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Cal Aggie Alumni Association

2022-2023 Leadership Scholarship Winners



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Anish Ahuja

Stockton, CA

Computer Science and Mathematics

Hal and Carol Sconyers CAAA Scholarship

Hi, my name is Anish Ahuja and I am from Stockton, California. Some of my hobbies include programming, juggling, and photography. At UC Davis, I intend to double major in Computer Science and Mathematics before working in a technology company, specifically in the field of computer vision. I also look forward to getting involved in a number of clubs on campus, including HackDavis and ECLIPSE Rocketry. In high school, I was involved with similar organizations, as the president of my school's Programming Club and a leader in our engineering club MESA. These extracurriculars helped me find a sense of belonging at school, and I hope to create my own community in UC Davis' welcoming and friendly environment.

I am extremely grateful to the donors of this scholarship for helping me pay for my tuition at UC Davis. Paying for college is quite difficult, so scholarships such as these are extremely valuable to my family and me. This award will help support my education by giving me the peace of mind needed to enjoy my time at UC Davis. Any and all scholarships I receive go towards my tuition, allowing me to take greater advantage of my education. I look forward to contributing to the Alumni Association and supporting the future of UC Davis, just as the Association supported me. One day, I hope to be able to fund my own scholarships for those in need and truly make a difference in the lives of others.

Greyson Alejandro

Sacramento, CA

Undeclared

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

My name is Greyson Alejandro, and I'm a UCD freshman from Sacramento California. Academically, anything that can fly fascinates me. I love the aerospace industry and the physics of aerodynamics. As a 2nd Degree black belt and a person, I love combat sports and martial arts. It's what taught me discipline, courtesy, and respect.

I've never experienced major leadership roles other than being on the student government general committee during my senior year of high school and running the front of the small pharmacy I previously worked for during the COVID-19 pandemic.

My intent at UCD is to explore what interests me before making a decision as endless career paths await me being an undeclared student. The only interest I do currently enjoy is physics and math in aerodynamics and aerospace. I don't know if that'll be my future after graduation but I'm taking it into consideration.

At UC Davis, I'm here to get a fresh start with my life where I can be independent and decide where I want to be. I look forward to having my own schedule to manage and figure out how to fill in the time I have for myself -socializing, exercising, sports, studying, etc. I ultimately chose Davis because it's a new environment not too far or too close to home.

Thank you, donors and sponsors, who've given your funds to help students determined to complete college with degrees. This award will support the fact that my parents will have to pay less than originally slated. As college becomes cheaper and cheaper for me with these types of scholarships, the more I'm able to focus solely on academics and passing classes. I'm honored to be selected and hope that my academic work will hold to these standards. I hope this isn't an "IOU" but an understanding that any classes, clubs, and sports I decide to partake in must be done at 110%. I will strive for perfection and excellence in all areas of my life at UCD. Thank you again, donors and sponsors, for acknowledging that college isn't cheap and providing a solution to help individuals like me. We appreciate everything you do to make UCD a better place for students to learn.

Calixto Alvarez

Cypress, CA

Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

Beverly "Babs" Sandeen and Marty Swingle CAAA Scholarship & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Calixto Alvarez, and I'm from Long Beach, California, but I moved to Cypress, California when I was 12, and attended junior high and high school in Cypress. I am very interested in neuroscience and its applications within scientific research and medicine. I'm passionate about helping others. Prior to UC Davis, my leadership experiences included volunteering as a peer tutor in 11th and 12th grade, volunteering as an assistant coach for youth tennis lessons in 12th grade, and working as a Fall Student Mentor for my school district's AIME (Anaheim's Innovative Mentoring Experience) Program. I'm majoring in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior. Upon graduation, I hope to go on to medical school. I'm really excited about being a UC Davis student; I'm looking forward to making new friends, experiencing the campus culture, having new learning experiences, and hopefully participating in research. I chose UC Davis because of the many opportunities for internships and research available to students, which I believe will help me to learn and grow as a person, as well as to pursue my aspirations. The campus itself also played a role in my decision to attend UC Davis, as I found it to be beautiful and serene when I visited, and I thought the town of Davis seemed like somewhere I could call home.

Thank you very much! I'm very grateful to the donors that funded my scholarship, and I'm thrilled that I won. The scholarship will help cover the cost of my education, and being a part of the Student Alumni Association will give me access to valuable opportunities. I really appreciate this award. I hope to give back to UC Davis by attending Student Alumni Association events when possible, participating in extracurricular clubs and the Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program, being kind and supportive to my fellow students, and participating in research. I'm also hoping to involve myself in volunteering during my time at UC Davis, which will help the Davis community.

Christopher Amaya Bautista

Stockton, CA

Global Disease Biology

Bob & Jan Morrison CAAA Scholarship

I was born in Mexico and was raised in Stockton, California since I was five. I enjoy music and love exploring finding different artists and genres. When I find a good artist I share it with my siblings for them to listen if they want. I particularly love music because it can break or make an event. When I attended San Joaquin Delta College I was the treasurer of InterClub Council, a representative body of the various clubs and organizations on campus, and the student planning committee for all club events on campus. Planning club rush and different seasonal fairs was a joy and I always loved how much music changed the ambience. At UC Davis, I plan to study Global Disease Biology. I hope at graduation to have more clinical experience working in the health field by joining a student clinic and to hopefully have planned more events on or off campus at Davis. As an incoming UC Davis transfer student I hope to connect with a variety of students and teachers and explore the city of Davis. I chose UC Davis because of the many different student clinics, the cost, and the friendly environment and people.

Winning this scholarship has given me more motivation to continue my studies and to continue involving myself in leadership positions in the future to further refine my skills. This award would help pay my tuition and rent which allows me to focus more on my studies and extracurriculars. I hope to be able to help the Davis community by volunteering at local events and by helping local people at student run clinics.

Lena Araya

Los Angeles, CA

Environmental Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Lena Araya, and I'm from Los Angeles, California. I intend to study environmental science and management. I have been passionate about the environment and nature ever since I was a little kid. In high school, I loved my AP Environmental Science class and was the president of my school's eco club. I look forward to participating in UC Davis' research and internship opportunities and am excited to go to a university and live in a city that is so environmentally conscious. I enjoyed partaking in fundraisers and community service projects with my club and hope to continue similar activities in Davis.

I am greatly honored to have won this scholarship. While my parents are helping support my education, I am relying on grants and scholarships to pay for college. I worked through the past school year and picked up a second job this summer. While I plan to work through college, the less I have to finance my education, the more I can focus on learning rather than dividing my attention between school and work. This scholarship helps reduce my financial stress, which serves as a distraction and detracts attention from my education. I was involved in community service in my local high school community, and I look forward to participating in similar activities in Davis.

Meghana Balabhadruni

San Ramon, CA

Molecular and Medical Microbiology

Andrew and Alison Broaddus Family Foundation

I'm an incoming freshman at UC Davis looking forward to studying Molecular and Medical Microbiology. My academic interests currently lie in personalized healthcare, especially precision nutrition. I'll be joining the Aggie community from San Ramon, CA. In high school, I served as the President of a science mentorship club, a public speaking club, and a language learning club. Currently, I serve as the Co-Founder and COO of Project AINUME. I chose UC Davis because the collaborative environment coupled with rich academia creates a space that encourages learning and going beyond. There are endless opportunities to dive into here at UC Davis, and I couldn't be more excited! After graduating, I hope to attend medical school to help bring affordable and preventive care to all.

This scholarship means so much to me. Not only does this scholarship lighten the financial burden of going to university, but it also symbolizes the faith the Cal Aggie Alumni Association has in me and my future. I am extremely thankful to the donors that have made this scholarship a reality! I look forward to giving back to the community by volunteering at student-run clinics and, one day, helping other students as an alumna.

Drithi Balagurunathan

Chennai, India

biological sciences

Orville and Erna Thompson CAAA Scholarship

I grew up in Dallas, TX and moved to India when I was ten years old. Throughout high school, my leadership experiences involved topics I was passionate about including mental health advocacy and language translation. I hope to continue similar activities in college!

At UC Davis, I intend to major in biological sciences, but I would also love to take courses combining health sciences and technology.

If I had to describe UC Davis in one word I would say home. I knew that I would never feel like an outsider at Davis's diverse and inclusive environment. I'm very much looking forward to becoming an aggie this fall!

I am so very grateful to have received this scholarship! My parents have worked extremely hard to fund my college education and with this scholarship, their financial burden has greatly reduced.

On campus, I hope to give back to my fellow Aggie community by joining various cultural, academic, and volunteer-based organizations. Attending a UC was once a dream, but now I can see that my academic endeavors are so much more in reach! Thank you once again to the CAAA foundation!

Dyuthi Balagurunathan

Chennai, India

Biological sciences

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I was born in Texas but moved to Chennai, India when I was 10 years old. Growing up, I have always enjoyed learning about different cultures and, for that very reason, I fell in love with music and dance. During my high school years, I had various opportunities to develop my leadership skills. Some of those included being an English tutor for non-native speakers and serving as the house captain in student council. At UC Davis, I intend to major in biological sciences but I am also open to changing it, if needed. I am super excited for this fall because I know that UC Davis uses a holistic approach to shape its students and I cannot wait to explore the different ways that I can grow as a leader and as a person!

Receiving this scholarship means so much to me! As a twin belonging to a single-income family, I do realize the financial hardships of having to bear double the expenses. This award will surely help me ease some of the load for my family. Moreover, it gives me the confidence to continue my journey as a leader and strive for excellence at college. I am truly grateful for your generosity and I do hope to make my mark on UCD's community soon!

Surya Balamurugan

Pleasanton, CA

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Ed Spafford Scholarship

I am Surya Balamurugan; I was born in India and moved to the Bay area when I was six. In my younger years, I enjoyed tinkering with legos and circuits to build unique robots that accomplished complex tasks. I also became involved in my local Tamil School in Cupertino; to stay connected to my heritage by helping the next generation learn the Tamil language and culture. As the years progressed, I developed an interest in the mechanisms of cancer biology. To fuel this passion, I became involved in a research program at UC Berkeley and focused my research on retinoblastoma, a form of cancer close to my heart. The cancer is prominent in individuals like me who have childhood strabismus. My research on strabismus also helped catalyze my soccer career as it helped me develop strategies to improve my game. This allowed me to play the sport I love at the highest level for eight years. I had the honor to represent both Amador Valley and Sunnyvale Alliance.

My life experiences have aided in the development of my definition of leadership. Being a leader, in my opinion, entails taking the initiative and applying knowledge gained through education to benefit communities. Above all, a leader must lay the groundwork for future generations and peers to follow.

I chose UC Davis to pursue a degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology because I believe the campus, faculty, and alumni can assist me in using my degree to create a better platform for future Aggies. I plan to continue my previous endeavors at Davis while exploring new opportunities and increasing my involvement in the UC Davis community. My goal is to rally the Aggie community around a common goal of making the world a better place.

Dear Donors/Alumni,

I thank you for your generous donation, which will help me further my passion for Oncology and medicine. It is an honor to be recognized by the prided Alumni of the CAAA, and I will do my best to carry forth the honor upon my graduation.

My scholarship will help cover UC Davis' equitable access program, which will give me access to my textbooks, lecture readers, and lab guides. Access to the EA program will ensure I have all the resources to have the best opportunity for success at UC Davis. The remaining money will help me cover part of my meal plan costs. As a biology major, I have a complex understanding of food's effects on educational outcomes. The donation helps ensure I have enough energy to be attentive and push my boundaries with my peers and community.

In the future, I will join the CAAA as a donor and alumni to help mentor and foster future generations of Aggies. While on campus, I will continue my free tutoring program, Tutor4Talent, to help high school students thrive in their classes and help gain admission to universities like UC Davis. I will also use my leadership experience to establish organizations and clubs that help establish a platform that future generations and their peers can follow to make the Aggie community the best it can be.

Thank You for your Generosity,

Surya B.

Juman Bayati

San Jose, CA

Biological Sciences

Robert F. Brandeis Memorial Scholarship

From a young age, I knew that leadership was a passion I gravitated towards and have always found a way to get involved within my school and surrounding community. With over nine years of organized leadership experience on my belt, I have grown to realize that, to me, being a great leader means knowing how to connect with, understand, and uplift others. At UC Davis, I hope to continue practicing to be a great leader, especially at a place that prioritizes giving students platforms to achieve such goals. As a Biology student, I am thoroughly looking forward to utilizing the resources UC Davis has to offer and adding to the inspiring and encouraging atmosphere this school cultivates.

As someone who has always prioritized her education, I recognize the importance and the privilege I have to be able to attend an institution like UC Davis and be supported by donors like you. Thank you for your faith and consideration in me as I continue on with my education and contribution to my school community and beyond. Thank you!

Antoinette Body

Monrovia, CA

Animal Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am from Monrovia, California. Prior to UC Davis, I led my school's Interact Club, volunteered in a class for several months helping 3rd graders practice reading, and led a group for three years that taught elementary schoolers science lessons. I am studying animal science at UC Davis and hope to attend the UC Davis Veterinary School to become an equine veterinarian.

Winning this scholarship means that I will be able to focus more on my classes and extracurricular activities at UC Davis because I will be less worried about paying for school. I hope to continue to give back to UC Davis by volunteering in the Davis community. Volunteering is very important to me, and just as I gave back to the Monrovia community, I would love to give back to the Davis community by joining a service organization that helps UC Davis students, staff, and the local community.

Baymar Bongolan

El Cajon, CA
Computer Science and Engineering
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Tim Burton

Emeryville, CA
John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

Julia Cameron

Petaluma, CA
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Mills Family Farms CAAA Scholarship & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Julia Cameron and I am from Petaluma, CA! I am majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with the hope of either going into research or going to medical school. At medical school, I hope to either become a physician or become a physician-scientist to pursue my passion for research as well. If I do not go to medical school, I hope to pursue a PhD to do research in the health sciences. Throughout high school, I was a leader in many ways. I led STEMinism, an organization that works to inspire girls with STEM at an age when they are likely to lose interest because of their gender. We run after school and summer programs, make virtual resources, etc. I was also an officer in the Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter at my school which made all executive music related decisions. As an officer I created Coyote Cafe (named after our school mascot), which was a casual performance space where anyone in the school community could come showcase their talent! It started in a virtual format but later moved to in person where we also raised money for a local charity. I was also a school representative and promoted our school to prospective families, a Craft Club Leader, a tennis team captain, and more. As a UC Davis student I am most looking forward to taking all that I learned and experienced in high school and use it to continue to grow with all of the opportunities I will have. I ultimately chose UC Davis because of the immense opportunities it has as well as its excellence in the biological sciences and its rich campus life. I am beyond excited to be an Aggie!

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! It is so appreciated as it will help me greatly along my educational journey. I dream of going to medical school or pursuing research, and often times the price tag associated with those paths makes me second guess my dreams. Gifts as kind as yours help me so much and remind me that with hard work I can achieve all I hope. I plan on giving back to UC Davis by

being a hardworking and ambitious individual that helps demonstrate what UC Davis stands for. I also hope to perform some community service by potentially starting a branch at UC Davis of an organization that launched at my high school called STEMinism. STEMinism strives to inspire young girls in STEM at a time in their lives when they are likely to lose interest because of their gender. I want to bring that inspiration to UC Davis so that others can help me carry out STEMinism's mission. Ultimately, I want to give back in whatever way I can because I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to go to this amazing school, especially with your added support. Thank you so much once again!

Bree Cannella

West Hills, CA

Sociology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Bree Cannella and I am so proud to be receiving a Leadership Scholarship! I am from Los Angeles, California, planning on studying Sociology at UC Davis. I was one of the top leaders in my high school's marching band and jazz ensemble for 2 years. Becoming a leader was one of the most important experiences of my life, showing me the importance of confidence and teamwork, all while making a difference. I also spent several days leading and coaching a local high school's marching band this summer. I am so excited to start a new chapter of life at UC Davis! I hope to become a contributing student and leader at this university, learning more about myself, others, and the world around me.

Thank you so much for funding this scholarship! Your generosity means so much to me. I know I can feel secure in my financial and academic future. I am so excited to become a student at UC Davis and experience all it has to offer! I hope to contribute lots to the university as a student, possibly working on-campus or being a part of student-run councils, giving back to the university in any way I can. I know my undergraduate years at UC Davis will be life changing for my career and myself - I cannot wait to begin this journey, all thanks to you!

Lucas Casazza

Cardiff By The Sea, CA

Economics

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hello, my name is Lucas Casazza and I am from San Diego California. I am in love with soccer and the opportunity it has brought me over the past 18 years. As well, I am interested in anything with a board and you will always catch me outside doing something with one.

Prior to UC Davis I have spent the past 4 years in my high school leadership class. In this time, I was elected my class representative as well as my school treasurer my junior year. Outside of school I have spent the past 10 years as the captain of my soccer team leading us to many victories and trophies.

Upon attending UC Davis I plan on studying economics but making a quick switch to managerial economics. With this degree I hope to get a job right away hopefully in IT Consultants where I can pursue my interest in technology and business.

UC Davis was a school I knew I wanted to attend upon my very first visit. The community and togetherness it provided makes it feel like a second home. At UC Davis I hope to continue to preserve its culture and appeal to the student body using my leadership skills.

First off I would like to say thank you to all the donors/sponsors who have contributed to funding my scholarship. Winning this scholarship means so much to me as it is an accolade that reflects all of my work and hardship over the past 4 years. This award grants me more opportunity going forward in my academic career cutting my student debt and allowing me to pursue my interests further. In return, I hope to join SAA and make UC Davis an even better place than it already is. I would like to plan events that appeal to the student body as a whole to make sure everyone feels they have a place on campus. Also, I would like to plan events that incorporate our wonderful alumni to let them know we appreciate them and everything they've done for us.

Olivia Cataldo

Hingham, MA

Biology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Cheryl Mehlhalf CAAA Scholarship

My name is Olivia Cataldo and I am from a small town in Massachusetts called Hingham, which is 20 minutes south of Boston. In my spare time I love to read and spend time with friends. Prior to UC Davis I've become and experienced leader through my captainship of the high school dance and swimming team. I was also treasurer of the Global Citizenship Program at my school! Lastly, I plan to study biology in hopes of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

I am so thankful for your donation to my education! To me, this scholarship means that I have access to more opportunities to help me prepare for my future. I would like to "pay it forward" and give back to Davis, by using my leadership skills to help students in need, whether its finding a class, struggling with homework, etc. Thank you again for providing me with this amazing opportunity!

Josh Cenina

Daly City, CA

Computer Engineering
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Russell H. Wilder Fund

My name is Josh Cenina. I was born in the United States and raised by my Filipino immigrant parents. I am the youngest in my family and a first-generation student. While being raised in America, I fully embraced my Filipino culture, pursuing the American Dream that my parents wanted to have.

I'll be going to UC Davis, majoring in Computer Engineering. I do have some prior experience in both coding and leadership relating to coding and robotics. I used to be the Electrical Lead for my high school's Robotics team where I overlooked the electrical side for our project and competition. I hope to study and learn more about game and software development as that's always been an interest of mine for a long time. I intend to meet numerous people of different backgrounds and interests. With my hobbies being video games and anime, I hope it wouldn't be too hard to make friends with similar backgrounds. I am really excited to explore the number of internships and research that UC Davis provides as I am a big academic buff and I am deeply excited to explore my interests during this technological age we currently live in.

My primary academic goal is to obtain my bachelor's in computer engineering while developing my coding skills during my stay at UC Davis. My dream jobs are software development and or game development. I grew up surrounded by technology and so I always wanted to pursue that career area. I currently have a basic understanding of the coding language Java. I'm highly interested in the development of games. As an engineer, I look forward to exploring the many possibilities that UC Davis has to offer. From its labs and centers to its many clubs and extracurriculars, I am ready to be an Aggie.

To my Donor,

Thank you very much. It means the world to me and my family that you believe in my capabilities. I consider my family low-middle class and I am always grateful for any help towards my schooling. My parents have always wished for a good future for me and your contribution and donation give me one step closer to my goals. This award will help boost my already high motivation to learn as I further realize that there's an additional person that believes in me. With this award, I'll give my all into my academics and consider going into research with my interests in mine. For extracurriculars, I'll explore the numerous clubs that could further develop my skills as an engineer.

Again. This donation, on behalf of my family and me, is truly a blessing.

Thank you.

Jeyashree Chandrahasan

Fremont, CA

Biomedical Engineering

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hi, I am Jeyashree Chandrahasan and I am from Fremont, California. I intend to study Biomedical Engineering at UC Davis in hopes to be able to revolutionize the medical industry and make it more accessible. I am also a huge fan of Harry Potter, which is one of the reasons I chose to pursue Biomedical Engineering. The magic I desperately wanted to experience was becoming reality through technology. With a simple spell (voice command), I could turn on almost anything in my house. I chose to pursue engineering for the sole purpose of turning magic into reality. I also enjoy running and have been running track for the past 6 years. As the captain of the track team, I was also able to project my love for running to rising runners. Upon hearing about UC Davis for the first time my freshman year, it quickly became my dream school. Davis' reputation of being loved by every single student and being a beautiful college town attracted me. I have visited Davis about 3 times so far and I am already in love with the town and campus and I hope to love it even more as I continue exploring it for the next four years.

