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— UC DAVIS AGGIE PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION —



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Class of 2020 Parents

We hope you were able to participate in the online celebration earlier this month. This celebration was the first of its kind in the history of our university. UC Davis is proud of your grads achievements and we want to help you memorialize them!

CAAA is here to help you and your student as they transition from being an Aggie on campus to being an Aggie alum.

Membership to CAAA comes with great benefits.

- Is your student moving to a new city after graduation? CAAA supports [alumni networks](#) all over the U.S. and the world.
- Are they looking to jump start their career? CAAA offers many [career resources and benefits](#).
- CAAA has partnered with businesses nationwide to offer members discounts on a variety of products and services like: local and national merchants, including restaurants, retail locations, hotels, insurance and more! Take advantage of these great offers, and your membership will pay for itself! Browse the [full list](#).

Life membership offers immediate and life-long value. Currently, we are offering life membership at a special price of \$300 (\$125 savings off our recent grad price)! When you purchase a life membership your student will also receive a **UC Davis alumni license plate frame** and official **UC Davis alumni pin**. Join by **June 30** and use promo code **GSO** for discount, UC Davis alumni license plate and alumni pin.

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Class of 2021-2023 Parents



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Here at the Cal Aggie Alumni Association, we support the [Aggie Parent and Family Association \(APFA\)](#) and the [Student Alumni Association \(SAA\)](#). Each program supports parents and students through the UC Davis journey.

We encourage you to join APFA and gift your student a SAA membership.

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APFA Benefits

- UC Davis Parent window decal
- Membership card
- UC Davis Parent t-shirt
- Parent Resource Guide and Academic Calendar
- Parent Q&A quarterly webinars
- 10% off on UC Davis imprinted items at the [UC Davis Stores](#)
- Perks and discounted tickets on programs and events exclusive to members

Membership is valid for two individuals and expires June of your students graduation year.

SAA Benefits

- SAA Member t-shirt and gift
- Senior class gift
- Access to member only student-alumni networking events
- Enjoy perks at Traditions and Service events
- Opportunity to join the SAA ambassador's program and/or the student board of directors
- 10% off on UC Davis imprinted items at the [UC Davis Stores](#)

Student membership converts to life membership in CAAA upon graduation.

A joint membership option is available for \$500 (or \$520 for installment plans)! Join by **June 30** for an exclusive gift for your student!

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UC Davis Plans to Welcome Students Back to Campus for Fall

Courses will be offered remotely with some in-person classes and services
By Julia Ann Easley

The University of California, Davis, is preparing to welcome students back to campus this fall if county and state health guidelines permit and plans to offer a mix of in-person and remote instruction. The university is committed to reducing health risks as the safety and well-being of the campus community are its priorities.

"The benefits of a residential education go beyond classes and instruction," said Chancellor Gary S. May. "We look forward to providing that experience for our students — all in keeping with the guidance of our health authorities."

Extensive planning and preparations for expanded on-site university operations will comprehensively address campus services and operations. These plans include student instruction; student housing and dining; as well as student programs and services. Provisions for symptom surveys, temperature checking and virus testing the community are being developed in alignment with guidance from public health officials.

In-person and remote instruction

When fall quarter instruction starts Sept. 30, the campus plans to offer most courses remotely, though some courses will also be available in person, depending on health guidelines and instructor preference. As well, in-person instruction will occur for the small number of courses that cannot be delivered remotely, such as those requiring live performance and hands-on experiences.

The university will develop accommodations to support students who, due to personal circumstances or elevated health risks associated with COVID-19, are unable to return to campus for the fall quarter. Academic advisors will work with those whose majors require the courses being offered only in person, so that students can continue to make progress toward their degrees.

Where appropriate, reasonable accommodations also will be made for faculty and staff who are unable to return to their workplace due to health concerns related to COVID-19...

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Chancellor's Fellow William Ristenpart talks with students about the taste of their brew during a Design of Coffee class.

A Brilliant Education

By Carl DuBois-Wright

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Chancellor's Fellows, a donor-supported program that gives faculty the freedom to pursue their research dreams—and take students with them on the grand adventure.

Chancellor's Fellows awards, conferred upon outstanding midcareer faculty, provide \$25,000 in unrestricted funding, meaning support for research that is exploratory or groundbreaking in nature—precisely the kind of research that grants don't typically fund.

Just ask Professor Wolf-Dietrich Heyer, whose early work with the BRCA2 protein, a central suppressor of breast and ovarian tumors, is paving the future of cancer therapies.

"Funding for scientific research relies on preliminary data, but how can you finance the studies that give you such results, in particular when the project is risky and ambitious?" said Heyer, who is now chair of the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and co-leader of the Molecular Oncology Program at the UC Davis Health Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Along the way, Heyer, like many Chancellor's Fellows, has trained numerous students who went on to become experts in their field.

And it's not just graduate students who benefit. The Chancellor's Fellows program enhances undergraduate education in countless ways. One notable example: "The Design of Coffee," which students have voted the best general education class on campus, was created by Chancellor's Fellows William Ristenpart and Tonya Kuhl, chemical engineers who teach the course to some 1,500 students each year...

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How to Improve Your Career Development

Regular evolving your skills can lead to a long and successful career.
By Robin Reshwan. As seen on USNews.com.

During times of uncertainty it can seem like career development is off the table – but it shouldn't be. The key to a long and successful career is closely tied to the rate at which you acquire and evolve your skills and mindset. The correlation is both tangible and subliminal.

On a tangible level, there is a clear connection between improving your technical and industry knowledge, digital competency, cognitive ability, priority management, etc. to being more productive and more effective in your role. The other equally powerful benefit is that in routinely learning new things and disrupting your work habits, you are strengthening your ability to learn, incorporate new information and boost your confidence when faced with uncertainty.

"The illiterate of the 21st century are not those who cannot read and write but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn." This quote by Alvin Toffler, an American writer, futurist and businessman, shows the significance of intellectual nimbleness to modern career success. In short, embracing and championing change will improve your career options. Here are three ways to weave professional development into your everyday life, especially during times of uncertainty.

Use Technology to Prioritize Work and Increase Productivity

Technology is both the greatest improvement to productivity and the Achilles' heel of professionals exhausted by the need to keep up with it. Like it or not, being tech savvy has enormous benefits for your career development. With so many tools, the hesitation is often knowing where to start.

Begin by identifying everyday tools that can help you better manage your communication and workflow – calendar apps, digital documents and spreadsheets and online communication tools. For tech novices, some initial goals can be to learn how to create recurring time blocks on your calendar to increase focus. You can also use online tools to prioritize tasks on your to-do list.

For more experienced users, build templates for common email responses, create rules to automate workflow and strengthen your teamwork efficiency by expanding the range of project management and collaboration tools you use. The topics are many, but the goal is to use technology to your advantage and target strategies to reduce redundancy, increase productivity and minimize errors...

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