ABSTRACT In 2017, Bren Hall, home of the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management and Environmental Studies Department, received its third certification as a LEED Platinum laboratory building. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a green building rating system. Built in 2002, Bren Hall was certified as the nation’s first LEED Platinum laboratory, and was recertified as LEED Platinum for Existing Buildings, Operations & Maintenance in 2009. This year, Brandon Kayson (MESM 2016), who teaches the Green Building Living Lab, guided UCSB students through the process of recertifying Bren Hall. Students managed the project with guidance from Kayson and Bren Hall Building Engineer Sage Davis. Davis attended the class, guided students through the complex process of accounting for LEED credits, and organized several audits required for LEED Certification. Kayson will describe the LEED certification and his work with the Green Building Living Lab. Davis will discuss the recertification process of Bren Hall and his role as a certification team member and stakeholder. The award will be presented to the Bren School by Mo Lovegreen, Director of UCSB Campus Sustainability, who was part of the original design team for Bren Hall. Join us to celebrate Bren Hall’s third certification as a LEED Platinum laboratory building!

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