Thank you so much for awarding me with this amazing scholarship. This scholarship will take some burden off my shoulders regarding the cost of tuition. This contribution will allow me to allocate more money towards educational support for myself and my sister. Along with monetary support, this scholarship has also offered me acceptance into the Student Alumni Association which will help me network with others with similar interests. It will also allow me to give back to UC Davis, the community that will enable me to understand myself and my interests. In the future, I hope to be able to provide another student with the same opportunities I will receive through this scholarship, whether it be through monetary contributions or emotional support. Once again, thank you for providing me with this scholarship and the amazing networking opportunities that accompany it.

Amelie Chang

Anaheim, CA

Environmental Engineering

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hi there! My name is Amelie Chang and I am a Taiwanese American born and raised in Southern California. I'm passionate about tennis, art, and environmental conservation, as these have all had a profound impact on me through my family and local community. Tennis has been an integral part of my leadership experience, as I was the varsity tennis captain in high school and took up coaching my teammates and elementary students. My current artistic passions include ink drawing, crocheting, and digital editing, but I enjoy experimenting with different mediums and experimenting most of all. My declared major is Environmental Engineering and I hope to work in water waste management or renewable energy once I graduate. I chose UC Davis because of the friendly atmosphere, beautiful

campus, and environmental sciences. My dream is to be able to contribute to a greener and brighter future through my studies at UC Davis and beyond the classroom. I look forward to learning more about UC Davis's robust community and culture in the coming years, and am honored to become an Aggie this fall!

Dear CAAA scholarship donor,

My name is Amelie Chang and I am thrilled to be one of the recipients of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. I'd like to thank you for helping to make my and so many others' educations possible at UC Davis through your generosity and kindness. Thanks to your donation, I am able to further my education and grow at UC Davis.

As an incoming freshman, I am both excited and nervous to start this new chapter of my life, and I am grateful to start it with your support. I hope to make many new connections as part of the Student Alumni Association, and anticipate meeting the wonderful alumni and student body. This award will help me not only fund my educational expenses, but give me the opportunity to connect with a wide variety of great people in the UC Davis network. I hope to one day be able to give back to the school through my success and donations in the future, much like you have.

My educational pursuits would not have been possible without your generous contribution to the CAAA Leadership scholarship. Thank you for helping me to achieve my fullest educational and personal potential at UC Davis.

Sincerely,

Amelie Chang

Gabrielle Charles

Dixon, CA

Political Science-Public Service

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I was born on April 6, 1992 in Fairfield, CA but raised in Vacaville, CA. My other was a single parent with 6 children. I am the baby of the family. We were far from rich but I never ever felt poor. The older 3 siblings were out of the house and it was just my sister, brother who is autistic, and myself. My mother made sure we went to school every single day. I did not miss my first day of school until 7th grade. I went to a fantastic elementary school named Eugene Padan Elementary in Vacaville, CA. My teachers were excellent. I wish they knew how much they have influenced my life in a positive way. It wasn't all gumdrops and roses though. I struggled with my sexual orientation and was teased almost every day because of my name Gabriel and my lack of masculinity. I was in a deep depression and I dropped out of high school in disgrace. My mother enrolled me into Treasure Island Job Corps in 2009 when I was 16 years old. I was terrified. My first day at Job Corps was the same day as President Obama's inauguration January 20, 2009. I took up office administration and completed a high school diploma. From 2010 to

2013 I honestly just enjoyed being young and did what many teens do like partying and hanging with friends all day. In 2013, I realized that I had to get my life together. I enrolled myself into Napa Valley College. I finally settled on Political Science and Sociology degrees. I even dropped out once in 2018 and returned in Spring 2021. I finished both A.A degrees with honors. At UC Davis, I am embarking on a new journey with a new goal to be achieved.

I am thrilled to have been selected to receive this scholarship from CAAA. It always feels great to be acknowledged for one's achievements. I would like to thank the donors and all who considered me for this scholarship for their altruism which has and will continue to help ease the burden of cost to attend a higher education institution. The days of \$50 for a semester are ancient history. So many people like myself who did not grow up wealthy, but knows they can be great but just cannot afford the cost of college can benefit from scholarships like this one. I will use this award to purchase course materials and to sustain myself throughout the quarter. I know I will also use part of the award for gas, as I do not live on campus. Being able to get somewhere is half the battle. This award helps me immensely. I hope to pay it forward by volunteering at UC Davis and outside events on behalf of the university and hopefully inspire others to do the same.

Chun-Ho Chen

San Francisco, CA

Computer Engineering

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Chun-Ho Chen. I am a first generation college student, as well as a son of two Chinese immigrants to the USA. Both of my parents came from Hong Kong, but they met when they individually came over to the US in San Francisco. I have one older brother who just recently exited college, as well as one aged Yorkshire Terrier. As an avid history buff, I can literally take hours going down Wikipedia rabbit holes, from the Titanic to the biggest films ever made (which is Avatar by the way). My most favorite vacation spot is Hawaii, I love the movie Fantastic Mr. Fox from Wes Anderson, and my favorite drink is a cool crisp classic can of ice-cold Coca-Cola. From a very young age, I have always been interested in technology, especially vintage tech, such as an Apple Macintosh Classic, which I repaired last year. I try to repair everything I own since my first computer broke, and I strongly emphasize the need to reduce, reuse, and try to recycle everything we own before we have to throw it away. At first being accepted into UC Davis, i honestly had no experience being at the school before, and had barely heard of it. However on Aggie Day, i loved the bikeability of the campus, having previously done a project on urban planning. I also was surprised about the positive support in and out of academics, and it really changed my mind on whether or not I would come here instead of the other UC's in the system. Having one of the best dining hall food accommodations doesn't hurt as well.

To whomever that is donating, thank you so much for your time as well as financial support for the kids of other people's families who would have a hard time coming up with the funds needed to go to college.

My own parents have to currently work multiple jobs from different places to sustain my college tuition. No matter how small the funding seems to be in comparison to the large sums of money eventually needed, any help is always greatly appreciated. I plan to use the money I gained from this to pursue my major in college, which will be for the time being in Computer Engineering. I do not know whether or not I will major in either computer science, or maybe transfer to another degree of study altogether. However with your contributions, I can determine my future career path with a certain amount of support. Whenever I leave college and hopefully prosper in my future job, I will also be mindful of what led me to this position. In the future I plan to also give money to the alumni program in order to make sure the next generation Aggies have the ability to determine their own future as well.

Natalie Cheng

Walnut, CA
Anthropology
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Natalie and I am from Southern California. In my free time, I enjoy playing video games and reading. Prior to UC Davis, my leadership experiences consist of being captain of my high school's debate club, a mentor for debaters at a local middle school, and copy/coverage editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. I intend to study Anthropology and will be pursuing law school upon graduation. As a UC Davis student, I'm most looking forward to exploring the large campus and taking advantage of the close-knit community. I chose UC Davis because of the positive things I've heard about the students and because it was the perfect distance from home to explore somewhere new while still maintaining a similar environment.

Winning the scholarship is meaningful to me because it validates my leadership experiences even after completing my duties. I am so glad that my efforts could be recognized beyond the community I have already impacted. This award will support my education by relieving my family of some of the tuition fees and allowing money to go to enhance the quality of my materials of other resources. To continue giving back to UC Davis, I will fully immerse myself in making the community a better place and profoundly engage in exchanging knowledge with my fellow students. I look forward to making this reward worthwhile by implementing the passion I have demonstrated through my previous leadership positions into my education.

Taylor Chin

San Francisco, CA
Mechanical Engineering

William Karl Schwarze Trust CAAA Scholarship

I am from Lowell High School in San Francisco, California. In my free time, I enjoy playing tennis, playing the piano, doing karaoke (I am not a great singer), and practicing martial arts. I have been the team captain of my school's varsity tennis team for 2 years, and one of my greatest accomplishments is organizing bake sales that raised over \$3100 altogether! I was also a peer mentor that helped freshmen transition into high school.

I am interested in majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in business administration or economics. At UC Davis, I want to do lots of research and hands-on work in engineering, whether that is working with a professor or a start-up. I look forward to really taking advantage of the resources that UC Davis has so that I can succeed as an engineer and a leader. I am excited to connect with other students, faculty, and alumni because I love learning about different experiences and perspectives. I'm serious-- whenever you see me, I will be having a thoughtful conversation with someone.

Winning this scholarship means that my leadership is recognized and appreciated by UC Davis. It gives me more reassurance that UC Davis accepts me for who I am, and that I belong here. This award is going to support my education by helping me buy school supplies such as a laptop for computer-aided design and textbooks. I will continue to give back to UC Davis by supporting in CAAA and SAA in their events. With your help, I will be able to develop more as a leader and foster a vibrant community of diversity and inclusivity.

Thank you for your support!

Mariam Choudry

Elk Grove, CA

International Relations

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Hi! I am Mariam Choudry and am so happy to meet you. I am from Elk Grove, California, and grew up here. I have been volunteering with Red Cross since high school and have recently started volunteering at Sutter Medical hospital. After graduation, I am considering a career in the medical field. At Davis, I'm excited about the resources and opportunities are given to pre-med students while also maintaining a balanced life with fun.

Winning this scholarship has been such a blessing. I am currently a working student and was not given any FAFSA for this year. I was stressed about taking loans and the pricing, but this win has brought me so much peace. I truly am so grateful and cannot wait to study at Davis.M

Savannah Clemente

Claremont, CA

Animal Science

Grant and Kyle Rosenberg CAAA Scholarship

Hello!

My name is Savannah Clement. I am from Claremont, CA. I am majoring in Animal Science and tend to continue my studies in the Veterinary program here at UC Davis. I choose to attend Davis due to it being the top schools in California for their medical program and heard nothing but great things about this school. I also, have some family and friends currently attending Davis as we speak. I took the huge leap in faith because I am one to not live my life in the what ifs and took the chance to apply. I wanted to get the best knowledge for my intended career. I can not wait to be an official UC Davis Alumni one day

I would like to say Thank you for giving me this opportunity to continue my education without the worry of financial status and allowing me to continue to achieve my lifetime goal of becoming a Veterinarian

Katie Compagnone

San Diego, CA

English

Marian Loe Huhn CAAA Scholarship

My name is Katie Compagnone, and I live in San Diego, California in a town right by the beach, under the constant sunshine. Due to my pure luck of getting to live in such a wonderful place, I thoroughly enjoy being outside, whether that consists of going to the beach, swimming, or simply enjoying the beautiful surroundings. My other hobbies include reading and painting - my favorite past time is getting to read outside.

At my high school, I was elected senior class president and in the years prior, I was also sophomore vice president. I tried to be an active member within my school and community, and was also the editor in chief of the student-run newspaper, and a grant writer for a local non-profit organization.

Because of my hobbies and extracurricular activities, it's no surprise that I chose to major in English at UC Davis. After graduating from UCD, I hope to work for a publishing company or newspaper, putting my writing and editing skills to use.

UC Davis is the perfect school for me, as it provides me with everything I love - beautiful natural surroundings, kind and intelligent people, and access to a safe campus with an abundance of opportunities. I look forward to meeting people with similar interests to me, as I grow personally and academically.

Even as an English major, I'm at a loss for words that describe how eternally grateful I am to receive this scholarship. I'm the oldest sibling and in a few short years, my younger sister will be attending college as well. I'm lucky enough that my parents are willing to pay for my education, but I wanted to apply to as many scholarships as I could to help them out. Being able to give back to my parents, after they've generously raised and supported me for the past 18 years, means the world to me.

This award will help support my education, as it goes straight to my tuition and helps pay for some of the classes I will be taking this year. I'm incredibly excited to be able to take classes focused on my interests; this quarter, I'm looking forward to take a class on fairy tales and another on English literature from before the 1700s! This generous scholarship is allowing me to learn about topics that interest me and provides an education that I'm excited for.

I plan to join the Student Alumni Association, and am so grateful for the opportunity to become a part of such an interesting program. I can't wait to spend the next four years at UC Davis, and am so happy and thankful to receive an award that will help me do so.

James Cook

Fairfield, CA

History

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is James Cook, I am from Fairfield, CA. I will be studying history to become a teacher. I have experience in leadership from boy scouts. I am looking forward to meeting new people at Davis.

Thank you to the donors of this scholarship. I am grateful for it. It will allow me to focus more on my education and trying to become a high school teacher.

Juliette Cramer

Honolulu, HI

Animal Science and Management

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Raymond H. & Shirley E. Levy CAAA Scholarship

My name is Juliette Cramer and I am from Oahu, Hawaii. I graduated from an all girls catholic private school, Sacred Hearts Academy, and enjoy hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to be involved in our community. Working with animals has always been a passion of mine which led to my leadership positions as Chair of the Jr. Council for the Hawaiian Humane Society. This position allowed me to form personal connections with various local businesses such as Jams World and Maui Ku'ia Estates Chocolates. I have also interned with the chief vets which allowed me to achieve an

understanding of my pre vet path I intend on taking at UC Davis. Following the Chair position, I have been a part of a non profit organization called Kidz for a Cause where kids come together to raise money for the less fortunate. We use our talents and passions to execute fundraisers for various organizations, mine being the Ronald McDonald House. I utilized my passion for art to hold exhibitions with local artists, partner with small local businesses, as well as sell some of my art pieces. I hope to become a veterinarian, specialist in surgery, and I look forward to the opportunities and connections I will form while attending UC Davis. The alluring campus as well as internship positions and resources are intriguing which is why I chose UC Davis.

Generous donors like you are the reason passionate students like me are able to further our education with abundant resources and opportunities. I am very fortunate to receive this scholarship as I know it will aid in my success at UC Davis. Helping out with tuition is one of my main priorities as my parents are making many sacrifices to send me to the college of my choice. I hope to give back to not only my parents but also to UC Davis in their efforts to provide a studious, welcoming environment for everyone. I am beyond thrilled to work alongside like minded students who have dreams of their own. I believe that receiving this scholarship will give me the chance to connect with these people and grow as an individual.

Maddison Cunningham

Chico, CA

Political Science

Kelly & Jennifer Barber Scholarship and Gerald Lewis Armour & Jane Billiou Armour Scholarship

My name is Maddison Cunningham and I am from Chico, California, about two hours from Davis. While in high school, I worked to complete my IGETC at Butte College through the concurrent enrollment program. I also volunteered as a teaching assistant with the elementary and middle school center of my charter school. I truly enjoyed working as a teaching assistant during my sophomore and senior years, teaching and supervising groups of kids ranging from second to eighth graders. I also worked as a camp counselor at an environmental camp during the last couple of years, which was a wonderful leadership opportunity for myself and a unique learning opportunity for the kids I supervised. Finally, I worked as a teaching assistant to the freshman American Sign Language class at my high school during my senior year.

Through the past four years, I realized that I had a passion for social justice and hope to find a way to help people around the world who don't have the same educational or civil rights opportunities as many of us do in the United States. I hope to pursue these goals by majoring in International Relations and minoring in Sociology before possibly pursuing a career at an NGO or the government.

I chose UC Davis because of the commitment to making the world a more sustainable, positive, and overall better place as well as the welcoming, diverse community. The opportunities UC Davis offers and

the support systems in place only made UC Davis an even better choice for me and I hope to contribute to the wonderful community during my time here.

I am so thankful and appreciative of the scholarship I was chosen as a recipient for. Growing up, I knew we were blessed for what we had a home and always having food on the table. However, after my parent divorced, my mother became my sole guardian and as I came closer to applying to colleges, it became clear how important scholarships, financial aid, and work-study would be. As a first-generation, lower-middle class student, the only hopes I had of getting an education without mountains of student debt would be applying for scholarships and financial aid. So, receiving the email that I had been chosen as a scholarship recipient was a huge relief and an honor!

As I managed to complete my general education through a program at my high school that partnered with the local community college, I only have two years left of my Bachelor's degree. I plan to use the scholarship to help pay for tuition as I pursue a major in International Relations. While at UC Davis, I hope to volunteer my time, participate in as many clubs as possible, and take time to study abroad to enrich my degree. Following graduation, I plan to use my degree in a career with an NGO or the government to help other people in the world who aren't as fortunate as many of us in the United States, whether that be in education, health, or civil rights.

Thank you again for this opportunity!

Parakram Dahal

Santa Rosa, CA

Computer Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Parakram Dahal and I am a Computer Science transferring from Santa Rosa Junior College. Prior to UC Davis I was treasurer in computer science club and other clubs at my high school and community college. I plan to study Computer Science at UC Davis and hope to work as a software engineer upon graduation. I am looking forward to taking advantage of the many resources provided at UC Davis as a student and meeting people. I chose UC Davis because I love the Computer Science program and I have family in the area.

This scholarship means a lot to me because it reduces the amount of loans I need and the stresses of paying for college. This award will help assist me pay for my supplies and assist in the paying of my tuition. I hope to one day donate funds to college students who need financial assistance.

Naia Dalal

Fremont, CA

Electrical Engineering

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

My name is Naia Dalal and I am from Fremont, CA studying electrical engineering. In high school I was a section leader in my school's marching band and the leader of my robotics team. I chose Davis for the peaceful atmosphere, strong alumni network, and, best of all: cows. After graduation I plan to go to grad school and work in either sustainable energy or electronics design.

Just earning this scholarship skyrocketed my belief in myself and my leadership experiences. I'm really glad to take some of the burden off of my parents to whom I am so grateful for funding my education. When I've gone to make my own money, I want to fund something like this to make education more affordable for more people.

Justin Davis

San Diego, CA

Political Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Hi! My name is Justin Davis and I'm from San Diego, California. In my free time, I enjoy going to the beach, playing video games, and hanging out with my friends. Prior to UC Davis, my leadership experiences included captaincy in debate and restarting/leading a volunteer tutor club at The Preuss School at UCSD. At UC Davis, I major in Political Science and am also interested in Philosophy. After graduation, I hope to attend law school and fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming an attorney. I am really looking forward to research-based academics, meeting new people, a college-town atmosphere, and internship opportunities, all of which led me to choose UC Davis. Thank you so much!

Winning the scholarship means a lot to me, as I have been working both part and full time to finance college. The scholarship money allows me to allocate more time towards my studies, helping me take full advantage of the educational opportunities in front of me. I am currently employed with Faherty Brand, where I have worked for over a year, starting out as a Part-Time Operations Associate, learning organization and retail operations, and eventually becoming the store's Operations Lead, switching to 40-hour work weeks after graduation. I hope to give back to UC Davis through heavy involvement on campus with clubs and continued volunteer work.

Emma Demblewski

San Jose, CA

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Robert F. Brandeis Memorial Scholarship

I am from San Jose, California and some of my most significant interests are sports, knitting and crocheting, and playing various musical instruments. Prior to coming to UC Davis, I have leadership experience in being a martial arts instructor, being captain of my school's JV volleyball team in 10th grade, and being captain of my school's Varsity volleyball team in 12th grade. I am a second-degree blackbelt instructor in Kenpo karate. In 10th grade, as captain of JV volleyball, I won a chameleon award for my adaptability as a player. In 12th grade, as captain of varsity volleyball, I was awarded a First-Team All-League Award by our athletic league and two MVP awards, one from my fellow players and one from my coaches. At UC Davis, I intend to study Biochemistry and Molecular Biology on the pre-medical track in hopes of attending medical school and eventually pursuing a career in medicine. I am looking forward to taking advantage of UC Davis's many research opportunities, clubs and organizations, and recreational sports leagues. I chose UC Davis for its balance of reputable academic programs and welcoming, collaborative environment.

It is an honor to be receiving this scholarship, and I am extremely grateful to the donor for their part in enabling me to pursue higher education. I hope to pay this scholarship forward by being an active and valuable member of the UC Davis community in any way that I can, be it through helping my classmates, being a team player in recreational sports, or working with clubs that share my goal of helping others through volunteering and community outreach. With the opportunity to further my education at UC Davis, it is my goal that I will one day be able to make a real-world impact in the lives of others, whether through research or through direct patient care, and I cannot express my gratitude enough for the donor's help in doing so.

Andrea Dsouza

Newbury Park, CA
Biological Sciences
Ed Spafford Scholarship

I am an incoming freshman from Newbury Park, California. Studying biology for three years at my high school, especially at the IB level, fueled my interest to carry it forward to the university level and pursue higher education. Biology also helped develop my passion for a career in medicine and encouraged me to intern and mentor at a non-profit health clinic. I look forward to being able to learn more about the well renowned life sciences at UC Davis, as well as make many memories and friends along the way.

I would like to deeply thank the donors for their generosity in awarding me this scholarship and the support they have displayed in furthering my education. My family and I greatly appreciate the financial relief this provides, especially as student directly out of high school. This scholarship not only opens many

opportunities for me at the university, but allows me to give back to the community through SAA in the future.

Carson Edwards

Tracy, CA

Political Science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Carson Edwards and I am from Tracy, California. I am a sports fanatic with my favorite teams being the San Francisco 49ers and Los Angeles Dodgers. I also love nature and frequently go on hikes and backpacking trips. I love visiting National Parks and exploring their natural beauty. Prior to Davis, I was in leadership at my high school for 3 years. I was the master of ceremonies for rallies, spirit weeks, and various activities. I was also in a leadership position at my church. I helped to organize various meal packing events for countries in need. I am planning to study Political Science at Davis. Upon graduation, I hope to find a job where I can fully utilize my skills and support the lifestyle I want. I am looking forward to join the Davis bike community and fully immerse myself in the college lifestyle. I chose Davis because its relation to home and their reputation for being an environmentally friendly campus.

Thank you so much for selecting me for this scholarship. One of my goals is to graduate college debt free, so this means a lot to me. This award will give me access to other leaders on campus that I can connect and grow with. I want to make a positive impact and utilize my leadership skills on campus. I hope to pay this forward and sponsor someone when I graduate Davis. Until then, I plan on using this contribution towards my school fees and continuing to work hard. Thank you again and I look forward to celebrating in person!

