

Blue & Gold Winner

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Antoinette Banks, Los Angeles

Cognitive Science Major

I am in such a huge transition phase for my life. Furthering my educational goals is one of the few decisions I have made "just for me." And while I know graduating is my goal to achieve, I also know that my success brings opportunities to others in my community.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. I am hugely appreciative of your recognition of my efforts and I absolutely cannot wait to pay it forward with an endowment fund to UC Davis as an alumni!



Cortopassi Foundation Winner

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Adarsh Jashwin Chandra, San Joaquin

Political Science Public Service Major

My name is Adarsh Chandra and I am a transfer student from San Joaquin Delta College. I am coming in as a Political Science major who is also looking forward to Law School upon finishing my Bachelor's. I am a first-gen college student and an immigrant from the Islands of Fiji dreaming of becoming a lawyer and serving others in my community.

I would like to thank the Cortopassi Family Foundation, once more from the bottom of my heart, for this thoughtful and generous gift which I will cherish as I complete my education and move on to the next phase of my life.



Familia Ruedas Scholarship Winner **UC DAVIS**

Aileen Villanueva, Sacramento, Political Science Public Service

I am a second generation Mexican American, the daughter of immigrant parents and granddaughter of migrant farm workers. I am a first generation college student who grew up in the diverse and relatively small community of North Highlands, in the Sacramento area. Because of my background and where I was raised I am interested in social and political issues, particularly those that affect the minorities I grew up with.

I can hardly even begin to express how appreciative I am to have been awarded this Scholarship. I am very grateful to the CAAA for giving me the opportunity to share my leadership experiences during high school that shaped me into who I am today.



Ed Spafford CAAA Scholarship Scholarship Winner

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Alejandro A. Arana, Ventura, Biological Science

I am from Santa Paula, California, a small town in Ventura County. I have also completed internships with a local dentist and doctor. At UC Davis, I plan on majoring in Biological Sciences, and my ultimate goal is to become a dentist.

I am incredibly grateful to all of the donors for their generosity, and all of the donors and volunteers for considering me for this scholarship. As someone who is unable to receive much financial support from home, every dollar means a lot to me. I hope to give back to UC Davis by working my hardest and being a strong example of what a UC Davis Aggie means.



Rosenberg CAAA Scholarship Winner

Alena Nizhnik, Los Angeles, Cognitive Science

I am a first-generation immigrant from Belarus to the United States and a first-generation college student. I came to the United States in 2014 and stayed because of the political situation in my home country. At UC Davis I intend to dive deeper into the topics of human mind cognition. I hope to participate in research on cognition.

As a full-time working student, financial hardship is something I am very familiar with. I am very committed to and engaged in my education, and it is very important for me to dedicate as much time as possible to learning, and the scholarship is what will allow me to do so.



Ed Spafford CAAA Scholarship Winner

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Aman Singla, Gold Country, Biochem & Molecular Biology

Throughout my formative years, a variety of experiences, including volunteering at nursing homes/hospitals, participating in Science Bowl, and conducting research at UC Davis have helped me formulate a more thorough plan for my future.

I would like to show my immense appreciation to my donors for the CAAA Leadership Scholarship that I was able to receive. I am extremely humbled and honored to be the one that was able to receive this award. As I plan to pursue a career in medicine, this scholarship will alleviate some of the financial stress that often occurs on that path.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

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Anna Kolesov, Santa Clara, Biomedical Engineering

I am from Cupertino, California. I am excited to attend UC Davis to study Biomedical Engineering, with a future cellular and tissue specialization. After graduation, I hope to earn a graduate degree in the field and later work in the industry to develop biomedical products and incorporate them into regular hospital use.

I truly appreciate being selected for this scholarship and am very thankful for your support. It made me excited to start my undergraduate degree this fall and join this tight-knit campus community by joining student clubs and finding leadership opportunities.



Bob & Jan Morrison CAAA Scholarship

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Annabella Nguyen, San Joaquin, Genetics & Genomics

I'm from Stockton, California, and I was a competitive dancer for a local dance company. At UC Davis, I intend to study Genetics and Genomics in hopes of following a pre-med track. Once I graduate, I would like to further my education and attend medical school.

This scholarship gives me the confidence to continue exemplifying my leadership skills and encourages me to reach for academic excellence in my college career. Coming from a middle-class family, I did not qualify for any type of grant; therefore, this scholarship helps relieve a little bit of financial burden on my family.



Ed Spafford CAAA Scholarship Winner

Brandon Khuu, Alameda, Undeclared Life-Sciences

I am an incoming freshman from San Leandro, California. I hope to become either a physician or a dermatologist. At Davis, I look forward to being a part of such a large and diverse group of students and faculty in order to gain a greater understanding of the world around me and learn how to hone my skills in order to give back to my community!

Thank you for funding this scholarship and for giving students the opportunity to further our education experience at an amazing school like UC Davis. With your support, you give us the confidence and funds to gain the resources we need in order to be successful in our academics in preparation for the future.



Rose & Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

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Cameron Park, Alameda, International Relations Major

I'm from Oakland, CA. I am super excited to be starting at UC Davis in the fall as an international relations major. I hope to become very involved and look forward to many new opportunities.

I am so grateful to be receiving this scholarship. It is amazing to be recognized for all of the incredible things I was able to participate in throughout high school. I hope to be able to share my experiences and use them to help improve my new Davis community.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons

UC DAVIS

Scholarship Winner

Carrigan Hill-Wilkinson, Riverside, Psychology Major

I am from Temecula, California, where I attended Chaparral High School. I intend to study psychology and maybe also political science at UC Davis. I look forward to being on the beautiful, diverse, and welcoming campus, meeting new people, learning new things, and making new memories.

Thank you so much for this scholarship. It has really helped validate all of the time and energy I have spent working on being a better leader, and making a difference in the community. Through my time at UC Davis, I hope to expand my skills and knowledge in a way that allows me to make positive change in this community and beyond. Thank you so much.



Marian Loe Huhn CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Catalina French, Los Angeles, English Major

I am an incoming English major originally from the sunny Southern California city of Glendora. I fell in love with the art of storytelling and the timeless morals of stories in my high school English classes, and I hope to expand on my love for literature and writing at UC Davis.

This scholarship will help fund my education and allow me to bring my experiences to campus to help meet and inspire future leaders. I hope that sharing stories of people doing amazing things through writing and social media will help inspire others to do amazing things as well.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Fund Winner

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Chauntelle Johnson, Orange County, Animal Science & Management Major

While I lived in California, I was named captain of my travel soccer team three years in a row. At such a young age, I was positioned to understand the importance of working towards a common goal as a group and how leadership plays heavily into the success of a team and its dynamic. This was a great way for me to express my creativity in webinar topic selection while being challenged with creating a sense of close comradery for students across the globe.

My acceptance into UC Davis came with a determination to work that much harder to create something that would be accessible to my community. I will create a space for young women to explore their interest in science. Thank you for this opportunity.



Ed Spafford CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Chi Chen, Sacramento, Biochem & Molecular Biology Major

My mom's stroke catalyzed my interest in the biological sciences. I was encouraged to pursue a career in medicine. I chose UC Davis because I desire to volunteer and serve as a leader in the student run clinics such as the Paul Hom Asian Clinic. I am looking forward to serving medically underserved communities using my community and clinical experiences.

