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# UHP 2019 YEARBOOK





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## Tercero Living Community

The Tercero Living Community is comprised of 16 residence halls, including the Currant Hall, which is the residence hall of UHP Living-Learning Community.



## Taylor Aamot

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**Major:**  
English

**Career goals and aspirations:**

I want to be an English Professor and am applying to various PhD programs.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience:**

I am proud of my signature work project.

**Best UHP memory:**

My best memory was making friends in Currant Hall.



## Anika Agrawal

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**Major:**  
Environmental Toxicology

**Post-Grad Plans:**  
Texas A&M, Marine Biology, Masters

**Career goals and aspirations:**

I want to teach introductory marine science to excite the next generation about solving world problems. I want other students who look like me and identify the way I do to understand there are people like them in the field.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience:**

I worked on a project about microplastic ingestion in rockfish. I've continued to work in the realm of plastics and helped create an initiative to reduce plastic waste in restaurants, and am continuing it in Davis. I presented my research at ASLO, an international conference in Puerto Rico, and was exposed to different sciences.



## Romae-Anne Aquino

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**Major:**  
International Relations

**Post-Grad Plans:**  
Santa Clara University School of Law

**Career goals and aspirations:**

I aspire to obtain a Juris Doctorate to empower communities, foster growth, and establish long-lasting changes worldwide. I'll concentrate on international law for a career in international human rights as a future foreign service officer, and contribute to global and local justice. I hope to become an ideal legal practitioner. I'll be an advocate for underserved communities, like my own, and contribute to a more sustainable and just society.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience:**

I am proud of my persistence through adversity. My experiences as a first-generation college student, woman of color, and immigrant led to a passion and duty to represent marginalized groups. My resilience and endurance in academic and professional settings has prepared me for a legal career promoting justice and prosperity within low-income underserved communities.

**Best UHP memory:**

My best UHP memory was volunteering for the 2019 UHP Preview Day. I shared my experiences to potential UHP students, which allowed me to reflect on my hard-earned accomplishments and inspired the next generation of Aggies.



## Nicholas Archibald

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### Major

History

### Post-Grad Plans

Pepperdine Law School, International Law, JD

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to graduate with a law degree in the field of international development to serve as legal counsel for dispute settlements and for aid giving organizations or recipients. I hope to serve as counsel in negotiations, contracts, as well as work to protect development agencies from legal challenges.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of taking every opportunity UC Davis had to offer, including UHP. From studying abroad, to interning in DC, to engaging in research and student organizations, I feel like I made the most of my college experience.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was presenting my work at a conference and hearing feedback from graduate students and professors. It gave me a sense of accomplishment to see the year of work culminate into a joyful moment I will always remember.



## Natalia Arredondo

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### Major

English

### Career goals and aspirations

I will attend law school and aspire to be a lawyer who does meaningful work. I hope my experiences as a person of color, a woman, and a bilingual individual can come together to help people who feel lawyers can't be caring or sympathetic to their situations.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of getting through college by my own means. I worked nonstop since I was sixteen to fund my education. I never had a summer off and had to grow up quickly due to money issues, but I did it.

### Best UHP memory

My best memory was getting accepted into UHP. Often times I had imposter syndrome, feeling like I did not belong at this university. I've done so well here and UHP was a reminder of that hard work.



## Lisa Banga

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### Major

Comparative Literature

### Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to enter the educational field to become a high school social studies teacher.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the effort I've put in to better myself, working hard to gain more knowledge and strengthen my academic skills.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was the icebreaker the first night we arrived at the dorms. It's where I met the friends who have supported me from that first night, through graduation, and will far into the future.





## Riya Bansal

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior



## Raven Barbera

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### Major

Animal Science

### Career goals and aspirations

My whole life I wanted to be a veterinarian, but my time in UHP and at UC Davis has opened my eyes to many different careers and paths. I want to work with wildlife and conservation and am excited to see what experiences I'll have to find my dream career!

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

My personal growth is what I am most proud of! Through all of my experiences, I gained confidence and leadership skills I didn't know I was missing. Thinking back to my first year, I couldn't have imagined the responsibilities I'd end up having planning the first TWS conference, holding a job for almost three years, and attending and presenting my research in Montana.

### Best UHP memory

Once in Currant Hall we all tried to sign up for our honors classes, but that quarter the survey broke and no one could submit their choices. We ran into the hall in a panic and none of the UHP staff was available at night to fix the issue. We soon realized if all of us were unable to sign up then it would be fine and we'd do it another day. It was such a ridiculously honors moment!



## Sarah Basharkhah

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Career goals and aspirations

I am utilizing my EMT and scribe training to gain work experience before attending medical school. I aspire to pursue work in cardiology and women's health.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of balancing work and life over these past four years.

### Best UHP memory

I met incredible individuals and it all began my first quarter of college. I never would have thought to be continually amazed by the people I am close to.



## Noah Bennett

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### Major

Environmental Science and Management

### Career goals and aspirations

Environmental Law

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of the jobs, internships, and experiences I accumulated these four years at Davis. I accomplished my goal to be more than just a student.

### Best UHP memory

I transferred into the program sophomore year and was unable to share in the dorm experience, however, I enjoyed meeting fellow UHP students in honor classes.



## Keara Bergin

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### Major

Nutrition Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to attend PA school and become a physician assistant.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my GPA.

### Best UHP memory

My best memory is writing my thesis with Dr. Mackenzie. He is such a great mentor!



## Elizabeth Berry

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### Major

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to attend veterinary school.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my lab work because I accomplished a lot and learned valuable skills in my time working there.