Mariam Faizan

Dallas, TX

computer science and engineering

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Pamela J. & Leonard E. Dunn CAAA Scholarship

I am Mariam Faizan, an incoming freshman at UC Davis, pursuing a degree in computer science and engineering. Throughout my life, I have held leadership positions in several interest areas - varsity rowing captain, creative manager and leading researcher at an NGO for autistic children. These experiences have allowed me to discover hidden interests, unlock my true potential and shape me into who I am today.

As a young girl growing up in Karachi, Pakistan, I used to read up on inspiring stories of female pioneers of various STEM projects. It was a means of catharsis for me. The words were impactful, as the general public there held conventional mindsets on males dominating the technology industry. Thus, I want to pursue my degree in STEM and machine learning to be a change agent in this world, simultaneously breaking the stereotypical bubble that overshadows young girls' potentials. I want to use it to solve social, medical and educational issues in today's world.

A saying I live by is "Be the change you wish to see". I am constantly working to build a progressive environment around me. While researching at a vocational training center, I worked alongside my team to help the talented, special children unlock their true capabilities by providing them with personalized, differentiated instruction using technology.

Rowing is a data rich sport, and so, in my capacity as rowing captain, I worked alongside my coach to organise past statistics and patterns using software, to track the progress and build training plans tailored to each athlete's needs, which translated into success on water.

I look forward to enhancing my leadership capabilities at UC Davis, by gaining experience through various clubs. Davis has been one of my top choices for college. I believe that the experienced staff, diverse range of academic courses, outstanding research facilities and the innovative community provide a perfect environment to broaden one's horizons, and pave way for success.

I am writing this letter to express my heartfelt gratitude for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Cal Aggie Alumni Leadership scholarship. I am honored that my leadership characteristics and academic achievements stood out to you.

Being an out-of-state student, this award will certainly relieve some of the financial burden off me and my family. It will therefore, allow me to focus and direct my energy towards learning. I will work hard, try my utmost to excel academically, engage in extra-curriculars and fully make use of the resources provided by UC Davis, and therefore, prove that choosing me for this scholarship was the right decision.

Thankyou once again for your thoughtful and generous award.

Carmen Flores

Seaside, CA

Design

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I am a first generation transfer student from Monterey Peninsula College pursuing a B.A. in Design and minors in Museum Studies and Art History at UC Davis. I believe that understanding design principles

transforms the way we communicate, particularly in the educational sphere. I hope to create well designed education materials after graduation.

My dream has always been to study abroad in order to gain global perspectives in design, and these goals seem possible with UC Davis' commitment to promoting global learning. In addition to having an interest in visual culture and communication, I also enjoy spending time outdoors so I look forward to spending a lot of time arboretum!

I am honored to be selected as a recipient of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship. I'm looking forward to utilizing the benefits and networking opportunities made available through the Student Alumni Association membership. With this scholarship, I am given the gift of being able to continue my educational journey at UC Davis as I pursue my Design major. I can not express my immense gratitude, thank you for your support!

Miguel Flores

San Leandro, CA

Undeclared/Exploratory

Kelly and Jennifer Barber Scholarship

My name is Miguel Flores and I'm from Oakland, California. Recently, my interests have revolved around film and music as well as travel and nature. I love uncovering subtext behind songs and movies and understanding the passion behind an artist's work as they produced them. I think my curiosity also ties into my recent exploration of nature as I have been seeing parts of Oakland that I haven't seen before when I go hiking with friends. A few years ago, I could only dream of adventures like these, but only after putting myself out there and becoming available was all this possible. I partly have my leadership roles to thank for. As president of my school's Film Club and REEL Club I met friends who have similar interests in films as I do. Also as my school valedictorian, I befriended those that were top of the class and we are still close. The shared community I created within film clubs and the farewell speech I gave to the senior class is what resonated with people and made me close with them. Looking towards the future, I am excited thinking about the various people I will meet from different backgrounds at UC Davis. The tight-knit community that seems to be a staple of Davis, as well as the wide variety of people it attracts is that same thing that attracted me here. So as I plan to pursue a career in business later on I know that for now networking will not be an issue. My plans are ever-changing but for now I hope to someday create my own business or even work within the film industry so that I can be a part of that creative journey. Nonetheless the plan is to be content with myself and I know I will.

To my scholarship Donor,

I want to give a big thank you for funding part of my education! Looking towards the future is often very terrifying for me when I come to the realization of just how much student debt I will be in. Sometimes this makes me lose motivation and makes me consider whether or not it is feasible for me to have a college journey. I haven't received much financial support as I was denied both a Pell and Cal Grant and

so this on top of other problems, have made me concerned. However, it is the support of friends and family and especially kind people such as yourself that push me to keep going. Knowing that I won't be alone and that I will continue to receive support from others is incredibly encouraging and inspiring and so I really want to thank you for taking part in shaping this perspective for me. Previously I was limiting myself and thinking of a very strict college budget that just isn't likely or even possible for me. A scholarship like this helps me envision a college life that is more fulfilling. Perhaps the funds will be used for tuition or supplies and so that gives me more liberty to use my personal savings for more personal expenses. I hope to pay this forward by spreading this encouraging message to prevent others from being just as scared as I have been. People need to know that there is always someone that wants to support them and I hope to be that person for at least somebody like you have been for me in this case. I will continue to give it my all and I hope to someday accomplish something big with my education. Thank you once more!

Sincerely,

Miguel Flores

Isabella Fondnazio

San Rafael, CA

Sociology

Shimomura-Quon Family Scholarship

My name is Izzy (Isabella) Fondnazio and I am a third year transfer at the University of California, Davis. I am from the Bay Area, but more specifically I am from San Rafael. I am thrilled to be starting my junior year at UC Davis and look forward to exploring all the opportunities that await me. One huge reason why I chose UC Davis is because of how the people on campus, the staff, and the administrators make the entirety of the student body feel like a tight knit community. The minute I walked on campus last year, I was met with smiling faces and an immense feeling of warmth and comfort. I knew right away that this was the place for me. This year, I am looking forward to embracing this community aspect of UC Davis by joining environmental or social justice clubs, joining/starting a band with my peers, and going to my teacher's office hours in hopes of making a strong relationship with them. While my studies for the next two years will be focused on Sociology, I will also be making an effort to incorporate music into my time at UC Davis. In my free time I hope to become part of a band, acapella group, or club that focuses on musical talent. I love playing the guitar and singing covers of songs and I would love to share that love for music with my peers by becoming part of a band.

I am beyond excited about starting at UC Davis and look forward to meeting the rest of the transfer student population starting this fall.

I first and foremost want to thank you for the incredibly generous scholarship. This scholarship means the world to me and ultimately takes some of the weight off my shoulders in terms of the cost of my tuition, housing, books, food, etc. My first two years of my college education was spent at a community

college, therefore, I rarely, if ever, had to worry about educational finances. Now that I am attending UC Davis, the cost of education is slightly daunting, however; with this scholarship I can worry less about the cost, and dive right into my studies as a Sociology major. This scholarship in part allows me to take all of the fabulous classes that UC Davis has to offer including (but certainly not limited to) Criminology, Gender Studies, the sociology of the industrial revolution, the sociology of relationships, and so many more. I am beyond thrilled to dive into these courses, many of which my community college did not offer. The opportunities at UC Davis are endless and I look forward to spending my next two years exploring them. As a community college student, I know how daunting it may be for students to transfer into a huge university with over 30,000 undergraduate students as I, too, am slightly nervous to enter into this new environment. I hope to become more involved on campus through clubs or events in order to make connections with those transfer students that have a similar experience as me and make them feel more comfortable on campus. This scholarship means that I will have the opportunity to partake in all of this; taking amazing classes, being involved on campus, meeting other transfer students, etc. Again, thank you so much for helping to fund my education. I am eternally grateful.

-Izzy Fondnazio

Nikhitha Gandham

San Ramon, CA

Mechanical Engineering

Andrew and Alison Broaddus Family Foundation

My name is Nix Gandham, and I'm an incoming freshman at UC Davis majoring in mechanical engineering. Prior to Davis, I tutored both elementary kids and classmates. I was able to build children's curiosity as well as further their understanding through connecting with the tutees. In addition to that, I was a club officer for the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) club on my campus. I had the opportunity to cultivate a safe space for others and also inspire others to be inclusive. In fact, one of my main interests, other than my academic interests, lies in social activism.

Social activism and equality mean a great deal for me, especially since I am apart of many minorities, including the queer community and being a person of color, as well as being AFAB. I will always be the first person to point out oppression and harassment. Furthermore, I am interested in creative writing, namely in poetry. I believe that my poetry gives me a voice that can resonate with others and also expresses my own ideals in an original way.

As my first quarter approaches, I am getting increasingly excited about the opportunities that await me. I look forward to finding my place in Davis, and finding new ways to help others through my education and involvement, because that is what leadership should be: helping those that you can in whatever way that you can. As a mechanical major, I hope to find ways to facilitate others' lives through new machines and technology, both throughout my college years, as well as after I graduate.

Thank you to all the donors who helped fund this scholarship. I appreciate your thought and initiative in our education. This scholarship means everything to me, with the opportunities it provides. I am grateful for being able to network and expand my reach within this community from my first year. I will do my best to use this opportunity to gain experience, in both my field and life. I hope to be able to pay your generosity forward using the skills I cultivate from UC Davis. I will work to use this scholarship and my education to apply myself and my knowledge to create a better place for all of us.

Jasmine Ganev

Palo Alto, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Jasmine (Jas) Ganev and I am from Palo Alto, California. I am delighted to attend UC Davis â€” a venerable institution that serves as a hub of learning, exploration, and collaboration, and is immersed in beautiful nature. Prior to my time at UC Davis, I had the privilege of taking on several leadership roles. Most notably, I recently worked as a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT), where I provided individualized therapy to children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities with the goals of increasing skill acquisition and reducing maladaptive behaviors. I also served on the board of Î” IMPACT Bay Area, an organization that teaches effective boundary setting and self-defense skills through a social justice lens. I was an Associate Board Member and co-chaired the Fundraising Committee, where I co-authored a new mission statement, hosted meetings, and strategized methods of increasing and budgeting funds. These leadership positions have challenged and inspired me to enhance my communication skills, strategize solutions to problems, and consistently consider new perspectives. I am looking forward to further cultivating my keen interest in human behavior and interactions, as well as destigmatizing mental health and illness, and creating space for people who are neurally diverse as a psychology major at UC Davis. My dream is to use my problem-solving, active listening, and language skills to make genuine connections with others and promote healing. Upon graduation, I plan to pursue a master’s in marriage and family therapy. I aim to become skilled at diagnosing and treating mental disorders as well as promoting healing for every individual, with the overall goal of helping them improve their lives.

I am deeply honored to receive this scholarship award, as I love learning and one of my biggest dreams is to pursue higher education. I am looking forward to engaging deeply in the material I learn as well as collaborating with those around me at UC Davis. I also aim to pay forward the kindness and support I have received by contributing to UC Davis’ efforts to encourage curiosity and success, partaking in various enriching opportunities at UC Davis, and uplifting my peers. Thank you for your incredible support.

Osmara Garcia

Modesto, CA

Animal Science B.S.

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Greetings, my name is Osmara Garcia and I was born in Modesto CA. Some interests of mine are biology, learning about behaviors in animals, and environmental science. A leadership experience I have had prior to UC Davis is how to conduct a well around team at a restaurant. What I mean by this, is how social skills and teamwork have a huge impact on the atmosphere when working with customers and keeping them satisfy. I intend to study animal science at UC Davis in hopes of interning at a veterinary hospital and applying to Vet School. I'm looking forward to applying to researches and internships in my field. I chose UC Davis because it demonstrates one of the top colleges in agriculture and being known as a college town.

Thank you to my donor for having the time to look over my essay and give me this scholarship. This has been the first ever scholarship I have won and I am extremely excited because this award can help me with books and class fees. I hope to pay it forward and continue to give back to UC Davis by studying hard and accomplishing my career goal. Maybe one day once I am done with college and getting a doctorate I will in hopes do the same and give another student an opportunity to win a scholarship.

Ioanna Gergiannakis

Elk Grove, CA

Environmental Policy Analysis & Planning

Hal and Carol Sconyers CAAA Scholarship & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Ioanna Gergiannakis, and I am from Elk Grove, California. Growing up, my hobbies included art, reading, and piano. I was also a member of both soccer and swim teams. I am a Greek American and have been surrounded by the culture through trips to Greece, learning traditional Greek folk dances, and attending Greek school to maintain my language skills.

I have gained leadership experiences through Student Government as Artistic Commissioner and my job as a lifeguard. Additionally, I teach traditional Greek folk dances to children at my local Greek Orthodox church. My experiences have taught me the importance of creativity, collaboration, and patience. While being a leader is about taking initiative to make change, it is also about working together with your peers for effective results.

My major is Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. With this degree, I hope to do my part and educate others to take care of our planet. One of the reasons I chose UC Davis was because it aligns with

my passion for sustainability, and I wanted to be a part of an institution that cultivates an environmentally friendly way of living. I am very excited to become part of the UC Davis community!

To me, being a recipient of a Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship is an honor. As I start my career as a UC Davis student, I am very grateful for the recognition from this association. My major is Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. I have always been very passionate about sustainability. One of the reasons I chose UC Davis was because of its environmentally conscious community. I greatly value taking care of our planet and want to pursue a career that will fulfill my passion. Because of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association, I am one step closer to that goal!

This scholarship has lessened my financial burden, which allows me to focus on my studies at UC Davis. Your generous gift has inspired me to one day be able to help college students in the future, just as you have helped me. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. I thank you for this opportunity to help me pursue my education at UC Davis.

Satyam Goyal

Newark, CA

Computer Science

John W. Fearn and Anne M. Fearn CAAA Scholarship

My name is Satyam Goyal and I am from Fremont, California. I have a strong interest in computer science and a passion for developing AI-based projects. Throughout high school, I was a very outgoing leader in my community. Organizing community service projects as an eagle scout and providing free STEM education to hundreds of students were just some of the initiatives I led. My experiences have taught me a lot about what it means to be a leader.

At UC Davis I intend to study computer science and after graduating look forward to pursuing a Ph.D. or masters in fields related to AI and ML. UC Davis provides a large breadth of coursework and opportunities for students to take. As a person who is always exploring the applications of computer science in different fields, this excites me and is why I chose Davis.

To me, this scholarship is motivation to continue working hard in my academic pursuits at Davis. This award will allow me to take more courses and dedicate more time towards being an active student on campus.

After graduating from Davis I hope to “pay it forward” by being an active alumnus who motivates UC Davis students to pursue their passions.

Majestiq Green

Visalia, CA

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Marsh U.S. Consumer CAAA Scholarship

My name is Majestiq, I am from Southern California, and I am interested in biological science and anatomy. Prior to Davis, I was a part of a youth group fighting for social justice in low-income communities, I attended city council meetings and was involved in passing a policy involving the distance between tobacco shops and schools. Being a part of a team who fights for low-income communities made me realize I want to use my interest in science and my passion for fighting for what's right to help low-income communities. I intend to study Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UC Davis to pursue higher education in science and upon graduation, I hope to continue at UC Davis School of Medicine. I plan to become a general practitioner and work for a nonprofit traveling the world to low-income countries to provide affordable access to healthcare. I am looking forward to the community surrounding UC Davis, with a rigorous major such as biochemistry it is important to be at a school that is rooting for your success. I choose UC Davis because during Aggie Day I met with a professor who gave me much-needed advice regarding the college of biological sciences and steps to take to stand out in medical school applications such as joining clubs and being involved in school. This proved to me that UC Davis is a community and that there are help and professors who care which is very important to me.

My family has always struggled financially, but as I got older I realized the financial hardship they faced. I always planned to go to college but it always felt so far away until my junior year I realized I would be applying to colleges soon and getting ready to continue my education. That's when reality came crashing. When senior year began, the cost of college started to become a factor in which college I would attend. I would look at the estimated cost of a school before applying, it became so stressful and I felt like I couldn't go to a college I wanted because of the financial barrier. My English teacher then told me how many scholarships there were for people and that finances did not have to be a determining factor in what college to pursue. I hesitated to apply to UC Davis due to the fact it is a UC and I always thought UCs were not affordable for someone in my predicament. Although, when I learned that UC Davis has many financial aid options for students that allow them to not worry about financial hardships and only focus on their education, I applied. Winning this scholarship relieves me of the stress of having to worry about money to receive an education. I am very thankful for receiving this scholarship which allows me to pursue an education at UC Davis and be involved in clubs to promote UC Davis and share with the world how UC Davis is a community and looks forward to the success of their students.

Julie Ha

San Jose, CA

Biological Sciences

Robert F. Brandeis Memorial Scholarship

Julie Ha is a Vietnamese American and a native of California who grew up in San Jose. From her first experiment making ice cream in fifth grade using dry ice in a ziploc bag, she has been fascinated with science. When the pandemic struck, she saw the critical role science plays in understanding viruses and how to treat them. Julie hopes to promote both physical health and mental well-being by utilizing multidisciplinary scientific techniques.

Throughout her four years in high school, Julie embraced being a class representative. She enhanced the high school experience for all students by fundraising for school events and contributing ideas for school activities. During that time, Julie was also a teacher assistant (TA) at her Vietnamese school and spent every Sunday grading assignments, supporting students with dictation, spelling, reading, and writing. She played a supervisory role by delegating tasks to other TAs and training them to increase efficiency with grading assignments. Being a TA was gratifying, as it allowed her to help students learn Vietnamese while sharing her cultural traditions with them.

During Julie's first visit to the UC Davis campus on Aggie Day, she was mesmerized by the lush, green beauty and serenity of the school. UC Davis's commitment to sustainability, from the local and organic food to energy-efficient transportation, made a strong impression on her because it aligned with her own interest in environmental conservation. While exploring the campus and being surrounded by nature, she felt welcomed by the community. UC Davis was the one for Julie.

At UC Davis, Julie looks forward to collaborating with students and faculty from diverse backgrounds and engaging in cutting-edge research to broaden her knowledge in human health. Moreover, she's excited to see all kinds of animals on campus, even if they may smell (you know, the cows).

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1,000 UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship. I was very thrilled to learn that I was selected as the recipient of this scholarship, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am a biological sciences major, and I plan to pursue a career related to healthcare or the medical field upon graduating from UC Davis. I want to play a role in promoting high quality healthcare and reducing healthcare disparities to ensure people of all backgrounds can live a healthy life.

My aspiration to get a job in the medical field can cost a steep price of several years of learning and training, plus thousands of dollars in debt. By awarding me this scholarship, you have helped lighten my financial burden, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time on learning.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I hope one day I will be able to turn my passion of helping my community into a lifelong career that I enjoy.

Sarah Habib

Fairfield, CA

Biology/Global Disease

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Sarah Habib, I am the daughter of two Afghan refugees, who have come to America after the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. Since then they have lived in California, where I was born. My parents own several businesses and when I was old enough I was blessed enough to manage one of them on my own, an Afghan Restaurant. I gained many skills through the experiences I had as a manager and through my parents. Now, my main focus is school. My goal is to get my B.S. in Global Disease, get into medical school, and become a reproductive endocrinologist. I want to become a reproductive endocrinologist because I really love my family and I know that I would not be where I am today without their love and support. I want to help the people that want these experiences but can't due to an infertility matter. I want them to be able to experience the love and the strong, unique bonds that families create. I believe the school I chose will help me accomplish my goals. I got accepted into both UC Berkeley and UC Davis, and I chose Davis. UC Berkeley is an amazing school, but it lacked support and had fewer pre-health advisors. UC Davis has a large, supportive pre-health community and has many pre-health advisors that always have time to talk. I also love that UC Davis has their own medical school. One of my goals is to be able to attend the UC Davis School of Medicine. UC Davis is such a great school already and they are quickly advancing. I am looking forward to gaining mentors and meeting peers that have the same interests and goals set as me. I am very grateful to be attending UC Davis! Go Aggies!

I want to genuinely and wholeheartedly thank everyone at the UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association and all donors that took part in this year's scholarship program. It is truly an honor to be chosen for this scholarship! It has shown me that hard work will always pay off. I am so ecstatic to have won the Leadership Scholarship. My family and I are in a group hug crying from pure joy! I am extremely proud of myself and my grandparents and parents are beyond proud, to say the least! This scholarship is something that I will always cherish and will always think about for motivation. Earning the Leadership Scholarship will support me in so many ways. Ever since the pandemic parents have been really tight with money. During that time their small businesses got hit very hard and now it is hard for them to pay for my classes. I have been trying to pick up some extra hours at work to pay for classes but now that I have been awarded this scholarship I can cut my hours back. This is truly a gift, thank you. This takes a bunch of stress off my shoulders. I feel security knowing that I have the financial support from my friends at the UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association and the donors. Thank you, this award has increased the self-confidence I have in myself and has increased the confidence I have in my academics. I hope that I can make the CAAA and the donors proud. I plan to be successful in my future studies and become an alum that will inspire future students of UC Davis.

Christian Han

Fairfax, VA

Economics

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I am Christian Han, an incoming freshman intending to study economics. Before coming to UC Davis, I participated in Lincoln Douglas Debate for four years, where I was captain of my school's debate club. I mentored both underclassmen and debaters across the country in improving their argumentative and public speaking abilities. Moreover, I helped to lead Harvard Homeless Mission, a nonprofit dedicated to serving the homeless in Boston and Washington DC, where I was in charge of establishing partnerships with local schools and managing the website.

