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Cameron Alexander

Major

Human Development

Mino

Education and Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Join my current lab as a research analyst for a year then attend graduate school for School Psychology

Career goals and aspirations

I plan on getting my Ph.D. in school psychology and working in both the school and clinical setting working with children with neurodevelopmental exceptionalities.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I really enjoyed connecting with my current lab and getting involved with active research. Joining the lab helped me discover my passion for working with individuals with exceptionalities.

Best UHP memory

Taking AHI 190H as my first honors class and meeting many great people in UHP which who I still have strong friendships with today.



Elizabeth Anderson

Major

Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Career goals and aspirations

I will be attending veterinary school to pursue my DVM for the next 4 years, and I plan to specialize in livestock medicine. With my degree, I want to help rural livestock communities as well as work to reduce the environmental impact of the livestock industries. I also am interested in going further in academia and someday teaching others in some capacity.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I think I am most proud that I have been able to have fun and make meaningful connections while still doing well in my classes and pursuing career-related opportunities. I have been able to meet wonderful students that have become my closest friends and make time for activities such as club lacrosse and IM sports that make me happy. I would not have been able to successfully complete so many different activities and accomplishments without maintaining this sense of fun.

Best UHP Memory

It's so hard to pick one favorite UHP memory, as a large majority of my closest friends are in the UHP community, but my best memory is probably playing IM sports with members of my UHP class. We continued to play together even after our freshman year, and even meet up to play pick-up sports for fun! One day is was pouring rain but we still met up to play on Howard Field and we all had a great time.





Allison Andre

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior

Mino

Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Attend California State University, Sacramento to complete a Doctor in Physical Therapy

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to become a physical therapist and work with children with disabilities. Beyond that, I have discovered a passion for education while tutoring at Davis, and I am considering pursuing a track where I could teach at physical therapy programs in addition to performing clinical work.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud that I took care of myself and learned to balance my many classes, jobs, and extracurriculars while maintaining much better mental and physical health than I have had in the past. I am also proud of the friendships I made, as I have never felt such a part of a community until coming to college.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is living in Currant. I loved when 7 pm would roll around and everyone on my floor would start popping their heads out of their room yelling, "Food?", and moving in a giant group to have dinner together. It was my first time away from my family, and I immediately found a new one in that building.



Audrey **Bantug**

Major

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My current career goal is to become a medical doctor, as I'm preparing to apply for medical school this summer. I want to serve and educate patients, involving them in the healthcare process so that they don't feel so scared of it. After establishing my physician career, I'm also considering pursuing a PhD later down the line.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

As an undergraduate, I am most proud of being able to successfully adapt to living on my own. Back in high school, I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to juggle academics with adult responsibilities. But now, I have become more independent, though still willing to count on others for help.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was when I did a presentation for AMS 1C, Americans in Autobiography. It was my first UHP class, and fostered a sense of community for me as a 1st year. The presentation was on my experience at the National Spelling Bee. It was a delight to see my classmates' shocked and awed expressions. It was a moment I'll never forget.





Vincent Basas

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior and Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

After graduation, I hope to apply to medical schools so that I can earn my MD and become a doctor.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Given the unfortunate circumstances that COVID brought upon us, I am proud that I can look back and say that I checked off most of the boxes on my Aggie to-do list. All the classic events, from football games to Picnic Day, I can say I got to experience in-person. Yes, much of my time in college was rightfully dedicated to studying, but I was able to maintain a good balance between my academic and social lives to still be able to make so many fun memories with my friends.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is all of freshman year, when I lived in Currant Hall with many people who are now my best friends. Living away from home for the first time can be a challenge, but being able to do so as part of the UHP community made the transition so much easier. All the game nights, DC lunches, study sessions, bike rides, and late night talks are the parts of my college experience that I will always cherish, and I know my entire college experience would not have been the same without my friends I met through UHP.



Danielle Baza

Major

History

Minor

Native American Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Attend California State University, Sacramento to pursue a Masters in Public History

Career goals and aspirations

Embark on a career involving archival preservation and the presentation of truthful, unbiased history. I aim to provide a voice for those marginalized by society.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Despite diagnoses of severe social anxiety and manic depression, I was accepted into the History Honors Thesis program as well as 3 graduate schools.

Best UHP memory

Meeting new people who became some of my closest friends.





Victoria **Beck**

Major Mathematics

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

Il would love to teach math at the college level. In the short term, I hope to attend graduate school for math, where I can further explore my research interests and hopefully become a TA and support younger students, and I hope to be able to teach at a college or university after graduate school.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am extremely proud of my signature work, but other than that, I am proud of the work I have done in mentoring other students. I worked as a Resident Advisor for two years, and it was a huge time commitment, but it was incredibly rewarding to help first year students transition to UC Davis successfully. This year, I have been an orientation leader and a tutor at the AATC and am proud of the positive impact I have had on other students.

Best UHP memory

My Intro to Undergrad Research class was awesome! Even though it was online, I felt connected to the other students and it was so cool to hear about their research interests and the topics they are all passionate about.



Ryan Buchner

Major

Genetics & Genomics and Statistics

Minor

Computer Science

Post-Grad Plans

Not sure yet

Career goals and aspirations

I used to think I wanted to go the academia route, but now I'm not so sure. Either way, I want to work and save up until I can afford a farm and then pursue farming.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm most proud of trying new things; I took lots of different classes and didn't like them all but found passion in areas I didn't expect along the way.

Best UHP Memory

The dorm experience freshman year as a whole; the community from that year that I am still a part of today is amazing.

As for a more singular experience, I took the UHP honors winemaking class my second year with Dr. Ebeler; it was the only class from that department I ever took over my 4 years, but I got really into winemaking because of it. I make small batches of wine at home now and I'm grateful I was able to take that class with honors as I developed a new hobby because of it.





Vanessa Cardona-Ocegueda

Major

English and History

Minor

Chicano/a Studies

Career goals and aspirations

I want to continue working in an archival/library setting so I aspire to get my MA in Library Science.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud that I managed to maintain my work-school-life balance despite all the obstacles I faced (3.6 GPA!). I am a first-generation honor student, and I am happy to say it is possible to achieve all this and the sacrifices are worth it.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is from the UHP BBQ at the Good Life Garden during my freshman year. It was nice to talk to UHP faculty, professors, and other students because everyone was so interesting. The food and games were also a good opportunity to see everyone as a support group rather than just a department that gives you more academic stimulation.



Trevor Carpenter

Major

Computer Science and Statistics

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to make an impact in my field however I can.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud to be able to have gotten involved with research.

Best UHP memory

Living in the honors dorm freshman year.





Charlene Chan

Major

Biological Sciences

Mino

Education and Japanese

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

After graduating, I hope to continue on to get my PhD in the field of molecular and cellular biology. Ultimately, I'd love to teach, whether that be at the high school level, or at the university level.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

That I was able to not only graduate, but have a positive undergraduate experience despite some roadblocks.

Best UHP Memory

Working on my UHP thesis! My topic was a lot of fun, and my mentor helped to make it a really positive learning experience.



Raymond Chan

Maior

Computer Science & Engineering and Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

To become a Software Engineer. Then I will have to think about where to go next from there.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

If I can successfully graduate, then it will be me graduating.

Best UHP memory

Get to know and interact with various type of people from different background. Some are good interactions, some are questionable. The important point is that I learned a lot from all those interactions.





Claire Chapman

Major

Global Disease Biology

Mino

Medical-Veterinary Entomology, Public Health

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of California, San Diego for a PhD in Biological Sciences

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to have a career that combines research and education of the public to prevent infectious disease.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the amount of opportunities I sought out as a freshman. I didn't know it at the time, but I was setting up myself for success for the next four years by becoming a tutor, joining a research program, joining a lab, and making incredible friends.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is from one of my first days of school at UC Davis when I lived in Currant Hall. I was coming back from a late discussion and a bunch of people from the dorm were in my floor's lounge playing games. I remember hearing all the commotion while walking up the stairs and being so excited to join. Little did I know that my best friends were in that crowd.