## Kiran Bhadury

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### Major

Computer Science and Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Workday, Software Engineer, Pleasanton, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope do something that has a positive impact on people's lives, whether it's a global project or something for my community. Leaving behind a legacy of helping others means everything to me.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I was the 2019 technical director for Picnic Day! I'm grateful I helped make this tradition a memorable day for everyone. It was hard work, I learned about responsibility, leadership, and I grew as a person.

### Best UHP memory

I met some of my best friends while living in the honors dorm freshman year. We keep in touch-- I'm still with one particular roommate after 4 years! Living with them helped me settle into college and included me in a special community.



## Christina Boyar

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### Major

Cognitive Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to pursue a PhD after focusing on a passion.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my time spent as an RA because I helped first-years navigate their transition to Davis.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was meeting all of my best friends while living in Currant Hall.



## Ceara Brashears

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### Major

Sociology

### Post-Grad Plans

UC San Diego, Masters of Education

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to pursue a career in bilingual education.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of completing my thesis and directing a student film.



# Joleen Cheah

UHP 2019

Research and Innovation  
Student Award recipient

*“I am pleased to see that my work is being read and utilized by the scientific community.”*

Every UHP student is encouraged to engage in research or scholarship in which they have the opportunity to apply classroom experiences to real-world situations. Within UHP and Undergraduate Education, we are incredibly proud of all that our students accomplish. The UHP Research and Innovation Award acknowledges a UHP student’s dedication to academic rigor, creativity, learning, and exploration through a research or creative project.



## Sally Burke

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### Major

Chemistry

### Post-Grad Plans

University of California, San Diego, Chemistry & Biochemistry, PhD

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to teach chemistry at the community college level.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

At my community college, I participated in a Teaching Fellow Program. I shadowed and helped teach a chemistry class, which is exactly what I want to do for a career. I loved that experience.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was traveling down to Orange, CA with other UHP students who were also presenting at the 2018 WRHCC.



## Vannalee Cayabyab

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### Major

Political Science

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis School of Law, JD

### Career goals and aspirations

I will attend law school to obtain my Juris Doctor. I intend to empower myself through a legal education to bridge the gap between underserved communities, and equity and justice. I want to ensure that inclusive and effective milestones are reached through lawful means.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my work towards instilling hope and the belief that my community members, coming from underserved and marginalized communities, can be their own agents of change. I did this work through BRIDGE Pilipinx Outreach & Retention, Pilipinx in Business and Law, and IGNITE.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was my growth and development within the Department of Political Science that was fostered under the mentorship of faculty members and projects.



## Sierra Chapman

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### Major

Physics

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to attend graduate school to get a PhD in astrophysics. I hope to either continue doing research in academia or get a job as a data scientist in the industry.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of learning a lot about physics.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was hanging out with all my friends in Currant Hall.



## Joleen Cheah

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### Major

Biological Sciences

### Post-Grad Plans

Stanford University, Biology, PhD

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to pursue a research career, possibly in academia.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I produced publishable data that I can contribute to the scientific community.

### Best UHP memory

I loved taking UHP's BIS2A with Dr. Roth my first quarter and meeting other students who became my closest friend groups.



## Jenny Chen

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### Major

Cell Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to be a medical doctor. I want to be someone people can rely on in times of need, and I want to be the person with the answers to health problems that may arise over the course of my loved ones' lifetimes.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to have helped UC Davis students as an AATC tutor, an orientation leader, and an undergraduate tutor for BIS 103. I enjoy contributing to the community, and I hope to continue helping people in different ways.

### Best UHP memory

When I presented at the 2019 WRHCC in Bozeman, MT, I bonded with the other UHP students also presenting. The time with them and the event itself were definitely highlights of my UHP journey.



## Riley Cliff

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### Major

Mechanical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to do good engineering that fulfills a purpose.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of participating in Formula Electric Racing.

### Best UHP memory

Living in the dorms was a lot of fun.



## Julia Cohen

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### Major

Animal Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, DVM

### Career goals and aspirations

I am pursuing a career in veterinary medicine, and I want to be a small animal veterinarian. I want to improve the quality of life for pets and their families, help raise awareness of issues in the veterinary field, and positively contribute to medicine.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of the personal growth I achieved as an undergraduate. In the last four years, I learned to open my mind to opportunities and experiences. I gained confidence, in addition to invaluable skills and lifelong friendships.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP experience was the Sacramento group scavenger hunt. I enjoyed spending a beautiful day exploring the city with my fellow UHPeers, and meeting my friend Brooke, who was my floormate in Currant Hall.



## Julianne Cravotto

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### Major

Political Sciences & History

### Post-Grad Plans

Public Service - Capitol Fellow in Sacramento

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to be a state legislator or disillusioned academic.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to be the first UC Davis Fullbright Scholar for the US-UK program. I was also a Senior Intern to former Governor Jerry Brown, where I completed 900 hours of service, and I was the UC Davis delegate for the 2018 West Point Scusa Conference.

### Best UHP memory

I loved completing my Honors Contract with Professor Min.



## Stephen DaRodda

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### Major

Microbiology

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Wisconsin, Cellular and Molecular Biology, PhD



## Francesca D'Cruz

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### Major

Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems

### Post-Grad Plans

The March Fund, Davis, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

My career aspirations are to work with food, agriculture, health companies, and individuals, to ensure proper implementation and maintenance of sustainable development. Companies, policies, and individuals will be able to operate according to a regenerative model for people, the planet, and profit as our resources become increasingly finite with greater climate pressures.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of being a mentor to UC Davis business competition teams that are in the food and agriculture space. The two teams I worked with in a Board capacity, and as a compliance officer, both received the greatest sum of competition money and have achieved greater success through strategic partnerships I facilitated. These individuals are passionate and hard-working, however, they benefited by my industry insight, global network, and creativity derived from my interdisciplinary education.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was when I took the Music of Mozart class with Professor Polzonetti in the arboretum. A group of ducks joined us the first session and when Professor Polzonetti resumed "The Marriage of Figaro", the ducks quacked to the music. This moment was an insightful reminder that educational experiences can bring simple joys.