Being awarded this scholarship means so much to me. It symbolizes my growth and development as well as how far I have come in my academic career. Thanks to your generous support, I will be the first in my family to obtain a college education.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

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Collman Yudelson, Alameda, Music Major

I have grown up in Alameda County, but have visited the UC Davis campus many times. Throughout my years in 4-H and in school programs and government, I have capitalized on many opportunities to gain leadership experience and to serve as an officer, director or president.

I am honored to receive this generous leadership scholarship, and am humbled to receive recognition from such an amazing organization. I have learned from personal experience that often being a volunteer leader can be a thankless, tiring experience, so it is wonderful to receive a reward for all the effort I have spent.



Robert F. Brandeis Memorial Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Dania Kirmani, Santa Clara, Chemical Engineering Major

I am an incoming Chemical Engineering major. As someone who enjoys all sorts of niche subjects, UC Davis has always been one of my dream schools. The idea of being able to take classes about coffee making or mushroom cultivation alongside your major studies has always been so fascinating to me. I am a firm believer in the idea that some of history's greatest discoveries can be made through unpredictable means, so where better to start than at UC Davis with its diverse selection of courses?

As someone who aspires to be a future leader and innovator of our generation, this scholarship means so much to me. The weight of the meaning behind this scholarship money will give me the motivation to continue pursuing my ambitions for myself, my career, and my aspirations to help our society as a whole.



John W. Fearn and Anne M. Fearn Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Daniela Castillo, Alameda, International Relations Major

I'm from Oakland, CA. Prior to Davis, I participated in an after-school program, Harbor House, that allowed me to be a mentor to elementary school students; I helped them with their school work and led clubs such as Soccer club and Homework Help. In addition, I was an active member in build On, an org that provided community service opportunities to high school students. I chose Davis because of its tight-knit and friendly community.

I am extremely grateful to have received this scholarship and it further encourages me to continue pursuing a path towards higher education! As a first-generation student who has to navigate the UC system on their own, it means a lot to me that I have support from others outside my family to make my dream of going to college possible.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

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Daniela Valdez, Orange, Environ Sci & Management Major

At UC Davis, I intend to double major in Environmental Science and Management (my current major) and Managerial Economics. I want to work in a business setting but focus on the sustainability aspect of the industry. My end goal is to become a Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO), a person in a company who overlooks all the environmental impacts by that company. After graduating, I want to continue pursuing higher education through graduate school

Thank you so much for rewarding me this scholarship! It help me pay for my tuition fees since attending university for four years is far from affordable. Even as a one time scholarship, the award will save me money that I could put in other activities or payments (such as textbooks or club and organization fees) that I would be considered lucky enough to afford without financial assistance.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Darian DeBortoli, Northern Region, Biochemistry

I am from a small town in Northern California called Mount Shasta. Because I grew up in a small town, I've learned to appreciate the finer things in life, such as being surrounded by trees and mountains, starry nights, clean drinking water, and being a part of a loving, tight-knit community. While attending Mount Shasta High School, I was a part of many clubs. At UC Davis, I plan on majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. After I graduate, I want to be a biomedical scientist. Biomedical science combines the fields of biology and medicine to make scientific advances for the health. I want to be a part of the team that finds the cure to cancer or isolates the gene that causes Alzheimer's. Thank you again for your generosity and support! I promise you that selecting me was a wise decision and that I will work incredibly hard in college, and all my future endeavors.



Rose & Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

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Derek Neyer, Alameda, Economics

I recently graduated from Castro Valley High. I have spent large chunks of my time as a high schooler volunteering, then working at Chabot Space and Science Center, a science museum and observatory in Oakland. I've loved to meet all the people there and lead multiple projects to completion. I am intending to study economics at UC Davis, though I hope to pick up another major or minor as well, as my perspective is that economics is really the foundation for how things get done in the real world. I chose UC Davis because of its top faculty and resources for research, and the opportunities those afford.

Thank you so much for this scholarship! It means so much to me to have some people out there who believe my education is worth funding



Tom and Meg Stallard CAAA Scholarship Winner

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Dilprit Pooni, Yolo, Biological Science Major

I am from Woodland, California. Prior to UC Davis, my leadership experience included involvement in my high schools student government for three years, in my high schools LINK Crew program, CSF chapter and as the vice president for my high schools student government. At UC Davis, I intend to study biology and attend medical school afterward in order to fulfill my goal of becoming a physician.

I am wholeheartedly grateful for this scholarship. As a first generation student, my dream has always been to attend a four year university and this scholarship will certainly help me with that. This scholarship will also allow me to alleviate the financial burden and stress off of my family, which I am especially grateful for. I would just like to thank you for giving students, like me, a chance at higher education.



Mary Bigelow Horton Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Dyan Soriano Flores, Napa Animal, Biology Major

My mother was raised in an economically broken country, where the roads were almost as broken as the aspirations of the people, but not for her. I desire to succeed, make my mother proud, and achieve the goal of a better life that my mom immigrated to the United States to accomplish. I was flooded with responsibility at a very young age, but I was able to take my circumstances and use them to my advantage.

I aspire to attend college to be able to fulfill the goal of a better life that my mom immigrated to the United States to achieve. As a low-income, first-generation college student many financial obstacles, unfortunately, interfere with my education. You've helped me understand that I do belong at a university, that my hard work has paid off, and that I am indeed achieving the goal of a better life that my mom immigrated to the United States to accomplish.



Andrew and Alison Broaddus Family

UC DAVIS

Endowment Fund Winner

Dylan Radcliff, Gold Country, Aerospace Sci & Engineering Major

I am Dylan Radcliff, a 20-year-old transfer student from Sierra College born and raised right here in the Greater Sacramento Area.

Prior to UC Davis, I partook in a NASA robotics competition where I served as the Lead Systems Engineer, overseeing the design, construction, and software integration of an autonomous rover. These experiences have allowed me to grow my leadership skills, which I intend to leverage during my time here at UC Davis.

Receiving recognition for my leadership skills serves as the ultimate encouragement for a young student such as myself, providing additional motivation to continue my growth as a leader. I thank every person involved in this effort to aid students in the noble pursuit of an education here at Davis.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Fund Winner **UCDAVIS**

Elizabeth Mendoza, San Mateo, Economics Major

I am from Belmont, California. Right now my intended major is Economics and I plan to go to law school after getting my undergraduate degree. I am hoping to be a criminal defense attorney after graduating from law school and passing the bar exam. The academics at Davis are unmatched and I am also looking forward to becoming more knowledgeable in my field of choice.

I am very grateful to be receiving this scholarship and am very thankful to the Alumni Association as well as the donors who funded the scholarship. I want to thank the committee who chose me for believing in me and helping me to achieve my dreams.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Emily Mason, Northern Region, International Relations Major

In six words, I am a leader, principled, tenacious, empathetic, articulate, and way too inquisitive. I was raised in the sweet spot between American and New Zealand culture, from which sprung a love of diverse people. I will pursue a major in International Relations, with the intention of attending law school. I want to help people, and love people well.

My family immigrated to America from New Zealand with no money to pay ahead for tuition. I've worked hard for the opportunity to obtain an influential education, while still thinking about how on earth will I make this work? This scholarship allows me to focus on my education without the distraction of outside sources.



Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA

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Scholarship Winner

Emma Mele, Los Angeles, Environmental Policy Analysis & Planning Major

I ran blood drives with the Red Cross where we collected enough blood to save 400 lives and started a new school tradition, I started a Girls Build LA club and created 170 toiletry packages for the homeless, and I joined Leadership where I was elected Co-President of the Service Committee. What makes these experiences significant is that I took part in them because I was passionate, not because I had to fulfill community service hours or because I needed something to write on college applications.

The award is so generous and I really cannot thank you enough for taking the time to read my application, interview me, and recognize my potential. I will do all that I can to become a strong member of the UC Davis community within the next four years.



Joseph Connell CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Ethan Thiara, North Central

Neurobiology Physiology and Behavior Major

I am from Yuba City, which is predominantly an agriculture town in Northern California. I come from a farming family and have always been very interested in agriculture, however, medicine is my true passion that I wish to pursue at UC Davis.

Winning this scholarship is extremely important to me because it alleviates some of the financial burden of college for me. My family is very invested in this community, including UC Davis as some of my family members are alumni. Once I do become a doctor, I am going to return to this area to practice medicine and continue farming so that I can continue to give back to UC Davis and Northern California.



Beverly “Babs” Sandeen and Marty Swingle Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Gabriel Tien Ramirez, Yolo, Mathematic Major

I will be studying math at UC Davis with the hope of becoming a math teacher. I have come a long way since the days when I would rarely speak a word in public. I have pushed myself to make oral presentations in school and I have performed in front of thousands of people at a number of talent shows. I once even got the lead in a local play and I enjoyed the recognition and applause that came along with it. These experiences have inspired me to want to become a teacher so I can help others the way I have been helped by my teachers, counselors and educators.

I appreciate the value you place on education and the important way you have chosen to give back to the community. It means a lot to me that good people like you believe in me enough to support my educational career.



Rose & Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund

UC DAVIS

Greta Foeher, San Mateo, Sociology

I am from Belmont, California. I am interested in politics, law, and social sciences. At UC Davis I am majoring in Sociology; Organizational Studies and I plan to attend law school. In high school, I gained leadership skills from my experience in student government, my job at the local climbing gym, and my cultural immersion trip to Costa Rica

I am honored to have earned this scholarship and would like to give a huge thank you to my donors. I feel so lucky to have received this support to pay for my college tuition. Winning this scholarship means that my hard work in high school paid off, and reinforced the idea that the world needs selfless leaders who are willing to sacrifice their time and energy for the people around them. I aspire to be one of those leaders during my time at Davis.



Cortopassi Foundation Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Harris Razaqi, San Joaquin, Economics Major

I am a first-generation Afghan-American college student transferring from San Joaquin Delta College and Las Positas College. I currently am pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Economics with a Specialization in Data Analysis and Economic Analysis. I will be minoring in Technology Management. Upon graduating from UC Davis I hope to obtain a position in either marketing, sales, or consulting. After gaining further work experience, I wish to pursue a Master of Business Administration.

I will be one of the few in my family to attend college and due to the assistance from this scholarship, the burden of financial difficulties and stress that comes with going to college has now been eased on me. Receiving this scholarship is truly an honor and makes me proud to be an Aggie.



Rose & Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Harsimran Kaur, North Central, Global Disease Biology Major

I was graciously named "Harsimran" by my aunt. Harsimran means remembering god and "Kaur" means princess. I was raised in Yuba City, CA. This small city has shaped who I am today. I am a valid volunteer in my community as I use my time to teach over hundreds of children the language of Punjabi and the art of Bhangra, a Punjabi folklore dance. I am a pre-med student and hope to go to medical school upon graduation. I am looking forward to creating a positive change in the Davis community and to connect with my fellow Aggies!

Thank you so much to all donors! This scholarship means a lot. It symbolizes victory and hope. Due to covid-19, my parents' paychecks have been deducting and I really wanted to help them out as much as I can. This award will help support my tuition towards the greater education received at Davis.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons

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Scholarship Fund Winner

Hazel Davis, Los Angeles,

Gender, Sexuality & Women Study Major

My interests include helping those in need because I am passionate about empowering others and giving them a chance to be great. I chose UC Davis because when I stepped onto that campus my junior year of high school, I got this overwhelming feeling that I belonged there and that I wanted to be there. I intend to use all the education I can to make myself greater than I was before.

Thank you for noticing me and giving me a higher chance to achieve higher goals I set for myself, I look forward to striving for them.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

Isaac Yu, Santa Clara, Biochem & Molecular Biology Major

I am from Milpitas, California. I have lived here all my life and I am passionate about my major, biochemistry and molecular biology. I love studying this field because everywhere I look, I see biochemistry, whether it is in a glass of water or in the plastic bags we use every day. I am excited to study and research in this field to change the Earth for the good of humanity.

I am extremely grateful for receiving this award and thankful for having someone support me in my college career. This award means a lot to me because it shows that someone believes in me and sees the potential that I have. I want to give back to UC Davis by not only studying here, but also by achieving my potential and going further beyond.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship

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Isabella Engler, Marin, International Relations Major

As the oldest of four siblings, I have been in a leadership role since a young age. I pursued my passion for science while interning at the BUCK Institute for Research and Aging where I conducted a study to find a natural, non harmful compound to replace chemotherapy when treating the brain cancer Glioblastoma.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the donors and the alumni responsible for naming me a recipient of this award. I am very grateful for this opportunity and will be sure to use it to continue to give back to my Aggie community as I begin my time here at UC Davis.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Isabella Gambatese, Oregon, Chemistry Major

I am from Corvallis, OR. At UC Davis, I intend to study cognitive science and upon graduation I hope to go to medical school to become a doctor. I chose to attend UC Davis because of the size and diversity of the community and the many opportunities for growth it presents. I was also fortunate enough to travel to Davis and northern California many times where I fell in love with the friendliness of the people and the abundance of activities.

Thank you so much for providing this scholarship for me! It will help me pay off my tuition, books, and room and board. I am very thankful for winning this scholarship because it means that all of my hard work throughout high school is paying off and helping me progress with my aspirations. During my time at UC Davis, I hope to continue to volunteer and participate in many activities that might help the university and the students.



Cortopassi Foundation Winner

UC DAVIS

Jasmine Ma, San Joaquin, Biological Sciences Major

I am from Stockton, California. I chose UC Davis because the environment here is so welcoming and I know there are so many resources here to help me. I intend to major in biological sciences and minor in neuroscience. Upon graduation, I hope to attend medical school. My ultimate goal is to come back to my home town and serve the area I grew up in.

Going to college and pursuing higher education will always be expensive, so every bit of money counts. This scholarship will help so much and I am so grateful for the \$1000. I don't have to worry as much about affording school and now I can focus more on academics and outside activities. I hope to "pay it forward" through joining service organizations at UC Davis and helping the community.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

Jazmeen Dhand, Southern Central Valley, Biological Sciences Major

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I am from Bakersfield, California. I am a first generation college student and am majoring in biological sciences at UC Davis. After graduating UC Davis with my Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences I plan on attending medical school to get my medical degree. My dream career is to become a pediatrician and open up my own clinic one day. I also plan on joining the Peace Corps to provide my care and skills in underdeveloped countries to children and families that desperately need health attention.

