

Renaissance Society – Lifelong Learning, Socializing, Service, and Fun

Have you heard of the Renaissance Society (RS) on the Sac State campus?:

Founded in 1986, for over thirty years this lifelong learning organization's members have been attending and teaching seminars. This peer-to-peer educational program, sponsored by CSUS, hosts over 100 seminars each fall and spring semester and over 250 cumulative seminars per year. Seminars are held primarily on Fridays and Saturdays on the CSUS campus. The goal of the organization is to provide lifelong learning, socializing, service, and fun.

Seminars:

A few popular topic areas and seminars include: **Art** – American Impressionism, Bonsai; **Entertainment** – Ballroom Dancing, America's Hit Parade, Easy Magic for Grandparents; **History** – Communities of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Great American Trials; **Language** – Spanish for Beginners, Conversational French; **Literature** – Great Books Discussion, Shakespeare's Plays, Haiku: Reading and Writing; **Personal development** – Transitions: What will I do with the rest of my life?, Yoga, Meditation; **Science** – Mankind's Greatest Engineering Achievements, Climate Change, Astronomy & the Night Sky; **Travel and adventure experiences** – A Cook's Tour of Sacramento, Walkabouts, Travel Through Food; **Affinity groups** – Book study, Singing for Fun, Knitting & crocheting. To see a list of previous seminars over the last five years, please go to this link > <https://www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/seminars/oldies.html>

Service:

In 2017-2018, RS members donated over \$15,000 to the ASI Food Pantry @ CSUS. \$3,000 RS scholarships were awarded to 7 students last year for a total of 83 scholarships totaling \$164,000 since 1993. In addition, RS members have volunteered their time, talent, and money to the Departments of Gerontology, Physical Therapy, Theatre & Dance, and School of Music.

How do you get started?

#1 Join NOW! The membership portal is open. New members, as well as renewals, can sign-up online for 2018-2019 membership, annual parking passes and CSUS library cards.

<https://apps.cce.csus.edu/sites/renaissanceSociety/index.cfm>? If you want to sign-up manually and send a check in by mail, then follow the link to <https://www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/pdfs/new18.pdf> .

#2 Sign-up for seminars:

The *Fall 2018 RS Activities Catalog for Members* is targeted to be mailed and online **August 20th**.

#3 Attend the RS Orientation & Rendezvous:

The semi-annual Orientation & Rendezvous is scheduled for **Friday, August 31st** at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. New and prospective members are encouraged to attend the orientation from **9:00-10:30 a.m.** to learn how the Renaissance Society works.

Reservations are not necessary. From **10:30 a.m.-Noon** at the **Rendezvous**, you may join the Renaissance Society for the Fall 2018 Semester, visit the various tables where seminar leaders will provide information regarding their seminars, get acquainted with current members, and enjoy some refreshments. You can ask questions before registering for the seminar of your choice. Get the Orientation & Rendezvous flyer at: <https://www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/pdfs/introren18.pdf>

Need more information: Go the RS website at <https://www.csus.edu/org/rensoc/> . Additional questions, please contact Ken Cross at kencross@kencrossconsulting.com or call (916) 995-8288.