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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:03 PM
To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Training bees to fly (but why?)

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Dear Kilby,

Did you ever think of training bees to fly upwind?

Associate Professor Stacey Combes, a Chancellor's Fellow, does exactly that. She lures bees through a long wind tunnel using fake flowers and nectar while high-speed cameras capture every movement.

The purpose? To better understand how bees fly and forage — an important question for our food supply as climate change reshapes ecosystems for bees and other pollinators.

“My goal is to inspire students to be constantly curious about the world around them—and to understand how to go from that curiosity to designing a scientific study and critically evaluating the results.”

- STACEY COMBES, 2019 CHANCELLOR'S FELLOW AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEUROBIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY AND BEHAVIOR

In another study, Combes and colleagues superglued tiny barcodes to bumblebees to track, via camera, how they divide labor when foraging and caring for young. **The BEEtag system sheds light on many bee behaviors, including their response to pesticide use.**

A Chancellor's Fellows award, supported in part by the Annual Fund, allows Combes to

expand on her work. For two decades, the Chancellor's Fellows program has helped early career faculty pursue important research and offer life-changing learning opportunities for students. [Your gift today will continue that legacy. Join us!](#)

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Subject: Doing the right thing, then and now

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Dear Kilby,

Compassion emanating from UC Davis transformed the lives of Floyd Shimomura '70 J.D. '73 and his family when they faced persecution after World War II. Ever since, Floyd has been giving back to the university.

Floyd's parents and grandparents, as Japanese Americans, met local opposition when trying to return to their home in Winters after being released from an internment camp. Their former neighbor, UC Davis Professor Warren Tufts, invited them to live and work on his farm, where Floyd was born in 1948.

"I'm proud to be a UC Davis alumnus, and as a donor to UC Davis, philanthropy has given me a great feeling of personal satisfaction. Especially as I grow older, it makes me feel I have left the world a little better than I found it."

- FLOYD SHIMOMURA '70 J.D. '73

Floyd, like many in his family, grew up to attend UC Davis. He later joined the law school faculty and the California Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) as a board member, president and lifelong member. The Shimomura Family Scholarship reflects his family's devotion to students.

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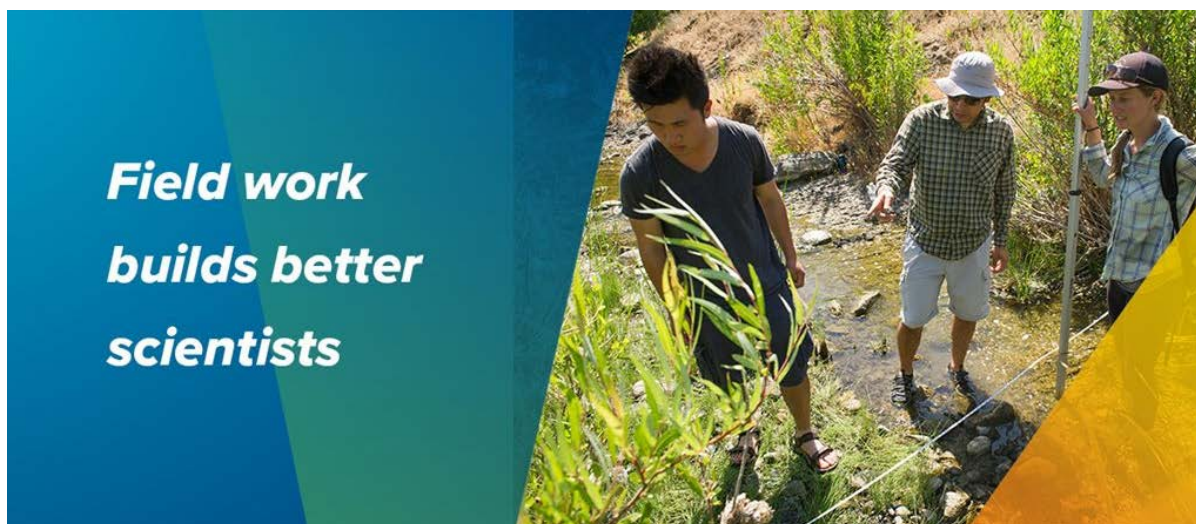
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Subject: Science students get their feet wet, literally



Students gathering data with Assistant Professor Sam Sandoval Soils (Middle)

Dear Kilby,

Assistant professor Sam Sandoval Solis makes sure his water science and management students have a chance to get their feet wet.