Eric Coyle

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior and Spanish

Minor

Wildlife, Fisheries, and Conservation

Post-Grad Plans

Attend San Francisco State University for a Masters in Integrative Biology

Career goals and aspirations

Research, university work or teaching, or biological consulting but I am not decided

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Being able to pursue a fuller breadth of my interests in NPB, Spanish, and WFC.

Best UHP Memory

Finish my thesis.





Meghan Crebbin-Coates

Major

Science & Technology Studies, Theatre & Dance, and Studio Art

Post-Grad Plans

I will be completing a Fulbright teaching grant in the Netherlands.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am very proud of the amount I have grown over the last five years. I am a completely different person than who I was when I started, and I like who I have become. I have become confident that I am capable of figuring things out even if I don't know the answers.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory is when my transfer cohort went to Carolyn Thomas's house during our first quarter and just got to relax and talk with my fellow UHP classmates during a very busy time during my first quarter.



Joseph Cruz

Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

When I first came to Davis, I was originally pre-pharmacy. After taking more of my core major classes and completing my thesis work, I've realized that I'm more passionate about drug research and drug design. I hope to one day design a drug (or drugs), that save someone's life. I don't think I'll be content with just a Bachelor's degree so I will likely pursue either a Master's or PhD in a related pharmaceutical study.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

The one thing I am most proud about as an undergraduate is that I was once a community college student. Too often people make it seem that unsuccessful people go to CC. Throughout high school and even parts of university, people have had a tendency to look down on me and my transfer peers. I've found that in my core classes, me and my transfer peers were typically the ones finding success, while also managing to help other students that have been at Davis since their freshman year.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was definitely my first quarter taking classes with my other transfer peers. I was so used to seeing the same people with similar background at my community college, so it was really cool to meet so many people who came from various backgrounds. representing their own passions. Seeing the diversity in my transfer cohort was really awesome to me.



Christine **Daniels**

Major

Classical Civilization

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis to pursue a Post-Baccalaureate in Classics

Career goals and aspirations

I would like to continue my research in Classics and obtain my doctorate.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud that I was able to survive the trials and endeavors that online learning brought.

Best UHP memory

There are simply too many to count, but I can say that all occurred within Currant Hall.





Julie **Daseking**

Major

Human Development and Design

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis for Single Subject English Credential/MA in Education

Career goals and aspirations

I want to become a high school teacher. Specifically, I want to teach English and Design.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Really getting involved in the UC Davis and Davis communities! I feel that I have truly made a home here both on and off campus through my involvement in UHP, Undergraduate Admissions, College Life Christian Fellowship, and Greek Life, and I am proud of being able to do all this while still maintaining academic excellence.

Best UHP memory

Living in Currant Hall freshman year! I made so many wonderful memories with the friends I made in Currant, especially my roommate with whom I have continued to live for all four years.



Annaliese **Divney**

Maior

Global Disease Biology

Minor

Human Rights Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in the environmental justice field, connecting social justice with environmental science and public health.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my academic success and taking a lot of classes outside of my field of interest (I took lots of humanities as well as just STEM classes).

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is living in Currant Hall!



Rachel **Drizin**

Maio

Sociology and History

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year





Benjamin Elliott

Major

Food Science

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to be a part of the next generation of food makers. Working towards a more sustainable and healthy Foodscape for all people. The alternative meat industry is something that has my interest at the moment.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the connections I made with the people I was surrounded by for my four vears.

Best UHP memory

It has to be the baking soda rockets from the first UHP class I took. Let's just say they had varying degrees of success.



Alyssa **Escoto**

Major

Biomedical Engineering



Tara Falt

Major Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

Career goals and aspirations

At this point in time, I have too many career goals and aspirations. From a big picture perspective, I know that I need to work in the equestrian world in my future. Horses, donkeys, and mules will be my focus no matter what. I am interested in graduate school, professional school, industry work, philanthropy and educational opportunities, and traveling the world to broaden my horizons.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

During my first quarter at UC Davis, I was too afraid to branch away from my academic studies even for a second. I am therefore extremely proud of myself for venturing outside of the classroom in multiple ways and involving myself in many aspects of campus and the greater Davis community. I am grateful for my experiences and my four years here and am sad that they are coming to an end much sooner than I expected.

Best UHP memory

Though there are many memories I could choose from, I distinctly remember one from my first week living in Currant Hall. Around 50 of us gathered in the second floor lounge to play games, mingle, and meet each other. I recall looking around at the people I was surrounded by and feeling like I had finally found "my people." I knew that I was where I belonged at that point, in a collaborative and unique family that is UHP. Little did I know how big of an impact this program and so many of my peers would have on my college experience as a whole.





Yasameen Farahvash

Major

Neurobiology Physiology & Behavior

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of California, San Francisco to pursue a Master of Science in Global Health

Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to become a physician that advises on health policies. I want to be a guide for patient health at the individual level, as well as creating policies for global and public health.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the growth I have experienced in the past four years that has influenced me and my passions for becoming a part of the health field. On the first day of freshman year, you don't really know where the next four years of your life will take you; however, looking back now, I'm proud of the opportunities I had and the growth I experienced through those opportunities.

Best UHP memory

My best and most impactful memories from UHP are from my meetings with our advisor Kate. When I was feeling lost or confused, Kate was always there to provide guidance and reassurance that everything would turn out well. She is so supportive of our current research endeavors, and of our goals and aspirations for the future.



Mikaela Fenton

Major

Community & Regional Development

Minor

Spanish and Technology Management

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to do meaningful work and rise into a management level role.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of how much I was able to do during these last four years. I got to take a variety of interesting classes, held leadership positions, worked 3 on campus jobs, held internships, studied abroad, and participated in research.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory is presenting my capstone project at URC. Even though it was virtual, it was really cool to see the response to my work.





Lauren Ford

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Mino

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to eventually attend medical school and work in oncology. Spending the past two years in a microbiology lab that focuses on cancer research demonstrated that there is SO much more to do for the cancer community. I hope to translate my volunteer & research experience into clinical experience to continue working in the oncology field.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Being a part of Camp Kesem, the national nonprofit that puts on a free summer camp for children affected by cancer. I believe that this organization helped me grow immensely as a person, fostering my empathy and love for working with children. Volunteering with both cancer patients and children has been extremely rewarding, especially since I have seen the direct effects our organization has on these families.

Best UHP memory

I really enjoyed living in the dorms while taking my UHP courses! UC Davis is a huge school so it was nice that at least one of my classes was always filled with familiar faces. It was a really great foundation to have when I first started school here.



Tanya Freshour

Maior

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Minor

Human Physiology



Star **Ghanaat**

Major

Biological Sciences





Lili Girodie

Major

Environmental Policy Analysis & Planning

Minor

Sustainability in the Built Environment

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

As of right now, I am toggling between pursuing a career in two different areas: urban planning and sustainability consulting. In either of these fields, I aspire to make our urban areas more beautiful, functional, and sustainable places to live.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

The thing that I am most proud of as an undergraduate is the immense growth that I have gone through as a student and as a young adult. Throughout my time in community college and at UC Davis (both in person and remotely), I have learned A LOT about my habits and tendencies, the importance of living a well-balanced life, and how much I am truly capable of, both within and outside of the world of academia. I am proud of who I was at the beginning of my undergraduate experience, I am even more proud of who I was in the thick of it, and I am the most proud of who I have yet to become, post-graduation.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was getting to meet my peers at the transfer cohort event that took place a week before classes. Having that as my first academic experience at UC Davis gave me a sense of belonging and community, greatly easing my transition. Even though our physical experience together was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, my engagement with some of the original cohort members has always been warm and welcoming, and I hope be able to (safely) see them all soon!