My family and I are extremely grateful and appreciative for your donation. I am so excited to make my mark on the Davis campus and I can promise that your donation is a huge and beneficial contribution. Thank you for your generosity and for investing in me.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

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Jazzelle Magana, North Valley, Cognitive Science Major

At the age of five, my father passed away from stomach cancer. In preschool, when asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I said a doctor, I recognized that it would not only be a dream, but soon become my reality. This combined with my love of children made me decide to become a pediatrician. This past summer I had the privilege of attending the Stanford Summer Community College Premedical Program (SSCCPP) where I was able to learn and develop my leadership skills to become a leader not only in medicine, but to others as the new President of the Pre-Health Club at Merced College.

This scholarship is such a blessing not only to me but to my family. As I attend UC Davis, I hope to grow in my leadership abilities and help others grow along-side me. I hope to inspire and challenge others to grow and flourish, and as a future physician, I hope to not only save lives, but to change lives.



Ed Spafford CAAA Scholarship Winner

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Jenierose Galicia, Alameda, Computer Science & Engineering Major

I am from Oakland, CA. I am Filipino-American, the oldest of three children, and the first in my family to attend college! At UC Davis, my intended major is Computer Science and Engineering. I am passionate about technology and breaking the gender bias in the field of computer science. Upon graduating, I plan to become a cybersecurity analyst or to land an internship at a tech company to further my experience in programming and computer systems.

Winning this scholarship means the world to me, especially since I am the first person in my family to attend college. This scholarship will help lighten the financial burden on my family and it will help pay for any textbooks and supplies that my classes.



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Jordan Bockert, San Diego, Biomedical Engineering Major

I was born and raised in San Diego, CA. At UC Davis, I am studying biomedical engineering and am apart of the NROTC program, so following college I will be commissioned into the U.S. Navy as an officer. I chose UCD because of the vibrant, involved student life and the many opportunities I have within my own major to receive mentorships and training for my specific job field!

I'm so grateful to have been selected for the Cal Aggie Alumni Association scholarship because I know how big of an impact this organization makes on students at UCD and I now get to be a part of that.. Following my time at UCD, I will be a positive reflection of UCD's core values that the Alumni Association can be proud of!



Russell H. Wilder Fund Winner

UC DAVIS

Kate Illumin, San Mateo, Economics Major

I am a first-generation Filipina. I chose UC Davis as my path and guide to my future because not only can I see multiple opportunities, I believe I can make Davis my home. I love to dance, cook different types of food, and experience different types of cultures either through food, traveling, or even through dance. I want to not only help my community but also help different countries overcome their obstacles, whether big or small.

I can not thank you enough for giving me this scholarship. It will help a lot with my education especially due to the COVID-19. I hope to pay it back through giving back to UC Davis either when I am an alumnus or helping the Davis community with any opportunity I can.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

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Keila Estrada, Tulsa, Biological Sciences Major

I am from H-town, raised in the city of Santa Ana, California. Prior to UC Davis, I was president and vice-president of an all female club on my campus and took part in various community service driven clubs. As of now, my intended study is biological sciences, but I am open to that changing in the future is such is the case.

First of all, THANK YOU. I cannot emphasize that enough. For me, this scholarship is a reaffirmation that God provides. Night after night, my family and I have prayed for these scholarships, as the economic crisis has left a lot of uncertainty. Even so, God has blessed my family and showed us favor time and time.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Fund Winner

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Keylem Ortiz, Contra Costa, Political Science Public Service Major

I come from a Honduran family of four. Both my parents immigrated to the United States together in order to provide us with better opportunities. In 2018, I became a Richmond Youth Organizing Team (RYOT) Intern at the RYSE Youth Center. As an intern, I helped organize many community-based events in hope to advocate for my community. I wish to become a lawyer or join public policy in order to help my community.

I am beyond grateful to have been awarded this scholarship as your donation has lessened the financial burden that college has brought upon my family. I hope that with your donation I can put money towards a computer that will allow me to work at my best potential during our online courses. Lastly, I hope that with the knowledge and experience I gain throughout college, I am able to help incoming students with their transition into college as you all have done for me.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Fund Winner

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Kristin Ly, Contra Costa, Computer Science Major

I decided to attend UC Davis because it has a beautiful, agricultural campus and sits closer to my home in Concord. In college, I plan to major in computer science as it incorporates both art and mathematics, two subjects I am most passionate about. My ultimate goal is to become a software engineer at a high-tech company in hopes of creating my own unique app one day.

I have lived in a low-income family since childhood, so winning this scholarship means a lot to me as I am grateful for every resource that helps me in my journey. This award will help support me with textbooks, tools, and living essentials that are necessary in achieving academic success. I thank you for your generosity and hope to make the most of my UC Davis experience in order to one day inspire others that it is possible to accomplish anything as long as you put in the effort.



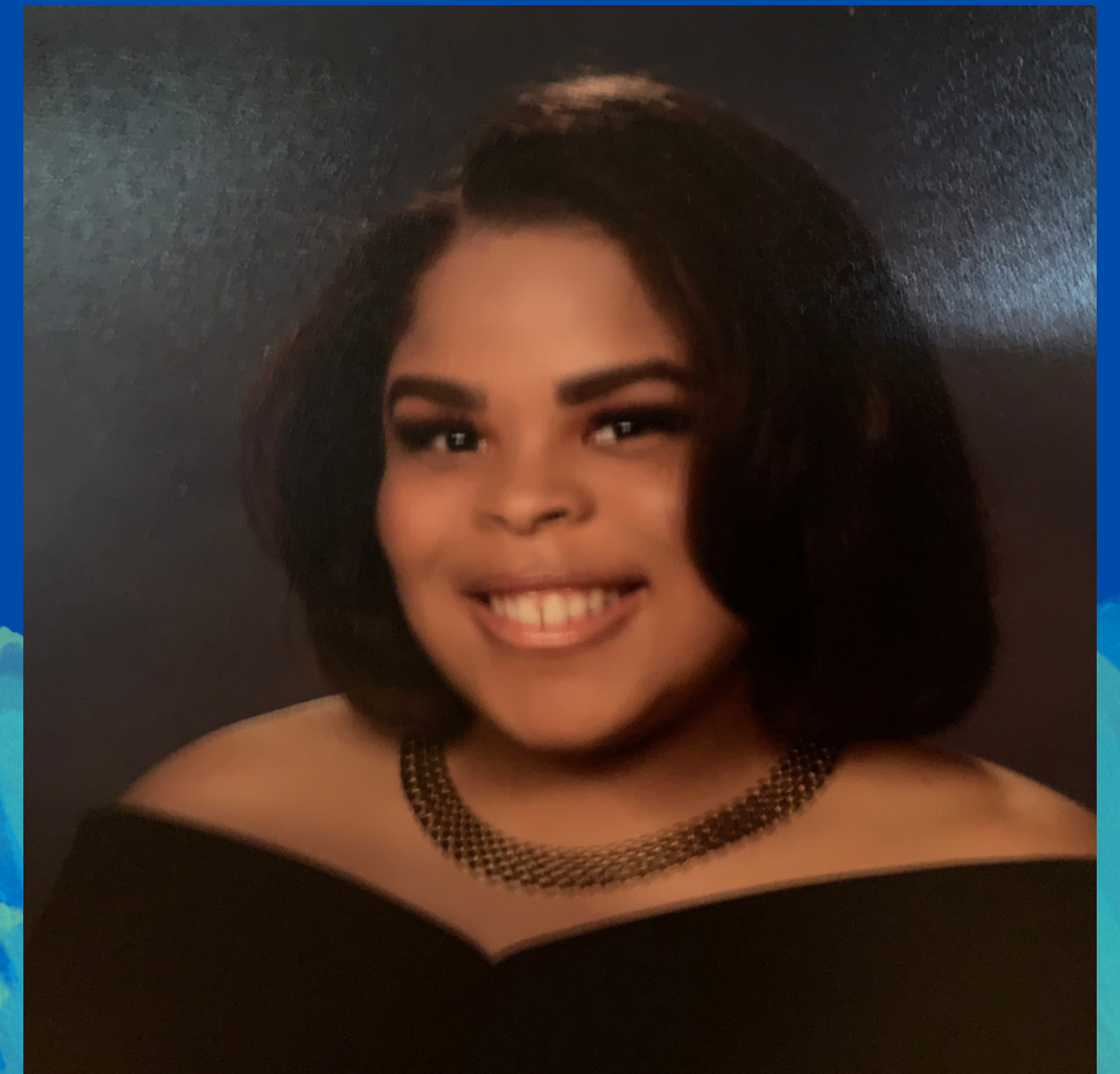
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Lajaiyah Watkins, San Francisco, Communications Major