Sandoval recruits students, including undergraduates, to assist in projects that take them to waterways all over the state, where they collect data on water width and depth, river slope and other features. The students' data is useful to the California water authority and other groups, but for Sandoval the research is key to learning.

"The people skills students develop during field work—when interacting with other students during data collection or explaining our projects to landowners—helps them be good team members and leaders as well as good scientists and citizens."

- SAM SANDOVAL SOLIS, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SPECIALIST, DEPARTMENT OF LAND, AIR AND WATER RESOURCES

"Students must be able to relate science concepts with how to monitor or identify them in the field," Sandoval said. "You can lecture about how precipitation, land use and geology interact to affect streamflow, for example, but students get it when they see how it actually occurs."

At the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, learning outside the classroom

gives students opportunities to apply learned science in real-world settings. **Your support helps us educate tomorrow's science leaders. [Join us!](#)**



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Subject: Undergraduate prize winner chooses CBS for the long haul



**Growing the
science leaders
of tomorrow**

Baskin Research Award winner Wenzhe Li with Assistant Professor Richard McKenney, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology. *Photo: David Slipher/UC Davis*

Dear Kilby,

Wenzhe Li '19 has loved biology since her high school years in Shanghai, China, but her passion was truly ignited when she started doing significant research as an undergraduate in the College of Biological Sciences.

Wenzhe's research on dynein, a cellular protein that helps other proteins move within a cell, won her the 2019 Ronald and Lydia Baskin Research Award. Wenzhe chose a project with high stakes—the adaptor proteins dynein uses to function are essential for neurological development—and pursued discovery, spending long hours in the lab while maintaining a nearly perfect GPA as a biology/psychology double major.

"I am grateful for the recognition I have received for my research, and I am motivated to work even harder as I start my next level of education as a graduate student."

- WENZHE LI '19, PH.D. STUDENT AND WINNER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE 2019 BASKIN RESEARCH AWARD

Today, Wenzhe is a Ph.D. student in biochemistry, molecular, cellular and developmental biology—and her professors have no doubt she's a future leader in the STEM field.

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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Equipping students to be leading entrepreneurs



Dear Kilby,

Sana Karimi '20 is a certified diver, a lover of nature and practices Taekwondo, but she's most passionate about researching the effects of classroom environments on autistic students—an experience that has sparked her interest in reforming curriculum for all student needs.

Sana's passion for educational reform drew her to the Entrepreneurship Quest: Undergraduate Internship Program (EQUIP), which "equips" undergraduates with an innovative, entrepreneurial mindset through workshops, career fairs and internships. As an EQUIP scholar, Sana interned at Acacia Counseling & Wellness, an opportunity that taught her how learning disabilities can be worked with in education. "EQUIP taught me that everyone can excel with the right tools," she said.

"EQUIP taught me that we are all capable of being an entrepreneur, in some form or another, if we apply the right tools and empower the creator inside us."

—SANA KARIMI, '20 SOCIOLOGY | MINOR IN COMMUNITY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building the Entrepreneurial Mindset is a UC Davis Big Idea that will integrate innovation and entrepreneurship coursework and extracurricular opportunities, such as EQUIP, into the UC Davis experience at every level, connecting learners with programs that are academically rigorous, experientially grounded, and rooted in our strengths as the West Coast's most comprehensive university.

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Student finds a “home away from home” on campus

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Student finds a “home away from home” on campus



Dear Kilby,

Leonard Asican '22, an Asian American Studies major, found a home away from home—and supportive experiences—with the Filipinx American community at UC Davis.

Leonard grew up in a family living paycheck to paycheck. Receiving a student scholarship allowed Leonard to focus on studies and pursue enriching activities on campus.



Leonard volunteered for the Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies, the Filipino Association for Health Careers, and Filipinx in Liberal Arts and Humanities. Leonard also served as an intern with BRIDGE: Pilipinx Outreach and Retention. All these experiences have helped develop both communication and leadership skills.