Lindsay Goddard

Major

American Studies

Minor

Education and History

Post-Grad Plans

Attend Stanford University's Teacher Education Program

Career goals and aspirations

I plan to become an elementary school teacher. I love learning and working with children, and teaching at the K-5 level is the best combination of my passions.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud that I was able to make great use of the resources available to me and fully apply myself so that I was able to graduate in three years. I learned an incredible amount and have greatly grown as a person during my time at UCD.

Best UHP memory

A great UHP memory was getting to visit the Transformative Justice in Education Center with EDU 150. That course was incredibly special to me and we were able to build a strong classroom community where everyone got to learn from each other.





Nicole **Gonzales**

Major

Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to study Equine Surgery

Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to become an equine orthopedic surgeon and cure tendinopathy.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm most proud of getting into the veterinary school of my dreams by working hard. I struggled with the idea that all my friends were going out while I was stuck at the library for 13 hours. Yet, it all paid off in the end with my acceptance.



Eva Goodisson

Major

Managerial Economics

Minor

Technology Management

Post-Grad Plans

Professional Triathlon in New Zealand

Career goals and aspirations

Immediately after graduating from UC Davis, my plan is to return to New Zealand to focus on high performance triathlon leading up to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. While doing this, I hope to continue working virtually for a New Zealand company, before potentially returning to the US for an MBA and eventually working in Management for Air New Zealand.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

How I have come out of my comfort zones in multiple areas. Moving to Davis at 18 years old from the other side of the world, knowing no one, was a big deal. Davis has forced me to try it all - clubs, sports, UHP, travel and enjoying it.

Best UHP memory

The classes in first and second year. I loved the small UHP classes with professors that were empathetic and passionate about their subject. I did an Indian history in year 2 and we had pizza movie nights.



Anna Guillermo

Maior

Studio Art, Design, and Managerial Economics

Minor

Accounting





Xander **Guldman**

Major

International Relations

Post-Grad Plans

Taking some time for myself! I'll start studying for the MCAT over the next year but I'm not in a rush. Time to reset.

Career goals and aspirations

I want to be a pediatrician. In the meantime I'll continue working in the outdoor industry, with particular emphasis on DEI initiatives. I would love to go to med school in the next couple of years, so I'll be studying for the MCAT and logging clinical hours as well.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I struggled socially at UC Davis, and that taught me a lot about what support structures I need in my life, and what healthy, positive relationships look and feel like to me.

Best UHP memory

Sophomore year traveling to UCLA for the genetic engineering class.



Michael Gutierrez

Major Spanish

Minor

Education and Public Health Sciences

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to become either a bilingual health educator, a medical interpreter, or a speechlanguage pathologist who works with underserved Spanish- and English-speaking patients.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

My proudest moment as an undergraduate student was playing in Chancellor May's inauguration in 2017 as a member of the UC Davis Concert Band.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was conducting research in collaboration with former UHP Associate Director Dr. Eddy Ruiz, Bethany Ponte, and UHP Advisor Kate Stephensen.





Oceana Haaland

Major

Political Science

Mino

Geology and Human Rights

Post-Grad Plans

Climate Action Fellow at CivicSpark

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to become a climate action fellow with the organization CivicSpark after graduating. I hope to eventually attain a Masters degree in environmental law or public policy. My long-term career goals are to be a lead executive in either the US Environmental Protection Agency or the United Nations Environment Programme.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of graduating summa cum laude while also being a student-athlete on the ICA equestrian team.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was at a bonfire at the arboretum.



Sabrina **Habchi**

Major

Political Science and Psychology

Minor

Sociology



Alisha Hacker

Major

American Studies and Political Science - Public Service

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to go to law school in the near future. I am hoping to practice law in California and work for the California State Legislature. I want to work in housing policy for the legislature.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am very proud of my work with ASUCD. I was a Senator during my first two years at UC Davis. During that time I was able to pass the Unitrans Fee Referendum and support several housing projects in the city of Davis.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was the Day in Sac. I really enjoyed getting to explore the city and meet new people. This was a really fun experience and I was really grateful to get to explore the Capitol and the city.





Madeline **Handy**

Major

Microbiology

Minor

Political Science

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis to pursue a Masters in Public Health

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in a government agency as a public health policy advisor. I think it's extremely important for more scientists to work in public policy. I believe that by providing advice founded on scientific research I can help make our society more healthy and equitable.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

During my second year at UCD, I interned for the Mayor of Davis. During this time, I helped with the preliminary work to set up a pilot daytime respite center for the homeless community. I am incredibly happy I was able to help with this project that has provided support for those suffering from homelessness in Davis.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was during my second year when I enrolled in the BioDesign Challenge. I loved being able to experiment with different sustainable materials and collaborate with people from different majors to create a prototype for a sustainable menstrual pad. We had a lot of fun working together and I loved being able to advocate for women's health.



Jarod **Heng**

Maior

Cinema & Digital Media and Computer Science

Minor

Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in the Video game industry and/or film industry.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

With a scholarship, I was able to complete two majors and one minor within 4 years, and made a lot of neat friends and acquaintances along the way.

Best UHP memory

All the small UHP classes were amazing and felt really special.





Rachel Hirota

Major

Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to become a board-certified zoo and wildlife veterinarian. In addition to veterinary work, I hope to contribute to research on captive and wild animals and educate the public and the veterinary and pre-veterinary communities on conservation and wildlife.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I don't have a single thing that I'm more proud of than the rest. I'm proud of my experiences that I've cultivated. I'm proud of the courseload I managed to balance and succeed in. I'm proud of the friends I've made and the communities that I've helped. Ultimately, I'm proud of how I've changed as a person at UC Davis.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is when my first-year dorm floor watched movies together in the common room. We were all taking COM 2 with Dr. Ross and we decided that it was a whole lot more fun to watch assigned movies on a projector with snacks and friends than to hole up in our rooms alone!



Brett **Hodges**

Major

Chemistry

Minor

Materials Science Minor

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I wholly believe in the idea that humanity must shift to a circular economy and develop a renewable energy infrastructure in order to mitigate the future impacts of global climate change. To this end, I plan to pursue a research career in materials or inorganic chemistry where I help to discover and develop more efficient means of collecting, storing, and using solar energy.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

One thing that I am proud of accomplishing during my time as an undergrad at UC Davis is being named as the second author of a published research article. I had been interested in pursuing a research career even before attending Davis, and this accomplishment allowed me to realize that I was making progress towards becoming a competent researcher. The work I did on this project also paved the way for my signature work project and honors thesis.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

My favorite memory with UHP is actually not from an official UHP event, but rather from an impromptu game of hide-and-seek that was organized by those of us living in Currant Hall my freshman year. This was when I really came to know many of the people I regard as close friends, including the friends that I have lived with for the past three years. UHP brought us all together in the same dorm, allowing this to happen in the first place.





Aditi Hosangadi

Major

Psychology

Minor

English

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I would like to eventually pursue graduate school in psychology and go on to a career in developmental cognitive neuroscience research.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my growth, and of having learned through my lab work and honors thesis that I am someone capable of doing research myself. I think it really helped build my skills as well as my self-confidence and I can go into my future believing in myself and knowing what I want to do.

Best UHP memory

I really enjoyed living in Currant Hall freshman year, with other students that were in some of my small honors seminar classes. It really added to my academic experience and created a sense of community.