I am from San Francisco, CA. I am interested in sociology and law because I want my life to be impactful to others in anyway! After my undergrad I want to attend Law school, chose UC Davis because I liked how the campus looked out for one another and that the staff and admin there care.

Thank you so much! Winning this scholarship means a lot to me because it could help me invest in my education and in myself. This scholarship is going to help me further my education by giving me a resource so thank you! I plan to become an Alumni member after I graduate!



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

Laura Hafer, North Valley, Psychology Major

I am a non-traditional transfer student. I am coming into my junior year, planning on graduating in Spring 2022 with a Dual Major in Psychology and Sociology. I plan on continuing to Grad School after and hope to earn my Ph.D. I was born in Chewelah, Washington, but grew up in Baltimore County, Maryland, and have moved 40 times in 40 years!

I was thrilled to learn of my selection for this honor and I am deeply appreciative of your support. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses, and it will allow me to concentrate more of my time for studying. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my goals. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship

UCDAVIS

Fund Winner

**Lusineh Manasyan, Los Angeles, Biological Sciences
Major**

I am a recent Herbert Hoover High School graduate from Glendale California. I will be a Biological Sciences major, aspiring to become a Speech Language Pathologist. My teammates in Cross Country inspired me to be the best leader which is a mindset that will carry me throughout my next 4 years.

Thank you for your generous Cal Aggie Alumni Leadership Scholarship. I was so thrilled and grateful to find out that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship. I am extremely appreciative of your support for my education.



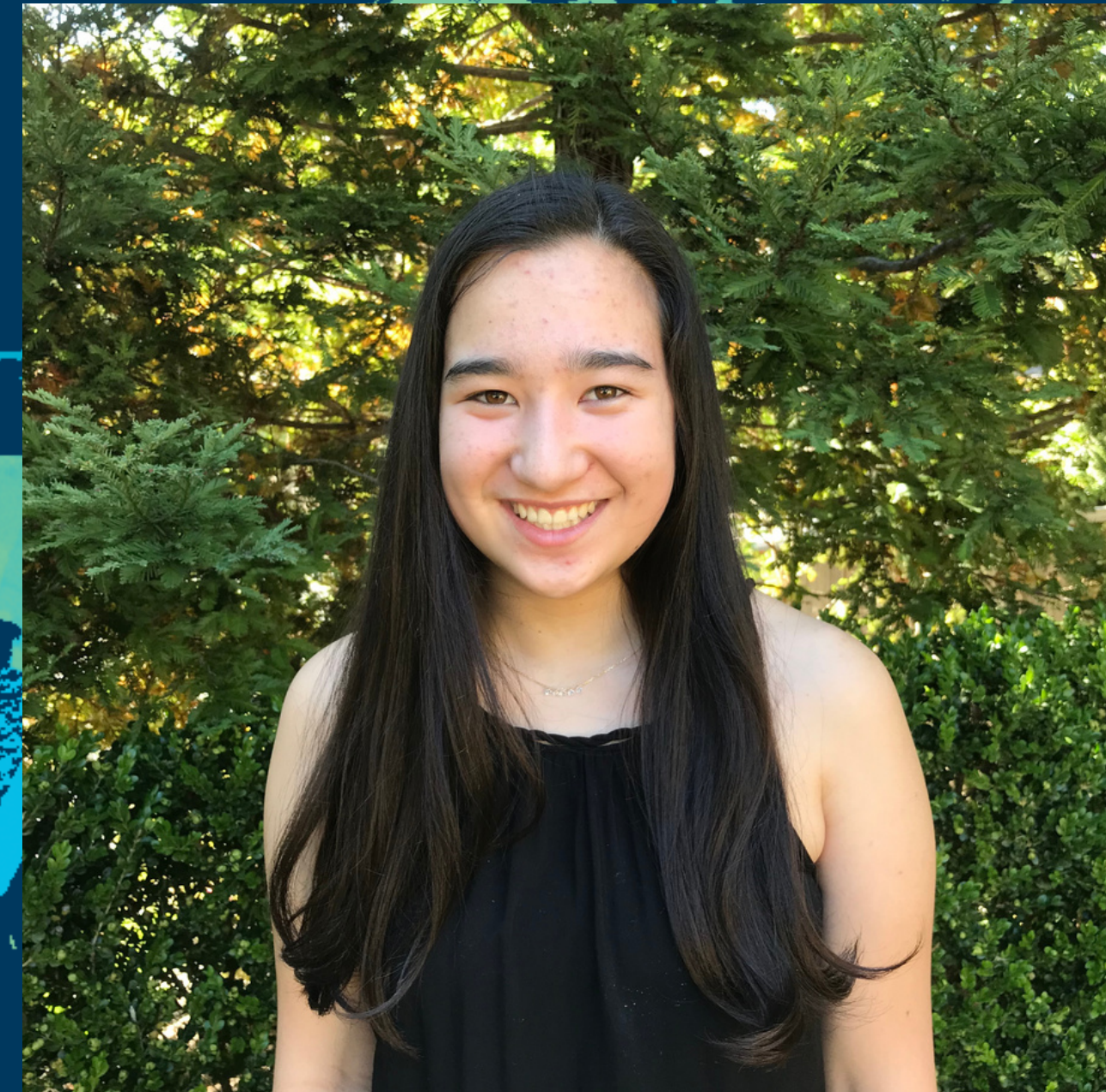
Patrick & Tracey Sherwood CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Lynn Wolfe, Contra Costa, Animal Science Major

I am a graduate of Acalanes High School in Lafayette, CA. I chose UC Davis for the incredible academic program in animal science and opportunities to gain hands-on work and research experience. Additionally, I loved the college town environment and friendly atmosphere. Upon graduation, I plan to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and hope to work at a small animal clinic after veterinary school.

Thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship helps me to pursue a degree in animal science and plan for veterinary school. I will use some of the money I am saving from tuition to participate in an internship and research project at an animal wildlife sanctuary in Costa Rica (when safe to travel).



Charles & Janie Soderquist CAAA Scholarship

UC DAVIS

Madeleine Gurich, Santa Clara, Sociology

I was born and raised in Santa Clara, California. From a very young age, I was interested in maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle. This later manifested itself through my involvement with the Cross Country and Track team all four years of high school. I also took on leadership responsibilities throughout those years, culminating in my position as team captain junior and senior year.