When you give to the College of Letters and Science, you allow students to enrich their education with “outside the classroom” experiences that help students grow.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:10 PM
To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Strengthening diversity among future engineers



Dear Kilby,

Naveena Ujagar '20, a senior in biomedical engineering, found a supportive home on campus with LEADR, a program that serves to recruit, retain and graduate a diverse student population from the College of Engineering.

LEADR reaches out to students from socioeconomic groups that are underrepresented in engineering to provide academic advising, professional development and community-building activities. As students grow through the program, they mentor their peers.

"LEADR has helped shape me into the engineer and leader I am today. After I graduate, I plan to create a STEM program for young girls and other underserved groups to help them into college and STEM careers."

- NAVEENA UJAGAR '20

"There isn't a part of my life that LEADR has not positively touched," said Naveena, highlighting her two years as a resident mentor in LEADR's Summer Bridge program helping first-year students transition to college before fall quarter. "It's been the biggest source of support, community, resources and opportunities for me at UC Davis."

Your support of LEADR helps us recruit and retain a strong, diverse student

population at the College of Engineering. [Join us by making a gift today!](#)

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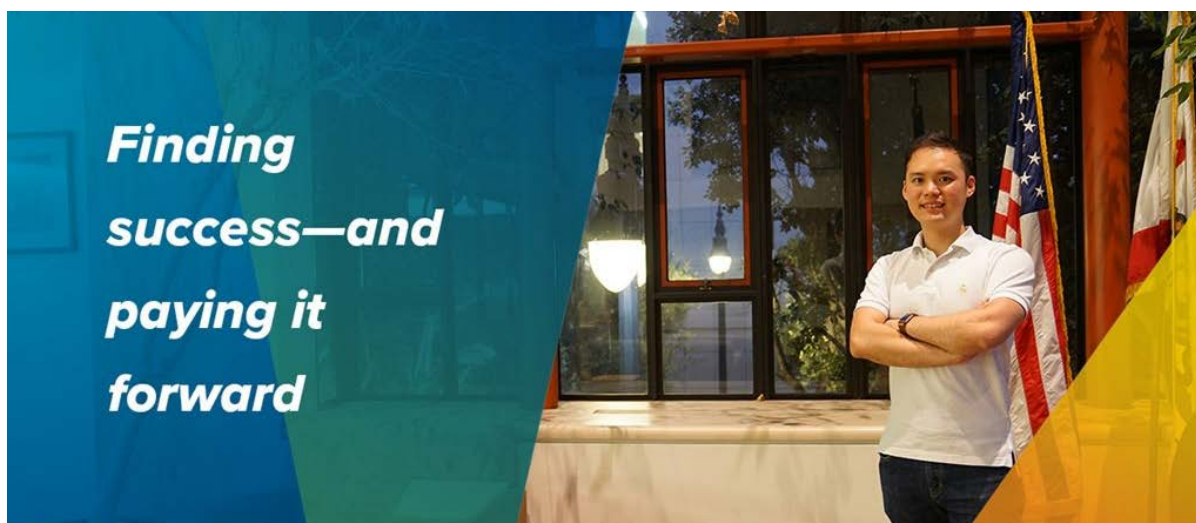
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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Veteran finds a new career through GSM



Dear Kilby,

U.S. Army veteran William Gao MSBA '19 was looking for a new career as he transitioned into civilian life—and the Master of Science in Business Analytics program at the Graduate School of Management (GSM) offered the perfect solution.

William, who already held an accounting degree, chose UC Davis' MSBA program for its location in San Francisco, scholarship support, and a year-long practicum component in which student teams apply their knowledge to real business projects at client companies.

“The Graduate School of Management has greatly advanced my career and the careers of my fellow students. Now it is my turn to pass along this favor.”

**- WILLIAM GAO MSBA '19, ALUMNUS AND MONTHLY DONOR,
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Now a data scientist at Western Digital, William credits the GSM network with helping him get the job—and the education he received at the GSM for helping him excel at it. As thanks, he now donates to the School with a monthly gift.

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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Pioneer Joan Ogden reflects the enduring value of ITS



Dear Kilby,

“A deep thinker.” “Ridiculously smart.” “The ultimate collaborator.” That’s how students and colleagues describe Joan Ogden, a professor of Environmental Science and Policy who recently retired from the Institute for Transportation Studies. Her departure offers an occasion to reflect on her immense achievements.

