A warm welcome to both incoming and returning Aggies! This school year looks a lot different than in the past and we hope your students are settling in.
We want to let you know that the Aggie Parent and Family Association is here to keep parents connected and engaged with the university and each other. We encourage you to explore our website, which provides a wealth of resources and information including an opportunity to view the webinars that were presented during Aggie Spirit Week. In particular, “Student Success in a Virtual World” featured campus specialists to help you guide your student to student organizations, clubs, networks, internships & jobs, mental health resources and more.

You are invited to further your involvement by joining the APFA, which will allow you to gain access to an array of special events, volunteer opportunities, membership benefits and information.

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**Aggie Spirit Week**

Aggie Spirit Week took place from October 10-17, 2020. It was the first of its kind - a weeklong virtual celebration of Homecoming and Parent & Family Weekend combined. The week may have passed, but there are still some great events you can still review!

**Student Success in a Virtual World**
Hear a panel of UC Davis experts share information on how you can support your student in finding community, internships & jobs, and mental health resources from wherever they are.

**Coffee with the Chancellor and LeShelle May**
Hear from the Chancellor and LeShelle May about the campus, current events, and some personal shares including a live Q&A.

**Facebook Live Campus Tour**
Join UC Davis student tour guides Sergio and Olivia for a Facebook Live tour of campus! Guides stop by all your favorite places, sharing campus history and information and answering questions.

**Bug-ology**
You can watch this amazing tour of the Bohart Museum of Entomology, one of the top ten insect collections in North America. Meet the people and the insects behind this UC Davis gem during the Bug-ology tour on the Bohart Facebook page.

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**Parent Support Makes a Difference**
It's October, not November, but this month I would like to give thanks—to you, parents of UC Davis students.

During the challenging times we are going through now, it heartens me to see the tremendous impact parent philanthropy has across our campuses in Davis and Sacramento.

Whether giving to basic needs services such as Aggie Compass or Student Emergency Relief Aid; supporting the college or clubs your own student is involved in; or strengthening our unrestricted Annual and Parents funds, you make a difference at UC Davis.

Because a thank-you on paper doesn’t tell the whole story, we’re producing a series of videos about parent giving. Why do parents give? Why do they find it gratifying? And, most important, how do their gifts strengthen research, education and the overall student experience at UC Davis?

In this first video we talked with parent David Li, whose donations support, among other things, the Chancellor’s Fellows program, which provides unrestricted funding for outstanding midcareer faculty to pursue novel research that is often exploratory or groundbreaking in nature. You can see in this video what it means for undergraduates like Liam Condon ’21 to participate in exciting discoveries.

Experiences like these help define academic excellence at UC Davis—and parent support is key in extending those experiences to as many students as possible.

Please enjoy the video. And please know how thankful we are for parents like you.

For more information about how parent giving makes a difference in students’ lives, contact Cari DuBois-Wright, Associate Director of Development in Parent Giving, at caduboiswright@ucdavis.edu, 510-388-3605. You can also visit our Parents Fund website here as well as learn more about our Family Fellows.
Campus Ready!

The Campus Ready website has been updated, highlighting essential information about evolving campus operations for students and families, academics and staff, worksite planners and campus visitors. You will find a new Campus Status and Operations page that provides current information regarding the gradual reopening process and key updates. We have redesigned the FAQ for undergraduates to make it easier to find answers to specific questions and will continue to update the questions and content as needed.

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Campus Community Book Project

Looking for a book to read? Want to connect with others at UC Davis?

For it’s 19th year, the UC Davis Campus Community Book Project (CCBP) is thrilled to announce our 2020-2021 book and program of events. This year, the book project focuses on the topic of mental health and features the graphic memoir Marbles: Mania, Depression, Michelangelo and Me by Ellen Forney. In support of our theme and selection, the Campus Community Book Project organizes a year-long program of lectures, panels, workshops, book discussions, film screenings, exhibits, performances and more. This year will be offered virtually via Zoom. We invite you to visit the Campus Community Book Project Events page and subscribe to our online calendar for up-to-date information on our programs and to register for events.

This year’s book project program reflects partnerships with nearly 40 campus and community collaborators. The Campus Community Book Project is especially proud to partner with First-Year Seminars, University Writing Program, and other departments and programs to encourage UC Davis instructors to teach the book project in coursework across the disciplines.