I would like to thank the people that made this scholarship available to UC Davis students like myself from the bottom of my heart. These types of programs showcase the strong relationships UC Davis has with its alumni and current students. I am extremely thankful to the donors that have allowed me to have this opportunity, and am ecstatic to join the Aggie family.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

Madison Naughton, North Coast, International Relations Major

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I am from Clearlake, California. At UC Davis, I am studying International Relations and Linguistics to become a foreign officer or business representative. I want to work on a global scale where I can influence the lives of others across cultural boundaries. I think that my understanding of the world could lead to revolutionary social developments.

This scholarship is my future. Not only does it relieve a financial burden, but it relieves a very heavy mental one. My education at Davis is one of the most important adventures I am taking in life. To be even one step closer to affording to attend assures me that I will be able to accomplish the great things in life that I aspire to do with the credentials to do so.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons

UC DAVIS

Scholarship Winner

Magdalena Arias, Monterey , Civil Engineering Major

I'm from Hollister, Ca. This fall I will be a third-year transfer student majoring in Civil Engineering. I am interested in learning more about the role of civil engineers during natural disasters and planning for prevention. I plan on earning a Masters Degree in Geotechnical Engineering. After graduating, I hope to work for a company such as FEMA or IEM to apply what I have learned as a civil engineering student to natural disaster relief and management.

This scholarship will help alleviate the great financial burden and anxiety I feel when it comes to paying for my education. Your scholarship will allow me to concentrate more of my focus on my studies rather than working part-time to pay for school. This scholarship will allow me to work fewer hours and hopefully give me more time to conduct research.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Fund Winner

UC DAVIS

Maliha Shahzad, San Joaquin, Biological Sciences Major

My major at UC Davis is Biological Sciences. I also plan to work toward a minor in either Public Health Sciences or Math. Upon graduation, I hope to attend medical school, as I aspire to become a physician. I am not certain what I would like to specialize in, but as of right now, orthopedics catches my eye.

I am a recently-graduated high school student, and this scholarship means so much to me. This award is going to go directly toward my tuition and supporting my education, and I am so grateful for it. I am a first generation college student, and my mom is currently going through immunotherapy. This scholarship definitely relieves me from worrying about some of the financial cost for my tuition as I begin my first year at UC Davis.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Manuel Anguiano, Central Valley, Aerospace Science & Engineering Major

I am from Fresno California. I hope to study aerospace engineering so that I may be able to pursue my passion in space exploration, maybe even as an astronaut. I want to be able to use my talents and leadership skills to help the world discover so much more than what is just on this planet. I want to help change the universe. I want to take part in further exploration of the Moon, Mars, and beyond. I chose UC Davis because of the beautiful campus and the friendly environment.

I would like to thank the donors who have generously funded this scholarship from the bottom of my heart because this award will help me make my education at UC Davis possible. This award has helped lift pressure off of my parents and me to find the finances to fund my education. I hope to pay this award forward by continuing to lead and inspire others.



Jacque A Bartholomew Fund Winner

UC DAVIS

Marisela Montenegro, Yolo, Chicana/Chicano Studies Major

I am an incoming UC Davis undergraduate student. I am a Chicana/o Studies Major, and will be graduating the Spring of 2022 with a Bachelor's degree. My goal is to earn a teaching degree and a PhD in Chicana/o Studies. I would like to pursue a career as a professor and want to write classroom material and curriculum for the Ethnic Studies Movement.

Thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. I was overjoyed when I received the acceptance email and could barely contain myself in the break room at work. Thank you so much for creating this scholarship for people like myself.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

Marissa Morgan, Riverside, Political Science Public Service Major

I am from Southern California. During my free time I find myself either participating in activism of some sort, painting, or writing my own articles on political topics. I chose UC Davis because I love nature and have wanted to study in Northern California since middle school. I hope that during my time at UC Davis I will continue to grow as a leader and individual, and that I can use my knowledge to positively impact society.

I am grateful beyond belief for this scholarship, as it will allow me to spend more time invested in my community as well as donate more of my personal funds to causes I support. I also thankfully have more time to focus on academics rather than employment. In the future, I hope that I will be able to become a scholarship sponsor as well, and continue the tradition of lending a helping hand to Aggies.



William Karl Schwarze CAAA Scholarship Winner

Martha Flores, San Diego, Cinema and Digital Media Major

UC DAVIS

I am an incoming freshman at the University of California-Davis. I plan to study Digital Media and Managerial Economics. I plan to pursue a career in Digital Marketing, help small businesses create a professional image, website, social media presence and more. I am very excited to attend UC Davis, I look forward to meeting new people and working with small businesses in the city of Davis!

I am very honored to have been selected as a recipient for this Scholarship. Winning this scholarship will tremendously help alleviate the stress and financial burden included when pursuing higher education. Achieving my academic goals will allow me to become a professional and give back to my family and communities in Davis and San Diego. Thank you very much for this opportunity and I hope to be part of the Student Alumni Association at Davis in the future.



Raymond H. & Shirley E. Levy CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Maya True-Fogel, San Francisco, Music Major

I will be attending UC Davis as a music major. Throughout the years of being principal viola, I became more confident and built up the skills it took to be a good leader for my section. Now that I have the chance to attend UC Davis, I am super excited to continue to develop my skills as a player and leader even more and get the chance to explore new music with a new orchestra.

I hope to be able to help future UC Davis students and contribute to supporting this scholarship so others may have the same opportunity I was so generously given. Also, in the future I hope to help future UC Davis musicians by providing the support and resources they need to be a music major at Davis such as myself.



Cheryl Mehlhaff CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Mindy Tran, Los Angeles, Biomedical Engineering Major

I am an incoming biomedical engineer student at UC Davis for Fall 2020 and from Los Angeles, California. My interest in biomedical engineering sparked when I participated in UC Irvine's COSMOS Program. In this program, I had the opportunity to work hands-on in a lab that concentrated on tissue and tumor biology research. This also fueled my desire to make an impact in the healthcare field.

By awarding me the CAAA Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. I hope to give back to the university someday and help a student reach their educational goals with a scholarship as CAAA has continued to for years and years to come.



Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship

UC DAVIS

Winner

Miriam Landaverde, Los Angeles, Sociology Major

I am a first generation Latina and recently graduated from Ganesha High school here in Pomona California. I am currently planning to major in Sociology, and upon graduation I hope to further my involvement on campus and become a academic counselor, hoping to create more outreach programs for the University and first generation students in high school.

I am extremely grateful to receive this honor, as a first generation student, I have already had doubts as to whether or not I belong in this prestigious institution. I hope to pay this investment forward to UC Davis by finding a community on campus where I can support with my previous leadership experience, continuing to create an encouraging environment.



Stegura-Vanden Bos Family Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Nancy Ortega Velazquez, L.A., Animal Science

I live in Whittier, California. I am a transfer student from Rio Hondo College and was part of the MESA program, which helps underrepresented students achieve in the STEM field. I was a facilitator in this program for two years and led a workshop to help peers in Calculus I and General Chemistry. I would give worksheets containing material being covered in class and help students understand the concepts. I also volunteer at Baldwin Park Animal Shelter. This was very unexpected, but I am honored to be one of the scholarship recipients. I am extremely thankful to you and the opportunity you are giving me. This scholarship will make me work harder and make me remember that my effort does pay off. This will help me graduate with a low loan debt or no debt and concentrate on Veterinary school.