I look forward to joining the UC Davis community and meeting new peers and professors that will help further my development as a person and student. I chose Davis for its unique courses and ability to help students find their passions and establish new opportunities to advance their careers.

I thank the Aggie Alumni Association for awarding me with this scholarship. Winning the scholarship means a lot to me in easing my financial pressures and allowing me to focus on academics and club activities. It supplements my education by offering new opportunities to participate in with the alumni association. I hope to pay it forward by continuing to participate in volunteering activities on and off campus to benefit the Davis community and striving to be a leader in my clubs and classes.

Sarah Han

San Ramon, CA

Political Science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Sarah Han and I'm from the Bay Area. I'm majoring in political science at UC Davis, hoping to become a lawyer or writer. Prior to college, I was primarily invested in music and journalism, both of which sparked my interests in writing, arts, and media. For music, I played the double bass, joining many orchestras and ensembles. For writing, I was the News Editor for my high school's newspaper, while regularly writing articles in various genres. Beyond journalism and music, I enjoy swimming, analyzing films, and listening to songs. As I'm transitioning to college, I look forward to learning more about my passion at UC Davis through classes, teachers, students, and activities.

Winning this scholarship motivates me to work harder in not only my studies, but also in appreciating those around me. I would not have learned about leadership without my family, teachers, and friends supporting me up to this point; thus, as I enter UC Davis, I hope to regularly express my appreciation to my peers. Additionally, in being part of the Student Alumni Association, I am excited to meet alumni to learn more about my passion and gather information on opportunities that can further my education. Through its collaborative environment, I hope to expand my knowledge in leadership and academics.

Brooke Hare

Bridgman, MI

Animal Biology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Tom and Meg Stallard CAAA Scholarship

Born and raised in Michigan, I am excited to be furthering my education at Davis as an Animal Biology major and plan to continue this path at the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis. Prior to UC Davis, I was involved in leadership activities by being the president of my high school's Interact Club and my Phi Theta Kappa chapter at a local college. I also was an actor and stage manager for my high school and college's theatre department, served as Public Relations officer in National Honor Society, and was on the football cheer team. Outside of school, I expanded my leadership skills by volunteering at a local alligator sanctuary and working at a school and daycare. I am looking forward to taking full advantage of all that UC Davis has to offer me. Davis has been my dream school for many years because of its exceptional education for my career goals. I am ecstatic to be taking hands-on courses related to animal biology and also be actively involved in the on-campus farms, clubs, and student life activities.

I am very grateful to be receiving this scholarship for my education. Attending Davis has always been a goal and dream of mine because of its quality education and student life. Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to make this move from Michigan to California easier. This award will help me further my education at Davis by funding my degree in Animal Biology with a plan to apply to UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. I plan to use my time at Davis to not only further my education and leadership skills, but provide a helping hand and a positive influence to my peers and community. Thank you again for awarding me this scholarship and supporting my path here at Davis.

Sophia Harju

Moraga, CA

Animal Science

Andrew and Alison Broaddus Family Foundation & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Sophia is passionate about animals and the environment. For 3 years she participated in a Leadership program at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum where she gave presentations on conservation and wildlife. In her third year she was promoted to Senior Outstanding Wildlife Leader and enjoyed mentoring newcomers to the program.

A huge horse lover, she spent 6 years working at North Gait Equestrian Center and funded her own horse riding lessons. As a Senior Camp Counselor she managed a group of counselors while also teaching horse safety to the young campers. Sophia went above and beyond and was awarded "Most Outstanding Camp Counselor" for her creativity, leadership, and strong work ethic.

Her grit and capacity for endurance is also reflected in her life as an athlete. She has been a standout member of both the championship-winning cross country and the track and field teams at her high

school and was a top 10 finisher in the Diablo Athletic League championships. She received the scholar-athlete award 4 years and was one of only 3 girls in high school to be awarded the Iron Runner award for completing all 4 years of the program.

Sophia's commitment to philanthropy work in high school earned her the Gold Presidential Award for 100+ annual hours of service three years in a row. She volunteered with over 20 different philanthropies and as a member of the National Charity League (a mother-daughter leadership and philanthropy organization) she established a partnership with an animal rescue center which continues to provide them with volunteers on a regular basis.

With one of the leading animal science programs in the country, UC Davis has always been my dream school. I am passionate about animal science, and UC Davis has an abundance of resources and opportunities to help me reach my goals. After I complete my Bachelors of Science degree, I intend to go on to study veterinary medicine. I cannot begin to explain how fortunate I feel to have been accepted into UC Davis and how excited I am for this upcoming year.

When I learned that the Cal Aggie Alumni Association had selected me as a recipient of the 2022-2023 Leadership Scholarship I was overjoyed. While I know that I have the work ethic and passion needed to achieve my goals, earning the CAAA scholarship means that I also have the financial support to succeed. I am extremely grateful to receive this award and I fully intend to put every penny to good use by working hard in my classes and by also immersing myself in the UC Davis community. I have already interviewed and been accepted into the UC Davis Vet club and I look forward to starting my classes this week and joining more clubs in the coming weeks. I am also excited that by accepting the CAAA award I am now a member of the Student Alumni Association. I look forward to participating in the SAA networking events and meeting people in my field.

In the longer term, after I earn my degree as a doctor of veterinary medicine, I will strive to create advancements in medicine to not only help endangered animals but also to improve the rapidly changing climate in which they live. I appreciate the Cal Aggie Alumni Association's belief in me and look forward to making the association proud.

Katherine Hellman

Santa Barbara, CA

Biology

William Karl Schwarze Trust CAAA Scholarship

Hi! I'm Katie and I'm from Santa Barbara, California. Some of my interests include running cross country, biking, reading, and watching horror movies. I'm planning on studying biology at UC Davis and I'm hoping to either become a science professor or work in the medical research field after graduation. I also recently completed an Emergency Medical Technician program, and I plan on working as an EMT at

some point. I chose to attend UC Davis because of the wide variety of academic opportunities, reputation of having a collaborative student body, and of course because of the campus cows.

Thank you to those who funded this scholarship; I appreciate it immensely, as it will help me pay for the tuition and materials I need to pursue a degree in biological sciences. I hope to give back to UC Davis by becoming involved in all that campus has to offer and supporting other students in my upper years.

Mikaila Hishaw

Tucson, AZ

Marine and Coastal Science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Jacque A. Bartholomew Scholarship Fund

My hometown of Tucson, Arizona is located in the dry but beautiful Sonoran Dessert. I've enjoyed escaping the heat through competitive swimming where I learned values of collaboration and teamwork that led me to become captain my senior year. I led the Tucson Chapter of Jack and Jill of America as President in high school where I gave back to my community by making water safety skills accessible to children of color to combat disproportionate drowning rates. Outside of the pool I've spent my time playing piano and violin sharing inspiring melodies with my friends and family. I have also been involved as the president of ecology club caring for the native wildflower gardens on my campus and the beloved campus chickens. The rest of my time has been dedicated to pursuing a future in veterinary medicine through academic vigor and learning from incredible mentors. I arrived at Aggie Day eager to explore the majors fair. In my search for Animal Science, I stumbled upon the Marine Science table. I explained that I wanted to go to veterinary school, and I learned about the academic opportunities UC Davis offers for aquatic veterinarians. I felt an overwhelming excitement and new anticipation for the upcoming year. Thinking back to a meaningful conversation with a mentor that specializes in reptiles I recalled the words "when you feel it, you'll know". She explained to me the spark a veterinarian feels when they find the animals that care for the most out of the whole animal kingdom, a feeling I found at Davis. In the same heartbeat I had found my dream school and dream career. I now look forward of studying Marine and Animal Science as an aspiring Aquatic Veterinarian.

Thank you so much for the opportunity you've granted me with this scholarship. Since high school I've been overcoming the physical challenges of being hospitalized with and recovering from gallbladder disease. Two years later I find myself in a less dire situation yet living with a much more fragile health. Facing this new reality, I've found myself budgeting my health against my dreams. This scholarship grants me the financial assistance needed to prioritize my health alongside my education. This gift means I can pursue dreams for my future knowing I'll be in the right condition to enjoy them when I get there. Now that I've received this honor, I want to ensure that other students with diverse backgrounds and a passion for marine science have the same opportunity. One of the biggest gates blocking students of color from approaching the ocean with curiosity is knowing how to swim. I will continue the initiative to provide water safety skills to communities of color I began in high school throughout my higher education at UC Davis ushering in a new generation of diverse scholars in marine science.

Grace Hough

Delmont, PA
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hi! My name is Grace and I am from Pittsburgh, PA. During my time in high school, I coached gymnastics at a local gym for over three years. I taught young peers how to learn new skills in a safe and fun environment. My senior year, I student directed and stage managed theater productions. Those opportunities gave me the confidence and self-assurance I needed to take charge and lead of a group of people to meet personal and community goals in an engaging and productive way. I cannot wait to carry these skills to campus this fall! I chose UC Davis specifically for the opportunities it offers students to strengthen these traits even more.

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship as it's helping me to fund my education, I will now be able to take out smaller loans to attend school! I cannot wait to be a part of the community at UC Davis and plan to take an active part in everything that Davis has to offer; I am enthusiastic to get to campus and explore! A huge thank you to the donors who funded the scholarship.

Isabella Huang

San Francisco, CA
Nutrition Science
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Ed Spafford Scholarship

Hello, my name is Isabella Huang and I am from San Francisco, California. I enjoy doing art, whether it be drawing, painting, or crafting. Prior to UC Davis, I worked with elementary school students and I would help expand their knowledge on various topics such as math, writing, art, etc. Along with this, I would help uphold order both inside and outside of the classroom by resolving any conflicts. At UC Davis, I hope to further grow and learn new skills through the various clubs and programs offered on campus. I intend to study nutrition science at UC Davis and upon graduation, I hope to continue my education at UC Davis's accelerated master's program in nursing. As the first person in my family to attend college, I was filled with a lot of anxiety and doubt. However, UC Davis offers many resources to help students succeed in college such as EOP, STEP, a tutoring center, and much more. One of the main reasons that I chose UC Davis was because of its exceptional support for students and here at UC Davis, I believe that I will be able to succeed.

Dear Donor:

My name is Isabella Huang and I will be attending UC Davis as a freshman this Fall 2022. I was honored to receive this scholarship and would like to express my gratitude from the bottom of my heart.

Coming from a low-income household, I wasn't sure if a University education was possible for me. However, thanks to your generous donation, I will be able to continue my education and be a step closer to achieving my goal of becoming a nurse. Your generosity helped reduce the financial burden that is placed on me and my family, and we are forever grateful and would like to express our appreciation. Your generosity inspired me to hopefully one day be able to pay it forward! Thank you for your donation and once again, thank you very much!

Vianne Huynh

San Francisco, CA

Neurobiology, physiology, and behavior

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Vianne Huynh, and I am from San Francisco. I plan to pursue a career in nursing through graduate school after pursuing my bachelor's at Davis for neurobiology, physiology, and behavior. Prior to UC Davis, I lead casually through schoolwork and group assignments, or I use my leadership abilities to coach and aid others. This includes being a leader in my high school dragon boat team, and being a leader as a coach for my middle school volleyball team. I chose UC Davis because I believe this is the perfect place to pursue my career and newfound freedom, while also being able to maintain past relationships due to its convenient location. I also believe that Davis is a place to expand my interests into pathways and subjects that I never considered before. However, what intrigued me the most was the culture of the campus and how different it will be from my hometown, which I would love to explore.

Although this scholarship only covers a small percentage of my overall costs, I am tremendously grateful for this offer. I have a bigger family with four younger siblings who all plan to attend college, but since we are considered middle working class, not a bit of aid was given towards my tuition. Being thrown into this situation, it puts a lot of stress onto me and my family about having to pay so much just to attend school. Therefore, any aid I could get, such as this scholarship, pulls some weight off my shoulders. After four years of school towards earning my bachelor's, I plan to pursue a nursing career, which could potentially continue at UC Davis's graduate nursing program. I want to aid people who are struggling medically or mentally alike, and I want to give back to my community.

Mahmood Ikram

Elk Grove, CA

Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship

Gwyneth Inuman

Sacramento, CA

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

I am Gwyneth Inuman from Sacramento. I go by the pronouns she/her/hers and also identify as low income. I was raised in a humbled environment and home in the Philippines by my grandparents who were farmers.

Prior to joining UC Davis, I have served as a lead student ambassador for my school along with working side-by-side with the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) as the Treasurer in my school. I have also served as a board member of an organization that analyzes data on how to get the Honors/AP classes to be more diverse.

While at Davis, I intend to major in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior (NPB) and specialize in Neurobiology. I have always wondered why I chose this major. Until lately where I discovered that it was for my older brother who suffered from Cerebral Palsy, someone who I truly looked up to and adored.

Upon graduation, I intend to work and save money so that I do not go into debt too much. Along with taking a break from school in order to pursue further education and join a medical school, specifically the UC Davis Medical School. As one of the top research universities, I have immersed myself into Davis and have grown along with Davis throughout high school through the Educational Talent Search by UC Davis which is part of the TRIO program. I know that through Davis, I will reach my best potential and grow as a person. Along with being able to create a connection with others.

If I was to be really honest, winning this scholarship comes with a long gratitude list on which one of them is lifting off some burden from my parents for my first year here in UC Davis. My parents are both unemployed, my father due to old age and my mother who obtained a permanent injury while working as an assembler. Being and growing up as a low income, I have always wondered where and how I would afford to buy things that are necessary without having to ask my parents for it. When college came into the picture, I almost did not pursue college due to financial issues. My imposter syndrome made it worse as I've always thought that it would not be practical for me to go to a university right away since it's

expensive and UC Davis being a prestigious university, I've always thought that I am not "smart" enough to attend it.

With this award, it does not only support my education, but also well-being as I do not have to worry about where I would have to find money to buy materials for my classes such as pricey books. Small or big, I humbly appreciate the amount that is granted for me and my education. This removes some of the financial problems that I have to think about while at school. I will be able to worry more about my classes and less on how to afford living and studying at UC Davis. Years from now, after I graduated from medical school, I hope to pay forward by being involved in research regarding Neurological diseases along with being part of medical outreach programs that I used to benefit from while living in the Philippines.

Audrey Ioffe

San Carlos, CA

Undeclared-Life Science

CAAA San Mateo Regional Scholarship & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

When I was 15, a neighbor knocked on our door asking for my help with her son. She told me that every day was a struggle. On the way to school Sean kicked at his booster-seat in frustration and anger. According to his teachers, Sean was having trouble reading in class. The more he struggled with the fundamentals of reading, the more vocal he became in his disdain for school.

Meeting me he was defiant. Rolling his eyes, he said: "I don't need any help. English is boring!" He carried that sentiment, no matter how much I worked with him.

Until finally, I came to the realization that I had to see the world through his eyes in order to act as his guide. I noticed that he was a slow reader, with limited comprehension skills. So, I created custom reading worksheets, taught him how to decipher unfamiliar words, and created deep-diving questions to encourage Sean to understand what he read.

Moreover, since Sean was hesitant to read, I worked to change the way he approached it. I made reading fun. As I would read aloud, I would make sure he could hear my smile. Soon, Sean would smile along. Next he would read on his own. Once his confidence grew, he could not put the books down. By Christmas, he was reading at grade-level. His favorite presents were books.

This experience helped me learn how to see alternative perspectives and use them to help guide others. Taking a more personal and unique teaching style to help tutor Sean has helped shape me into an effective leader who can be receptive to the needs of my team. It also instilled my passion for helping others, as my time with Sean was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Dear Donors,

Thank you so much for granting me this scholarship! I am so grateful for you helping to fund my educational goals.

I am in the Life Science division at UC Davis, and I am heavily considering biological sciences as my major. I have always been fascinated by the study of living things and I want a career where I can use that knowledge to help others, which is why I either want to be in the field of biology and medicine or become a veterinarian. And, thanks to your support, I am one step closer to learning the necessary skills to make that a reality.

Once again, I greatly appreciate you choosing me for this scholarship, and I cannot thank you enough for your support.

Thank you,

Audrey

Hana Johnsen

Fremont, CA

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I am from Fremont, California and was a competitive gymnast for seven years. I also served as a small group leader at Resonate Church for three years; I mentored a group of seventh grade girls and guided discussions regarding the gospel, life, and any other questions the girls had. More recently, I graduated from Marine boot camp this past summer and held a leadership position as a squad leader for the majority of training. As a squad leader, I was responsible for 20 girls in my training platoon and I was held accountable by my chain of command for the actions of those girls. I learned the importance of being selfless by putting the welfare of those entrusted in my command first in order to better the unit cohesion of the platoon. The motivation and discipline instilled in me from boot camp will facilitate a smooth transition into college life as I intend to study Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at UC Davis. Upon graduation, I hope to have completed all pre-med requirements and have applied to med school to continue my education and become a doctor. Specifically, I am interested in sports medicine and helping young athletes who get injured playing their sports. I am extremely excited to be studying at UC Davis and I look forward to meeting like-minded individuals who are also passionate about pursuing their goals. I chose to go to UC Davis because of their top tier education and unique research opportunities that are provided to students.

It is such an honor to be awarded with the 2022-2023 Leadership Scholarship Award granted by the UC Davis Alumni Association. Thank you for your generosity. This award will support my education by helping me afford the high costs of college education. Along with my parents, I will be working hard these next four years to pay for my tuition and living expenses; this scholarship is helping my family extend the money that has been set aside for my college education. I hope to "pay it forward" and give back to my community at UC Davis by using the leadership skills I have gained from being a small group

leader and squad leader by supporting the students around me. I am a firm believer that leading by example can greatly benefit others, and I believe I have the skill sets necessary to inspire others to continually work hard and push themselves. Thank you again for the Leadership Award and I hope to live up to the expectations of the Alumni Association.

Kyle Johnson

Livermore, CA

Political Science: Public Service

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Transfer students across California face some of the most significant barriers to educational success compared to other groups. I have made it a personal mission to lead change in higher education where I can. My name is Kyle Johnson, and I am an incoming Junior from Las Positas Community College. Over the past two years, amid the pandemic, I have ironically come out in two ways: out of my shell and as a member of the LGBTQ+ family.

In my coming out process, I realized that others in my community had it a lot worse than I did. I knew that I needed to do something. I joined student government and later was elected President. I served on countless committees and brought the student perspective to the table. Furthermore, I helped found a campus-based movement that aided in securing additional protections and rights for LGBTQ+ students, restarting the Queer-Straight Alliance, and began to remove gendered terminology across campus.

I am very excited about transferring to UC Davis. It has been my dream school since my freshman year of high school. I am an incoming Political Science: Public Service major. I am also exploring minors in Sociology or Community Development. Upon graduation, I would like to work in the California State Legislature. Over the past two summers, I have been an intern with my local Assemblymember's District Office. This opportunity has allowed me to develop personally and as a leader while learning how to serve our constituents.

UC Davis is a campus where you can feel at home. The faculty and staff are always there to support you no matter what. I look forward to participating in unique programs such as the UC Sacramento or the UC DC programs. I also look forward to working in the Student Government at UC Davis and creating an even more equitable environment for all. I hope to be a voice for those without one.

Dear Wonderful Donors,

I want to begin by saying how grateful I am for being selected to receive this scholarship. This scholarship means a significant deal to me, as it means that I now have the capability to commit more time to student government at UC Davis. I will be serving as the Director of External and Governmental Affairs for the Office of the Transfer Student Representative. I will now be able to help transfer students at our college even better, given that I do not need to work a second or even third job to pay for college.

I am a Political Science: Public Service Major with the dream of working in the California State Legislature upon graduation. While working in public service is a true honor, the financial compensation is not very high. Taking on a significant debt early in my career would be terrifying and could alter my career plans. I want to help those in my community, but considerable debt could infringe upon these plans.

By being awarded this scholarship, I can now focus on learning how to represent my community within the state and how to make an impact. You have opened the door and allowed me to grow.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for being selected as a recipient of this scholarship. I am forever thankful.

Best,

Kyle Johnson

Amenta-Uahmet Jones

Denver, CO

Psychology

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

My name is Amenta Jones, and I am a freshman at UC Davis, majoring in psychology. I'm from Denver, Colorado, where I graduated from Denver East High school. In addition to my passion for psychology, my other interests include painting/visual art, photography, poetry, and fitness. Prior to my attendance at UC Davis, I served as president of my local chapter of Jack and Jill of America Inc, the year previous served as vice president. I have learned so much about leadership through those roles and look forward to further advancing those skills in both the coming years at Davis and in my future desired professional career as a clinical psychologist. I hope to use my psychology degree to both advocate for communities that are less familiarized with the importance of mental health and therapy, as well as helping individuals through my therapeutic practice. I chose UC Davis because it has an overwhelming sense of community and diversity, and upon visiting I released how much potential I could grow into by learning both academically and socially. In addition, the amount of resources in the College of letters and science; specifically for my major was beyond enticing. I can't wait to spend the next 4 years at UC Davis.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. This scholarship means so much to me, as my path to comfortably assuming leadership roles has been long, trying, and dependent on practice. Receiving recognition on leadership means the world, and this scholarship will also help relieve some financial obligations, and for that I am also incredibly grateful. This award will help towards the completion of my academic goals and provide more opportunities to utilize and grow leadership skills as I enter the professional world. I hope to express my gratitude and pay it forward by taking opportunities to serve and improve the institution of Davis and the people surrounding me. I am full of gratitude for being the recipient of this award and am excited to embark upon a journey full of leadership, academic success, and community.