In addition to her own innovative research, Ogden in 2007 founded Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways (STEPS), a program that helped establish ITS-Davis as a national leader. STEPS conducted the first academically rigorous comparative analyses of alternative transportation fuels—electricity, hydrogen and biofuels—under debate as successors to petroleum. The program continues as STEPS-plus, with an expanded research portfolio.

“Teaching and mentoring students has been one of the most satisfying aspects of my career at ITS. Many of our students went on to become leaders in industry, government and academia. It was a privilege to teach them, and I am so proud of their accomplishments.”

**- JOAN OGDEN, PROFESSOR EMERITA, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY
FOUNDING DIRECTOR, STEPS, INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION STUDIES**

These days, besides her research, Ogden spends time writing memoirs and music, with themes drawing on her experiences as a prominent woman scientist. An accomplished guitar

and mandolin player, Ogden and her band perform for appreciative audiences around greater Sacramento.

At ITS-Davis, Ogden's legacy lives on as an outstanding researcher and teacher who inspired generations of students to choose transportation innovation as a career.

Your gift to ITS helps us recruit and retain outstanding faculty like Joan Ogden, who guide and nurture tomorrow's transportation leaders. [Make a gift in honor of Ogden's legacy today!](#)



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Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2019 9:03 AM
To: Kilby E King
Subject: Library supports first-generation Aggie success



Dear Kilby,

For first-generation college student, Abigail Magaña '19, the library is a place where she can share her Aggie experience with her younger sister.

"I love to bring my little sister with me to the library to study and learn about all the resources the library provides students," Abigail said. "She's turning 16 this fall and plans to attend UC Davis, too. Future Aggie in the making!"

"Librarians have come into my classes to show us how to do research on PubMed or the library databases, which really helped me with my papers and other work."

- ABIGAIL MAGAÑA '19

Abigail and her friends also use the library's group study rooms with digital screens to work collaboratively on projects. The two rooms are very popular and often full. The Library's improvement plans call for equipping more group study rooms to meet students' needs.

By supporting the UC Davis Library today, you provide important resources for students like Abigail, and inspire futures Aggies to follow their dreams. [Join us!](#)



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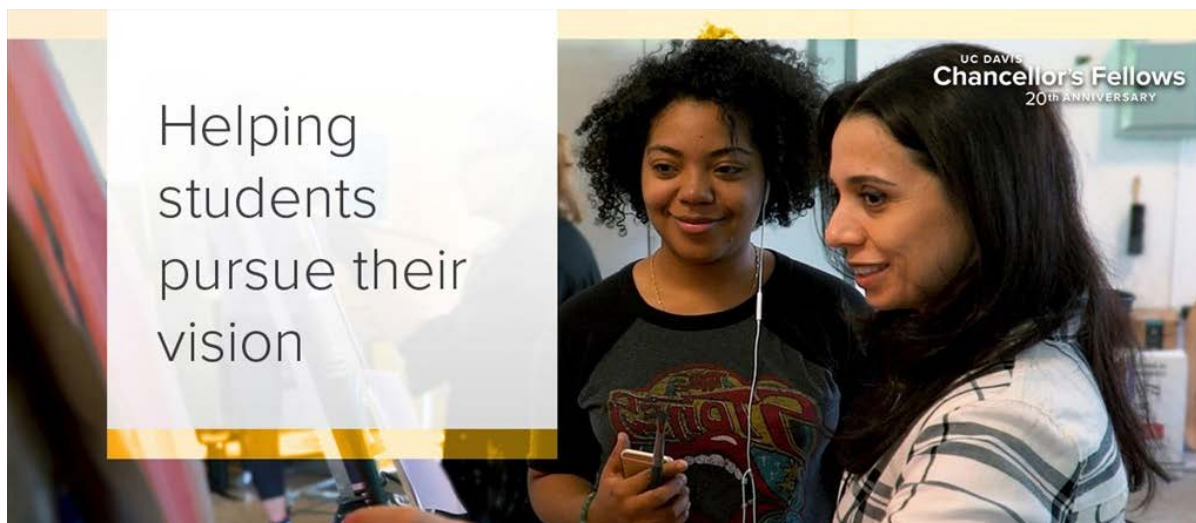
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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Students find truth and beauty in art



Dear Kilby,

Drawing on Persian miniature painting traditions, Associate Professor Shiva Ahmadi, a Chancellor's Fellow, creates works of stunning beauty that often include images of conflict from her native Iran.

