To celebrate UCEAP's 50th Anniversary, over 80 alumni, students, faculty, and staff attended four days of events held in Bordeaux from October 3-6. The events included lectures, wine tasting, historical visits, and discussions of the lifelong impact of study abroad. It was a unique opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of the 50 year-old program that has served more than 100,000 alumni since its first class traveled to Bordeaux in 1962.

I would like to especially thank the University of Bordeaux, the Bordeaux Mayor's Office, as well as the several faculty and staff involved in the organization and preparation of the program and events. It would not have been possible without the hard work and support of Study Center Director Prof. Jean Marie Schultz, Study Center Staff Joëlle Rallion-Autet and Nicole Donelian, and 50th Anniversary Project Manager Andrea Delap.

Jean-Xavier Guinard
Associate Vice Provost & Executive Director
University of California Education Abroad Program
"Captivated by the romanticism of France, I chose to study abroad to learn the French language and way of life, and in the process, discover my independence. What I did not expect was the powerful sense of connectivity from my encounters with the UCEAP alumni during the 50th anniversary events.

I was so moved to hear their process of acquiring the language and adjusting to a new culture that so closely resembled my own. We really are all connected. It took traveling as far away from home as ever to realize how small the world really is."

-Lisa Walters, UC Santa Barbara, Biology/French double major

BORDEAUX CITY HALL CELEBRATES UCEAP & UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX

On October 3rd, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the UCEAP and University of Bordeaux partnership, the Bordeaux Mayor's Office welcomed alumni, students, faculty and staff to the beautiful Hotel de Ville (city hall) for an evening reception.

The event was honored by speeches from the Mayor's Office, the U.S. Consulate in Bordeaux, the University of Bordeaux, and UCEAP.

"WHERE ARE THEY NOW?" ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

On October 4th, alumni from the first UCEAP class of 1962 gathered with other Bordeaux alumni, current UCEAP and University of Bordeaux students, faculty, and staff, to share their experiences and describe how studying abroad through UCEAP has had a positive, long-lasting, and often life-changing impact.
The 1962 alumni strongly encouraged students considering study abroad to study for one full academic year, to fully immerse themselves in a foreign culture and to learn as much as they can during this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many of the alumni credited their year abroad for allowing them to pursue successful international careers in law, business, medicine, and education.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON AT "LA PASSERELLE"

Following the roundtable discussion, alumni were invited to enjoy a luncheon at the University of Bordeaux's restaurant, La Passerelle. The event allowed alumni to continue sharing stories of their time as students in Bordeaux while enjoying local cuisine.

ROUND TABLE: "BILINGUAL IDENTITY, THE ROLE OF STUDY ABROAD"

Alumni, students, faculty and staff were invited to attend a round table discussion led by UCSB professor and UCEAP France Study Center Director, Prof. Jean Marie Schultz, along with Jeffrey Swartwood and Sandrine Aguirre, University of Bordeaux researchers, on the impact of study abroad and bilingualism on one's identity.

As students learn a second language and are immersed in a foreign culture, they may begin to see themselves as possessing two distinct identities, their native language identity and a new identity formed in the foreign language. Research conducted by Prof. Schultz shows that students may dress, speak, or act
differently when speaking a second language than they normally would in their native tongue.

**LECTURE & VISIT TO CHATEAU LUCHEY-HALDE WINERY**

Associate Vice Provost and UCEAP Executive Director Jean-Xavier Guinard, who is also a Professor and Sensory Scientist at UC Davis, gave a lecture with University of Bordeaux Professor Pierre-Louis Teissedre entitled "The effect of terroir on wine sensory quality - comparing Bordeaux and California".

The lecture was conducted in French and was followed by guided tours of the chateau's vineyards and wine making facilities. Guests enjoyed wine tasting and received some of the first bottles to be produced under the new University of Bordeaux/Institute of Agricultural Sciences winemaking program.

**UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX HOSTED RECEPTION**

On Oct 4th, the University of Bordeaux Center for Research and Higher Education (PRES -Pôle de recherche et d'enseignement supérieur) hosted a reception in honor of the 50th Anniversary.

PRES is a partnership of seven institutions in Bordeaux, including the four University of Bordeaux campuses, the Polytechnic Institute of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Institute of Agricultural Sciences and the Institute of Political Science, Bordeaux.

The reception was a wonderful opportunity for representatives from all institutions to meet and share their experiences of exchange between Bordeaux and California. UCEAP and PRES exchanged commemorate plaques and reaffirmed their commitment to the special partnership.

**FROM MONTAIGNE TO AFRICAN STUDIES: LECTURE & ROUND TABLE**
On the morning of Oct. 5th, students and alumni attended discussions led by University of Bordeaux professors at the Musee d'Aquitaine.

Firstly, Professor Anne-Marie Cocula lectured on Bordeaux-native Michel de Montaigne, one of France's most influential Renaissance authors, and discussed how the discovery of the New World influenced his work.

Afterwards, Professors Christian Coulon and Alain Ricard hosted a round table discussion on their research and experience in African Studies and discussed how Africa is perceived around the world. They also reflected on their time spent as graduate students at UCLA in the 1960s.

**RIVER CRUISE AND 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER**

On the evening of Oct. 5th, alumni, students, faculty and staff were treated to a one-hour sunset river cruise down La Gironde and then enjoyed a delicious French gourmet dinner at waterfront restaurant, La Maison du Fleuve.

The evening offered current UCEAP students and alumni an opportunity to exchange their experiences, compare how the city of Bordeaux has evolved over the years, and reflect on the life-changing events made possible by study abroad.

**EXCURSION TO SAINT-EMILION**

To conclude the week's celebrations, alumni and students were invited to travel outside of Bordeaux to Saint-Emilion, the oldest viticultural area of the Bordeaux region.
The participants were treated to a guided tour of Saint-Emilion village and several historical sights.