Laura Jett

Major

Cognitive Science

Minor

Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My plan is to attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in either Cognitive Neuroscience or Clinical Psychology. My long term goal is to pursue a career in research, whether that is at the university, government, or non-profit level, and to use the methods of cognitive neuroscience to study neuropsychiatric disorders. I hope to do translational research on cognitive processes, and by doing so, help inform the diagnosis and treatment of people in whom such processes are disrupted or impaired.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Honestly, I would say just being able to manage despite all of the challenges this year. I had to do a complete reset on my honors thesis, and find ways to still research something that interested me while working within the methodological constraints of doing online research. As president of a community service-based club on campus, I also had to find creative ways to continue holding events for our members and ways to still benefit the community, but in a virtual format. So a lot of change, but I am proud that I was able to adjust.

Best UHP memory

It's not one particular memory, but I definitely enjoyed the honors classes I took my junior year. There was one class in comparative literature that I would not have taken otherwise, but that I actually really enjoyed. The professor had a variety of interesting prompts for his assignments, and for one of the first times, I actually enjoyed writing an essay. I remember actually being quite nervous to turn it in because I had always associated academic writing as having to be somewhat dry, but I got an A on it!





Michael Johnson

Major

History

Post-Grad Plans

Applying to law schools

Career goals and aspirations

I aim to become a criminal defense attorney to defend the rights of others in the courtroom from unfair legal, prosecutorial and police-related practices which impede the rights of others and lead to unfair convictions.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my undergraduate research, some of which has already been accepted by the NYU Undergraduate Law Review for publication in the fall.

Best UHP memory

Meeting new friends.



Alina Kajley

Major

Global Disease Biology

Minor

Communication

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to a career centered in public health that eventually leads to public service. I hope for a health administration role in a hospital or clinic where I can advocate for a holistic health perspective that acknowledges the social determinants of health and emphasizes the importance of empathy and cultural humility in health settings. After building my experience in healthcare, I would like to be a part of various community-based public health campaigns and interventions.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my community service work as an undergraduate. During my junior year, I volunteered as a community resource specialist for the Resource Desk, a public health advocacy program. I connected families from the UC Davis Pediatrics clinic in the Sacramento County Health Center to local, non-medical resources and provided weekly check-in support. I also interned at the Sacramento Comprehensive Cancer Center, performing administrative tasks and working the front desk. These experiences were invaluable and gave me insight into the communities. I felt honored to receive the UC Davis Community Service Award as recognition for my work.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is the time I spent in Currant Hall, the UHP dorm, during my first year at UC Davis. UHP gave me something in common with my peers and created a space where I could make friends. I remember common room game nights, endless inside jokes, trips to the DC, and taking UHP courses together. Currant Hall set the tone for the rest of my UC Davis experience and gave me the confidence to explore what else UC Davis had to offer.





Gursimran Kaur

Major

Political Science and Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I have no idea what career I want to pursue, but I'd like to eventually go to graduate school for ethnic or american studies.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud that I'm graduating with a decent academic record as well as enough experience that I can feel all that I've learned over the last four years.



Sabah Khan

Major

Biological Sciences

Minor

Technology Management

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to attend medical school and become a physician. I want to be able to help people that live in low income or poverty areas with lack of proper medical care.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of branching out of just my major to take Biodesign and start working on a startup comapny, Biobandage, because this was something I was not expecting to do while in undergraduate school.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was competing in the Biodesign Challenge in New York City.



Kendal Koorenny

Maior

Viticulture and Enology

Minor

Professional Writing

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis to pursue a Master of Science in Viticulture and Enology

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to work as a wine writer and educator.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I discovered a passion for the science of wine through studying abroad in France, changed my major to viticulture and enology, and have decided to study this subject for the rest of my life.

Best UHP memory

My fondest UHP memory is living with all of my friends in Currant Hall during freshman year and biking to UHP classes together.





Tamyia Landers

Major

Sociology and Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to become a certified behavior analyst. I recently started a new job as a behavior technician and it has been so amazing. I would love to move up in the field and go through the necessary schooling.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of keeping a good GPA while working a job and going to school. It's been hard but I did it:)

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory would definitely be living in the honors dorms my first year.



Giovanni Lara

Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Post-Grad Plans

Attend the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy

Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to work in both benchwork research in drug design and development as well as patient care as a pharmacist. I am excited by the concept of working for the betterment of people's health in the present and future. Working as a scientist to develop better drugs and as a pharmacist to dispense and advise patients on medication lets me accomplish this.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my time spent in research that allowed me to learn and contribute to the frontier of science. From my first month in Davis to my last - these past 3 years were well spent in the lab, learning first-hand the "tools of the trade". I am ever grateful for this opportunity and would do it all again in a heartbeat.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory has been the bonfire event in my first-year. I didn't know too many people from the dorm and was kinda shy, but with everyone being so friendly and inviting I felt welcomed and had a blast.





Bryant Law

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to become a doctor. I have currently finished my MCAT and am working on application for medical school. During my gap year, I hope to become a scribe or find a position in the medical field to gain more experience to prepare me for medical school.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of being able to join a student run clinic and become a part of the officer board to guide the organization to help the community and teach new interns.

Best UHP memory

I loved the dorm experience and meeting so many like-minded individuals.



Ryan **Lin**

Maior

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Career goals and aspirations

I plan on going to medical school in the Fall. I hope to become someone who can impact healthcare at both a community and individual level, with the hopes of bridging the gap between medicine and the underserved.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my research and volunteer work. I have done research in Dr. Keith Baar's lab since freshman year studying the effects of fatty acids on ligaments. This has been really rewarding and crucial for my understanding of the scientific field. Additionally, I volunteer with Imani Clinic, a student-run clinic dedicated to providing healthcare services to the underserved African American population of Sacramento.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory would be all of the support given for the projects. Specifically, Dr. Furlow has been a great mentor for my research and career goals. His guidance has been really impactful on my journey here as a UC Davis undergraduate student.





Palavi Lodhia

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to be a veterinarian. I want to help animals, particularly those that have suffered from accidents. I hope to go into emergency medicine specifically.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my ability to be a well-rounded college student. Coming into college, I thought I would have little time for anything besides school. However, I joined a dance team, made lifelong friends, and still kept up good grades throughout my undergraduate career. I am proud of myself for making time for things besides school and making a very memorable college experience for myself.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was studying with my closest friends in Currant Hall. We would sit in the lounge on the third floor almost every night and have some of the most fun study sessions I have ever had. We truly bonded over our mutual classes and life in general, and I still consider these friends some of my closest friends to this day.



Adrian Lopez Miramontes

Major

Political Science

Minor

Communication and Religious Studies

Post-Grad Plans

I hope that I can get a fellowship at the state capital. If not, I would really like to find a job in Sacramento or Oregon.

Career goals and aspirations

I come from a lower socioeconomic background. I would like to reach a position in politics where I have the ability to help all communities that receive social welfare assistance. The real dream is to find a job in Oregon that allows me to live comfortably so that I can enjoy the coast, the records stores, the people, and the weather.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of being a part of KDVS. I have found a community and friends in that organization that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Also the ability to turn my love of music into a paying job through being hired as the Music Director is phenomenal and a dream.

Best UHP memory

The dorms. I met my current roommate and other roommates in the orientation group, we used to run into each other in the dorms which allowed us to hang out, and we have been living together for 3 years now. Myles Roach is one of my closest friends whom I share my feelings and thoughts with and I thank the cosmic plan for the privilege of being put in his path.





Mengmeng Luo

Major

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Minor

Sustainability in the Built Environment and Studio Art

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of Wisconsin-Madison for a M.S. in Agroecology

Career goals and aspirations

I would like to complete a Ph.D. degree in soil science after my M.S.. After that, I want to go back to California and become a post-doc. Then I hope to lead my own research team in the future.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

When being an undergrad, I have already participated in several research projects. I think that is not very common for most undergrads, so I feel proud of myself. And I feel more grateful all the time for the supports and help I received.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is my presentation in Scow Lab for my thesis. I feel everyone provided me with feedback as I am a graduate student because all the suggestions are very professional and targeted. And I did improve a lot for my data analysis methods after the presentation.