Yet her art speaks to universal experience. "I believe there is a way for people from anywhere and any background to relate to and understand my art," said Ahmadi.

As a teacher, she helps students develop and be true to their own vision.

"I love working with young, energetic and creative minds. Teaching my students to be aware of their choices and make conscious decisions in their work is very important to me."

- SHIVA AHMADI, 2019 CHANCELLOR'S FELLOW AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART

"I want my students to question, research and reflect on their work," said Ahmadi. "This means exploring different options and experimenting with different materials to convey their ideas."

A Chancellor's Fellows award, supported in part by the Parents Fund, will allow Ahmadi to expand on her work. For two decades, the Chancellor's Fellows program has helped early career faculty pursue their research and creative work while offering life-changing learning opportunities for students. [Your gift today will continue that amazing legacy. Join us!](#)

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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Student finds “home away from home” at UC Davis



Dear Kilby,

As a first-generation college student and a first-generation American, Yasaman Hakami '21 needed extra support connecting with campus life. At the Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian (MENASA) student resources center, Yasaman found a helping community.

“MENASA makes Davis my home away from home,” said Yasaman, whose family comes from Iran. “I feel welcome and loved here, and that I have a safe space to freely practice my Muslim heritage.”

As an events coordinator with MENASA, Yasaman has made social connections and is gaining valuable experience relating to her studies as a sociology major specializing in public service and policy.



MENASA is one of several retention programs at UC Davis supporting veterans, low-income, international, rural and other underrepresented students, providing mentoring, academic and

career advising, community activities and other services key to success in college.

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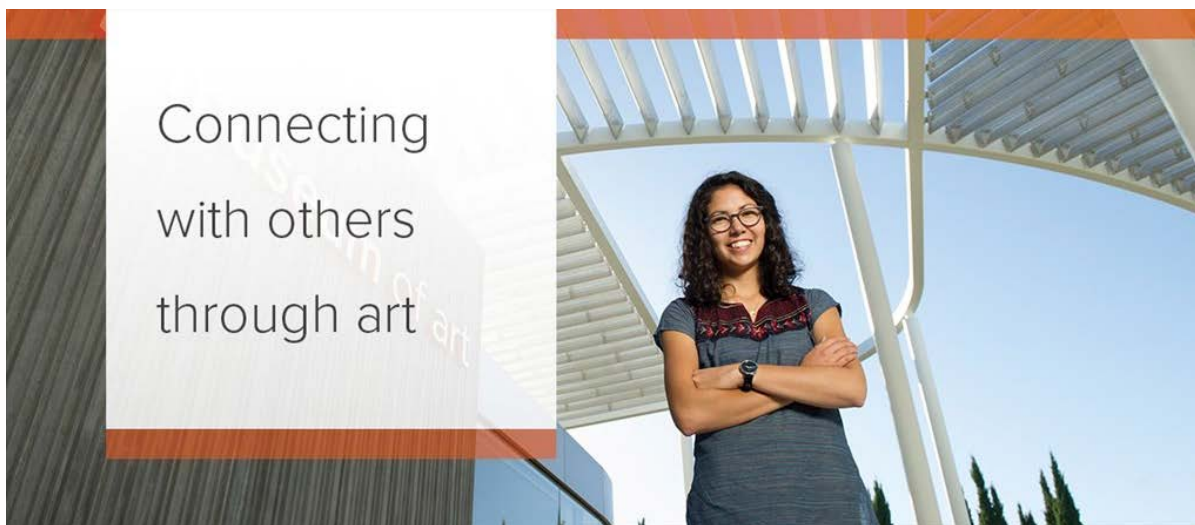


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Sent: Sunday, December 8, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Kilby E King
Subject: Helping museum visitors is a “labor of love”

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Dear Kilby,

Art History major Audrianna Escobedo '20 has been on the Visitor Services team at the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art since it opened in 2016. It is safe to call her work a labor of love.