Meredith Kelly

Vacaville, CA

Sociology - Organizational Studies

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Meredith Kelly. I am 18 years old and graduated with highest honors from Will C. Wood High School in June 2022. Over the course of my high school career, I successfully completed 12 Solano Community College courses while also maintaining a high honor roll every year. I was awarded the President's Education Award 2022 and the Will C. Wood High School Science Department Award 2022. I was the vice president for the Garden Club (sophomore year) and the secretary for Asian Pacific Islanders Club (senior year). I strive to be a role-model for my peers and others around me. I am active in community service, which includes working with World Vision and the Ronald McDonald House. I plan to study Sociology with a focus on Organizational Studies.

Dear Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons,

Thank you for the generous gift! I am happy to have received this significant scholarship. It will help start off my UC Davis career. I am enthusiastic about being a dutiful student and participating in extracurricular activities. Again, thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated.

Natalie Kimm

San Diego, CA

Sociology - Organizational Studies

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Natalie Kimm and I am from San Diego, California. At my high school, I served as a co-president for our advanced arts intensive Envision Visual Arts Conservatory, organizing monthly bonding functions for the fifty members and directing the senior thesis exhibit. I also founded Raven Open Mic Club as a platform for student performing artists to share their work in monthly open mic events.

Outside of school, I was Lead Mentor for the Abundant Children's Enrichment Program, which offers one-on-one spiritual and academic mentorships for underprivileged youth. Building relationships with the students in the program inspired me to co-found a student-led organization in my sophomore year called Project HYPE (Helping Youth Pursue Education), which aimed at providing educational resources to more kids in underserved communities throughout San Diego and Baja California, Mexico.

Coordinating with my co-executives in the different organizations I was involved in to accomplish various goals sparked my interest in business--particularly project management. I am currently enrolled as a Sociology - Organizational Studies major at UC Davis and am interested in further studies in Data Science and Managerial Economics as well. Throughout my time in college, I hope to explore various career paths involving business and refine my networking skills to be prepared to join a company whose mission I align with upon graduation.

I truly chose UC Davis because of all of the Davis alumni I know in my life. Every single person not only had exclusively positive things to say about Davis as I spoke with them about their time as students, but I could really sense something different about the quality of the school by how genuinely kind these alumni are to others. I am so excited to join the Davis community and hopefully grow to carry myself with the authenticity they hold.

Thank you so much for supporting me in continuing my academic journey at UC Davis. I am so grateful that you acknowledge my involvement in my community throughout my high school career, and I hope to grow as a leader both in and outside the classroom during my time in college as well.

Winning this scholarship truly means so much more than the already generous financial assistance towards my tuition. Being a member of the Student Alumni Association and having access to connect with not only other student leaders, but inspiring and successful Davis alumni from around the world is simply invaluable for a wide-eyed incoming freshmen like myself. I hope to gain insight from and build relationships with mentors who took their education at Davis and turned it into something impactful to those around them through their career and lifestyle.

Upon receiving this scholarship, I hope to give back to Davis by working diligently in investing in various communities within Davis's student body, in hopes of fostering a culture of kindness that encourages others to constantly grow as individuals and learn from one another. In striving for excellence in my studies as a means to a professional life of distinction, I hope to ultimately return campus as a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association to encourage the next generation of student leaders at UC Davis.

Again, thank you so much for including me in such an inspiring community. I receive this scholarship with much appreciation and excitement for what my future at UC Davis holds.

Jacob Klein

El Cerrito, CA

Political Science - Public Service

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am a Political Science - Public Service major from El Cerrito, California. My passion for making the world a better place stems from my advocacy work and leadership throughout high school.

Acknowledging the exigence for institutional change, my devotion to my community has inspired me to speak up. In the past year, I have spoken at numerous El Cerrito City Council and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) planning committee meetings to share my perspective. From urging a vote against a proposed decrease in library hours to asking vital questions regarding the long-term impact of reduced parking at the Plaza BART Station, I am determined to speak up for those around me.

As President of Debate, I single-handedly coordinated events such as a Q&A session for the team with a sitting member of the El Cerrito City Council, while spearheading outreach to create the largest and most diverse debate team in school history.

My advocacy work as the sole representative from my high school to the district All-Student Congress exposed me to the inner workings of the school board. Beyond advocacy, I used this role to mentor a sophomore one-on-one to adopt the position upon my graduation.

I look forward to becoming a part of the UC Davis Political Science department and taking advantage of opportunities ranging from highly-qualified faculty to unique internship programs and to the proximity to the state capitol. Here, I will learn the tools I need to create fundamental change in California after I graduate.

Dear Donor,

Thank you for supporting my education with this generous scholarship. Recognition of my extensive high school leadership only further encourages me to continue improving the quality of life of those around me through similar endeavors. This generous scholarship also allows me to pursue my academic goals without having to take out burdensome student loans. As a result, I can focus less on future financial stress and more on making the world a better place.

As a member of the Student Alumni Association, I anticipate attending future networking events where I can make connections that will assist me in creating meaningful change after I graduate. After graduating from UC Davis, I plan to serve my community through public service as an elected official in state or federal government. Using the knowledge and experience I will have gained from my time at Davis, I can fulfill my commitment to be the change I wish to see in the world.

My four years at Davis will be more enriching and productive due to my receipt of this generous scholarship. I envision becoming an active member of the SAA and, later, the CAAA. Thank you again for making all of this a possibility.

Sincerely,

Jacob Klein

Hrishi Koushik

San Jose, CA

Political Science - Public Service

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hi,

My name is Hrishi Koushik and I was born in Texas but moved to California when I was in grade school. I had a lot of interests in certain fields and when work was appealing to me, like in art, speech and debate, english, and history, I seemed to do better in class.

Prior to my enrollment at UC Davis I was captain of a few different departments in my speech team, pioneered a project promoting teen literacy, and mentored a youth robotics team.

I intend to study political science at UC Davis to propel a career into leadership and new change in our society fundamentally. Upon graduating I hope to be a part of a growing cause to quite literally change the world, because even if that's a little bit cringy, it's the truth.

I'm extremely looking forward to continue at Davis because of the extreme hospitality and environment that UCD has. From the people I've already become friends with, the professors I'm learning from now and even my incredibly supportive family.

Winning this Scholarship was incredibly important to me because I always felt I had bad luck, and that maybe I wasn't a genuinely smart person. I feel like because of that my effort put in my academics could have faded. This is reassurance that I'm doing what's right for me, it's showed me how important my education is and more than that, there are others who believe in what I can do as well.

Wing Lok Lai

San Francisco, CA

Computer Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Hello, my name is Wing Lok but you can just call me Wing. I'm from San Francisco and I intend to study Computer Science at UC Davis. One of the reasons I chose UC Davis was because I believe that this school would help bring the best out of me as a student. I'm looking forward to gaining more leadership skills at this school.

I am very grateful for this scholarship because it will lessen the financial stress placed on me and my family. By accepting this scholarship, I will take advantage of all of the benefits to make the most out of my college years.

Simran Lallian

Folsom, CA

Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior
Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship

My name is Simran Lallian and I'm from Folsom, California. My brown skin represents a blend of cultures; as a Fijian-Punjabi Indian, values of both cultures have shaped who I am now. As a well-rounded student, I have interests in neuroscience, genetics, and animal biology on one hand and entrepreneurship, psychology, and business on the other. Throughout highschool I maintained being a student-athlete and activities with leadership positions. To start, I've been voted as captain for my high school and club volleyball teams for the past seven years and have been as a member of the Students of the Year Campaign for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for two years, meeting weekly to raise \$27,000 and \$12,155 over two campaigns. Additionally, I collaborated with a friend to start our small business, Accessories by Activists, to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund while also co-founding and being president of the Earth First club at my high school. I also served as a link crew leader and volleyball coach while balancing other activities. I'm entering UC Davis as a Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior major with hopes of studying possible cross sections in biology with psychology. Upon graduation, I hope to either work in biotechnology or academic research within my major field with an openness to entrepreneurship and business. As a UC Davis student, I'm excited to be a part of a community actively engaged with research and advocacy, striving towards a better world with progress made by students. UC Davis's unique forum for excellence and school spirit is largely a part of the reason why I chose UC Davis. The many opportunities for student involvement with faculty in exploring academic interests and actively making a difference is what I'm most looking forward to at UC Davis.

I'm extremely grateful for being selected to be awarded the Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship. This scholarship helps to lighten the financial burden that paying for college places on me. Scholarships such as the Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship add up to allow me to focus fully on my education with less worry about working a part-time job to support myself while being a student. Furthermore, being awarded the Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship means that I have amazing and generous donors willing to support my education and to pursue a career. I hope to pay my scholarship forward by becoming involved in UC Davis's community and giving back through my time and efforts. I also plan on taking advantage of the many resources and opportunities that UC Davis offers for students to propel me into a successful career.

Lubna Lateef

Sunnyvale, CA

Cognitive Science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Rosenberg CAAA Scholarship

Julia Lee

Rancho Santa Margari, CA
Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior
Cheryl Mehlhalf CAAA Scholarship

My name is Julia Lee, and I'm an incoming undergraduate freshman at UC Davis majoring in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior! I was a natural leader in my high school prior to attending UC Davis, as I guided others in school clubs, orchestra, and even group projects. I hope that upon graduating, I can attend medical school where I will work towards becoming a physician. Although I do not know what I want to specialize in, I hope that my experiences at UC Davis will allow me to explore the plethora of options that a professional health career can offer. I chose UC Davis as it not only aligned the most with my future interests, but also because of its welcoming and supportive community, including the Davis Alumni who continue to aid undergraduates such as myself in their collegiate journey.

Dear donor,

To begin, I want to extend my gratitude towards you. I am so honored and thankful to have received this scholarship! This scholarship has indescribable meaning to me, as it signifies how I am not alone during my collegiate journey. I feel as though my dreams of pursuing a career in medicine have developed more substance, as other individuals are able to see potential in me and extend support to me. With this scholarship, I will not only be able to have some financial relief within my education, but I also feel more motivated to do my very best during my time at UC Davis. I plan on fully immersing myself in what it means to be an Aggie, as I hope to become very involved in all aspects of what Davis has to offer in hopes of giving back to UC Davis and its non-stop supportive community.

Thank you for your support! I will always be grateful for your consideration.

Caitlyn Left

Upland, CA
Molecular and Medical Microbiology
Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Caitlyn Left, and I am from Upland, California. I've always been interested in biological sciences and am majoring in Molecular and Medical Microbiology. Outside of academics, I have been an active member of various choirs. I had a leadership role in these choirs, being a role model for younger members and taking on extra responsibilities. I have also been an active volunteer in my church, assisting in various programs wherever I am needed. I choose UC Davis because Davis provides a great environment for women in stem. They have a highly accredited biology program. A competitive environment is not for me, so Davis's more friendly, cooperative environment is a much better fit for

me. I'm looking forward to this new environment where I can meet new people who are also interested in biological sciences. I'm hoping we can grow together in learning.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. Because I am from a larger family, I really appreciate this support for my education. This allows me to focus more on my education instead of worrying about financial issues. You are helping me go to my dream university, so I thank you for that. I hope to pay this forward by making the most of my education and helping foster a welcoming and kind environment. Thank you for your support.

Sean L'Estrange

Sacramento, CA
Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Sean L'Estrange and I am a transfer student from Sacramento. While I was at community college, I worked for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, which got me interested in public transportation, and its environmental benefits. That made me want to come to UC Davis, as my major here, Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning, lines up exactly with what I want to do in the public transit field. My goal is to become a transportation planner, and help expand access to public transportation in California.

I am incredibly grateful for all the donors and volunteers for awarding me this scholarship. It is a big help in allowing me to attend college without finances being my primary concern, as I am not able to get much financial support from home. It also allows me to live on campus and get the full experience of being at UC Davis, which is something I'm really looking forward to.

Clarke Leung

New York, NY
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Shimomura-Quon Family Scholarship

Growing up in the melting pot that is New York City meant growing up with politics at every turn. Politics was inescapable, from my parents complaining about Mayor DeBlasio to the political campaign ads on the R train. By the time the COVID19 pandemic occurred, I was working with multiple local and national elections, engaging with polite voters, aggressive voters, and residents who became disengaged with politics as a whole. One of my most influential experiences was at a political rally in which Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez gave a speech about policies like Medicare for All and a Green

New Deal. What stuck with me, though, was the connection she made between the two; due to the desire to maximize profit, energy companies often develop power plants in neighborhoods of low socioeconomic status, as the land in these neighborhoods tends to be cheap. The disproportionate amount of air and water pollution near these communities often leads to a variety of health complications, complications that residents often cannot afford to address. Her words were not empty; in front of us were the Queensbridge Houses—America’s largest public housing complex. Right next to it was the Ravenswood Generating Station—New York’s dirtiest power plant. Since then, the relationship between politics and science has captivated me. In my senior year of high school, I worked on a research paper, Discrepancies in Hexavalent Chromium Concentrations Across Socioeconomic Status in New York City, which I am currently looking to publish. UC Davis’ position as a global leader in sustainability and climate change research is what drew me to the school. I plan to study Biochemical Engineering with a minor in Energy Science and Technology and hope to pursue a career in research through graduate school.

My dad has an associate's degree, and my mom has a bachelor's: neither in a STEM field. This scholarship will allow me to access career-defining guidance and networks that would otherwise be unobtainable. My parents grew up poor—both working since they were kids. They didn't have the luxury to go across the country to study, much less to study what they were passionate about. As the first person in my family who plans to pursue a career in a STEM field and hopefully obtain a graduate degree, this scholarship is invaluable. I am also grateful for the generous monetary award; my sister will be looking to go to college soon. This scholarship will help alleviate my family's financial stress and hopefully inspire my sister to consider what she wants to do after high school. Throughout my time at UC Davis, I hope to participate in local volunteering and intern at the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute, among other things, in hopes of contributing to the campus' infrastructure and research. Just as I will receive guidance from the vast alumni network during my time as an undergraduate and SAA member, I hope to provide the same upon graduation and after. Once again, I am forever grateful to the Shimomura-Quon Family for the award and opportunity they have provided. This scholarship means so much to me, and I hope to thank you all in person in the future.

Jackie Liang

San Francisco, CA

Molecular and Medical Microbiology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Jackie Liang, and I am from San Francisco, California. Educating myself about the perspectives of others has been something that I've been interested in throughout high school, especially because of the diverse community that I grew up in. After engaging in a number of rewarding activities in the past, such as serving as an officer of my school's math, dental, and baking clubs, teaching

English to young immigrants, and assisting with after-school and summer youth programs, I've realized that each of these opportunities gave me a chance to learn and grow.

At UC Davis, I intend to study the minuscule yet vast world of microbiology. Through studying intriguing organisms such as fungus and bacteria, it would allow me to succeed one day in a career in dentistry, especially in regards to different types of tooth plaque, gum infections, etc. I can't wait to immerse myself into the stunning campus of UC Davis while also receiving a world-class education at the country's most environmentally friendly institution.

Winning this scholarship has not only been an exciting moment for me, but it is also a source of motivation that pushes me to further explore my potential as a student. Scholarships serve as a constant reminder to me that I'm not alone when paying for my college education. By receiving this scholarship, I know that there are countless people who are here to support me, and I could not thank them more. Through the support of this scholarship, I will dive into what I love learning most freely without financial burdens.

The CAAA's generosity and kindness is something I will never forget, as I plan to give back to UC Davis as much as I can these next four years and beyond. Through my participation in many of the institution's volunteer opportunities, such as working on cleanup projects in the Arboretum and joining a volunteer team at the UC Davis Medical Center, I will not only make UC Davis a better place, but I will also have the chance to develop personally through these experiences.

Esperanza Luna

Los Angeles, CA

Wildlife Fish Conservation Biology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Before attending UC Davis, I was a Student Ambassador. This helped me break out of my shell. I was very shy and did not know how to ask questions let alone ask for help. I learned how to branch out and be able to help other students as well.

I want to give back to Davis by being involved as much as I can. I want to create a positive impact. I hope to be there for people when they need me and spread as much kindness as possible. Navigating around the college is tough. People are coming from various backgrounds.

Kasey Lynd

Lake Forest, CA

Animal Science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Kasey Lynd. I am from Southern California in the Orange Country Area. I have had various leadership roles whether that just be in a classroom setting or on a team. Being a captain for my cross country and track team all throughout my high school experience shaped who I am as a person and has pushed me to grow and reach outside my comfort zone in order to become a positive example to others. I am so thankful for my experiences on that team and my ability to adapt and change as a leader. I am very interested/passionate about animals. Ever since I was little, I have always loved them and always wanted to be around them in any way possible. That is why I intend to study animal science at UC Davis and hope to attend the UC Davis Vet school after graduation. I am looking forward for more opportunities to better myself and to learn from others as well as to influence others to also become better versions of themselves. I chose UC Davis because of the welcoming environment and because I saw it as a place where I can fully be comfortable being myself and I saw it as somewhere I truly feel like I belong.

Winning this scholarship means so much to me. I am very thankful for this opportunity and feel my heart full of gratitude and love for this community already. This award is going to support my education immensely. I am going to use this as motivation to continue being a great student and leader on campus at Davis. I hope to pay it forward by pushing myself to continue stepping outside of my comfort zone and not relying on what feels safe and "easy." In doing so, I hope I can become a more confident version of myself and a light to other students that I will be blessed to meet and get to know.

Jeet Majumdar

Pleasanton, CA

Biological Sciences

Tom and Meg Stallard CAAA Scholarship

My name is Jeet Majumdar and I am an incoming freshman from Pleasanton, California. Some of my interests include playing soccer, going to the gym, and learning about cars. Prior to UC Davis, I have had leadership experience as the soccer captain for my recreational and competitive teams. In addition, I have held various leadership positions throughout my time as a Boy Scout. Some of these positions include Den Chief and Troop Guide which involved guiding younger scouts who are new to the troop and aiding Cub Scouts who may become Boy Scouts in the future. I intend to major in Biology and minor in Computer Science and use this degree to work in a job which involves programming but with relation to biology. I am still unsure of what career I exactly want to pursue but hopefully my time at UC Davis can help me figure out what I truly want to do. I look forward to meeting new people and starting a new chapter of my life at UC Davis. Personally, I chose UC Davis because of their strong biology program which consists of exceptional professors who can provide me with a great education. I also liked the "college town" atmosphere along with the fact that students at Davis seemed very easy going and approachable.

Thank you for selecting me as one of the winners of this scholarship. This scholarship means a lot to me as it will aid with paying for my tuition and will fund my path to discovering the career in which I will pursue in the future. This award will allow me to focus more on studying and excelling in school. It is a great help to my parents who are also aiding me in paying for my tuition. I hope to pay it forward by helping my fellow students at UC Davis through aiding others in studying for classes or helping others who seem to be in need.

Cara Mann

West Sacramento, CA

Computer Science & Engineering

Mary Bigelow Horton Scholarship & CAAA Yolo Regional Scholarship

My name is Cara Mann and I am from West Sacramento. I have always been a part of programs sponsored or supported by UC Davis, such as CSTEM and it made me want to be a part of the university as well. I want to apply knowledge in computer science and technology to medicine and hopefully be at the front of new innovations for neurosurgery.

Winning this scholarship brings me one step closer to my goal of graduating without student debt. This will allow me to focus on finding new innovations for medical fields, as well as help others within my community as well. I hope to pay it forward by continuing my participation in organizations that give back to communities not only locally but internationally as well.

Nathan Marotti

San Jose, CA

Electrical Engineering

William Karl Schwarze Trust CAAA Scholarship

My name is Nathan Marotti and I will be majoring in electrical engineering at UC Davis. Although I was born in Massachusetts, I happened to be raised in three other states. I spent my elementary years engulfed in the hot sun of Arizona before moving to the frigid state of Wisconsin to finish my middle school years. Eventually, however, I would settle in California to take on the many challenges high school would introduce. In the last four years, I discovered a passion for two major things that would alter the course of my life – the first of which being tennis. Originally starting out on junior varsity during my freshman year, I would never foresee tennis being the ultimate catalyst for my social and leadership development. After spending countless hours in and out of school practicing, I would see myself become team captain during my senior year, even winning the Senior of the Year Award upon the season's conclusion. The second major thing I developed a passion for was electrical engineering.

After taking a variety of vocational engineering courses, the satisfaction of completing circuits and mapping out electrical components captivated my interest. For the better part of the last three years, I have aspired to become a successful electrical engineer, but I could only dream of attending a university such as UC Davis to help me along my journey. I chose to attend UC Davis not only because of its academic prestige, but also because of its exceptionally welcoming environment. Being an Aggie is something I find to be honorable, and I simply can not wait to meet the many others attending UC Davis.

Winning this scholarship means a lot to me, especially given how expensive attending a four year university can be. In addition, it is rewards such as this that help keep me academically driven. In some ways, it demonstrates that hard work does pay off, thus keeping me motivated to put the best academic version of myself forward. This scholarship will also help me in regards to my general education because of the leniency it grants me. Rather than putting some money toward tuition, I can spend this money on school supplies, textbooks, supportive technology, and much more. What I find to be most important, however, is how I will pay this act forward and contribute back to UC Davis. Not only will I work on putting the best version of myself forward, but I will seek to take advantage of everything this scholarship provides me with. This includes things such as networking, communicating with other new students, attending special events, and even assisting in planning events for the school. All in all, it is rewards such as this that help to keep me motivated, and I will certainly take advantage of the opportunities this scholarship provides me while seeking to pay it forward along the way.