For more information on getting involved with the book project, or for any other questions, please contact ccbp@ucdavis.edu

Student Affairs

Student Housing and Dining

Housing and Dining Services is pleased to welcome our residential students back to campus. Nearly 1,800 students across residence halls and apartments have returned over the last two weeks, including the very first move-in of residents at our newest housing area: the Green at West Village. As always, we would like to thank you for continuing understanding, patience, and flexibility as we navigate through current circumstances.
While we love to see campus returning to life with students making new friends and building new relationships we would like to remind or community of the public health guidelines in effect. In order to minimize the impacts of COVID-19, the following campus policies are in place: all students must continue to maintain a minimum of 6 feet of physical distance whenever reasonably possible, face coverings are required in all public spaces, and frequent sanitization and symptom-monitoring practices are highly encouraged. More information regarding Student Housing & Dining Services policies for COVID-19 are available at https://housing.ucdavis.edu/covid19-faq/.

In collaboration with the Aggie Compass, Student Housing and Dining Services would like to announce our new Basic Needs Coordinator, Em Doolittle. The Basic Needs Coordinator is here to ensure every member of our community has access to the essentials needed to be both academically and socially successful. If your student, or someone they know, is having difficulty finding food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, personal care items, laundry services, transportation, insurance, etc., the Basic Needs Coordinator is here to help provide direct access to the needed resources. Students can contact Em directly at ecdoolittle@ucdavis.edu, or by asking their Community Advisor (CA) or Resident Director (RD) at any time.

Sage Street Market | Café is now open and serving residents of the Green at West Village. Our newest venue features a Peet’s Coffee for all your coffee and café beverage needs as well as a variety of baked goodies, breakfast and lunch entrees. The market portion, like all our campus markets, has a wide variety of items to choose from. Whether you’re looking for a quick grab and go snack, a full meal or some last minute staples for your kitchen, Sage Street Market | Café has what you need.

For the most up to date information on what is open on campus during COVID-19, including dining locations, please refer to https://campusready.ucdavis.edu/status/whats-open.

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**Peace, Love and Bicycles: Tips for Rainy Rides**

The rain will come; the rain will go, and the rain will come back again. Precipitation poses a few challenges for everyday bicyclists—slick roads, cold weather, wet gears—but it need not dampen your student’s commute. It’s possible to ride safely in the rain and we’ve got tips to keep your student cycling safely through the wet season.

**Check tire pressures** | When it gets wet, it’s good to let a little pressure out of your tires. We recommend letting out about 10-15 percentage points of PSI (if your PSI is usually 40, go down to about 34-36). By lowering the PSI a smidge, it allows the tires to better contact the road, which yields better traction for stopping and turning on a wet road. Know that besides tire pressure, wet riding needs special consideration as brake pads become less effective when wet. Encourage your student to ride safely and slowly when it’s wet.

**More on tire pressure:**
Tires are generally happiest when they are inflated, so if you aren’t certain of how much pressure tires need, you should check on the inflation range on the side of the tire. Generally, lowering PSI by about 20% from its maximum rating will supply a confident and comfortable ride. Since tires lose air over time, your student should be in the habit of checking and adjusting tire pressure every other week or once a month at a minimum.

**Lube your chain** | Applying lube frequently will keep a drivetrain (the bike’s engine) happy and rust-free. Chain lube is important because it allows the chain and gears to work
To align with COVID precautions, we will no longer use physical pledge cards for the HHDC Pledge program. To get a free helmet, students need to sign the Helmet Hair seamlessly. Sadly, water washes away most (dry) lubricants that tend to keep your chain quiet while riding. Does your student hear squeaking when the pedals complete a revolution? Get the chain lube, stat! Switching to a wet lube like an oil-based chain lube is an option. However, wet lubes can attract much more dirt. Wax based lubricants work great in wet and dry situations. Heed the advice of a bike mechanic for their favorite lube for local riding—they'll love to recommend something. Tell your student to check out the Bike Barn on campus. They always have chain lube in stock and can offer your student advice on drivetrain care.

Get a fender, or two | Fenders and rain gear will make even the nastiest rainy day a day prime for riding. Fenders come in a variety of styles, ranging from clip-on temporary ones, to full coverage fenders which stay affixed to your bike at all times. A single back fender will prevent the dreaded “freshman stripe,” a mud stripe up your student’s back. Fenders keeps everything and everyone drier. In addition to fenders, a bit of gear for your body goes a long way. Consider a rain jacket, rain pants and these wonderful things called waterproof socks to keep your student’s feet dry.

Additional quick tips for riding in the rain:
• Brakes generally decrease in efficacy a measurable amount, allowing greater time to slow down is a bright idea.
• Lubricate the shackle mechanism of locks with a drip lubricant and help keep rust at bay.
• A soggy saddle is a bummer; employ a saddle cover (plastic bags work great in a pinch) to keep your seat dry when parked.
• Wet feet are a drag; consider using bread bags to keep your feet (and socks) dry. Carrying spare and dry shoes and socks can be a good idea.