“It is so wonderful to expand my knowledge of art and artists, and share that information with visitors,” Audrianna said.

That personal level of attention is part of what makes a visit to the Manetti Shrem Museum so special to visitors from Davis, greater Sacramento and beyond.

Audrianna also loves helping visitors of all ages make their own art at the Parker Art Studio.

“Having conversations where I get to personally connect with visitors has been such a joy, and they make every gallery shift amazing.”

- AUDRIANNA ESCOBEDO '20, VISITOR SERVICES

“It is wonderful seeing the beautiful works they create, especially those who come in with no

confidence in their ability,” she said.

Your gift allows the Manetti Shrem Museum to remain free for all visitors; present world-renowned works such as our immersive Doug Aitken video installation, NEW ERA, running through June 14, 2020; and offer engaging community programming, including art-making in the Parker Art Studio.

While gifts of any amount are welcome, **by giving just \$25 a month, you can join our Museum Partners** and help us **maintain our commitment to being free for all.** Museum Partners also enjoy such benefits as access to exclusive Partner Events, recognition on our annual donor wall, and priority notice and early registration for select public programs. [Join us today!](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: All students see themselves in her curriculum



Dear Kilby,

Katelyn Guy '18 (Cred. '20, MA '21), a fluent Spanish speaker, has a mission that goes beyond helping students succeed in high school.

"As a future dual immersion teacher, I want to dedicate my career to breaking down the institutional barriers that prevent English language learners from accessing higher education," Katelyn said. "A huge part of this is making sure my students see themselves in my curriculum. I want my students to be able to study the contributions their communities have made to this country."

"Receiving an Annual Fund scholarship from the School of Education was such a blessing. The scholarship allowed me to jump right into graduate school, and I can focus all my energy on learning rather than stressing about money."

- KATELYN GUY '18 (CRED. '20, MA '21)

Katelyn is earning a Bilingual Authorization Teaching Credential and plans to teach U.S. history and government/economics at a Sacramento Valley or Bay Area high school serving a high proportion of Spanish-speaking families.

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Katelyn who are dedicated to the success of all students and making a difference in underserved communities. [Join us today!](#)

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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: We believe in equal access for all



Dear Kilby,

Happy Holidays! I am pleased to let you know that great things are happening at your UC Davis School of Law.

Our “majority-minority” faculty continues to excel. Faculty members are committed to teaching our students, publishing in top law reviews, and informing the public in news stories from the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN, NPR, and more. If you do not believe me, listen to Professor Elizabeth Joh’s podcast [“What Trump Can Teach Us About Con Law”](#) or read Professor Carlton F.W. Larson’s new book, *The Trials of Allegiance: Treason, Juries, and the American Revolution* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Our renowned Immigration Law Clinic received \$1.3 million in gifts in recognition of its extraordinary work in assisting people in dire circumstances. These gifts have enabled the clinic to add staff attorneys to supervise students, and allow us to help migrant children in detention.

The incoming Class of 2022 is the most diverse in our law school’s history. Students of color compose 57 percent of the class, women make up 59 percent, and more than a quarter are first-generation college graduates. *The Princeton Review*, *National Jurist*, and *U.S. News* all rank King Hall highly in numerous categories.

At UC Davis Law, we believe in equal access for all. Private support last year allowed nearly 90 percent of our students to obtain financial assistance. **Your support today means we**

can continue to offer our students the best possible academic experience – both inside and outside of King Hall.

Thank you for all you do for our King Hall community.