Stephanie Ly

Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Minor

Asian American Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of California, San Francisco, School of Pharmacy

Career goals and aspirations

I want to become a pharmacist that my community trusts and values. As a person who strongly believes in social justice, I also hope to do community work and foster a more inclusive and healthy environment for all.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I feel that I have accomplished so many things that I never thought I would achieve. But the one thing I am most proud of is the club I founded, Cherry Tea Collective. It's a group of artists, writers, poets, photographers, and other creatives who join together to make a collective charity zine each year. I am proud to have fostered a safe environment for creatives as well as donate money to organizations important to our community, like Earth Day Network and The Trevor Project.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was being able to take an honors Asian American studies (ASA4) class during my freshman year. It was where I was introduced to the field and how I became interested in pursuing it as a minor. It remains one of the most challenging yet rewarding classes I have ever taken on the campus.





Anna Maddison

Major

Environmental Toxicology



Rustin Mahboubi-Ardakani

Major

Physics

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to go to medical school, and am currently most interested in neuroscience/ neurosurgery or radiation oncology.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Being able to say I successfully completed a physics major without failing any classes on top of pre-medical coursework.

Best UHP memory

Taking the honors version of HIS 147 where we learned about the history of science fiction.



Angelica Martinez

Major

Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Career goals and aspirations

I am open to many careers within vet med, but I will likely focus on small animals + exotics/avian, and then possibly complete an internship/residency to specialize.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my role in the knights landing one health center: veterinary clinic because I am able to help a community in need. With my Spanish fluency, I help the Latino community in KL have culturally competent and sensitive veterinary services.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is screen printing t-shirts and other materials for the NAS34 honors course I completed in Fall 2018.





Valencia **Martinez**

Major

Communication

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I want to finish graduate school with my Ph.D. and start teaching as a professor of media communications at a University or Junior College. I have also thought about starting my own NGO for media literacy education, which will essentially teach adolescents how to use their media outlets actively and avoid negative media effects.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of being accepted into the University of California-Davis and completing my work here. It brings me great joy to be able to show my younger siblings what it takes to grow rose from concrete.

Best UHP memory

During our first-year seminar, we had a collaboration assignment to put together pieces of a large picture while in small groups that would come together with other groups to see if our set of images corresponding to one another. This was a frustratingly fun task, as many of us had no idea what we were looking at. In the end, we formed a line to create a long panorama of some image with a chicken eye and I think an astronaut (who would've guessed?). It was a rewarding experience as we all connected and learned the value of teamwork.



Noah Marx

Major

Cell Biology

Minor

Computational Biology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I plan on working as an associate scientist in the pharmaceutical industry for 1-2 years immediately after graduating. I then hope to attend graduate school to get a Ph.D. in immunology or toxicology.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my contributions as an undergraduate researcher. I have worked in either on-campus or industry labs continuously since my first quarter as a freshman and throughout that time I have had my work featured on three poster presentations and one publication in addition to the UHP signature work.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory is taking the History of Science Fiction class with Professor Saler. The class was a lot of fun and was very interesting.





James Melkonian

Major

Mechanical Engineering

Post-Grad Plans

Work for Niagra Bottling in their Manufacturing Development Program in Stockton, California

Career goals and aspirations

I want to apply my technical skills in industry.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Placing third as a team at the 2019 NIRCA Cross Country National Championship.

Best UHP memory

Mentoring three wonderful first generation freshmen engineers my junior year. Seeing them flourish and grow as bright, ambitious college students is very rewarding.



Molly **Mermin**

Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Minor

Political Science

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in pharmaceutical research and development as a scientist. I'm hoping to work for a few years and then get a Masters in drug development/pharmacology before returning to work in the field.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of how I tackled difficult classes and learned better study habits. I learned a lot about the field I want to go into.

Best UHP memory

I really enjoyed getting to take small classes in subjects I never would have explored otherwise, with people I had gotten to know pretty well.



Ann Meyer

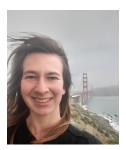
Major

English and History

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work





Shannon Meyer

Major

Economics and Statistics

Post-Grad Plans

Attend Stanford University for a MS in Statistics

Career goals and aspirations

After continuing my training in statistical practice, my goals are to seek out opportunities that allow me to apply my combined interests in policy, econometric analysis, and statistical theory.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

The one thing I am most proud of is my successful completion of the UCDC program. The experience of living in Washington DC, working on the Hill, and connecting with other students from across the UC system who were passionate about health, safety, and economic development within the UC was truly inspiring and provided direction for my later Honors work.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is connecting with faculty in my fields of interest through Honors courses in Economics and though the Honors Thesis Program with Dr. Peri and sharing that journey with my friends in other fields. I felt so supported in pursuing my own passion while also learning about other disciplines and their applications.



Alisha Miller

Major

Biomedical Engineering

Minor

History

Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Manufacturing Engineering Intern Fresenius Medical in Concord, CA

Career goals and aspirations

To work in the biomedical industry field, finding clinical needs and designing devices to address important issues.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Working in many jobs, being a student athlete, and still maintaining a high GPA.

Best UHP memory

The community is so welcoming and there are so many people who care about your success.





Zoe Mitchell

Major Food Science

Post-Grad Plans Industry work



Nadiah Mohammed

Major Design

Minor

Communication and Art History

Post-Grad Plans

Private Contractor

Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to work for a non-profit organization within the marketing and design field. I want to use my skills to help people and organizations that have similar values to my own.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the company I was able to found (Biobandage), thanks to the honors program. I was able to gain so much experience and meet so many new people along the way. I have competed in numerous pitching competitions, answered difficult questions, and gained thousands in funding to work towards our company's mission. Biobandage has taught me how to be a better designer and successfully help others and the planet.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was going to the BioDesign Challenge in New York City! It was an amazing experience and we were able to see so many cool designs and projects from people all around the world! Students had created solutions to problems that we had never even heard of. Something that is a pressing issue in a country across the globe, may not be something that is a problem here and I was amazed at how design can solve these pressing issues.



Rebecca **Moore**

Major

Animal Science

Minor

Social and Ethnic Relations

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Career goals and aspirations

Become a small animal general practice veterinarian that is involved in clinic ownership.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Balancing school work and extracurriculars.

Best UHP memory

Living in Currant and having small classes with friends in subjects very different than my major and minor.





Naomi **Murray**

Major

Evolution, Ecology, & Biodiversity

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University College London for a Masters in Climate Change

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to conduct impactful ecological research while leading crucial teaching and outreach efforts to address the global climate crisis.

Best UHP memory

Living in Currant Hall.



An **Nguyen**

Major

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My main aspiration is to move onto higher education can work towards getting a Ph.D. in biochemistry or a related field. I hope to also be more involved in the field of toxicology or neurotoxicology as a career path.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

As an undergraduate, one of my greatest achievements was to be able to be enrolled in the Bio Design course provided by the UHP. There I was able to work with a team of design majors to create an interesting project focusing on sustainability and plastic waste reduction. I was proud that after the course ended my group and I decided to expand on our design and submit our project to MIT for their new Biodesign Exhibit as a possible feature in their museum. While our project was not selected at the end, the judge showed interest in our design.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was being able to start my year at UC Davis as a transfer in UHP. It was my first time attending a university with a class size of 100 or more people, it was nice to be in enrolled in the UHP class my first year and have a class with 20 people who I can closely connect with, talk to, and have interesting group discussions with.