Kelly and Jennifer Barber Scholarship Winner

Nathan Hines, Yolo, Mechanical Engineering Major

I grew up in the small town of Newberry in the state of Michigan. I spent a total of seven years in the military before making the decision to return to school and move to California. I am currently studying Mechanical Engineering at UC Davis and hope to use my degree to return to the military under the Navy's nuclear engineering program.

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of this scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which will allow me to continue to excel in my studies and further progress toward my long-term goal of earning a degree in mechanical engineering.



Makley Family Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Naz Fatimah Yosefi, Sacramento, Biochem & Molecular Biology Major

I am passionate about science and medicine therefore I will be majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, in the college of Biological Sciences at UC Davis and then applying to medical school to pursue medicine. UC Davis offers one of the finest programs in Biological Sciences in the country and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend and expand my horizon. The diversity, sustainability and the serene environment that UC Davis provides, assured me that it was a place that I belonged.

I am honored to be one of the recipients of this scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am able to focus on the most important aspect of school, which is learning.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

Nazarya Strigglers, Riverside, Biological Sciences Major

UCDAVIS

I'm originally from Fontana California and I graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High School. I'm looking forward to being in a welcoming environment where I can be myself and build relationships with others that will last a lifetime. I'm also looking forward to becoming part of the women's stem group, especially after hearing that it is the number one college for women in stem. I believe that being around these successful women will empower me to be successful as well.

This scholarship help me tremendously in school by providing more money towards my education so I can focus mainly on schoolwork rather than making money to pay off tuition. I look forward to giving back to the UC Davis community by being a leader around campus, even if it is just the small things such as helping to tutor other students, inspiring others, encouraging them to stay focused, and participating in activities around campus.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Niharika Misal, Marin, Computer Science Major

I am from Marin County, more specifically in the Larkspur area. I am interested in arts, engineering, and sustainability and these areas have formed a big part of where I choose to spend my time and become a leader. At UC Davis, I will be majoring in Computer Science. Upon graduating, I hope to clarify my life goals and have the necessary tools in leadership and computer science to further my career in technology management.

Thanks to your donation, I will be able to pursue future leadership endeavors and become the leader I aspire to be while also inspiring others as well. I hope to one day help young students to reach their potential and achieve their goals just as you are helping me.



Gerald Lewis Armour & Jane Billiou Armour Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Olivia Seward, North Central, Environmental Engineering Major

Growing up on a small ranch in Northern California I learned early on the importance of ecology preservation and sustainable agriculture. So with no surprise, I found my intended major of Environmental Engineering, and knew it would be the perfect path for me as it combines my love of math, science, and passion to protect the environment.

I am very grateful to have been awarded this scholarship, and to be able to attend Davis which has always been my dream school. I cannot wait to make the most of my time at Davis and come away with the knowledge to help create change in environmental practices and work to promote Davis long standing beliefs in sustainability



Robert F. Brandeis Memorial Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Pranavi Manchikanti, Santa Clara, Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior Major

I'm from Milpitas, California. This fall I'll be a Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior major at UC Davis. After graduation, I hope to pursue a career as a physician assistant in order to serve underprivileged areas.

I'd like to say thank you to the UC Davis Alumni Association for providing me with this opportunity. Winning this scholarship has inspired me to continue my leadership efforts, I intend to make a difference on campus through participating in clubs like the American Association of University Women and volunteering at student-run clinics. I hope to grow and learn as a leader and person from my experiences as an Aggie!



Shimomura-Quon Family Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Puneet Kaler, Sacramento, Cell Biology Major

I am from Elk Grove, CA and I love playing the piano, volunteering at the hospital, and going on long runs in the mornings and bike rides in the evenings. I plan to study Cell Biology, with the hopes of matriculating into medical school to eventually become a cardiologist. Research is very important for me, and as UC Davis is renowned for its role in research, I could not be more thrilled to be a part of this extraordinary opportunity and help add to the knowledge of mankind.

Winning this scholarship means the world to me. It symbolizes that my community has faith in me and knows that I have the resilience to undergo years of extensive training and preparation to become a physician.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Reyna Ponce-Jarquin, Santa Cruz, Environ Science & Management Major

I live in Watsonville California. I am the first in my family to go to college, the oldest in my family, and the daughter of two Mexican immigrants. It is because of their sacrifices that I have the opportunity to go to school and make a difference. I have a voice, and I have a drive to change things for the better for immigrants, the environment, and other issues. At UC Davis I will pursue my interest in the environment.

I appreciate that you chose me as a candidate and a winner of this scholarship. I will use this opportunity to study as much as I can these four years. I want to study both Environmental Science and Biological Sciences and with this scholarship I will be able to study without worrying about my financial situation.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Richard Butcher, L.A., Aerospace Engineering

I am from Covina, California. I am extremely excited to be attending UC Davis this fall quarter! Leaving high school I was the captain of the swim team, where I loved to volunteer and teach elementary students how to swim, besides swimming I am also interested in martial arts and playing the guitar. Aerospace engineering is the major I chose to follow at Davis, and it feels like the right fit for me because I have always been intrigued to learn more about the process of how a spacecraft is designed

When I received notice that I had won this scholarship I was working on school work for my summer course. Immediately upon reading it I jumped out of my seat and ran to my mom's room and told her that I had won this scholarship. We both jumped for joy and we're so happy to receive this good news, it completely made my day. Thank you!



Orville and Erna Thompson CAAA Scholarship Winner

Sabah Elias, Sacramento, Global Disease Biology Major

UC DAVIS

I am an incoming freshman at UC Davis hoping to study Global Disease Biology. I am originally from Elk Grove, a city near Sacramento. As of now, I work as an Executive Assistant and Project Manager at the American Academy of Pediatrics. I hope to continue my education at a medical school in the future to work towards my aspirations of becoming an anesthesiologist!

Thank you for being a donor to this scholarship! It truly is so helpful, as it will aid me in being able to pay for my college tuition! Being rewarded with this scholarship for my leadership truly feels surreal! I am grateful for this opportunity in being able to further reach my goals of becoming an anesthesiologist!



William Karl Schwarze CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Samantha Bisbee, Riverside, Animal Science Major

I am from Riverside, California. My senior year I also became a volunteer at a hippo therapy pediatric facility, which I fell in love with, as I was able to work with both children and animals! I will be attending UC Davis as an Animal Science major. After earning my Bachelor's degree, I plan on staying at UC Davis for graduate school to obtain my DVM.

Winning any form of scholarship is always amazing, but being selected as a winner for a scholarship that highlights leadership is especially rewarding, as leadership was the one thing that could really summarize my whole high school experience.



Robert & Kinzie Murphy CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Sara Camarero, Los Angeles, Biochem & Molecular Biology Major

I am from the Los Angeles area and a graduate from Gabrielino High School. During my time in high school, I was able to achieve many different leadership experiences through clubs and organizations. After I finish my undergraduate studies, I wish to pursue a medical degree to become a doctor. Being a part of the medical community means a great deal to me because I can help those in need.

