For our returning alumni/-ae
Restaurants in the neighborhood of UCLA:

**Westwood Village** (these restaurants are all within easy walking distance of campus):

- **800 Degrees** -- Neapolitan pizzeria with a wood-burning oven. Recommended, but often a long wait to be seated.  $$
  10889 Lindbrook Dr, Westwood. (310) 443-1911

- **Panini Café (on Lindbrook)** -- despite its Italian name, a mainly Middle Eastern menu. $$
  10861 Lindbrook Dr., Westwood. (310) 443-2100

--- more upscale:

- **Palomino** -- elegant cuisine, appealing bar scene. $$ or $$$
  10877 Wilshire Blvd, Westwood, (310) 208-1960

- **Napa Valley Grille** -- very nice terrace; extended happy hours. $$ or $$. $$
  1100 Glendon Ave, LA  (310) 824-3322

- **The Backyard** (in the W Hotel) -- dining on a pretty patio alongside the pool, especially recommended for brunch or lunch. $$$
  930 Hilgard Ave., Westwood. (310) 443-8218

- **Tanino** -- elegant Italian cuisine. $$
  1043 Westwood Blvd, Westwood. (310) 208-0444

**At the borders of Westwood:**

- **Fresh Corn Grill** -- light and healthy offerings in a tiny locale, right on the bus route to UCLA. $$
  1510 Westwood Blvd, Westwood. (310) 470-0414

- **The West End** -- draft/cocktail bar; tapas, predominantly Moroccan offerings $$
  2116-B Westwood Blvd, LA.  (310) 470-6601

- **La Serenata** -- very good, authentic Mexican restaurant. $$
  10924 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064, near Westside Pavilion
  (310) 441-9667

- **Upstairs 2 at The Wine House** -- savory small dishes, paired with red or white wines from the renowned wine shop below. $$$
  2311 Cotner Avenue, LA, near Olympic. (310) 231-0316
Century City environs:

**Clementine** -- elegant soups, salads, sandwiches, not far from Pat’s home. $$
[Caveat: they close at 7:30, so if you're still hungry after the UCLA reception, you may have to opt for take-out.]
1751 Ensley Ave (at Santa Monica Blvd.), LA 90064. 310-552-1080

**Steingarten** -- gastropub, beer garden; good bar food, sausages $$
10543 W. Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064. 310-441-0441

Santa Monica:

**Tender Greens** -- fresh, healthy, reasonable cuisine.
A one-block stroll to Santa Monica’s Palisades park, with its incomparable ocean views. $$
201 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica 310-587-2777

**El Cholo** -- a sanitized version of the classic Mexican original that is still Downtown.
Try the green corn tamales, in season. $$
1025 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. (310) 899-1106

**Border Grill** -- very good presentations of authentic Mexican specialties by two well-known American cookbook authors (the "two hot tamales", celebrated in old Saturday Night Live skits). Noisy, but better food than El Cholo.
Just a few blocks from Palisades park. $$
1445 4th St, Santa Monica. (310) 451-1655

**Huckleberry Café** -- Charming bakery and café, particularly good for breakfast or brunch. $$
1014 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica 310-451-2311.