Landin **Noland**

Major

Ecological Management & Restoration

Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis Graduate Group in Ecology

Career goals and aspirations

I would like to work as an ecologist for a private institution such as a NGO or Land trust.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am not only finishing my undergraduate education, but I have become inspired to continue my education in graduate school. I have grown so much over the past 6 years and I am so proud of where I am now. It truly is the journey that makes me proud and not the destination.

Best UHP memory

Spending time in on Pepperwood Preserve for my own research the very first time thanks to UHP is not something I will ever forget





Juliana **Novaes**

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior and Spanish

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis for Masters in Public Health

Career goals and aspirations

I plan to apply to medical school this June and I will be attending the UC Davis Masters in Public Health program this fall. My ultimate goal is to become a physician and clinical researcher through which I will focus on addressing health disparities within the community in which I end up working.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to be completing an honors thesis, as that is something that not all undergraduate students have the chance to do! It is a lot of hard work, but it feels amazing to have done all of this solo work and to be almost finished with putting it together.

Best UHP memory

The best memory I have from UHP was within the honors course AMS 1C, in which I was able to connect with a small group and work on presenting our own personal autobiographies as the final portion of the course. It was a great way to bond with these students and to reflect on my own past experiences.



Jed Keenan Obra

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior and Spanish

Minor

Psychology and Public Health Sciences

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

After UC Davis, I aspire to become a practicing physician either in the field of Emergency Medicine or Pediatrics (or both). I'd love to go into academia, where I can pay forward my passions and gifts to future students and patients. Having built most of my experience and learning on serving marginalized communities, I'd like to spend much of my time giving back to the underserved, using my experiences to provide sensitive and culturally appropriate care to my communities.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my growth as a person and student. My growth not only helped me effectively advocate and serve the communities I worked with but also gave me essential professional qualities such as responsibility, creative thinking, and public speaking that will be very useful in my future career in Medicine. Whether it be creating new programs within the Willow Clinic or navigating challenges unique to my research project, I attribute the eventual success of my undergraduate endeavors to my academic and professional growth at UC Davis.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory came from watching other fellow UHP students give their preliminary Signature Work presentations during our 3rd year. I enjoyed listening to other students' passions and interests, and I was very intrigued by how they were expanding their fields of research in their own unique respects. I worked with other UHP students to provide constructive feedback for my peers, and I loved sharing perspectives with others in my cohort!





Oh Nyuh Pak

Major

Asian American Studies and English

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year



Joy **Pedersen**

Major

History

Minor

Education

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My ultimate goal is to become a high school history teacher and instill a life-long love of learning in my students. I want to share the stories of the past with my future students and help them to understand history's impact on the present!

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

As a transfer student to UC Davis, I am most proud of getting connected on campus and making the most of my two years as an Aggie! Getting involved with UHP, with the Center for Leadership and Learning, with the History Honors Program and with Davis Christian Fellowship have been some of the highlights of my college career. I'm proud of reaching out, being bold, and building community while at UC Davis!

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was being in the UHP transfer cohort where I met one of my first friends at UC Davis! It has been really special to maintain a friendship that I have had since UHP orientation all the way through writing our senior theses together in the History Honors Program!



Megan Phelps

Major

Environmental Science & Management

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I am not sure yet! I am passionate about climate advocacy and likely want to do some nonprofit work. Then, I want to go to grad school. Doing my honors thesis has shown me that I really enjoy research.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the ways I have grown: I grew my leadership skills by leading a climate action organization (The Climate Reality Project Campus Corps at UC Davis) and my thinking skills by reading articles and taking classes that were interesting to me.

Best UHP memory

Meeting my roommates during UHP orientation. It was so nice to know that there were people who I could count on at college!





Raquel Ponce

Major Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

After graduating, I plan to take a gap year to work and apply to graduate school. Previously, I wanted to go to vet school, but I recently realized that I wanted to go into wildlife conservation instead. Through a career in wildlife conservation, I hope to preserve the earth's biodiversity, prevent further extinction, and repair environmental damage inflicted by humans. Wherever my career takes me, I know I will always be driven by my love for animals and the environment.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the experiences I have had as an undergraduate and the amazing people I have had the pleasure of knowing. From living with my friends in Currant my freshman year, to giving back to the community with student organizations, to creating families with my RA staffs, the people that I have met and the relationships I have made at UC Davis are my pride and joy. My experience would be nothing without them.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memories have to come from living in Currant Hall my freshman year. Getting to live with my friends in such close proximity was an unforgettable experience with so many wonderful memories, such as having movie nights, studying until 3 am, and hanging out in the DC for way too long. I am so grateful to have made such wonderful friends in UHP.



Bethany **Ponte**

Major Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of Nevada, Reno Integrative Neuroscience Program for a PhD

Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to be a researcher and a professor in neuroscience. In the intersection of neuroscience and biology, I want to further research to help humans understand the world around them. Being a professor is a goal of mine that I can help students reach their educational goals.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud as an undergraduate for completing my Bachelor's degree in Psychology, my Signature Work project, and working for UHP, all during the pandemic. Because of the pandemic, it would have been incredibly easy to do the bare minimum and finish my time at UC Davis. However, I did not want to let the pandemic sideline me academically, so I pushed through and achieved those goals from my home.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is the orientation banquet. I remember being terrified of starting classes and hoping I was going to be overwhelmed in UHP. I was so happy to be sitting with 4th year UHP students who were unsure what their projects would be. It gave me the feeling that these students were exceptional but completely relatable. The students and staff were also very welcoming and wanted to make me feel at home. After that day, I knew that I wanted to be part of UHP.





Michael Puso

Major

Aerospace Science & Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in the aerospace industry designing or working on jet engines or rocket engines.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Having maintained a very high GPA, nearly 4.0, while still having time to make memories with my friends.

Best UHP memory

Living in the honors dorms as a freshman and making lifelong friends.



Aditya Rao

Major

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology



Anysa Razaghzadeh

Maior

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Minor

Psychology and Global & International Studies

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to pursue a career that combines my passions for human and environmental health. I am currently looking within the field of green science or biotechnology.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to have created and maintained long-lasting professional and personal connections.

Best UHP memory

Living in Currant Hall with my best friends.





Daniel Ritchie

Major

Computer Science

Mino

Education

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of California, Irvine for a PhD in Education

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to research educational technology either for a company in the industry or as a professor.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

My Honors Signature Work. It is the culmination of an Honors Contract, a published paper, and my final two quarters.

Best UHP memory

Living in Currant Hall freshman year. It was a wonderful community and started my college experience in exactly the way I had hoped.



Tatiana Roach

Major History





Devapriya Roy

Major

Political Science

Minor

Human Rights

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I will be taking a gap year to serve with City Year AmeriCorps in Sacramento this upcoming year, which I am really excited about because I am a firm believer in equitable access to education. During this time, I will also be applying to law school! Following law school, I hope to clerk for federal judges at the district and appellate levels before practicing at a law firm. Ultimately, I want to become a federal prosecutor in California.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am really proud of the work I have done with the Davis Political Review in college. I have written articles for both our website and annual print publications on topics ranging from the #MeToo movement and refugee rights to cultural destruction and juvenile justice. I have also been extensively involved in the editorial process as a Senior Editor and on the administrative side as the Managing Editor. I am happy to have had the opportunity to grow as a writer and editor and am grateful to lead an organization that provides students a platform to express their political opinions.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was my Summer 2020 (virtual) Individually Designed Project. I worked as a Judicial Extern in the chambers of the Chief Magistrate Judge in the Central District of California. It was a really defining experience in solidifying my interest in law. I got to review case documents and attend hearings. I learned about magistrate-specific areas of law like habeas corpus and social security. And my favorite part, I assisted law clerks to analyze complaints, petitions, memoranda, and draft orders for the judge. I also got to attend networking events with other judges, externs, and law clerks!