Very truly yours,

Kevin R. Johnson, Dean UC Davis School of Law

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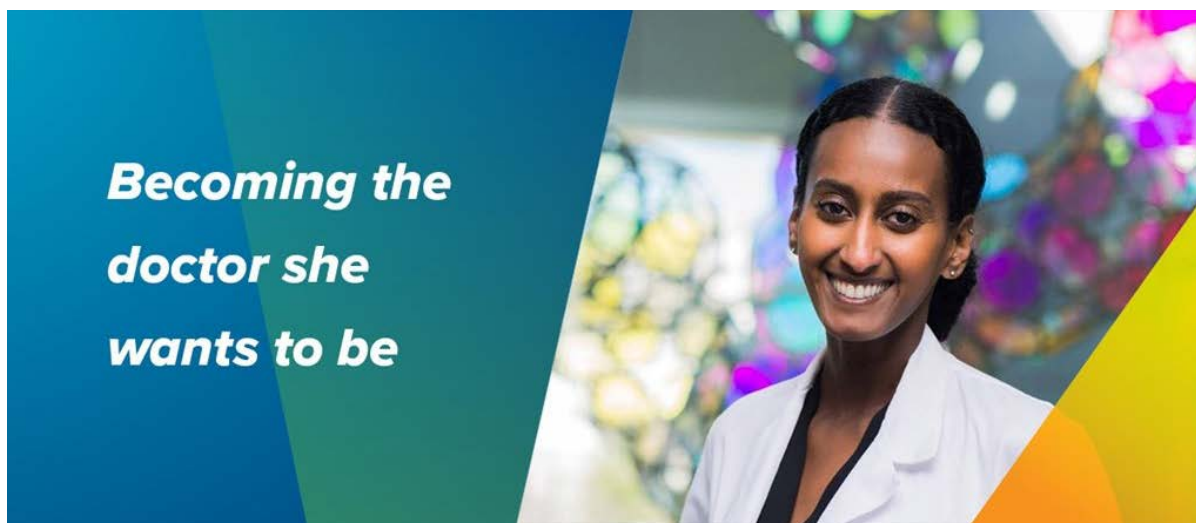
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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Knowing the value of a medical education



Dear Kilby,

“Recognizing the power of education, motivated me to educate people about their health,” said Bisrat Woldemichael M.D. ’21. **“I want to be the physician that takes the time to explain complex diseases and medications, and UC Davis will help me become that doctor.”**

Bisrat’s family emigrated here 30 years ago from Ethiopia, where her father walked miles to the nearest school to receive an education. He instilled her in her value of educational opportunities. “My father always said, ‘No one can take away your knowledge,’” she said.

“This scholarship has been invaluable to my medical school journey and I am so grateful to the generous donors that continue to invest in the future of medicine.”

- BISTRAT WOLDEMICHAEL, M.D. '21

Today, Bisrat pursues her education with less of a financial burden thanks to the School of Medicine Alumni Scholarship. “Now, I can focus on becoming a physician that empowers her patients to control their health,” she said.

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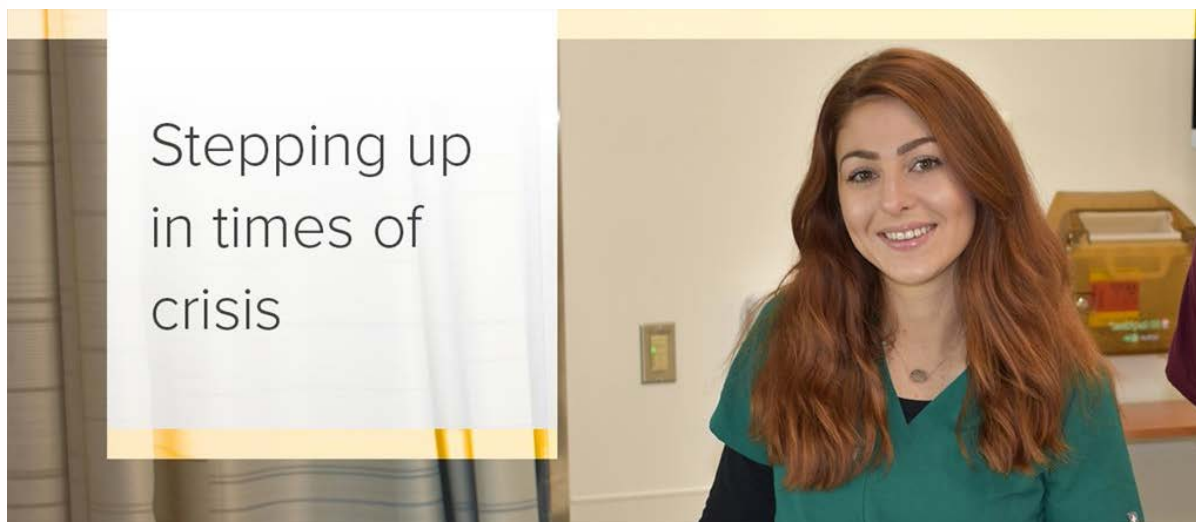
Bisrat who believe medicine has the power to make the world a better place. [Support medical students like her by making a gift today!](#)

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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Nursing and PA students jump in to help fire relief



Dear Kilby,

When unhealthy air quality from last year's devastating Camp Fire caused UC Davis to cancel classes, physician assistant student Shannon Watson MHS '20—who also is a registered nurse and a former Butte County resident—put studying aside and headed north to help.