## Kavitha Dhanukodi

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### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Uber, Software Engineering, San Francisco, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to move towards Engineering Management and one day start my own company.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of experiencing everything I wanted to during my undergraduate studies. I can confidently say I have no regrets.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was the Human Rights class I took freshman year.





## Yulissa Diaz

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### Major

Animal Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I strive to attend the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and earn my DVM degree. I want to open my own vet hospital/clinic near my hometown and give back to my community.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of presenting my thesis at the Undergraduate Research Conference. It was mind-blowing that I had my own research to present to the world.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was meeting all of the honors program peers and having closer interactions with faculty.



## Andrew Diggs

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### Major

Physics

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Physics, Condensed Matter Experiment, PhD



## Jeske Dioquino

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### Major

Physics

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Berkeley, Physics, PhD

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to dive deeper into physics research and gain a better understanding of fundamental questions while being on the team that works to answer them.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of being involved in three consecutive Physics Club Picnic Day shows, which all won an exhibit award. The last one I did a lot of organizing as the club president.

### Best UHP memory

It was cool growing oyster mushrooms in our SAS 30 honors discussion and eating them at the end.



## Memorial Union

As a central hub of student life, the UC Davis Memorial Union hosts a range of services and programs that help students connect to campus and enrich their experience.



## Sofia Donovan

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### Major

Biological Sciences



## Evan Dumas

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### Major

Biotechnology

### Post-Grad Plans

I plan to travel through Europe, serve in AmeriCorps, and discover the best way to focus on my health while benefitting the lives of others.

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to be healthy and happy with whatever career or life paths I find.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of my work as the president of Food Recovery Network. I genuinely impacted the lives of students and community members and made something that will have a lasting influence.

### Best UHP memory

My time spent in the dorms was my favorite memory. My roommate has been one of my best friends for the past 4 years.



## Tia Dunbar

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### Major

Biological Sciences

### Post-Grad Plans

Texas A&M, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Masters



## Elyn Dushane

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### Major

Biological Sciences

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to pursue veterinary medicine. I hoped to become a vet in an animal shelter-type environment, but I've grown to enjoy research. I am ready to follow where my education and interests lead.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of finding my full potential. While at Davis, I realized if I commit myself and lean on my support system then I can succeed in more ways than I could have imagined.

### Best UHP memory

As a transfer, having a small class our first quarter allowed me to know like-minded students. There was always something comforting about seeing familiar faces from that class around campus or at other UHP events.



## Ariel Escalante

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### Major

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Law school for Environmental or Wildlife Law

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan on becoming a lawyer, specializing in Wildlife or Environmental Law. I would love to fight for conservation and the wellbeing of our animals.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my GPA and mastery of a second language, but I'm extremely proud of being the section manager of the clarinets in the University Concert Band. Music is a passion and it's been fulfilling to be in the band for 4 years, managing my section for two of them.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was fulfilling my IDP Year 3 requirement by studying abroad in Australia. I wanted to go to Australia since I was 8, and it was a dream come true!



## Elizabeth Ford

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### Major

History

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

The relationships I made on campus, particularly through my job as a Peer Advisor, are what I'm most proud of. My coworkers, both students and staff, are the most supportive, empathetic, and funniest of people. It's been amazing working with them and interacting with students on campus from diverse backgrounds.

### Best UHP memory

When Professor Materson agreed to be my thesis advisor, I was so excited to work with such an accomplished professor who I admired. It's been an amazing experience.



## Natalie Fortman

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### Major

Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work



## Nadejda Godoroja

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### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

I wish to become a doctor because it is the highest pursuit for someone who loves solving problems, asking questions, interpreting data, being a curious interrogator, and being encompassed by stories of humanity.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I gained valuable life lessons in college. It taught me how to read an analog map, how to be a good friend, how (not) to schedule my time, how to be a pro at navigating tough conversations, how to ask for help, and how to learn beyond books.

### Best UHP memory

My meetings with Carolyn and Heidi were the highlights of my UHP experience. I would reach out to them when I felt at my worst, and they knew how to comfort and inspire me to keep going. One time Carolyn said, "Let's go do it", not "You go do it." It was powerful that she allowed me to see the hope inside myself.



## Esme Grundy

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### Major

Anthropology



## Nina Han

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### Major

Animal Science

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, DVM

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to be a veterinarian of some sort, possibly a shelter vet.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I've overcome struggles and setbacks-- be it school, my mental health, or anything else-- and came out stronger and better as a result.

### Best UHP memory

Meeting my best friends in the honors dorm freshman year will always be my best memory. Every day I count my blessings with them.



## Cristina Harber

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### Major

English

### Post-Grad Plans

University Of San Francisco, San Francisco Teacher Residency Program, Master in Education and Teaching Credential

### Career goals and aspirations

I will become an elementary school teacher in the San Francisco School District. I hope to move into administration where I can directly participate in pushing the educational limits by making it more accessible.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of the time I spent helping at Davis Elementary School to implement lessons related to restorative justice and emotional maturity.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was elementary school project because it directly relates to what I want to do as a teacher.