Angie Martinez

Woodland, CA

International Relations

Mary Bigelow Horton Scholarship

I feel especially honored to be the recipient of a UC Davis scholarship as I have grown up in the area and feel especially connected to the campus. I attended community college locally as well in Woodland where there is a great number of UC Davis Alumni. At Woodland Community College, I served as the Vice President of ASWCC and was a student employee at the Student Success Center. I look forward to applying and expanding my skillset at UC Davis within such a unique community.

Attending college has always been my number one priority but as a student who is paying for their education, I knew my path might look different than others. I attended community college for 2 years to lessen my financial burden and applied to scholarships tirelessly. Being awarded this scholarship means that I am closer to graduating with little to no debt. Aside from alleviating my financial burden, I am also honored to be part of the alumni network which I hope to learn and take guidance from.

Jared Martinez Gonzalez

American Canyon, CA

Computer Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am an ambitious first-generation Mexican-American computer science major. I have lived in the bay area my whole life and hope to give back to it after college using my degree. I can't wait to finally attend Davis and leave my mark on it!

Winning the UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship has meant so much to me. First and most importantly, this scholarship is giving me the financial assistance I need dearly since I come from a low-income household and neighborhood. It is also a boost to my confidence as a student and a leader. Giving me the push I need to reach for my goals.

Sania E Fathima Mir

San Jose, CA

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Dina Morsy

Danville, CA

Molecular and Medical Microbiology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & William Karl Schwarze Trust CAAA Scholarship

My name is Dina Morsy. I was born and raised in California but I am Egyptian with both my parents being immigrants to the United States. I enjoy nature, going on adventures, exploring the world, studying different cultures, reading, playing Squash, exercising, listening to music, poetry, and cooking. I also love to spend time with family, friends, and take care of animals. I always try to have a positive outlook on life and constantly work to transform the challenges and hardships in my life into opportunities to make the world a better place. Prior to UC Davis, I started an Anti Bullying Club at my high school, started a social media page that stands against prejudice and racism while promoting peace and positivity, and was a biochemistry teacher for elementary schoolers in 2021. At UC Davis, I intend to study Molecular and Medical Microbiology with the intention of attending medical school after graduation in hope of becoming a doctor in pediatrics specializing in genetics and autoimmune diseases.

I am looking forward to meeting new people, living in a new town, starting a new life, and studying at UC Davis. I chose UC Davis because of the countless opportunities and resources available in the college of biological sciences and the excellent programs available to prepare me for medical school and my future.

To me, getting this scholarship means more than just money. I am beyond grateful to have received this award. It gives my education a sense of purpose and sparks encouragement for me to become academically successful. It gives me drive and increases my grit to work hard to lead and help others throughout my journey in college, graduate school, and the medical field. This award will support my education by providing me with countless resources and opportunities that will help me reach my goal of attending medical school and becoming a doctor. Additionally, receiving this award drives me to continue being a leader for others as I am very passionate about impacting people's lives in a positive way and making a difference in the world. I plan to use all the opportunities this award will open up for me to enhance my skills as a leader, continue learning more about how I can utilize leadership to help others, and how I can make a positive difference in people's lives. I plan to pay this award forward by serving the community, volunteering, and joining the alumni association myself one day to help students like myself succeed, reach their goals, and make their own positive impact in the world. I am determined to make future students feel the same gratitude I feel for receiving this award and studying at UC Davis.

Julia Navarro

Martinez, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Hello! My name is Julia Navarro and I am from Martinez, California. I love anything with a bit of thrill involved including skydiving, scuba diving, or bungee jumping. During the summer I work as the head manager of my local pool and am responsible for coordinating activities, teaching classes, running staff trainings, scheduling, etc. I am currently studying psychology, upon graduation I hope to continue my education with law school. I chose UC Davis because I love the community and the welcoming atmosphere and I can't wait to further my education here!

I am so excited to have won this scholarship because it shows me that UC Davis donors support me and that I have a community standing behind me and rooting for my success. This scholarship is furthering my education because it is allowing me the opportunity to focus on my studies rather than be concerned about how I will afford them. A regret of mine was not immediately going from high school to UC Davis out of fear of not being able to afford college. For this reason I intend on using social media to 'pay it forward' and help students in my position realize that through scholarships like this one attending a four year straight out of high school is possible.

Julienne Nebrida

Torrance, CA

Undeclared-Humanities

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I am a first generation Filipina American from Torrance, California. Before coming to UC Davis, I was co-captain of my high school's Academic Decathlon team and a member of various volunteer clubs. As an incoming freshman student, I can't wait to become a part of such a robust campus environment. It is my goal to be able to contribute my talents to the Davis community as well as further explore my options for the future.

Receiving this scholarship is such an honor! I'm very grateful to the CAAA for lifting some of my family's financial burden and supporting me in my educational pursuits. I hope I can repay your generosity by maintaining good academic standing and playing an active role on campus.

Lizania Nino Ruiz

Hercules, CA

Psychology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Familia Ruedas Scholarship

I'm from a small town called Hercules, a first-generation college student with immigrant parents. At UC Davis I plan to major in psychology with a biology emphasis. My interest in psychology started as a way to understand myself and others better. As a kid, I also struggled with my mental health and didn't understand it. These topics were taboo in my family. My goal is to make the topic of mental health and its detrimental effects known to families and the youth throughout my career.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to be able to grow in my education and especially grateful that I will be closer to my goals thanks to you! Having this scholarship is just an opportunity for me to continue to pursue my goals without the worry that I might not be able to continue due to financial restrictions. I will continue to work hard and pay this forward by helping my community with the education I have obtained here at UC Davis.

Anya Nygaard

Laguna Niguel, CA

Environmental Science and Management

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Leonard A. Ross CAAA Endowed Scholarship

I have forever admired Earth's environments, ecosystems, and biodiversity. Thus, imagine my excitement when I learned that I could make my passion into my life's work as an Environmental Science and Management major. In high school, I loved taking a Marine Science class in junior year and an online COSMOS class hosted by UC Davis the following summer on sustainable farming methods. Through these first educational experiences in my favorite area of STEM, my eyes were opened to what the future could be.

Meanwhile, I was juggling my many other interests. I challenged myself to participate in 10 plays and musicals throughout high school in my school's theatre program. There, I rose to the ranks of both cast and crew, alternating my work onstage and backstage to create productions much larger than myself. I made friends who accepted me after I came out as queer, I battled through grueling auditions, and I learned how to effectively communicate with large teams of differing people. I also realized the deficiency of my school not having a tutoring program for the Spanish language, thus I pulled together an online tutoring program when struggling students needed it most during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

By studying environmental science, I could learn more about the world I love and its workings, while also learning how to communicate about science and sustainability to others. I'm most excited to explore the campus and town, and to make friends across all of my interests. I chose UC Davis over other top-ranking schools because UC Davis offers me all of the opportunities I could dream up, and more. Most of all, however, I feel like I can find a home for myself here.

I have been applying for scholarships because there is a yearly \$10,000 gap between my savings for college and the cost of attending UC Davis, my dream school. Here, there are the most opportunities for me to focus on my many passions: I will be majoring in Environmental Science and Management, living in the dorms for the Music, Arts and Performance shared-interest community, and furthering my involvement in LGBTQ+ activism. However, the gap that remains in my savings for attending this wonderful school adds up to \$40,000 dollars, which I need to come up with.

Winning this scholarship has at last relieved some of this concern. I am honored to receive it from the Alumni Association, and am humbled by the invitation to the Association and its events. I hope to give back to UC Davis that which it has given me - a bright vision of what my future could hold. Although I can't tell exactly how my years here will go, I am sure that the next four years will find me thriving in this wonderful community, finding ways to give back that I couldn't dream of now. I hope to become a role model and a leader in campus organizations, providing a sense of community for future Davis students.

Caitlin O'Flynn

Santa Barbara, CA

undeclared lifescience

Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship

Hello my name is Caitlin O'Flynn and I am from Santa Barbara California. My interests are paddle boarding, hiking, snowboarding, surfing, and backpacking. Some of my leadership experiences include being a board member of a local nonprofit called the Keiki Paddle. For the past three years I helped to organize a paddle event to raise money for a child with a medical condition. I was the club president of Direct Relief Club at my high school where I spearheaded fundraisers, coordinated meetings, and recruited more club members. I was also the treasure of RFAST club (resource family assistance support team). This club creates a community for foster families by organizing get togethers. As treasurer I oversaw the budget and allocated funds to each event.

I am currently an Undeclared Life Science major. This school year I hope to find an area of biology that interests me the most and declare my major. One of my main reasons for choosing UC Davis is for their groundbreaking research and strong academics in the sciences. I intend on taking part in some of this research as an undergraduate. Someday I would like to pursue a career as either a biomedical researcher or a physician assistant. I look forward to exploring clubs and taking on more leadership positions in my next four years at UC Davis.

Thank you so much for the scholarship! As a STEM major at UC Davis I will be very busy with my course load as well as extracurriculars. This scholarship will take some of the financial stress off of me thus allowing me to focus on my course load and not have to get a job. This scholarship will help to reduce my stress since going to college is already a huge change, not to mention the additional stress from classes, social life, and change in habits. With this scholarship I will potentially have the opportunity to take part in undergraduate research instead of focusing on working during the school year to pay for my tuition. Doing research has been a goal of mine since my sophomore year of high school and this scholarship will help aid me in achieving this goal. Thank you again for this scholarship. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to continuing my education in the fall.

Dideoluwa Ogunwale

Elk Grove, CA

Genetics and Genomics

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Makley Family Scholarship

I'm Dideoluwa and I'm originally from Lagos, Nigeria. I moved to California in 2014 and it's been my home since then. I enjoy reading books and manhwas. In my free time, you can catch me playing my guitar, spending hours sewing, or writing short stories.

I've had numerous leadership positions in high school, involving myself as an active member of the Associated Student Body as the senior class treasurer and a spirit commissioner. I also was a part of multiple student organizations as the Co-Chair of the Student Equity Counsel and a Link Crew Leader.

While being involved in those organizations, I was involved in multiple clubs including being president of the Plastics club, an environmental club, and president of the STEM Fair Club, a club that put on a science fair to encourage the participation of underrepresented minorities.

I was heavily involved in my high school and extended community and I hope to be just as involved at UC Davis. I'm currently a Genetics and Genomics major in the College of Biological Sciences and I hope to either become a researcher or get into medical school to become a surgeon. I'm looking forward to joining the UC Davis community and meeting new people.

Thank you for your generous donation. I was very happy to learn that I was selected as a recipient of your scholarship and am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am a Genetics and Genomics major in the College of Biological Sciences and I plan to minor in bioinformatics. I plan to pursue a career in research or go on to medical school upon graduating from UC Davis. I am currently in the Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program and plan to graduate in 4 years. The financial assistance you provided will help me pay for my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time on studying and enjoying my undergraduate experience. Thanks to your donation, I am one step closer to achieving my goal of going to medical school.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to others in the UC Davis community through volunteering and actively participating on campus

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

Dideoluwa Ogunwale

Travis Orem

Castro Valley, CA

Communications

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & John W. Fearn and Anne M. Fearn CAAA Scholarship

Hi there, my name is Travis Orem and I'm a Communications major. I was born in Virginia but was raised by my mom in the bay area. I am very athletic and love to be in social settings. I graduated with a 4.5, captain of both my swim and waterpolo team, and actively participated in 5 clubs for the 4 years of high school. During that time I was also freshman and sophomore vice president. My last 2 years I was also

involved in my leadership class as administrative assistant. My goal and reason for why I joined Davis was the opportunities that I am going to be exposed to through the campus. My goal for UC Davis is to be able to work for a large well known company as a marketer or any position where I am able to communicate with others. As an EOP student I participated in STEP (a 6 week preparatory program) which truly allowed me to fall in love with the campus. Not only do I love the large size of the campus. I love the people inside of it as well. Moving from the fast paced Bay Area to Davis was a happy change for me. Now when I walk down the streets I see a lot of positivity and welcomingness on campus. I am very excited to explore even more of Davis for the next 4 years as an Aggie Alumni Association Scholarship award receiver.

To whom it may concern, I truly want to say thank you for this award. Any and all money that can be used to help me fund my schooling is another way that I am able to stay at UC Davis. I grew up with a single mother who showed me that working hard was the only way to get what you wanted in life. And being an only child meant a lot of time to myself and studying to put me where I am at today. This award is another way that the financial burden of paying for school is going to be lifted off my shoulders. This award is going to be going towards my tuition and housing, which has been a big stress factor on me and my mom. I am hoping to pay this act forward by giving UC Davis all of me. I am a very enthusiastic, outgoing and driven person and I am hoping that my drive and determination will help me leave the campus as a better place than when I arrived. I am planning on joining as many clubs as I can and volunteering my time here at Davis. As well as visiting and taking advantage of as many of the cultural and academic centers that are on store on campus. Once again thank you for this great opportunity you are allowing me to receive here at UC Davis.

Ofelia Ortiz

Fairfield, CA
Animal Science
CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

Hello! My name is Ofelia Ortiz, and I am from Fairfield, CA.

I had and continue to have leadership experience within the Solano Youth Coalition (SYC). SYC strives to raise awareness by advocating safe and healthier choices in communities through open conversations, participation, and collaboration among a new generation. I am a Junior Advisor and Committee Lead for the Family Justice Committee (FJC) within SYC. FJC is a youth lead awareness committee geared toward promoting healthy relationships.

Prior to UC Davis, I was a Solano Community College student studying General Science and Biology. As a transfer student at UC Davis, I intend to study Animal Science.

Upon graduation, I plan on entering the veterinary program at UC Davis, as my professional ambition is to become a Veterinarian. I have aspired to become a Veterinarian from an early age, as I have an interest in animals and providing them with aid.

I have chosen UC Davis as the school to complete my educational goals as it has a valuable veterinary program and excellent opportunities for students in my field. Throughout the years, UC Davis has always appeared to be the most impactful and reasonable school when seeking school options for my professional ambition of becoming a Veterinarian.

I look forward to this advancement in my professional ambition. UC Davis has been my dream school for as long as I can remember and attending UC Davis as an Animal Science major student makes me feel as if I am one step closer to accomplishing my professional ambition.

Dear Scholarship Donors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship. I am very honored to be a recipient of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship of \$1,000.

By being awarded \$1,000 my education expenses will be reduced by \$333 every quarter, this school year. To put into perspective how helpful this award will be I would like to detail the fees that this award will help me cover for this quarter, the Fall quarter. Vtally, my award will completely cover 3 out of 7 of my fees this quarter. For this quarter, the \$333 will cover the cost of my Equitable Access fee of \$169, my Document fee of \$150, my UC Student Association fee of \$3, and allow me to reduce \$11 from another fee.

Winning this scholarship is significant to me for various reasons. For instance, as I stated it will help me cover my quarter fees to a large extent, secondly, my extracurricular and community activities were recognized as valuable, and thirdly, it reminds me that there are individuals that sincerely want to help others advance in life without anything in return.

I will continue to give back by continuing to participate in community activities that will make my community a safer and healthier place for individuals. I look forward to expanding my community involvement to UC Davis.

Thank you once again, as your donation is an investment in my future that will support me in my professional ambition of becoming a Veterinarian. I will continue to help others advance in life as you all did for me.

Sincerely,

Ofelia Ortiz

Logan Oscarson

Minneapolis, MN

Computer Sciences

Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship

Hello, my name is Logan Oscarson. I am an out-of-state student from the Twin Cities in Minnesota and am super excited to move to UC Davis. I was an active member of the marching band and the robotics team in high school, and I am looking to join some similar groups at Davis. In both marching band and robotics, I held a leadership position. I was a rank lieutenant and section leader in the marching band. As a rank lieutenant, I taught new members how to march and planned and executed the marching drills. As a section leader, I taught the trombone section their music and facilitated our communications with other sections. In the leadership role I held in robotics, as the head of our strategy team, I created most of the infrastructure for our data analysis tools and taught our team how to utilize them properly. I also guided the drive team and coordinated the team's schedule during competitions. I am currently enrolled as a computer science major and plan on getting a minor in music. I hope to use this degree to get a job somewhere around Sacramento or the Bay Area, where they would pay for my continued education in a master's program. Wanting to work in California is a large part of why I choose Davis. Compared to my local colleges, they are a better-ranked school overall but also have significantly more opportunities for jobs on the West Coast.

First off, I would like to thank the CAAA and its members. This award means a lot to me, both in facilitating my college education and as a signal. It signals that my leadership is impactful beyond a high school setting. My leadership roles were fulfilling and valuable as far as I could tell in high school, but it can be hard to tell how significant it is outside that small bubble. To have my leadership recognized by an organization like the CAAA is a tremendous honor. The award is also meaningful for my education. Attending UC Davis will cost significantly more than the average in-state student as an out-of-state student. Getting scholarships like the CAAA leadership scholarship helps reduce the stress and strain of private loans to pay for my education. I hope to pay back the CAAA and UC Davis by being an active member of both communities. I plan on participating in SAA activities and helping out where I can in the group. I can already vouch for how impactful alums can be for students, as I reached out to Davis alums earlier this summer for potential financial resources. I hope that I can also be a resource for those who need it by the time I graduate.

Katherine Panaligan

Daly City, CA

English

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Marian Loe Huhn CAAA Scholarship

My name is Katherine. I'm a transfer student from the SF Bay Area who will be entering as an English major at UC Davis. So far prior to UC Davis, I have not had much traditional leadership experience, but I have practiced leadership in my own respects. For the past few years, I have worked independently as an artist and webcomic creator, through which I have gained insight into how I can take personal steps towards positively impacting those around me, which I believe is a major part of leadership. Through this, I have learned to use my passions for art and writing to create something which I hope will carry a message of hope and imagination in the face of adversity. In the grand scheme of things, it's barely a drop in the ocean, but creating my series and connecting with readers has taught me to use my work to

act as a leader by uplifting others and advocating for the future I wish to see, which I want to continue doing in whatever ways I can. One reason I chose UC Davis was because the school's overall environment is one of the most appealing of the schools I considered, one which I believe will be comfortable yet stimulating for me to focus on my learning and growth. After graduation, my ultimate hope is to pursue a career as writer, though I also am aiming towards possible work in education, editing, or publishing, as well as continuing my independent work as an artist. I am looking forward to practicing independence and continuing to grow as a student and as a person.

I am very grateful for being awarded this scholarship. My education has always been extremely important to me and is a resource I value greatly both for the opportunities it opens up and for the learning itself. As a first-generation student whose family, though not necessarily poor, could certainly not afford college without financial aid, any help to cover expenses is greatly appreciated. I hope to do well by this support at UC Davis by continuously trying my best in my education and by connecting with and helping those around me in the school community.

Atmaja Patil

San Jose, CA

Biotechnology

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

I'm Atmaja and I'm from the Bay Area, California. During my time in high school, I invested in my passions by participating in competitive Speech, performing at Indian culture shows, and organizing campus cultural events. These experiences have taught me lots about humility, leadership, and being a team player, and I will keep those lessons in mind as I come to UC Davis in the fall! I will be majoring in biotechnology, hoping to work with medical biotechnologies and medical devices upon graduation. At UC Davis, I look forward to being in a positive learning environment, surrounded by innovation and new ideas!

This scholarship provides me the space to potentially invest in additional programs such as study abroad, or my own impact project. It broadens my horizons for what I can pursue in college and I greatly appreciate it. I am all the more motivated to use my time at UC Davis to the best of my ability and am incredibly grateful for this scholarship. Thank you!

Ya Phoo

Gardena, CA

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behaviour

Stegura-Vanden Bos Family Scholarship

I am a first-generation immigrant from an underdeveloped country, Myanmar. I did not get a chance to study my interest in my country due to the poor education system and economy. After immigration, the universities in the United States do not acknowledge having my first bachelor's degree from another country and do not accept me as a student. However, UC Davis gave me an exceptional opportunity to pursue my goal of becoming a physician, and I am incredibly grateful for it. I have served as a student representative, Vice President of the international student club, Team Leader for students in Onizuka Space Science Day, and head of the immigrant family. I will study as an NPB major at UC Davis while pursuing my interest in community service, health care jobs, and internships.

I look forward to being a part of undergraduate research, joining clubs to make new friends, contributing to community service as a leader, and preparing for medical school applications. I believe that UC Davis can help me grow in knowledge, and the mindset of being open-minded, make new friends by supporting each other and accomplish my educational and career goals.

Not only can I continue my education, but it also gives me a sense of confidence that I can accomplish goals. It motivates me to keep trying for my career goals for my future. I always thank the people who helped me achieve my goals, especially for financial help since I am a low-income, first-generation student. I can be stressed free to attend a university without worrying about the financial burden.s scholarship will help me by supporting me in networking, giving me great opportunities, and allowing me to motivate my peers. This award will remove my financial burden and make my education pathway easier. I will have more personal free time at UC Davis as this award is helping me with my tuition fees and expenses. So, I can contribute to the UC Davis community by donating my time and helping people with needs. I want to contribute to the community by taking leadership roles. Finally, I would like to thank my donor for this scholarship for giving me this excellent opportunity to achieve my education and career goal.

Aidan Rafols

Olathe, KS

Wildlife Fish and Conservation Biology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Charlie and Janie Soderquist CAAA Scholarship

My name is Aidan Rafols and I'm from Olathe, Kansas. I came all the way out to California to study Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology in hopes to one day become a Wildlife Biologist. In high school I had many chances to take charge of leadership opportunities. I became the dive captain for my school and took us to state for four years in a row and I also became a peer mentor to students with disabilities. I was also vocal in my student body, being an avid member of NHS and even being chosen as one of two commencement speakers for my graduating class. At UC Davis I'm most excited to become a part of the brilliant and internationally acclaimed College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences while also getting the chance to ride my bike everywhere around town.

