

Remembering Vince Steckler '80

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Steckler talks with a group of students.

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The UCI community mourns the loss of beloved alumnus, friend and supporter Vincent Steckler '80. The former CEO of Avast Antivirus Software passed away in a tragic car accident on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the age of 62.

Steckler earned both a B.S. in information & computer science and a B.S. in mathematics at UCI in 1980. He joined Avast as CEO in 2009 and transformed the company from a small regional business into a global provider of internet security. Steckler remained active in the Orange

County community and was a strong advocate for equity and inclusion in the computing industry.

Steckler donated \$1 million to the Donald Bren School of Information & Computer Sciences to support women in computing and endowed fellowships and scholarships. Most recently, a [\\$10.4 million gift was made to UCI from the Steckler Charitable Fund](#), formed by Vincent and Amanda Steckler, to support art history students and to establish the [Center for Responsible, Ethical, and Accessible Technology](#). Steckler was inducted into the UCI Physical Sciences and Information & Computer Sciences Alumni Hall of Fame in 2018.

The UCI community extends its sincerest condolences to the Steckler family and friends. Vince Steckler will hold a special place in the hearts of many at the UCI campus.

Per the family's request, those who would like to share memories can do so by emailing condolences@avast.com.

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