## Bryan Heng

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### Major

Biological Sciences

### Career goals and aspirations

I would like to become a medical professional.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I most proud of the fact that I have become more of a leader.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was making new friends in the dorms as a freshman.



## Nicole Hensley

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### Major

Biotechnology

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to use my scientific knowledge and love for learning in an office setting. I want to coordinate events and make life easier for those I work with by planning everything from the weekly meetings to their travels.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I stuck with UHP. The reality of the signature work scared me, but I am much happier with myself for having finished it.



## Erin Hisey

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### Major

Animal Science

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Veterinary Scholars Program, DVM and PhD

### Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to become a veterinarian who conducts research on the underlying genetic causes of various diseases in horses.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of everything I accomplished in just 4 years. I was the only undergrad student working as a technician in the Large Animal ICU, I discovered a genetic mutation that is strongly associated with a disease in horses, and I still managed to go to all of my classes.

### Best UHP memory

I enjoyed living in the dorms, being surrounded by my peers. We came from different backgrounds and had different interests, but living together helped us share the same freshman experience.



## Catherine Hou

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to get an MD and a PhD so I can do research related to my practice. I hope to gain a Masters in Public Health and/or Bioinformatics, so that I can apply my skills in various industries and be multi-disciplinary. I'd love to do humanitarian health work in my career.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud that people trust and value me as a mentor.

### Best UHP memory

I loved my NPB 17 class with Dr. Mitchell Sutter because he tailored the class to our interests. It was the interdisciplinary approach to science and medicine I was looking for.

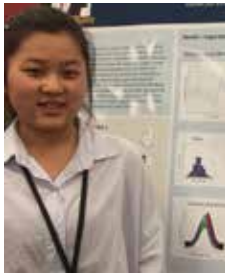


## Tanya Hsiung

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### Major

Nutrition Science



## Hyeyeon Hwang

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### Major

Computer Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I aspire to pursue a PhD in bioinformatics and have a career in research.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of participating in the diversity research program, UC LEADS (Leadership Excellence Through Advanced Degrees).

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was presenting at the 2017 WRHCC, where I gave a research presentation for the first time. It was exciting to go to Oregon with fellow UHP students.





# Sofia Donovan

UHP 2019

Community Service  
Student Award recipient

“*Working with children who’ve had a parent with cancer has taught me how to be empathetic and supportive of others while simultaneously helping me through my own grieving process after losing my mother to cancer.*”

The UHP Community Service Award recognizes a UHP student for exhibiting a commitment to giving back to the community during their undergraduate career. All UHP students understand the responsibility to serve the community but some students truly go above-and-beyond in their service.



## Simran Johal

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### Major

Psychology

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Quantitative Psychology, PhD

### Career goals and aspirations

After completing my PhD, I hope to continue in academia by teaching and conducting more research!

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of how much I grew as an individual in different aspects of life-- as a student, budding researcher, and friend.

### Best UHP memory

Being able to make close friends with people who were in the same dorm and same classes was the best part of UHP.



## Emily Jones

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### Major

Political Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to work on constitutional law, whether that be through administrative work in the courts or as an appellate lawyer. I hope this kind of work brings me a judgeship in Washington, DC.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my work with the Davis College Democrats. Fighting for justice and student rights, while increasing student involvement in campus, local, and state politics has been extremely rewarding. It gave me tools and opportunities to directly change injustices.

### Best UHP memory

I attended a UHP event and met important figures in UC Davis administration, including the Provost. I spoke with him about my concerns and asked questions about the University's direction. This experience was great exposure to the connections UHP provides.



## Spencer Katz

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### Major

Political Science, Public Service

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work



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## Jared Kohn

**Major**  
English

**Career goals and aspirations**

I want to work as an educator and be a professional writer.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience**

I am most proud that I had my first publication as a creative writer.

**Best UHP memory**

I enjoyed getting to know everyone in the UHP community. I've spent hours fostering a bond with my fellow UHPers and establishing friendships and relationships that I cherish.



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## Adon Kwong

**Major**  
Chemistry

**Post-Grad Plans**

University of Illinois, Chemistry, PhD

**Career goals and aspirations**

Industry work, do research in development chemistry, and live a comfortable life.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience**

I'm proud of my undergraduate research and lab skills I learned in the Franz group.

**Best UHP memory**

I liked Interacting with my cohort my first quarter at UC Davis.



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## Jennifer La

**Major**  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**

UC San Francisco, Pharmacy, PharmD

**Career goals and aspirations**

I want to be a psychiatric pharmacist to lessen barriers in mental health treatment and provide accessible care to those who face financial and cultural barriers.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience**

I am most proud of my open-mindedness that allowed me to have leadership positions in various campus organizations. These experiences helped me grow as a person.

**Best UHP memory**

My best memory was doing icebreakers during move-in weekend to meet like-minded and passionate people!



## Amanda Lee

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### Major

Human Development

### Post-Grad Plans

San Francisco State University, Multiple Subject Credential Program, Teaching Credential

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to be an educator and as I started tutoring I loved that moment of recognition in a student's eyes when a concept was finally understood. I chose child development of emotion regulation skills as my signature work because I learned, through working with children, that teaching involves a social and emotional component.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my internship commitment at Patwin Elementary School. I spent hours working with children, becoming part-teacher, part-paraeducator, and part-educator for English Language Development. I minored in Chinese to learn Mandarin, and was a translator for students and their families from China.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was meeting my housemates at the UHP ceremony where freshmen meet potential mentors. I remember walking to Shields Library and meeting them on the way there. One was the same major as me and, since then, she is one of my best friends.



