
- Stick to one page
- Always use bullet point
- Tailor your resume to the position you are applying for

### Useful Action Verbs:

Management	Communication	Research	Technical	Teaching	Financial	Creative	Helping	Organization	Achievements
administered	addressed	analyzed	adapted	adapted	administered	acted	adapted	approved	achieved
analyzed	advertised	clarified	assembled	advised	adjusted	adapted	advocated	arranged	completed
appointed	arbitrated	collected	built	clarified	allocated	began	aided	cataloged	expanded
approved	arranged	compared	calculated	coached	analyzed	combined	answered	categorized	exceeded
assigned	articulated	conducted	computed	communicated	appraised	conceptualized	arranged	charted	improved
attained	authored	critiqued	conserved	conducted	assessed	condensed	assessed	classified	pioneered
authorized	clarified	detected	constructed	coordinated	audited	created	assisted	coded	reduced (losses)
chaired	collaborated	determined	converted	critiqued	balanced	customized	cared	collected	resolved (issues)

### Resources:

- [Beginner Resume](#)
- [Resume for Internship Position](#)
- [Resume for Career Position](#)
- [University of Michigan Resume Resources](#)
- [UC Davis Resume Starter Kit](#)

# Contact Information

Official Website for SSA UC Davis: Make sure to check out our official website for all notifications on past/future events, event pictures, program details, and contact info! We have our club calendar, program updates, resources for students, and more, easily accessible on our page :)

Here is the link to our page: [SSA UC Davis Club Website](#)

Facebook for Current SSA Members and Alumni: We made a Facebook group for current members and Alumni, in order to keep in touch as the years go on, and to help connect our members to potential internship and career opportunities in the future! We have amazing alumni in various fields, and other SSA peers to get in contact with to keep our community active :)

Here is the link to add the Facebook group: [SSA UC Davis Facebook Group](#)

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