Peace, Love, and Bicycles is a piece by Jeffrey Bruchez, Bicycle Program Coordinator for Transportation Services, who is helping bring some light to bicycling and how to be a happy bicyclist.

Free Helmets for Students who take the Pledge

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Career Corner

What to Know about Internships

Written by Robin Reshwan, Seen on USNews.com

As “Plastics” were the future to young Benjamin Braddock in the movie “The Graduate,” internships are the future for the students and new grads of today. Hiring managers consider internships important for career success, but they are also one of the best ways to explore potential careers. This brief guide to internships will help you understand what an internship is, how to find one and how they can expand your future career prospects.

What Is an Internship?

From the student’s or new graduate’s perspective, an internship offers paid or unpaid hands-on work, allowing them to gain new skills and evaluate their interests, strengths and weaknesses. From an employer’s perspective, internships introduce up-and-coming talent to their company; in exchange, the employer may receive valuable contributions, a boost in employee morale and possibly convert some interns into career employees.

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To open your account and claim your gift card, call 530.757.9466 or visit usecu.org/joindavis and use promo code #GoAgs!

Upcoming Virtual Events
You could win $100 Aggie shopping spree!

It's no secret: Aggies outdo themselves. This November, Alumni and Affiliate Relations is challenging you - Alumni, parents, and students - to go above and beyond for your community through volunteering or service.

Give back in the month of November and tell us what you did to be entered to win a UC Davis branded facemask or our grand prize: A $100 shopping spree at the UC Davis Bookstore!

Don't know where to start? Click read more for volunteering ideas, links to volunteer opportunities, and to view the volunteer form. But remember, all forms of service make a difference, both big and small. So, when you see a need, take the lead! It's as simple as that.

Date: Ongoing throughout November
Global Careers Panel Series

The Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) is committed to supporting the professional development of Aggies no matter where in the world they are now or want to be in the future! CAAA has partnered with International Development and Global Affairs to present our first Global Careers Panel Series. You invited to join us as a learn from leading professionals about what it takes to build a successful career in their region of the world. If you aren't able to join us live, still register so you can get a recording of the event sent directly to your inbox.

- [Argentina, Brazil, Chile Panel](#)- Tuesday, November 17, 12:30pm PST
- [Asia Pacific Panel #1](#)- Tuesday, November 17, 4pm PST
- [Colombia, Mexico, Peru Panel](#)- Wednesday, November 18, 10:30am PST
- [Africa Panel](#)- Thursday, November 19, 9am PST
- [Asia Pacific Panel #2](#)- Thursday, November 19 at 5pm PST
- [Europe Panel](#)- Friday, November 20 at 9am PST

MORE INFORMATION
Trivia Night - show us what you know!

Alumni and Affiliate Relations is inviting the whole Aggie family (Alumni, Parents, Retirees, Emeriti Faculty, and Students) to monthly game nights. Join us this November to show us what you know in a game of general knowledge trivia!

Prizes will be awarded to the top contenders.

Date: Thursday, Nov 19, 2020
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm Pacific

REGISTER

Gunrock's Gallop Virtual 5k: Our Cause, Your Course
Friday, Dec. 5
A time most convenient for you

Proceeds from this virtual race will benefit The Pantry — a free resource for UC Davis students that provides fresh food, basic necessities, and the assurance that no student in need ever misses a meal.

Race t-shirt, medal and bib are included in the registration fee.

REGISTER HERE

UC Davis Pumpkins Stencils

Download, print and use these pumpkin carving stencils to give your porch some Aggie spirit this Halloween. Snap a picture of your creation and upload to your social media channels tagged with #UCDavis!

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Joint Parent & Student Membership

The challenges we are facing in the wake of the current COVID-19
pandemic are truly unprecedented. But we're Aggies, and Aggies face challenges together.

Here at the Call Aggie Alumni Association we support the Aggie Parent and Family Association (APFA) and the Student Alumni Association (SAA). Each programs supports parent and students through the UC Davis journey.

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

Membership comes with great benefits.

APFA Benefits
- Member Welcome Kit, includes t-shirt, membership card and window decal
- 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 student's graduation year.

SAA Benefits
- Member Welcome Kit, includes t-shirt, membership card and gift
- Senior class gift
- Access to member only student-alumni networking events
- Enjoy perks at Traditions and Service events
- 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!

JOIN NOW

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Benefits and Activities