## Celena Lozano

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Career goals and aspirations

I will attend graduate school to obtain a PhD in cell and molecular neuroscience. I hope to do a postdoctoral fellowship before pursuing a career in academia. My passion for research and interest in teaching science to new generations has driven me to become a professor. I hope to encourage and motivate other underrepresented/disadvantaged individuals to pursue science careers.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of myself for not giving up. No matter how low I felt, I kept going because I knew that some people don't have the same opportunities as me. I strived to do better every quarter and found help when needed, and here I am a first-generation college graduate.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was meeting my close friend through the UHP transfer seminar my first quarter. We are both women in science and first-generation students. I met someone who I felt I could talk to and relate to since I started Davis and it was only possible through UHP.



## Jaime Luo

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### Major

Civil and Environmental Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Stantec, Civil Engineer, Sacramento, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

Project Manager

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of learning about myself and growing as a person.

### Best UHP memory

I loved living in Currant Hall.



## Emma Maloney

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### Major

Managerial Economics

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career goals and aspirations

I intend to work in the finance industry in San Francisco. I am not sure what work I want to do, but I hope to get a managerial role.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my senior year accomplishments. I was president of my soccer team, completed all my classes with good grades, applied to jobs, and wrote my thesis simultaneously.



## Elisabeth McAllister

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### Major

Design

### Post-Grad Plans

Origin Materials, Junior Designer, West Sacramento, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

After studying emerging areas of design, I'd like to return to academia as a professor and support students in the same way my professors supported me!

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I gave my energy toward projects and opportunities that created spaces of interaction and support for others. I am proud I learned to acknowledge my limitations.

### Best UHP memory

On the first day of class, I met three other transfer students and I didn't know then that these girls would become some of my best friends now!



## Brooke McMahon

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### Major

Chemistry

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Southern California, Masters and Teaching Credential

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to become a high school science teacher.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of my thesis because it's something that is authentically me, and that I can give to future students. I am happy I was able to complete a project aligned with my career goals.

### Best UHP memory

Living in Currant for 2 years allowed me to meet my best friends, develop professionally as an RA, and feel welcome at UC Davis.



## Kyle McNeil

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### Major

Environmental Science & Management

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to influence the intersection between society and natural resources, whether that be through societal cultures, lifestyles, education, government or nonprofit work.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud to be one of the coordinators who helped set-up the 2019 Whole Earth Festival.

### Best UHP memory

I enjoyed stepping out of my dorm room and walking just a few steps to see and hang out with friends.



## Joseph Melkonian

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### Major

Economics

### Post-Grad Plans

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to develop research skills while working at the Chicago Fed. Afterwards, I want to attend a PhD program in economics. I want to research and teach abroad as an economics professor.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of becoming a member of the University Covenant Church. I witnessed my younger brother follow me into UHP at Davis and succeed inside and outside the classroom. I also took upper-division math work my senior year to prepare for graduate school.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite memory was the Secret Santa in Currant Hall my freshman year.



## Peter J. Shields Library

The Peter J. Shields Library, or Shields Library, is a four-story library named after Peter J. Shields. The library is an essential study and resource location for many UC Davis alumni.



## Emily Meyers

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### Major

Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity

### Post-Grad Plans

Stanford University, Teacher Education Program - Elementary, Masters and Teaching Credential

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to teach elementary school in California and hope I can help spark confidence in children to pursue their unique interests, in addition to a love of learning.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of balancing between academic work, research, internships, and life outside of school over the course of my college career.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was meeting my amazing group of friends! What started as a BIS 2AH study group forged some of my strongest friendships and introduced me to a group of fun, supportive, and inspiring women.



## Chelyah Miller

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### Major

Psychology

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to be a high school psychologist, but I also love research and want to continue learning how trauma affects student's emotional well-being and academic success.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud to graduate at nineteen (in three years). I've been in UHP since freshman year, and I recently got invited to join the national honors society, Phi Kappa Phi!

### Best UHP memory

All of my talks with Heidi have been wonderful and I've met so many amazing people in my honors classes.



## Paige Morgan

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### Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to attend pharmacy school to earn my PharmD degree. I either hope to pursue a career as a Clinical Pharmacist or work in the pharmaceutical industry.

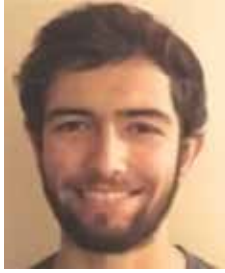
### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of finding a major that fits all of my interests perfectly.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite memory was meeting my closest friends in the freshman dorms.





## Justin Mulvey

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### Major

Material Sciences and Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Irvine, Materials Sciences and Engineering, PhD



## Izaac Ornelas

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### Major

Managerial Economics

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career goals and aspirations

My interests lie all over the place, but I want to help others any way possible. I wish to get into the agricultural industry, so I can help a company provide food for people at a reasonable price.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of how much I grew as a person. As a first-year transfer student, I was shy. I threw myself into roles I'd never done and changed my attitude for the better. Being an undergrad at UC Davis is the happiest I have ever been and this wouldn't have happened without the experiences here.

### Best UHP memory

The best UHP memory I have was a social gathering for the Fall 2017 first-year seminar class. The event was at Carolyn's house and it made me feel at ease and more comfortable being at the university. As students we often lose sight that professors are also people.



