Announcing the
Paul Niebanck Founder’s Prize

In collaboration with the friends, students and colleagues of Paul Niebanck, the founding Provost of College Eight (Rachel Carson College) is honored to announce the creation of the Niebanck Founder’s Prize, an annual $2,500 award to an undergraduate UCSC student whose work contributes insight into the idea and practice of urban environmental planning. All UCSC undergraduate students, of any college or major, are eligible.

College Eight was established in 1972, as the environmental crisis, including the human contribution to that crisis, came into the popular awareness. College members undertook to engage the crisis, and they did just that, in a vigorous, collaborative, and constructive spirit. Paul brought to the occasion a broad understanding and an inspiring personal style. He exemplified, in his generous leadership and empowering teaching, what the moment required.

To be eligible for the Prize, a student’s work must be intentional, substantial, and exceptional. It may take the form of a senior thesis, internship, field project, community service, independent research, or any other individual or small group work that is appropriately supervised and credited. The content may range from practical to theoretical. It may be an artistic endeavor. It may be a critique or proposal. It may be a scientific exploration. It may call on a student’s ingenuity or it may entail physical labor. It may be something strongly conventional or it may be something quite daring and original. Any and all approaches are welcome.

Nominations of students must be made by either a UCSC faculty member or lecturer. Please fill out the accompanying form, including a description of the project and the nominators’ explanation why the student should receive the prize. If possible, a copy of the project must be submitted along with the nomination. Nominations must be submitted to the Provost, 121 Rachel Carson College, by June 1, 2018.

The prize recipient will be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony of the College. Names and evidence of the recipient’s project will be shared with Paul Niebanck or his survivors and with donors to the fund that supports the Prize, thus encouraging the celebration, promotion, publication, and extension of the work.

For more information, please contact
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Nomination for the Niebanck Founder’s Prize

Nominated student

Project title

Class/program in which project was completed

Student major ___________________ Student college ___________________
Year ____________
Student address ___________________ Student email ___________________
Student address ___________________ Student email ___________________

Name of nominator

Title _______________________________ Dept. or unit _______________________
email ___________________

Project description (200 words or less)

Why student’s project should receive the prize (200 words or less).