Genevieve Ryan

Major

Comparative Literature

Minor

Religious Studies







Janelle Salanga

Major

Science & Technology Studies

Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Business Analytics, Masters of Science

Career goals and aspirations

I want to work as a business or market analyst for a sportswear manufacturer, such as Nike or Adidas. I hope to help one of these companies explore global market trends when it comes to apparel and footwear.



Daniella Schoenfeld

Major

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Post-Grad Plans

Gap many years....

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to work in environmental and agricultural policy so as to encourage the adoption and implementation of regenerative and sustainable agricultural practices. Our industrial agricultural system favors high input, high yield farming with little regard for the environmental and health impacts. I want to work to address this pressing issue.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of the multitude of experiences that I had as an undergraduate. I refused to be defined by any single activity or group that I was a part of, but instead sought to experience as many things and meet as many people as possible!

Best UHP memory

My very first UHP class, the Art of Chance, taught by Dr. Housefield introduced me to the world of Fluxus art, the Manneti Shrem Museum, and my best friend, Jordan. The class sparked a lifelong friendship and the inspiration for many trips to world-class art museums.



Mukul Sharda

Maior

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to become a physician and help address healthcare disparities.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

One thing I'm most proud of myself as an undergraduate is not giving up. There have been times where I felt like no matter how much effort I put in, it won't be enough. But regardless, I kept my focus at my goals and kept persevering.

Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory is the Fall Kickoff BBQ 2019. I got to meet my UHP peers and the UHP staff and they were all really chill and supportive!





Alisha Singh

Major

Political Science – Public Service and Science & Technology Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to attend law school after my gap year and bring together my years of work in education, community service, and government. I hope to become a lawyer that works for a local government.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

II am most proud of my work on the Campus Judicial Board. It was an amazing experience and allowed me to grow as a person and leader.

Best UHP memory

The Arboretum bonfire was such a fun event!



Jessica Soto

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Minor

Public Health Sciences

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

Moving forward I hope to pursue a career as a physician and serve the Latinx community's health needs!

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my personal growth during these last few years. There have been many challenges and setbacks along the way and I feel that I've been able to learn from them and come out stronger on the other side!

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is getting to live in Currant Hall. My roommate and I got along so well and we're still friends today!





Owen **Sowerwine**

Major

Environmental Science & Management

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I want to be involved with sustainable agriculture and the food industry. I believe that by properly managing soil resources, we can combat climate change, improve food quality, and create jobs. I want to bridge people's differences through food and make the United States a leader in sustainable agriculture.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of facing the adversity and uncertainty of the pandemic. It probably sounds worn out, but having to forfeit the last year and a half of in person activities was tough mentally and emotionally. Being able to graduate while also performing research at a top class university makes me proud of where I am headed.

Best UHP memory

My best memories of UHP are from my freshman year in the dorms. I was able to meet so many smart, driven, and passionate people who also love to have fun. From participating in dorm activities to intramural sports and classes with my friends, I built friendships that I have to this day.



Kiyomi Sun

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Minor

Psychology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to be involved in health education whether it be as a family medicine doctor or teaching about health psychology at a college. I am very interested in mind-body medicine and preventative healthcare, so I would like to have a career that incorporates that.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my accomplishments in the Biodesign Challenge course and my honors project because it really changed how I feel about the future of education and made me realize how fulfilling looking at subjects from different perspectives can be. Before taking this class, I had no idea people were turning mushroom mycelium into sustainable products, and now I can say that I was a part of it. It was very challenging and time consuming to create a prototype, present it, and write a report with my team, but we learned so much about the design process and got to interact with cool faculty like Dr. Gordon.

Best UHP memory

My best memory was freshman year spring quarter in my math 17c honors course with 7 students studying for exams and having tea time with Sam, our TA. I took the whole math 17 series through honors and it was a fun experience having smaller classes than I was used to and being able to get to know my peers, instructors, and TAs better.





Kathryn **Tarver**

Major

Biological Systems Engineering

Post-Grad Plans

Manufacturing Engineer at Monarch Tractor in Livermore, CA

Career goals and aspirations

I want to develop my skills in design and manufacturing in order to create technology that will promote equity and environmentalism.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm the founder of the Women Machinists' Club! It's been wonderful to watch the club develop from a dream into an organization with workshops, seminars, and competitions attended by dozens of members.

Best UHP memory

I've made some of my best college friends via Currant Hall. I remember sitting on someone else's mattress on the third floor late at night, playing guitar and deliberately misquoting "Riptide" while my friends went into hysterics.



River Taylor

Major

Environmental Science & Management

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

My first career goal is to work for the Parks Service, particularly I want to focus on managing invasive plant species. My second goal is to become a teacher and use the knowledge I obtained through my Parks Service career to help inform and encourage the next generation of scientists.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm extremely proud of my project for the UHP biodesign course. My team designed a prototype for a product that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfills through the use of methane consuming microorganisms. My team conceived and developed this idea through the first months of the pandemic. The ability of my team to work together and create such an excellent product in the face of also having to learn how to meet digitally was truly inspiring. I'm particularly proud of the fact that we were chosen to represent UC Davis and UHP at the 2020 international Biodesign Conference.

Best UHP memory

One of my favorite college memories was from my sophomore year History of Science Fiction honors course. This class was phenomenal and focused heavily on discussion and debate surrounding brilliant works of science fiction. The blend of history, culture, ethics, and literature worked as an amazing foundation for complex arguments and interpretations. My favorite moment was at the end of the class when we were visited by Kim Stanley Robinson. To be in the same room as such a prolific author and have a candid conversation about how science and technology have changed and are changing is an unforgettable experience.



Camille **Tenyenhuis**

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior





Chloe **Thepenier**

Major Design

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I plan to get a full-time job as a graphic designer and keep growing in the industry. Maybe do some freelance work too!

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Getting that degree, it's been a long time coming.

Best UHP memory

Getting the support of UHP staff in my change of major journey.



Quentin **Thouvenot**

Major

Animal Science

Post-Grad Plans

Attend UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to succeed in Veterinary school and one day open up my own business and work with wildlife/exotic animals!

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

Maintaining a high GPA while still remaining active in other student activities.

Best UHP memory

Taking fun, unique Honor level classes during my Sophomore year.



Minh-Thu Truong

Major

Biological Sciences

Minor

Statistics

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to stay in research, whether that's in a lab setting or more of an industry setting.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of myself for continuing my years in UHP no matter how many times people told me the extra work wasn't necessarily worth the pay off. I think it was entirely worth it.

Best UHP memory

Volunteering at 50 bikes for 50 kids with my best friend and freshman roommate, Nasim. We met in the honor dorm as random roommates!





Mikka Vapor

Major

International Relations and Economics

Mino

French

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My career goals are to work in international law, specifically looking at international trade and the international agreements between global trading partners. I aspire to attend law school after my gap year in hopes of completing a law degree.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

One thing that I am most proud of is having the courage to study abroad in Paris for one whole semester. I was able to immerse myself in French culture and language which was intimidating but I returned to Davis more confident, bold, and open to new experiences. I believe this really changed my attitude about college and the different opportunities that Davis offers, encouraging me to take advantage and make the most out of my time on campus.

Best UHP memory

The best UHP memory I had would be talking about my thesis with a fellow UHP student. We actually met first in another organization and realized that we were both 4th years who were struggling in motivation to write our theses. This is a fond memory since I was able to find a community member who was struggling with the same thing I was and we exchanged emails to meet up and work on our theses together!



Anika Varma

Major

Chemical Engineering and Biochemical Engineering

Post-Grad Plans

Clinical Research Coordinator at the University of Rochester Center for Health & Technology.