## Princess Marianne Pe

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### Major

Psychology

### Career goals and aspirations

My career goal is to enter the medical field as either a pediatrician or psychiatrist. I want to help children through the process of getting and/or staying healthy, both physically, emotionally, and mentally.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of my role as a director of service in the Campus Rotaract Club of Davis. I planned and organized volunteer events, helped send girls in Zimbabwe to school, taught highschoolers how to sew baby bibs and caps for families in Brazil, raised money to prevent child abuse, and helped refugees.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was when Christina and I created our third-year research presentation for our seminar as a joke, but then, with Nina, ended up completing an actual project from the "meme". We joked about how stressed we were to actually researching how honors students are stressed. We presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference and created a workshop about what we can do to help with mental health.



## Adnan Perwez

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### Major

Religious Studies

### Post-Grad Plans

Harvard University, Masters of Theological Studies, MTS

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to attend a PhD program in Islamic Thought after my Masters, continuing to do both academia and activist work. I think it's a pressing moral duty for academics to show that communities can serve to enrich and inform each other.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to have mentored and given advice to other students. It was either making activism less intimidating for students who have never been involved in the space, or sparking interest in issues like postcolonial theory. The proudest moments are those where you're able to invest in the future.

### Best UHP memory

The UHP classes during the second year were closely-knit, encompassed a variety of topics that I'd never have taken otherwise, and were generally a fun, stimulating place.



## Kelley Phan

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### Major

Political Science

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Teaching Credential and Masters Program

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to become an elementary school teacher and later pursue educational research to help inform and mentor future teachers.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I found a career that I was adversed to in high school, but now love.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was the night I finished and turned in my signature work project.



## Elise Pohlhammer

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### Major

Human Development

### Post-Grad Plans

Tufts University, Occupations Therapy, OTD

### Career goals and aspirations

My hope is to use occupational therapy to help people live their fullest lives possible, particularly when they have been impacted by eating disorders or a physical disability.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to have served as the Chair of the Picnic Day Board of Directors. With 15 Directors and over 80 Assistant Directors, we planned the largest student-run event in the nation! It was a fulfilling role, and I was lucky to lead such an amazing group of students.



## Chesna Pokharel

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### Major

Psychology

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to attend medical school. My career goal is to help and give back to my community by providing medical care.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my service towards the underserved community of Sacramento. I tried to go above and beyond to give back to people of different backgrounds, and I can leave Davis knowing I did.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was being in the Mentor-Mentee program and meeting my dear mentor, and now friend, Lindsey. I am grateful for the opportunities and platform UHP gave me to succeed at UC Davis.



## Lindsey Popken

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### Major

Anthropology

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Washington, Marine and Environmental Affairs, Masters

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in the sea otter conservation field, in some form of non-profit or government agency.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my GPA and for forging networks with a variety of individuals.

### Best UHP memory

The 2019 WRHCC in Montana was my favorite memory. It was great meeting new people, hanging out with my UHP peers, and presenting my research.



## Mira Pranav

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### Major

Economics

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law, JD

### Career goals and aspirations

I will attend the USC Gould School of Law and begin my legal career. I aim to work for a law firm and move in to in-house general counsel after law school.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of my work with the Video Game Orchestra on campus. I was the treasurer and one of five founding members. It was a group of nine friends and is now a 55 member orchestra, complete with its own student arrangers, conductors, and course registration number! Planning events, generating revenues and budgets, working as a team, and promoting the club to create something new are reasons why I now love working with a business.

### Best UHP memory

I have an ongoing appreciation for the UHP team. I truly enjoyed seeing familiar faces at events and being a part of the community. In the quarter system, professors and TAs seem to come and go, but the UHP team has always been there all four years.



## Bryn Ritter

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to attend medical school and would like to focus on patient care and clinical research regarding neuroscience.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of the signature work I completed as part of UHP.

### Best UHP memory

The UHP family provided such an amazing support system throughout my time at UC Davis.



## Brenda Ruiz Anaya

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### Major

Animal Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to attend veterinary school and become a veterinarian for small and large animals. I want to work at clinics where clients need the most help with their pets, such as the homeless or low-income minority communities.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud I forced myself to step out of my comfort zone, which made me grow as a person.

### Best UHP memory

I met my best friend on the first day of class, SAS 30.



## Aidan Sandhoefner

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### Major

Cognitive Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to work with kids, specifically on memory and linguistics.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of my time spent on the men's rowing team.

### Best UHP memory

I loved working on my thesis with my lab PI.



## Priyanka Sanghavi

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### Major

Cognitive Science

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to have co-authored a paper that has been accepted for publication in a scientific journal.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is the Sacramento field trip. Sacramento is a really cool place to visit; I liked going to the Capitol and Old Town.



# Jennifer La

UHP 2019  
Leadership  
Student Award recipient

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*To be a leader is to be an advocate for others. Leadership entails empowering members of a team and making sure all members feel valued and appreciated.*”

The UHP Leadership Award identifies a student who has exhibited leadership, excellence, and a dedication to being a positive, driving force in society. This student has taken the resources and skills they have learned throughout life and through UHP to be a trailblazer.



## Sammy Seaver

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**Major**  
Music

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

**Career goals and aspirations**

I will pursue a career in Artist Management in the music industry. I hope to start my own Artist Management company and I aspire to earn a spot on Billboard's 40 under 40.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience**

My best memories come from my work for the Entertainment Council and the enormous growth we had over time. From designing a new website to launching a sponsorship initiative, we strongly developed as a student-run group.

**Best UHP memory**

Some of the best experiences from UHP came from the 1st and 2nd-year courses. I was encouraged to take classes outside my discipline and I am thrilled I had this opportunity.



