$2-million gift supports natural history fieldwork

A gift from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation will provide for two endowments that honor the legacy of Kenneth S. Norris, the late UCSC professor of natural history, and his life-long commitment to field-based education. The first will help fund a new Kenneth S. Norris Center for Natural History; the second will support the Natural History Field Quarter, an immersive course that Norris founded at UCSC more than 40 years ago. Read more>>

Scholarship established in memory of Annais Rittenberg

With the support of her family and close friends, ENVS has established a scholarship fund for future Field Quarter students in memory of Annais Rittenberg (FQ 2013) to help students in need and who embody the qualities that made Annais a gifted educator, naturalist, and activist.

To learn more, click here>>. To make an online donation to the Annais Environmental Studies Project click here>>.

NSF grant to study how plant roots cycle carbon in soils

ENVS soil scientist, Weixin Cheng, is the lead researcher on a new a 3-year, $800,000 grant

Science on Tap (WiSE) invites you to their upcoming speaker event:

Andy Szasz on How the world's religions are responding to climate change
8-9:30 p.m. Weds., 4/30/14
The Crepe Place
1134 Soquel Avenue

ENVS W14 Award Winners

James Chanley Scholarship
Alex Sauerwein

David Gaines Award
Edward Trujillo
Hamutahl Cohen

ENVS 2014 graduation
Our celebration is on Friday,
to investigate how the activities of living plant roots break down organic matter in soil. Results of this study will help us understand the rate at which plants help break down organic matter in the soil and thus release carbon dioxide, which has implications for climate change. Read more>>

Climate control without climate change
ENVS PhD candidate Peter Brewitt researches the ways people restore and remake their environments. Read more>>

Deconstruction of historic Cowell Ranch barn begins
The multi-year process to rebuild the Cowell Ranch barn as a home for many of UCSC’s leading environmental and sustainability programs began on March 18. Read more>>