Career goals and aspirations

I intend to pursue a career in biopharma or healthcare because I am passionate about improving the quality of life for people with serious and/or chronic medical conditions and because I am a firm believer in the power of science to transform humanity. I believe I can make a positive impact as a clinical research coordinator to help patients with neuromuscular diseases, and this line of work will also feed my desire to continue learning. It is my strong belief that those who make the greatest impact in this world are not those who have the most answers but those who ask the most questions. These questions may lead me back to school oneday. I am not yet certain if pursuing a PhD or medical degree is the right path for me, but I am hoping that a couple years in the working world will reveal next steps.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

In my junior year (aka senior year in the chemical engineering program), I experienced the most difficult but rewarding aspects of the curriculum, including the Plant Design course. My team and I modelled a green, modular, distributed ammonia synthesis plant. Our project culminated in a written report and presentation at the Engineering Senior Design Showcase, for which we won the Rich Anderson Design Award. I am very proud to have worked with such an outstanding team and to have shown that hard work pays off.

Best UHP memory

I loved playing guidditch with my UHP Currant Hall dorm friends in freshman year.





Preetha Vellayapan

Major Psychology

Minor

Education and Community Regional Development

Post-Grad Plans

Elementary School Teacher with Teach For America in Philadelphia, PA.

Career goals and aspirations

For the next few years after I graduate, I will be teaching in Philadelphia through Teach For America. I hope to take the hands on skills that I learn through teaching and equity building in my future career, whether I continue to teach or pursue a different education related career. I am possibly interested in obtaining a PhD in psychology and researching how a child's social environment can impact their psychological well-being and educational outcomes. I am also possibly interested in working in education policy or curriculum development. In whatever career I end up pursuing, I hope to use my knowledge of psychology and education to improve the lives of young people.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the fact that I made an effort to try new things and step out of my comfort zone. In class I made it a habit to ask my professors questions and build relationships with them. While it was intimidating at first, I benefitted greatly from getting to know my professors. Outside of the classroom, I did many things I never thought I would do from being a leader in my sorority to interning at the Arboretum. All of the experiences I have had both inside and outside of the classroom have taught me so much and I am glad that I pushed myself to explore.

Best UHP memory

I joined UHP as an on campus admit my sophomore year, so I think that one of my best memories was actually getting in to UHP. As a highschooler I never thought I could get into Davis, let alone be in the honors program. Getting into the honors program gave me the confidence to realize I could accomplish anything I put my mind to in college (as cheesy as that sounds). I also enjoyed volunteering at the UHP welcome barbeque in 2019. It was so much fun to get to know my fellow UHP members while welcoming new students as well!



Rasika Venkatesh

Major Biotechnology

Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to get my PhD and work as a scientist in genetics and computational biology/bioinformatics.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of doing research in multiple disciplines and being able to apply my theoretical knowledge to practical applications that have the potential to aid minority populations.





Victoria Vicuna

Major Philosophy

Minor Spanish

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

My career goals is to attend medical school and become a physician, hopefully a primary care provider.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

The one thing I am most proud of is the type of work and volunteering I was able to experience. I am so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work in a research lab and volunteer in the healthcare sector.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is, while living in Current Hall, I met a friend who lived on the floor below me after we were both struggling in our fall quarter math class. After finding each other, I was able to meet other people and make even more wonderful friends.



Jennifer Leonita Wijaya

Major Food Science

Post-Grad Plans Industry work

Career goals and aspirations

I want to utilize my knowledge and experiences to bring creative and impactful contributions to the current food system.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

As an international student, I struggled with various hardships having to adapt to the education system and lifestyle changes. However, I managed to overcome the obstacles and I managed to push myself to bring the best out of my abilities.

Best UHP memory

Spending time with other UHP members in one of the advisor's house where everyone could bring food and share stories with others.





Miranda Willard

Major

Managerial Economics

Minor

Environmental Policy, Analysis, & Planning

Post-Grad Plans

Attend University of Texas, Austin for a Masters in Professional Accounting

Career goals and aspirations

I hope to have a career in accounting in the future, and ideally, I'd like to work for a company that has a strong environmental focus.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm most proud of my role as Treasurer in the Davis Harry Potter Alliance and raising money for charity at the annual Yule Ball, supporting causes such as The Trevor Project, Direct Relief, and Asian Americans Advancing Justice.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory would be completing my senior year thesis. This is a process I never would have attempted had I not been in UHP and while it was one of the most difficult things I have attempted while at UC Davis, it was also one of the most rewarding in terms of what I learned and what I learned I was capable of doing.



Katherine Woodworth

Major

Environmental Science & Management

Minor

Soil Science

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

Environmental Scientist

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I have done a lot of research in a lot of different fields and presented my work at one of the largest conferences in my field.

Best UHP memory

I always fondly remember the UHP barbecues at the beginning of the school years, reuniting with old friends and professors and hearing what everyone was up to.





Angela Wu

Major

Neurobiology, Physiology, & Behavior

Mino

Asian American Studies

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I am currently applying to medical school but am currently unsure what I would like to specialize in as a doctor.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm most proud of my development as a well-rounded person who is trying to be informed in not only STEM but also social causes and issues that are important to me.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is living in the Honors dorm freshman year and meeting people who would eventually become my closest friends.



Elva Xian

Major

Global Disease Biology

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I plan on taking a gap year to gain some clinical experience and then applying for a Masters in Physician Assistant. My ideal specialty would be related to surgery, but I am not opposed to other specialties.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

One thing that I am the most proud of as an undergraduate is being able to participate in research at Davis. It changed my mentality towards research and gave me a greater appreciation of the work that happens behind the scenes.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is being able to take smaller classes with other UHP students. It provides a sense of community and is a better transition from high school to college. Being in a lecture hall with over 300 other students can feel overwhelming in the beginning.





Nichole Yacoub

Major

Chemical Engineering

Post-Grad Plans

Automation and Validation Engineer at JSat Automation in Glendale, California

Career goals and aspirations

I want to first attain my FE license to support my engineering work. Following this, I plan on learning as much as I can in automation and electrical engineering and then re-enter academia with a new focus based on my fieldwork. I hope that someday I may make mentorship and/or teaching a key part of my career.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my involvement with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Beginning as a Freshman Representative on the officer board in 2017, I quickly found my engineering family on campus. I've been working with this organization ever since to support my peers at UC Davis academically, socially, and professionally. My fondest impact was initiating an AutoCAD workshop for Chemical Engineering students during my time as the AIChE Internal Vice President.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was definitely during our research presentations in our UHP course during Junior Year with Professor Furlow. It was in this class that Prof. Furlow told me that I had a knack for teaching and should consider academia in the future. I had always been passionate in this area, having worked as a peer tutor both at my community college and UC Davis. This was the encouragement I needed to explore teaching as a path for my career, and for that I can't thank him enough.



Noah Yardeny

Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry



Melanie Yoon

Major

Psychology and Linguistics

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

I am to be a speech and language pathologist. I have been considering furthering my education to a doctorate in order to one day open my own practice back home in Malaysia, to spread awareness for the need of speech therapy.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of myself for completing my undergraduate in three years with a double major. I came into college undeclared but I have loved every part of my two majors now.

Best UHP memory

I enjoyed the honors classes I took as I got to know the faculty better than in my other classes.





Nasim **Zeighami**

Major

Genetics & Genomics

Post-Grad Plans

Gap Year

Career goals and aspirations

In the future, I hope to attend medical school and ultimately specialize in Family Medicine. I would ideally like to work at a federally qualified health center serving low-resource communities.

Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the personal and intellectual growth I've experienced over the past four years, in addition to the amazing educational and career opportunities I've had and the relationships I've built within the Davis community.

Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is working at Preview Day in 2019 with my freshman year roommate, Katie. It was really nice talking to prospective students about our experience in UHP. We are both so thankful that we randomly ended up as roommates in Currant Hall as freshman because she is still one of my best friends to this day!





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