## Selena Silva

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**Major**  
Community and Regional Development

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work



## Jason Robert Singson

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**Major**  
Global Disease Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
UC Davis, Public Health, Masters

**Career goals and aspirations**

I want to become a commissioned officer with the United States Public Health Service. I intend to have a clinical background as a nurse or doctor, responding to public health emergencies.

**Most proud of undergrad moment/experience**

I started the freshman faith ministry for the Newman Catholic Center at Davis, titled "Freshman Foundations", being a transitional ministry for incoming freshmen. From the simple act of wanting a support network my first year, this group became an established ministry at Davis and expanded to Chico's Newman Center.

**Best UHP memory**

Heidi's assistance and tenderness was a key reason why I stayed in UHP. I roamed the halls of Surge III on Decision Day and Heidi graciously added me to the student panel. I realized I wanted to give back to UHP, so I became involved with the panel my second and third years as well.



## Sankalp Sinha

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### Major

Genetics and Genomics

### Career goals and aspirations

I intend to pursue medicine with an interest in cardiology. I hope to take advantage of my background in genomics and data analytics to pursue predictive diagnostics research and consulting.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of expanding my ability to network with different groups of people, from peers with various majors and interests, to accomplished people in the fields of bioinformatics and biology.

### Best UHP memory

I enjoyed meeting and spending time with other honors students in the dorms, and made lasting friendships among that cohort freshman year.



## C. Tyler Smith

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### Major

Biological Sciences

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to apply to medical school and pursue a career in medicine as a doctor.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud to have created the honors course, RST 152, with one of my favorite professors. Being able to create something from scratch and see students explore their ideas and passions has been rewarding.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was introducing myself to the class I helped create the curriculum for as an official designer. This introduction as an undergraduate to other undergraduates really facilitated that you can achieve so much if you put your heart into it.



## Paige Snelgrove

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### Major

Psychology

### Post-Grad Plans

California State University, Sacramento, Psychology, Masters

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to work in higher education administration, being interested in serving community college or transfer students. I want to have a positive impact on students and encourage them as they continue their education. I aspire to earn a Doctorate in Education.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud of my involvement in the Personality and Self-Knowledge Lab and the Attitudes and Group Identity Lab. My perspectives on science, and even on life in general, have evolved and I grew as an individual and leader while working in these labs. I worked with such kind and talented people who generously offered me their support throughout my two years at UC Davis.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was talking with Carolyn and Heidi during the UHP cohort my first quarter at UC Davis. They emphasized how we all deserve our spots in UHP, and it was moving to have their support from the beginning. They acknowledged the potential I had to thrive as a transfer student, and I want to inspire students in a similar fashion.



## Cassie Snyder

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### Major

Cognitive Science

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Colorado, Boulder; Speech-Language Pathology, Masters

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to become a pediatric speech-language pathologist. I would like to work in a school or clinical setting for a few years and then open my own private practice.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I completed my signature work project. I learned so much throughout the process, and accomplished things I never thought I would. I worked in a lab, conducted research, wrote a research paper to be published, and presented my work at the Undergraduate Research Conference.

### Best UHP memory

I really loved having smaller class sizes during my second year of UHP.



## Natalie Stucka

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### Major

Biomedical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Varian Medical Systems, Software Quality Engineer, Palo Alto, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to improve the standard of medical care for others, either through industry work in a biomedical imaging company, or by becoming a board-certified medical physicist and work in a hospital.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud I started research my freshman year. While research never turned into my passion, the experience and skills I gained in the lab continue to help me.

### Best UHP memory

My best memory was playing late night card games in Currant Hall.



## Ashley Takeshita

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### Major

Pharmaceutical Chemistry

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to be an in-patient hospital pharmacist.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to be a UHP graduate and that I balanced academics with extracurriculars and my personal life.

### Best UHP memory

I met a close college friend during freshman year before being accepted into UHP. We got invited to apply and both got accepted. We've had a class together almost every single quarter. It's been wonderful cultivating our friendship and having someone to talk to about UHP.





## Tahmina Tasmim

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### Major

Animal Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to become a veterinarian, and possibly specialize in small animals or exotic surgery.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of being the first person in my family to graduate from college.

### Best UHP memory

My best memory was meeting Dr. Furlow in the IST 94 class.



## Melissa Thurston

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### Major

Animal Science

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Davis, Veterinary Medicine, DVM

### Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to work as both a clinician and teacher in the veterinary field. I would love to work at a teaching hospital, like the one at UC Davis.



## Genevieve Tikasingh

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### Major

Linguistics



## Ngoc Han Tran

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### Major

Genetics and Genomics

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to get into a physician assistant program.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud to be in a research lab with a good team environment, as well as UHP.

### Best UHP memory

I loved meeting new friends in Currant Hall during the first meeting where we met our mentors.



## Ivan Urena-Valdes

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### Major

International Relations

### 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.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud I found time for the things I love to do. I played intramural sports, took P.E. classes, found jobs that I loved, and made sure to spend time with friends.

### Best UHP memory

I enjoyed helping incoming UHP students as an orientation leader. It was great to see students get excited about coming to Davis and being able to share my personal story and advice.



## Heather van Buskirk

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### Major

Sociology

### Post-Grad Plans

University of East Anglia, Impact Evaluation for International Development, Masters

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to design and implement poverty alleviation programs in Sub-Saharan Africa. I hope to conduct mixed methods research to discover how people define well-being in their communities, and work with locals to develop programs to address their concerns and measure progress. Once I establish myself, I plan to train the next generation of young African development professionals.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I maintained high academic performance and conducted original research while balancing commitments of work, family, and a daily life. I made the most of the opportunities UC Davis gave me.