Thank you so much for selecting me to be the beneficiary of this award. I am so humbled and grateful for your donations to the Alumni Association.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Sasha Murillo, Solano, Psychology Major

I am from Vacaville, California. At UC Davis, I am super excited to study Psychology to learn more about the human brain and its functions. I also intend to take Chicano Studies classes to obtain a better understanding of my culture's history. As a UC Davis student, I am most excited to meet other students who are just as passionate about social and political issues as me! I am looking forward to joining clubs and becoming more involved on both my college campus and my community.

Thank you so much for funding this scholarship and making it possible to get financial help to further my education. I am grateful that this scholarship makes it easier for me to break the cycle and give more representation of Latinas in higher education and, later on, the workplace.



William Karl Schwarze CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Selina Lopez Curiel, Southern Central Valley, Environ Hort & Urban Forestry Major

I am from Woodlake - an extremely small city in Tulare County. It has been my home for 15 out of the 18 years that I have been alive; therefore, it will forever hold a special place in my heart. Without it, I would have never been heavily exposed to the wonderful world of agriculture - to the career field that I am now majoring in. I would have never discovered that I enjoy working with plants and selected to study Environmental Horticulture and Urban Forestry.

As a first generation student who is trying her best to navigate through the college process, I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. It has given me the financial security I needed to attend the university that was at the top of my list.



Pamela J. & Leonard E. Dunn CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Sloka Suresh, Santa Clara, Cognitive Science Major

I am an incoming freshman majoring in cognitive science. While at Davis I hope to continue these activities as I explore the university's many student organizations, research, and academic opportunities. I really look forward to being a part of such a diverse and welcoming student body as a member of the class of 2024.

I really can't express how thankful I am to the donors of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association for their generous scholarship contribution. The funds from this scholarship will go toward helping me pay the cost of tuition and I hope that in the future I will be able to pay it back by being an active Scontributing member of the Aggie community.



Brandon and Julie Smith CAAA Scholarship

UCDAVIS

Winner

Sophie Huang, San Francisco, Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior Major

I'm from San Francisco. I am going to be a Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior major at UC Davis and I hope to go to med school or dental school upon graduation. I want to pursue a career as an orthodontist or a career in the medical field. I chose UC Davis because it is a great school and I was really interested in the NPB major.

I was so happy to know I was selected as a recipient of the scholarship. I appreciate how you help students like me to achieve their goals and your support means so much to me. I hope to become an Orthodontist.



Hal and Carol Sconyers CAAA Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Stephan Alfaro, Sacramento, Chemical Engineering Major

I am from Citrus Heights, California. I am studying chemical engineering and hope to pursue research in sustainable process methods or alternative energy. I look forward to being part of a community of amazing students, and farm animals, all looking to better the world in one way or another. The world is such a beautiful place to be, and UC Davis is somewhere I know that I want to spend every day the next two years of my life.

I really am beyond grateful for being selected for this scholarship. I want to make everybody proud with the research and career I pursue. I'll give back to the school by changing the world in all the best ways.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Sydney Cusick, Central Coast, Animal Science Major

I am from San Luis Obispo, California. I have an immense passion for animal science and veterinary medicine. I intend to study animal science at UC Davis and I hope to attend Davis's veterinary school once I graduate. I am most looking forward to the classes at UC Davis, especially the science based classes, where I can hopefully participate in some hands-on learning and experience rewarding internships further in the future.

I am incredibly honored to be a recipient of this scholarship. Thanks to your generous and much appreciated support, the pressures of my college tuition cost has been lightened for my entire family and has only brought me one step closer to a bright and successful academic career.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

Tichada Tantasirikorn, Washington, Mechanical Engineering Major

UCDAVIS

I'm from Woodinville, Washington and I'm an aspiring mechanical engineering major and a 3rd degree black belt in taekwondo. I want to pursue my dream of joining or establishing a technology workshop that recreates video game and movie mechanics in real life. Even within the past few decades, entertainment has brought technological ideas like the touchscreen and the self-driving car into reality and has revolutionized our everyday life.

It's an honor to be a recipient of UC Davis CAAA's 2020-2021 Leadership Scholarship. I am more thankful than ever before to my friends and family for supporting my roles as a student, taekwondo instructor, and costumer designer



Mills Family Farms CAAA Scholarship Winner

Tracy Dao, Central Valley, Biochem & Molecular Biology Major

UC DAVIS

Tracy Dao is a student striving to graduate from UC Davis in hopes of making her family proud. Tracy was born in Fresno, California and raised in Clovis, California as the oldest child of four. With immigrant parents, she hopes to be an influential role model to her siblings as the first generation to attend a four year college. She is interested in pursuing a career as a heart surgeon due to her ambition to giving back to her community and love for science and medicine.

I am sincerely honored to be selected as a recipient of the Leadership Scholarship from the UC Davis Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA). Earning this scholarship will not only be impacting to my education, but my motivation.



Marjorie J. Watson CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Trish Tran, Gold Country, Cell Biology Major

I was born and raised in Roseville, California. As an undergraduate at UCD, I plan on majoring in Cell Biology on the premed track. Upon graduating UCD, I would hope to be a student at UCD school of medicine, where I can fulfill my lifelong goal of becoming a physician.

My dream of becoming a physician has been engrained in my purpose for life since I was 6 years old. This scholarship means a lot to me and my family because it will be used in providing me an extra financial boost in easing the transition into my first year on campus. This scholarship also has helped validate my accomplishments in the past and has helped inspire me to stay motivated throughout my undergraduate years.



John and Jeanne Pryor CAAA Scholarship Winner

UCDAVIS

Vanessa Cruz-Mata, Monterey, Cinema and Digital Media Major

I volunteered for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the most admired aquarium in the United States, a leader in science in education, and a voice for ocean and conversation. Throughout my volunteer and personal life I strive to create a culture that promotes sharing, collaboration and inclusivity in order to empower members and teach others of animal science to obtain my main goal which is to become a prestigious veterinarian and receive a phd at UC Davis

This donation will help me succeed in my studies and help me overcome my financial barrier. I want to inspire other generations to pursue not just a bachelor's degree but go beyond because there's so much the UC Davis community can offer.



Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

Vanessa Macias-Cervantes, Solano, Psychology Major

I was born in Aguascalientes, Aguascalientes MX, and moved to the Bay Area in my childhood. I'm majoring in Psychology to hopefully become a licensed therapist in the future. Preferably I want to help other low-income people of color like me. I'm super excited to be a UC Davis student.

This scholarship means a lot to me. I put a lot of pressure on myself to succeed and be someone who my parents can be proud of. I'm the first in my family to go to college in the US. This scholarship will help us worry less about being able to pay for school so I can focus on giving back when I graduate. I will work super hard to get good grades and make them proud. I want to live up to UC Davis great reputation for talented and dedicated students.



CAAA Endowed Scholarship Winner

UC DAVIS

William Bermudez, Los Angeles, Psychology Major

I am from Whittier, California. My main interests are baseball and becoming a better person every day. I have shown my determination is when I suffered a traumatic head injury last May. My injury then caused me to be diagnosed with Epilepsy last September and lost my Division 1 full-ride scholarship to the United States Air Force Academy. I kept going to physical therapy and I was able to fully recover. My future plan in attending UC Davis is to major in Psychology and playing Division 1 baseball.

Winning this scholarship means the absolute world to my family and me because paying for college is going to be an obstacle this scholarship will help me overcome. I am so thankful for this opportunity to be a part of this organization and spread my leadership skills to others.