Thank you for giving the what you could. As times get harder and wages get lower it's harder and harder for kids in my generation to go to a good college without putting themselves under mountains of debt.

Anything that helps is a little weight taken off our shoulders and for that, thank you for making this part of my journey easier on me and my family.

Lorena Ramos

Sacramento, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am proudly from South Sacramento. At UC Davis, I will pursue a degree in psychology and a minor in Chicana/o Studies. I hope to gain valuable knowledge and experience to help me achieve my future aspirations in higher education and my career. After graduating from UC Davis, I plan to pursue my master's in counseling to fulfill my goal of becoming an academic counselor. I want to help more first-generation and historically underrepresented students pursue higher education. My direct experience working and volunteering with students at my community college and local library inspired me to seek a career in education. I am excited to begin this new journey and become an active student on campus.

I want to thank the donors for their generosity. I am sincerely grateful to receive the Aggie Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship. This award will support my education by helping me with housing expenses. Thank you for supporting students like me.

Alexandra Reed

Torrance, CA

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Roselyn Renoj

San Rafael, CA

Undeclared

Brandon and Julie Smith CAAA Scholarship & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Hello, I am Roselyn and I am a first-generation student going into my first year at UC Davis. I enjoy listening to a variety of different genres of music, exploring new places, running, and exploring my creativeness through ceramics. At the moment I am undeclared but I plan to further explore my interest

in chemical engineering and I hope to see the variety of majors that UC Davis has to offer. I am excited to be moving into Davis and discovering a major that I'm passionate about as well as joining clubs and making new friends.

First of all, thank you so much to all the donors and everyone else who made this possible. I am honored to be receiving this award. As a first-generation student coming from a Hispanic family my parents always wanted the best future for me and were there to support me to always do my best to strive for a better future. Being able to receive this award is a blessing to me because I can be able to focus on my academics which are important to me without having to worry a lot about financial matters. Since the beginning of high school, I achieved the goals I had set up for myself. But have always thought that it was never enough and that I had to try harder. So knowing that I have been given this opportunity is the validation I have been hoping to get one day and it tells me that I am heading on the correct path and to keep going and that everything is worth it. Once again thank you to the donors and everyone for this wonderful opportunity for me to keep going after my dreams.

Christian Rico

Daly City, CA

Psychology

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

My name is Christian Rico and I am from San Francisco, California. My interests are playing sports, cinematography, and artistic work like editing photos/videos. Leadership experience that I had before UC Davis was that I volunteered at Skyline College at the Spark Point Office and Dream Center where I was helping out students with homework, giving food to the elderly, restocked the shelves in the pantry with new food, and helping out in the office. At one point, I was giving the food to people by myself and restocking so I had full control of the pantry. I intend to study Psychology at UC Davis to get a Master's Degree and hopefully become a therapist or a school counselor when I graduate. I'm looking forward to having a real college experience on campus because, during my two years of community college, I only took online classes because of Covid and never took physical classes. I choose UC Davis because I loved the campus atmosphere when I visited there back in high school along and it was always my dream school to go to UC Davis.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity for this scholarship and for helping many students fund our education. I'm very excited to go to UC Davis and to hopefully get this scholarship to help with financial support. Winning this scholarship means to me that I have gained financial support and stability going to a university. This award will help support my education because it allows me to focus on school and work without having the stress of paying for huge amounts of school funds. I hope to pay it forward and continue to give back to UC Davis by graduating on time, passing all my classes, and hopefully receiving my Masters's Degree from UC Davis.

Ariana Rivera

Napa, CA

Biological Sciences

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship

My name is Ariana, and I was born and raised in Napa, CA. Ever since I was young, I have seen my younger brother's trials and tribulations with his health. My most significant memory was his Heart Surgery. During this time, I saw the compassion and reassurance the nurses and doctors showed to my family, and from there on, I, too, wanted to have the opportunity to bring the same relief and kindness to others. Since then, I have been on the path to becoming a Gynecologist. While attending Napa Valley College, I was (and still am) heavily involved in the Kaiser Medical Scholars Program. This program is a comprehensive partnership between Napa Valley College and Kaiser Permanente Northern California, to improve the pool of underrepresented students interested in pursuing a healthcare career. With KMSP, I had the opportunity to demonstrate that I can be an exceptional Peer Advisor. I strived to teach future cohorts through my actions by teaching them how to manage their time effectively, navigate their way through their studies, and communicate adequately. I also demonstrated that I am a strong communicator by answering promptly to colleagues and facilitating health-based sessions at Mare Island Academy, allowing the program to effectively convey its message or goal to other colleagues, students, or the general public. Being a Peer Advisor with KMSP has helped me gain community health research, leadership, and professional development opportunities through participation in their Leadership Forums. As a newly admitted Aggie, I look forward to UC Davis's endless opportunities. I cannot wait to start school as a Biological Sciences student and hop into the active campus life it offers. UC Davis is a community of diversity, and I look forward to broadening my horizons and hope to learn a thing or two from its community.

With the generous support of donors, they alleviate a bit of financial stress students may have while pursuing their dreams. It is saddening to hear how some students face issues like debt or drop out altogether due to financial problems. To all the donors who make this possible, I say thank you. Because of your generosity, you help fund the dreams of students like me. I am blessed and appreciative that I was considered and awarded a scholarship. All the funds I will be receiving will go all toward my education and is definitely of much help. Words will never be able to describe how appreciative I am. Again, thank you. In the future, I also hope to also provide smiles to prospective students coming to Davis. I believe everyone deserves the right to gain an education.

Natisha Rivera

Oroville, CA

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

Emi Romero

Chino, CA

Neurobiology Physiology and behavior

Ed Spafford Scholarship

What I am looking forward to the most about being a UC Davis student is having the flexibility of taking classes and subjects that I desire to learn about and that will better my future.

I am beyond thankful for this scholarship and not only is the money going toward my future but it is greatly appreciated as other expenses, such as medical bills can be hard to balance.

Melissa Rosowsky

Williston, VT

Physics (astrophysics)

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

My name is Melissa Rosowsky and I'm from Burlington, Vermont! My family moved to Manhattan, Kansas last summer, but I made the difficult decision to stay in Vermont with family friends to finish high school. This decision allowed me to take on several leadership positions in my hometown. I was captain of my varsity tennis team, where I coordinated team dinners and captain-run practices, made posters and cheered for my teammates, and became a line of communication between my team and coaches. I was concertmaster of my youth orchestra, where I was responsible for cueing my violin section in, answering questions about fingerings and bowings, and tuning the orchestra. I also co-ran the astronomy club and A Capella club at my high school, where I was able to collaborate with other leaders and members to arrange practice times and manage meetings. At UC Davis, I look forward to expanding on my love of astronomy and math by pursuing a degree in physics with a specialization in astrophysics. Upon graduation, I would love to become a part of a research team, publish papers, and share valuable astronomical discoveries with the world. I chose UC Davis for its academic prestige, school community, wide variety of opportunities in music, athletics, academic, and socialization, and beautiful campus setting. I knew that UC Davis could provide me with everything I was looking for in a college experience and more. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to play tennis at weekly tennis club hit-arounds, audition for the symphony orchestra, study a subject I've been passionate about since I was in kindergarten and dreamed of being an astronaut, and study in an amazing location. UC Davis's proximity to the beach and the ski mountains while being nestled in a perfect small town checked every box.

I am so honored to have been selected for this award. Being a leader has guided me through every part of my life and I can't wait to continue my leadership journey at UC Davis. I can't thank you enough for

your generosity. I am a person who truly loves to learn, and UC Davis will provide me with an encouraging environment to nurture this passion. The wide variety of classes will allow me to explore other areas of interest outside of my major in physics that I've developed, such as geology, linguistics, and music theory. Your contribution will not only assist my family and I in financially supporting my academic endeavors, but will also motivate me to continue my involvement in leadership and extracurriculars. I love to plan and organize, and the Student Alumni Association seems like a perfect fit for me as I move into the next chapter of my life at UC Davis. Networking with alumni is an excellent way to open doors and create new opportunities, especially because the field I am entering, astrophysics, is a tight knit community of incredible and inspiring people. I am so grateful for the ability to connect with more people often with my SAA membership and award. I look forward to "paying it forward" by using my leadership skills to encourage others to develop theirs and plan events to bring the UC Davis community together. Once again, thank you so much for your contribution to my education and experience, and I look forward to expanding upon my leadership abilities in all that I do at UC Davis. This award is a motivating extra push for me, and I am thrilled to have been selected.

Theodore Rybnicek

Santa Barbara, CA
 Computer Engineering
 CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

My hometown is Santa Barbara, CA and my interests include surfing, beach volleyball, and computers. I intend to study computer engineering at UC Davis with hopes of continuing on for graduate school and eventually a career in computer components or virtual reality. I chose UC Davis for the computer engineering major, the spacious campus, the numerous recreation opportunities, and the nice feel of the city of Davis that I experienced during a summer visit.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you very much for awarding me this scholarship. Knowing that my academic and leadership efforts are recognized encourages me to continue on the path of academic excellence and leadership. Receiving this scholarship eases the financial stress on both myself and my family allowing me to focus on my studies and engage fully in my new environment.

Sincerely,

Theodore Rybnicek

Ali Salihue

San Jose, CA

Molecular and Medical Microbiology
Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am Ali Salihue. My major is Molecular and Medical Microbiology. My academic and career interests began when I read books discussing the everyday activities of different organs that take place within our bodies. Throughout my time in college before accepting admission to UC Davis, I became increasingly interested in looking at the molecular/cellular structures that are found inside of our bodies. I look forward to applying that knowledge towards contributing to the groundbreaking advancements in the field of biomedical research and vaccine development. Outside of this, I like to go for walks in the morning, exercise, play basketball, and watch movies. I am a big Marvel Cinematic Universe fan and I enjoy watching Avengers movies and the Guardians of the Galaxy movies. Prior to the pandemic, I was a swim instructor at the YMCA of Silicon Valley for more than two years, and a lifeguard for over a year. As a swim instructor, my job was to teach various skills ranging from water safety skills to the four competitive strokes to different age levels. I also meticulously tracked their progress to evaluate their eligibility to advance to the next level, based on what skills were mastered and what skills needed improvement. As a lifeguard, I was tasked to enforce safety rules, perform tests to ensure a clean pool, and attend monthly in-service training.

Dear CAAA donors,

I am Ali Salihue, and I'm honored to be a recipient of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association scholarship this year. Because of this scholarship, I will be able to concentrate on my academic and career interests more effectively, without worrying about the cost of education.

I am an incoming transfer student from West Valley College, with a major in Molecular and Medical Microbiology. After graduating with a bachelors, I plan to pursue graduate studies. My career goal is to go into biomedical research and vaccine development, to contribute to the ever growing field of expertise and expand research opportunities for future generations, as well as making groundbreaking discoveries in the field of biomedicine to improve the lives of others. This scholarship is essential for me to overcome the financial burden of pursuing such an ambitious career dedicated towards promoting a healthier society.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Ali Salihue

Lauren Samuels

Rocklin, CA
Animal Science

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

Hello! My name is Lauren Samuels. I am from Rocklin, California and am attending UC Davis as an Animal Science major with the aspiration to one day be a veterinarian. I chose to attend UC Davis because of their nationally and internationally renowned School of Veterinary Medicine and the opportunities it will avail me, such as research and connections. I discovered my passion for animals through volunteering with an organization called Itsie Bitsie Rescue Organization, where I helped adopt out animals on the weekends and foster two kittens of my own. My goal is to aid in advocating for those who cannot speak for themselves, such as animals, who are unable to verbally communicate their needs with us. Prior to UCD, I held several leadership roles in many different facets of my life. One of the most meaningful includes being team captain of the cross country team at Rocklin High School. I worked alongside my coaches and co-captains to organize team bonding, text out announcements and reminders, facilitate a positive team environment, prepare the team for practice, and more. Running has taught me how to be perseverant and have grit in the face of adversity, and to have the opportunity to give back to the running community through this role was an honor and a learning experience as a leader. I am excited to continue my education and character development at UC Davis, where I can learn how to be a more effective leader to be a positive influence on the world.

Dear John & Jeanne Pryor CAA Scholarship Donors,

I am honored to have been chosen for the John & Jeanne Pryor CAA Scholarship, for one of my core values includes being a leader in my community to make a change in the world, one ripple at a time. Leadership is something that takes practice. I learned and practiced how to be a leader in high school, and I am looking forward to continuing my journey of becoming the best leader I can be at UC Davis.

This scholarship will aid in my efforts to continue my education so that I may pursue my dream of becoming a veterinarian, to care for those who do not have a voice. I plan on going to grad school and specializing in orthopedic surgery for animals. I greatly appreciate your donation, for this year is the beginning of the journey to make my dream my reality.

Thank you for your dedication to the UC Davis community of leaders.

Sincerely,

Lauren Samuels

Lourdes Sanchez

San Francisco, CA

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I'm from San Francisco and I'll be majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology. In high school, I co-lead both the Latinx affinity space and another group that supports students in the transition from public middle schools to my private high school. I found that I could empower myself and my community by contributing to those clubs.

I'm motivated to pursue a degree in science because I'm aware of all the ways that scientific ingenuity can solve a wide array of problems that we face today. As of now, my career goals entail researching the diseases and viruses becoming increasingly threatening as climate change is exacerbated. I chose UC Davis because of its excellence in the sciences and in supporting its underrepresented students on STEM paths.

I'm so appreciative of this scholarship because it means that my hard work is being recognized and supported so that I can excel academically with less of a financial burden. It is heartwarming knowing that someone believes in me! I hope to continue to be an involved community member at UC Davis through various student organizations and clubs. I'm excited to learn from others and hopefully offer help and guidance to my peers too.

Emma Schroeder

San Ramon, CA

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

Layla Semaan

Camarillo, CA

Biomedical Engineering

Beverly "Babs" Sandeen and Marty Swingle CAAA Scholarship

My name is Layla Semaan and I'm from Ventura County, California. I'm excited to attend UC Davis and major in biomedical engineering. After I graduate I plan on attending graduate school to get my doctorate degree before eventually starting my own biomedical engineering research company, with a focus on paralysis. Prior to UC Davis, I attended Rancho Campana High School where I was in the Engineering Academy. Through this academy I joined RCMakes, an engineering and manufacturing shop run by my high school's students. The four years I spent as an intern, I gained hands-on engineering experience but more importantly learned how to lead people, organize and run events, along with managing product manufacturing and marketing strategies. Outside of academics, I love traveling and have been blessed with parents who have taken me all over the globe, including my personal favorites: Canada, Lebanon, the Dominican Republic, and Jamaica. I'm now ready to start my next adventure at UC Davis.

I would like to thank all of the donors who funded my scholarship. This scholarship does not just mean a lot to me, but to my whole family. With this scholarship I plan to contribute to paying my tuition to help take some of the financial burden off my parents. My parents have been working to put all three of their children through college, and every dollar makes a big difference.

Thomas Simas

Capay, CA

Biochemistry and molecular biology

Mary Bigelow Horton Scholarship

Hello, my name is Thomas Simas and I am beyond grateful to be chosen as one of this year's scholarship recipients. I am from a small rural community just north of Davis. During high school, I served as a leader in many clubs from FFA vice president to Football Team captain. My most outstanding leadership achievement was the honor of serving California FFA at the national level as a National Delegate. As a delegate, I worked with other top leaders from all around the county to create recommendations for the National FFA Board of directors. I plan on continuing my path of leadership and becoming a leader on campus. I chose to study at UC Davis because it is one of the top universities in the nation with a plethora of research opportunities that I hope to get involved with. While at Davis I plan on studying Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I am on the premed track to becoming a clinical pharmacist. I am most looking forward to getting involved with intramural sports while at Davis. Since I was little I have always been playing sport and I don't plan on stopping now. Growing up in a small community constricted my exposure to many things but it also allowed me to get involved in many things. I know most wouldn't think of Davis as the big city but to me it very much is. During my next four years at Davis, I plan on letting my roots take over and exploring all of the wonderful opportunities Davis has in store for me.

I am so grateful for winning this scholarship. This scholarship holds a lot of meaning to me because it recognized all of the hard work I have put in over the last four years of high school to become an exceptional leader and I can't wait to grow even more over the next four years at Davis. This scholarship will be put directly towards my education paying for the universities fees and tuition. Being awarded this scholarship means less money I will have to take out in loans to pay for college. Winning this scholarship has only deepened my drive to succeed in college. Now if I fail it won't just be my money I will waste it. From a young age, I was taught the importance of giving back to my community and Davis is now my community. I Plan on paying it forward by joining a community service group on campus so I can give back to my newfound community. Thank you so much to the alumni and supporters who helped fund this scholarship, It is and will change lives.

Dyson Smith

Chicago, IL

Statistics

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Lassen County CAAA Scholarship

I am Dyson Smith, born and raised in Chicago and I am interested in Star Wars, poetry, Pokémon, Fashion, sports, and urban development, I have had leadership experiences being a leader on the basketball court from the point guard position and in my highschool creating school spirit with student government. I intend to study Statistics at UC Davis and hope to be a Data Analyst or Field Researcher concentrated in an area such as agriculture or energy systems which I will study at the school. I am looking forward to being a student and meeting others with perspectives that will help me grow as an individual. I chose UC Davis because I felt it was a place where I could better myself and elevate my education.

This scholarship really does mean a lot to me. I live in a single parent single mother household and this will take some of the financial burden off of her, so thank you again. This award will further my education by making me want to continue to strive for greatness and work hard in and out of the classroom. I can't wait to pay it forward and give it back to UC Davis by being an active and engaging student within the community by joining clubs and trying to help my peers as they help me aswell. Thank you so much for the scholarship it means the world to me.

Riley St George

Salinas, CA

Computer Science

Marsh U.S. Consumer CAAA Scholarship

My name is Riley St George and I am from Salinas California. I am 18 years old and I went to Salinas High School where I played football and was a member of many clubs. Some interests that I have include working with computers, playing sports, and spending time with friends and family. Prior to UC Davis, I was a camp counselor for 6 years through the SPCA where I eventually became a head counselor. At the SPCA summer camp I learned many things about what makes a good leader and how I can be better as a leader in the future. Along with this, I held leadership positions in different clubs at my high school where I would plan meetings and different events. At UC Davis I will be studying computer science to help me reach my career goals. After graduation I would like to work in the tech field, specifically software engineering or cyber security. One day I hope to work for a major tech company in a senior position. I am looking forward to all the things that I will learn through classes at UC Davis which will prepare me for the future. I am also looking forward to the experiences I will have and friends I will make at UC Davis. I decided on UC Davis because it had everything I was looking for in a college, stellar academics, great learning environment, diverse class options, and a beautiful campus.

Thank you so much for selecting me and for helping me fund my college education. I really appreciate the investment you have made and I will try my hardest to make sure you do not regret it. This scholarship means a lot to me because it will help me continue my education. I am

honored to receive the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Leadership scholarship, as my mom is a '91 UC Davis Aggie alumni and served on the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Board and Scholarship committee. I grew up watching her proudly award this scholarship to local high school students and I am proud to be the one receiving it now. This award will help support my education by relieving some of the stress of paying for college and will help me focus more on my studies. This will be very beneficial toward me keeping good grades and learning more in my classes, which I can give my full attention toward. I plan to pay the scholarship forward by helping others in classes and hopefully joining the Cal Aggie Alumni Association myself some day.

Dylan Stopinski

Clovis, CA

History

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

I am from Clovis, California. I am interested in history, marching band and psychology. Before Davis I was the section leader of the trombones/baritones in marching band and concert band during my senior year. I was also the lead member of the prop crew during Winter Percussion my senior year. I hope to study history and maybe psychology and get my teaching degree so I am able to teach history at the high school level. I am looking forward to further bonds with the people I have met so far and to meet more people. I am also excited to use the academic resources to further my general knowledge. I chose UC Davis because of its weather, and its very welcoming atmosphere.

This scholarship means a lot to me because I have always enjoyed being a leader and helping people who I know could use help. It brings me a lot of joy seeing people grow throughout periods of time, and I am very happy I am being rewarded for my passion. This award will help relieve some stress about the cost of my future tuition, and it will help motivate to continue to work hard, and rightfully own this scholarship. I hope to pay it forward by learning as much as I can during my time at Davis, and doing as much as I can as well. And then using this knowledge and experience, I will lead others to success, both inside and outside of my future teaching job.

Jennifer Strickland

San Jose, CA

Animal Science

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Jennifer and I am from San Jose, CA. Throughout high school, I had the opportunity to be involved in various extracurriculars. This included participating, and being president of, two community-service-based clubs. When given the chance, I also volunteered directly with pet rescues and wildlife rehabilitation centers. On top of that, I played on the varsity girl's tennis team, a sport in which I enjoy playing now in my free time. All these opportunities allowed me to work with other people and develop my leadership skills through delegating and planning. At UC Davis, I plan to study animal science and potentially move on to veterinary or other wildlife-related fields. UC Davis has amazing programs for my major which made me excited to attend and be part of their close community.

I sincerely want to thank my donor for allowing me to receive this scholarship. Being a first-generation, low-income student can make attending university seem like a scary thing. However, receiving this scholarship is one more thing that can help me move forward and achieve my goals in veterinary education without a financial burden being in the way. I hope to pay it forward by using this scholarship towards my education and once getting to a point in which I achieve my goals, I can use my experiences to motivate future UC Davis students.