### Best UHP memory

I'm grateful for the support of the UHP community. Connecting with Carolyn and Heidi and my fellow UHPeers smoothed my transition to UC Davis and gave me a sense of belonging. I'll always remember our hallway chats, writing assignments, discussing future goals, and celebrating achievements along the way.



## Sarah Vegliante

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### Major

Clinical Nutrition

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to work with people who have eating disorders. I am inspired by the strength it takes to overcome them.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am most proud of the work I accomplished. I took heavy quarters, a minimum of 17 units, and managed to stay above the GPA for UHP.

### Best UHP memory

The transfer seminar was my favorite UHP memory. I loved meeting weekly and going to Carolyn's house with all of them for lunch at the end of the quarter.



## See No Evil/Hear No Evil

Two Eggheads face each other on adjacent grassy knolls speaking out of the corners of their mouths, but both lack ears. Originally installed across the street in May 1994, the sculptures were moved to the grassy circle in front of Mrak Hall to make room for the law school expansion.



## Lakshmi Warriier

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### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to pursue a PhD in Immunology and work in public health organizations, such as the CDC or WHO to develop and distribute vaccines.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I learned how to deal with stress and anxiety in a better way. I learned how to take better care of myself and separate school from my personal life. I made a priority to relax and take care of myself every day, which greatly decreased my stress.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite UHP memory was making new friends within my transfer cohort. We were in other classes together and it was through UHP that we were able to get to know each other better.



## Alex Williams

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### Major

Chemical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Blue Diamond, Sacramento, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

I plan to work with the goal of becoming a manager in the next few years. I will reevaluate returning to school or continuing to pursue my career in industry.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of being a three-time intramural sports champion for football, indoor soccer, and kickball.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was the study abroad program I participated in before my first year (Fall 2014). It was a great way to meet friends before school started.



## Catherine Williams

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### Major

Global Disease Biology

### Career goals and aspirations

I enjoy plant pathology, public health and epidemiology, evolutionary biology, and the challenges of research. After experiencing a personal emergency, however, I was inspired to consider a medicine career. I want to explore health careers and prepare for the MCAT.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud of everything I learned in my four years at Davis and all of the experiences I gained.

### Best UHP memory

I have lots of fond memories from my time in Currant Hall. I enjoyed making friends and taking classes with them. I also enjoyed the bocce ball tournament, where we met UHP students from different years.



## Reese Wilson

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### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

UC Los Angeles, School of Dentistry, DDS

### Career goals and aspirations

I am going to be a dentist in the US Navy Dental Corps, serving those who protect our country to keep us safe.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I made a plan, stuck to it, and accomplished my goals and aspirations. I had the best time at UC Davis.

### Best UHP memory

I loved all the UHP meet-and-greet (and eat) events!



## Sierra Winter

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### Major

Environmental Science and Management

### Career goals and aspirations

I will attend graduate school to earn a PhD in ecology. I want to work in research and help find potential ways to mitigate the negative impact that industry has on biodiversity and ecosystem functions.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I'm proud I participated in multiple internships, both on and off campus. I learned useful skills for field research techniques and data analysis that will help me in my future career.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory was going to the opera 'Don Giovanni' as a field trip for my honors class, "Music of Mozart." I shared it with like-minded students who also loved music, even though none of us were music majors.



## Moses Wolfe-Polgar

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### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

University of Michigan, Exercise Science, Masters

### Career goals and aspirations

My goal is to do research and development with elite and professional athletes. I want to help the next generation of athletes perform to their maximum potential.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I think my greatest pride has been taking advantage of the opportunities UC Davis has to offer. I took various classes from world-renowned professors; I joined a sports club that gave me my best memories and closest friends; I joined a professional organization, did research, played IM sports, and took in the daily beauty of the campus and city for the last four years.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite memory from UHP was living in Currant Hall with so many amazing people. I never would have met them had it not been for UHP putting us under one roof.



## Walter Woodard

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### Major

Economics

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to become a lawyer, but am not sure what field of the law.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I most proud of my senior year grades, which were all A's.

### Best UHP memory

My favorite part of UHP was the first-year seminar. It helped my transition to Davis.



## Andy Wu

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### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Apple, Machine Learning Engineer, Cupertino, CA

### Career goals and aspirations

I want to become an executive at a tech company to work in machine learning. I hope to explore the impacts that AI can have on improving the lives of disabled people.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am proud I graduated in four years with two majors as a quadriplegic, only five years after my accident. I am most proud that I never let my disability get in the way of achieving my goals.

### Best UHP memory

I enjoyed the first-year and second-year UHP courses. Also, being able to drop in and talk to Heidi about anything helped me relieve stress.



## Jiayin Yang

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### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Columbia University, Computer Science, Master of Science

### Career goals and aspirations

I hope to work as a software engineer with a focus on artificial intelligence. After I become an expert in the technology, I want to have a management role, or have a startup company.

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

During my first year, I tried computer science courses even though they were challenging for me. I am proud I chose to face my difficulties of math and science and used my passion and persistence to get a degree.

### Best UHP memory

UHP provided me a lot of chances to learn outside of school. The volunteering, internships, and lab assistant experiences gave me chances to work on other projects. Whenever I had difficulties, Heidi was really supportive. She encouraged me and gave me suggestions.



## Seiji Yokota

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### Major

Entomology

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry  
Mumm Napa, Viticultural Intern, Napa, CA

### Most proud of undergrad moment/experience

I am glad to have met my roommate and best friend, Evan!

### Best UHP memory

I loved my first-year and second-year UHP courses.







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