“Shelters overflowing, medical needs rampant, and 50,000 evacuees made for a type of chaos like I’ve never seen before,” said Shannon, despite years of experience in disaster relief.

“To me, this is what our school is all about. I am heartbroken for the devastation this has caused. But simultaneously my heart is full knowing I have colleagues who will drop everything to go care for our neighbors in the north state.”

- SHANNON WATSON MHS '20, RECIPIENT OF THE SUSAN L. ADAMS LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH POLICY AWARD

That's when Shannon reached out to her fellow P.A. and nursing students at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. Dozens of them joined her on the scene, where they provided crucial assistance and gained strength and compassion as providers that will benefit the communities they serve.

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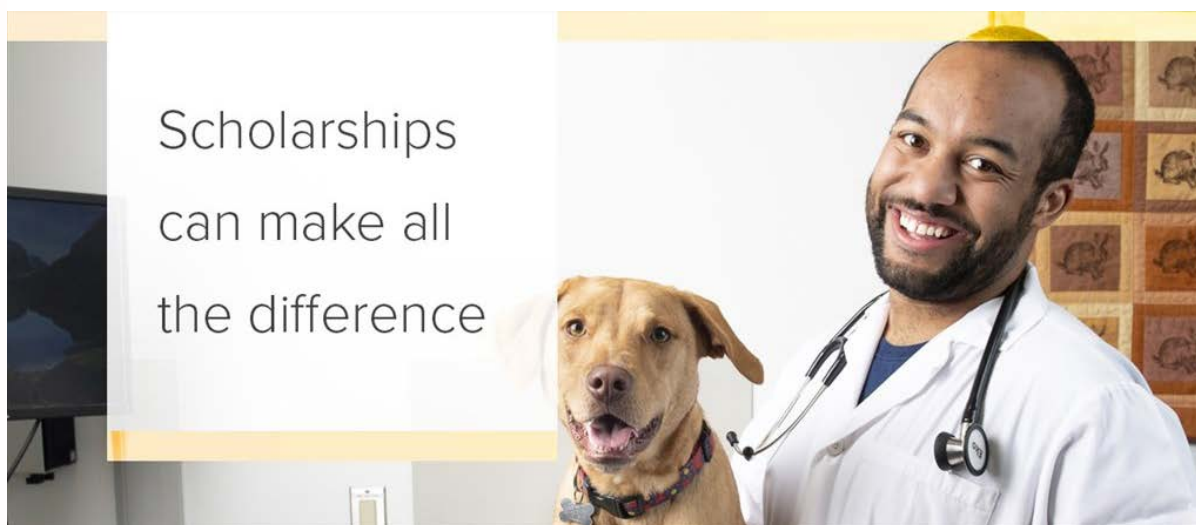
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To: Kilby E Graham
Subject: Turning dreams into reality



Dear Kilby,

Sean Gadson's childhood dream was to study veterinary medicine at UC Davis. When he was accepted into the program, it was the best day of his life. "I devoted over 20 years to this dream, so when it became reality it was life-changing. I'll never forget that day," he said.

In spite of the School's regular efforts to decrease tuition, Sean worried about it. Growing up in a single-parent household, money had always been a consideration. **When he was awarded the Schumacher Award, a prestigious scholarship for high-achieving students in veterinary medicine, his worry faded.**

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- SEAN GADSON, DVM '20

Receiving the scholarship caused Sean to realize how much philanthropic support enriches the academic experience the School of Veterinary Medicine provides. "Much of our educational experience is shaped by philanthropy—our facilities, programs and clubs are possible because of philanthropic support," he said.

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