Julia Sutedjo

Long Beach, CA

Biomedical Engineering

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Stegura-Vanden Bos Family Scholarship

Hi!

I grew up as an only child in Long Beach all 17 years of my life where everything is familiar to me. I was looking for a college campus that could make me grow up to be independent and challenge me. When I first saw the city of Davis, I was captivated by its college town identity, the scene of students everywhere on their bikes, and the peacefulness of nature in the arboretum. These sights led me to believe I could fit in and find what I'm looking for.

Two of my major interests are tennis and violin. Through these interests, I had many leadership opportunities. The leadership roles that shaped my character include being captain of my high school tennis team, program director of ACEing Autism (a program to teach children with autism how to play tennis), a tennis coach at a tennis academy, and a coach for violin music mentor. One of my joys of being in these various activities is that I could be a mentor to my younger teammates or the children I teach. I believe I made positive changes in their lives.

Those experiences influenced the path I want to take for my future. I intend to study biomedical engineering and work in the medical field where I can help and make positive differences in the lives of others. Juli

I'm honored to be selected as the recipient of this scholarship. Through your generosity, I can use the scholarship to further my education at UC Davis as a biomedical engineering major. Winning this scholarship shows that my hard work paid off, boosts my confidence, and pushes me to do well in college.

This is my first time away from home with no one to depend on. With your contribution, I can postpone looking for a part-time job and focus more on my studies. I can also spend time familiarizing myself with the Davis environment and creating new connections. I hope to join professional clubs, the tennis club team, and a religious club to involve myself in the Davis community.

I will persevere to make the most out of my four years at Davis by involving myself in research, internships, and clubs. One of my goals for the future is to become a mentor to others who might be in my position right now, an out-of-town freshman. This way, I can help future generations and give back to UC Davis.

I want to thank you again for your generosity because it made a difference and gave me financial security.

Sincerely,

Julia Sutedjo

Trevor Tan

Dublin, CA

Design

Liberty Mutual CAAA Scholarship Fund

I am from San Mateo, California and my interests include but is not limited to badminton, basketball, friends and family, movies and spending time with my dog, Oreo.

My leadership experience includes high school leadership class where I'm a part of the Tech Team. My role made me accountable for reaching out to anyone who needed our tech services before strict deadlines and participating in meetings to discuss school rallies, music guidelines, and equipment usage. Another leadership experience I've been lucky to have is to be a role model. As a professional badminton player, I represent a club known as "Bay Badminton Center" where I train with teammates as young as thirteen years of age. These young up and coming athletes look up to me and listen to my advise, like I'm one of their coaches. I've been taught the importance of being the best version of myself and to set a good example for the next batch of professional badminton players.

I intend to study Graphic Design at UC Davis and hope upon graduation to work for Disney or a similar company. I also hope to represent USA in the Olympics for badminton.

I'm looking forward to the university experience. Meeting new people, discovering new aspects of my chosen major and basically opening myself up to new experiences. I chose UC Davis because they have a unique Design program.

Winning this scholarship gives me much pleasure as it confirms to me that I'm doing something right. Thank you very much.

I will use this scholarship to pay for my tuition at UC Davis this semester. It will take some financial burden off my parents and they will be so proud of me. Again, I thank you very much.

I cherish this gift and will pay it forward by sharing information about getting scholarships with other students. Also, in the future, as an alumni of UC Davis, I will consider contributing to the next generation of hopefuls.

Rohan Tangellapally

Roseville, CA

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship

Twinkle Thind

Fremont, CA

Biotechnology

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

My name is Twinkle Thind and I am an incoming freshman for Fall 2022. I grew up in my hometown of Fremont, California. I am interested in women's health and empowerment, pursuing scientific research, and implementing more sustainable practices in my life. In high school, I was Secretary of the first Period chapter. I decided to stick to this leadership position for the past two years and ended up investing most of my time afterschool in it. I hope to study Biotechnology at UC Davis. After graduating, I hope to establish a career as a Biotechnologist, working in a Biotech company. I chose to attend UC Davis due to the nice location and friendly people. I really wanted to leave the city life and connect with nature for the next four years. Furthermore, the high ranking Biology program guaranteed I will be receiving an amazing education here. I am looking forward to exploring more leadership opportunities on campus while making great connections with other UC Davis students.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pryor:

My name is Twinkle Thind, and I am a recipient of the 2022-2023 John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship. I want to thank you so much for sponsoring this scholarship at UC Davis. I really appreciate and value your generosity. This scholarship eases the financial burden on my parents to pay my quarterly bills. A few months back, I was extremely stressed because my parents were unsure if we could afford this huge tuition cost. In the middle-class, my parents end up working very long hours to provide for my sister and I. She will be attending college in a few years too. As an Indian daughter in the family of immigrants, I am more certain towards my future as I have your financial assistance. I no longer have to consider a work study job this year and can fully focus on my studies. I plan to soon get involved in biological research in UC Davis with the extra time I have. I am blessed and grateful for the opportunities this will provide me. Again, thank you so much for investing in my education at UC Davis.

Danielle Toy

San Jose, CA

Biology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am from San Jose, California and I am a biology major. I intend to further my career in the medical field potentially as a pediatrician.

This scholarship means a lot to me and I am forever grateful for this opportunity. Thank you to the Alumnis that have donated money towards scholarship funds!

Isabella Trelles

Sacramento, CA

Sociology

John & Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship

I grew up in different cities in the Bay Area. In elementary school I discovered my love for music. This led me to becoming a musician for almost 10 years. Being a part of an ensemble presents plenty of leadership roles to fill. I brought that enthusiasm into my first job. Training new employees or navigating busy shifts has given me the chance to guide and support my peers. The same peers that I attended school and worked with are the people who inspired my choice of attending UC Davis. I have heard countless positive things about the environment that is present at UC Davis. I am excited to pursue my studies in sociology and finally get to experience for myself what I have only heard about from others.

Winning this scholarship means relieving some of the burden from the price of attending university. By relieving part of that burden I can focus more on the work I will be doing in class. Receiving this scholarship allows me access to a community of other people who I can learn from. By utilizing the knowledge I will gain in class and through the members of this community I hope I can become one of the people that other students at UC Davis can learn from. Someone dependable and knowledgeable that students can look too for guidance.

Marie Trumm

Fairfield, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I intend to study psychology at UC Davis and minor in political science. I am still exploring the different topics within psychology, and find abnormal psychology to be the most interesting so far. Upon graduation, I hope to either do an internship in psychology or enroll in a graduate program. I am looking at programs in school psychology and industrial psychology.

Winning this scholarship is recognition of the hard work I put into leadership activities throughout my life. Winning the award is also recognition of the good grades I received during the last two years of college.

Sky Tuse

Sacramento, CA

Medical and Molecular Microbiology

CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

I am Sky Tuse, a Medical & Molecular Microbiology major and proud Aggie of the class of 2026. I had long known that UC Davis, renowned for its detailed and ever-evolving academic involvement with biology, was my dream school. With the combination of a book on microbiomes I read freshman year and a senior year AP Biology course that solidified my novel interest, I committed to a major in the field of microbiology, aspiring towards a career within the realm of pharmaceuticals. Beyond my fascination with the wonders of modern medicine and the way it affects organisms on the smallest of levels, I took to peer instruction and policy work during high school. I went from giving unofficial aid during my freshman biology course, to an official peer tutoring position in sophomore chemistry, to an all-the-more-official job title as Student Advisory Council cabinet member in my senior year. Under this employment, I worked collaboratively with Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) students and staff to identify and attempt to remedy issues we students saw within our district. Additionally, I

spoke several times before the SCUSD Board of Education, including once in advocating for the California State Seal of Civic Engagement, whose work group I had assisted and whose seal was successfully approved at the conclusion of our presentation. I don't yet know what academic, peer-related, or leadership-oriented adventures my time at UC Davis has in store for me, but after all of the amazing memories I've made during such events in my high school career, I can't wait to find out.

Any modern college student knows that higher education is an invaluable resource when it comes to finding employment under long-term, personally interesting, well-paying jobs. They also know, however, that such an excellent education and life skills aren't free. This scholarship will aid me immensely in being able to obtain not only a career-benefitting college degree, but experience living away from home, researching modern biological issues, socializing with others my age, writing more professional papers, networking with professors and experts in my field, and so, so much more. It also allows me an entryway into more leadership experiences in college as a part of the SAA, continuing off my peer- and district-work from high school. I want to thank you for allowing me such opportunities, as they will certainly be life-changing ones.

Phoenix Twomey

Mountain House, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund and Bob & Jan Morrison CAAA Scholarship

I am a first-generation college student from an undeniably broken and unstable past. Prior to attending UC Davis, when I wasn't working or going to school, I spent my time looking after my two younger brothers. With no positive adult role models in any of our lives, I decided to become a leader to them from a young age - in the hopes that I could provide them with the guidance I was not fortunate enough to have. The experience of helping my younger brothers, and even my own mother at times, to navigate a difficult and frightening life has led me have a deep understanding of how best to lead and guide others when faced with adversity.

Now that I have grown, I have learned to use my leadership skills along with my passion for psychology to continue to help others. While attending UC Davis, I intend to continue studying psychology, until I have received my M.S. in the field. After which, I hope to enroll in and complete the Psychology PhD Program at Stanford University. I also plan to continue my work as a Behavior Interventionist, working with children on the autism spectrum, as well as participate and conduct research in the psychiatric field.

I chose UC Davis primarily because of the unique research opportunities offered to me as an undergraduate. I am extremely passionate about psychological research and cannot wait to participate in making discoveries that can help others.

Winning this scholarship is incredibly meaningful to me because it shows that there are others that believe in my ability to reach my goals just as much as I do. This award will help significantly to lighten

my financial load, especially in paying for student housing - which I had no choice but to sign up for after being displaced from my family's home. I plan on doing everything I can to give back to UC Davis, through community service, volunteering, and participating in any and all school events that I can. I am thankful beyond words for this opportunity given to me.

Alejandra Villanueva

Oakland, CA

Sociology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

I am elated to share that I am from the Bay Area, specifically Oakland, California. Since I could recall, I have always been drawn to the arts and social justice; thus curating my interest to revolve around volunteering and partaking in courses relating to different fields of art. Prior to UC Davis, I was involved in the cultural club Latinos Unidos on campus, and part of the ambassador program at my high school which helped potential incoming students and parents to learn more about the high school. During my junior year, I also took part in a new club startup called "Gen Z" in which students would formulate events to inform the student body on ways to give back to the community. As I begin my academic journey at UC Davis, I intend on studying sociology and hope to minor in psychology within the following years. Upon graduation, I anticipate continuing my studies by obtaining a master's degree in sociology or psychology, as well as potentially enrolling in law school. I often attribute the impact of growing up in East Oakland to my aspirations in life as I hope to give back to my community and help fight against social injustices. Therefore, I am extremely grateful to have been selected for this scholarship as well as the opportunity to learn at UC Davis given its extensive and highly qualified sociology department. As I head to campus this fall, I am enthusiastic about growing my knowledge regarding social structures and cultivating connections with others within my major, as well as taking part in educational opportunities. Selecting UC Davis as the college to continue my educational career was simple as I knew that the university was going to help me grow academically but also challenge me to grow confidence in my personal beliefs.

Having been selected for this scholarship means a multitude of things for me. To have won this scholarships as a first general Latinx student, reminds me that I am worthy of a successful future and have endless opportunities within reach. Winning this scholarship reminds that I am able to continue forward and pursue my career goals without having to fearfully dwell on the cost of tuition. Furthermore, having this scholarship grants me a sense of confidence that I am capable of pursuing higher education despite my parents never having the opportunity and can now accomplish what they were never able to do. However, these scholarships would be not possible without generous and supportive donors, therefore, I am forever grateful to those who sacrifice in order to make others dreams come true. This award will support my education as it will provide me and my family with a sense of financial security as I

am the first in my family to attend college, much less a four year university. While I am anxiously awaiting my first quarter of college, my mind is at ease knowing that I am being supported through this scholarship and hope to one day provide similar relief to future generations of Aggies. I hope pay it forward by granting the same relief to families and future students through scholarships as it provides reassurance for both students and families that a college education is attainable no matter social class or background.

Jorgianna Villet

Sacramento, CA

Psychology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

At an early age, the value of education and the sacrifices it takes to obtain it were instilled in me by my parents. As the first generation child of an immigrant, first generation college graduate and a former nurse, education has always been a priority along with helping others. Currently, I am studying Psychology with an emphasis in Biology at UC Davis. My interest in the subject began after the discovery of my Mother's disability, due to the amount of crime documentaries we would watch together. From that point on, I decided I wanted to do my part to help others in need and provide a safe place of understanding. Especially for those typically neglected by the healthcare system. After my tenure at UC Davis, I aim to further my goal of being an advocate within the healthcare system by journeying into medicine and obtaining my MD in Psychiatry.

I am immensely grateful to the donors that funded this scholarship. Thank you for choosing me as a recipient, the investment in my educational career aids in relieving some of the financial burden that comes along with higher education. It truly has been heartening to see the time and effort that committed to bettering my community and serving it as a leader validated. During my time at UC Davis, I hope to once again serve as a leader and help my community in any way I can.

Kaitlyn Vo

San Jose, CA

Computer Science

CAAA Golden Society Scholarship Fund & Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

I'm from San Jose and intend to study Computer Science at UC Davis. Some of my interests are artificial intelligence and encouraging younger students and underrepresented groups to pursue computer programming and technology. Prior to UC Davis, I was a co-founder and co-president of my high school's Girls Who Code club where I was able to strengthen my computing skills and share my interests with

other passionate girls. I was also a math tutor at various afterschool programs and currently am a code coach at theCoderSchool where I help elementary and middle school students learn coding through creating projects. Through these experiences, I found enjoyment in teaching as well. At UC Davis, I hope to explore the different subfields that use programming, make new friends, and have a fun college experience. Upon graduating, I hope to work in the technology industry while incorporating my passion for women empowerment.

In my first years of high school, I had few ambitions and did not know what I would pursue beyond high school. After trying different clubs and activities and never finding fulfillment, I was determined to do something for myself and would disregard my fear of failing or what others might think. That little bit of confidence brought me to pursue computer programming, then to applying to various colleges with a goal of working in technology in the future, and finally to applying to scholarships like this one. Winning this scholarship reminds me of the importance of having confidence and taking chances even when the results are not clear, and for that I am extremely grateful to have been offered this scholarship. With this award, I will remember to be confident in my abilities and take risks in the next chapter of my academic life at UC Davis. Finally, to give back to UC Davis, I want to be heavily involved in campus clubs and activities, and be a helpful member of the Aggie Alumni Association.

Isabel Wade

Saugus, MA

Animal science

Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship & Marjorie J. Watson CAAA Scholarship

My name is Isabel Su-Jin Wade and I'm originally from Boston, Massachusetts. One of the main reasons I chose UC Davis was because I was given my first choice major of animal science, which I hope to use to propel me into veterinary school and opening a practice for companion animals in the future. I also have an interest in design, which I've considered combining with my passion for science to artistically further scientific discoveries. Despite the versatility that Davis offers me, upon stepping onto campus and talking with various current students and professors alike, I felt truly at home on UC Davis' campus. The welcoming and open nature that is fostered at Davis is one I've looked for during my college search. As a biracial individual, I've worked to create spaces of kindness and diversity everywhere I go, leading me to be co-leader of both the Winchendon Alumni of Color Association and the AAPI Affinity Group during my senior year of high school. Through my leadership roles, I've learned what it means to be active as a community member in fighting for equity, and I hope to take my knowledge to Davis while also hearing out new perspectives and learning more about my peers. I'm so excited to attend undergrad at UC Davis and can't wait to further my education among like-minded classmates who are equally as curious as I am.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Cal Aggie Alumni Association for awarding me this scholarship. Receiving this scholarship means a lot to me. Not only will I be able to cover the cost of a new laptop that will be beneficial in helping me further my studies at UC Davis, but being chosen to join

the Alumni Association is an honor in and of itself. I am excited to utilize the resources the association has to offer, including gaining knowledge from Davis alumni that I will meet along my journey through undergrad. I am thrilled to have been given the scholarship money to help me and my family as I make my way through college, but even more chuffed to have been chosen to join the Alumni Association as an Aggie for life. I hope to continue giving back to UC Davis by truly utilizing my education in the best ways I can, and going on to a career that truly motivates me to continue being curious. As an Aggie alum, I wish to give my full support to Davis in any fashion I can as I'm so thankful the university has put its faith in me to succeed under their guidance.

Stormy Wallace

Carlsbad, CA

Biology

Rose E. and Ralph C. Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

My name is Stormy Wallace. I am from San Diego, California and am running on the Davis cross country and track and field teams. I intend to study biology and cannot wait for the next four years! Go ags!

Thanks for providing such a generous contribution to my educational future!

Josephine Wilson

Santa Cruz, CA

Medical and Molecular Microbiology

Marjorie J. Watson CAAA Scholarship

My name is Josie Wilson. I am from Santa Cruz, California. I am interested in biology and mental and physical health. I am a practice player on the UC Davis Beach Volleyball team. I was a captain on my high school and club volleyball teams. I have been involved in community activities in Santa Cruz, such as, forest fire aid, creating a video for the Census, participating in the 2020 election and working as a peer tutor. I choose UC Davis for the strong Biological Science majors offered and I am so excited to begin my career as an Aggie. I hope that my degree from UC Davis will allow me to enter a career that helps the well being of my community.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. It means a lot to me and my family. This scholarship means that I can relieve some of the financial stress on my family. It also allows me to focus on my academics in my first quarter. I will be putting the award toward my UC Davis tuition. I hope to pay it forward by continuing to work hard and being a positive influence in my school and community.

Kaitlyn Windfeldt-Marino

Castro Valley, CA
Animal Science
Ed Spafford Scholarship

My name is Kaitlyn Windfeldt-Marino, I am from the San Francisco Bay Area, and I am very excited to be transferring to UC Davis to begin studying Animal Science. Animals have always been my passion, and I have spent much of my time involved in working at a horse rescue and fostering orphan kittens. I was fortunate enough to build my leadership skills by volunteering on the board of directors at a family-focused horse event club and gymkhana association in Salinas (Tri-County Riders), as well as working as a riding instructor and assistant trainer at a horse rescue in San Juan Bautista (Down N' Out Ranch). I love helping animals, and I hope to use my education at UCD to become a veterinarian specializing in equines. Attending UC Davis has been a lifelong dream of mine. I am over the moon to be entering my dream job with a top notch education from a school which is renowned in the field of veterinary science. I can't wait to start getting deep, hands-on experience in the many fascinating and interactive classes and internship opportunities. I am excited to establish myself in the Davis community, and begin building relationships and experiences that will set me up for a bright future as a veterinarian.

Hello!

My name is Kaitlyn Windfeldt-Marino, and I would like to thank you deeply for your contribution to support my education. As a student pursuing a university education in what is considered a medical field, cost is always a concern. Receiving a scholarship removes one of the pressures I face in my academic journey. Being gifted with relief from financial burdens encourages me and makes it easier for me to focus on growing as a student. I am honored to be recognized by this program for my achievements in the academic and leadership opportunities I have been fortunate enough to receive. I am very grateful to be receiving this scholarship, and I am excited to one day serve my community as a veterinarian.

Thank you again for your generosity,

Kaitlyn

Madison Wong

Fremont, CA
Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning, B.S.
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship and Liberty Mutual CAAA Scholarship Fund

My name is Madison, and I was born and raised in Fremont, California. I have been a debater and Chinese yo-yo competitor for over 8 years, and throughout high school, I held leadership positions in Interact, Girls in STEM, and the Conservation Society of California. In applying for college, I was most encouraged to choose UC Davis because of how friendly and helpful the community was, and Davis also stood out to me because it supports my (relatively niche) major of interest with opportunities to support my learning inside and outside the classroom. I hope to graduate UC Davis with a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning and continue into graduate school to earn an L.L.M. in environmental law. In the long term, I would like to become an environmental policy analyst and work for the government as a conservation specialist or a private company as a consultant.

I never expected to receive anything in return for volunteering or participating in any other extracurricular activities, so the recognition and vote of confidence alone are an honor. This additional financial freedom gives me more time to pursue my love of environmental science, as instead of worrying about working enough hours at a job, I can focus on my studies, intern in a research lab, and serve my community as well. Thank you!

Zen Yoshida

Lafayette, CA
Statistical Data Science
CAAA Scholarship Support Fund

My birthplace is in Japan, but my family moved to the States before I was the age of 2. I enjoy chess and classical piano. I am looking forward to studying in Statistics and Data. I chose Davis due to the proximity to my family, and its large campus with lots of space.

My father left his job during the pandemic to pursue his own goals. During these last few years, the income my family has had has been limited and unstable. Any financial aid helps, so I appreciate CAAA greatly.

Siu Yau Yung

Alameda, CA
genetics and genomics
Cal Aggie Alumni Scholarship

I was born in Hong Kong and moved to the Bay area in 2017. I worked at Sharetea as a supervisor for about 2 years. I am interested in science, especially biology. I hope I am able to use my knowledge to make an impact on the world, whether on human health or the ecosystem. I am looking forward to

learning more knowledge about genetics. I chose UC Davis because it is a great place to study science, and there are lots of resources for students to access to.

Winning this scholarship can help me to pursue my goal in the future and ease my and my family's financial pressure on the tuition fee. I hope I can make an impact on UC Davis after I graduated such as running experiments at UC Davis.
