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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.



## Belen Alcantar

**Major:**  
Sociology & Chicana/Chicano Studies

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Serving with City Year and then graduate school!

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
My career goals are to be able to impact communities and help people mobilize and become active agents of change. I believe that everyone is capable of contributing towards bettering society, and that true change begins within us. I hope to use my education as a foundation to reference when I am in need of tools to help others. I aspire to become someone who can see the good in everyone and to help as much as I can. Life is very short, so I want to live it carefully and to the fullest. Whether I end up an educator, researcher, or in the non-profit sector, I want to enter as a person ready to handle a variety of scenarios.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I do not usually feel pride, but one thing I am proud of as an undergraduate is that I completed 16 units during the summer of 2019. That's right, 16 units! I met amazing people in those courses and had great faculty members and graduate students teach me during those long summer hours. I am proud that I completed this! In addition, I am glad I managed to double major, as this was originally not part of my UCD plan. I believe that everything happens for a reason, so earning two degrees was simply part of my path to shape me into the person I am at the moment.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My favorite UHP memory was having a meeting with Claudia, who was the third and fourth year advisor for a couple of months. It was nice to speak to a Latina with cultural context of my situation in UHP, and she helped so, so much in those short months with her position. Her optimism and encouragement really helped me start my Spring quarter strong. Even though this may seem odd as my best UHP memory, I'd like to point out how much representation means to me. Meeting with her meant a lot, and it is a memory I admire!



## Alexa Alcser

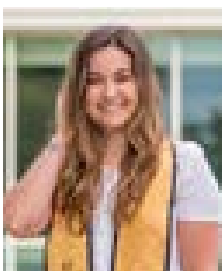
**Major**  
Psychology

**Post-Grad Plans:**  
Gap year while working in a UCD lab, and then joining the lab as a PhD student in 2021.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I am working towards becoming a PhD student, researcher, and professor of Social Psychology, primarily studying close interpersonal relationships.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am proud of my thesis. It involved a lot of hard work, but I am happy with how the final product turned out.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory is taking the Religious Studies honors course with Professor Janowitz as a second-year student. We would write one haiku about a random topic every day in the beginning of class, which was enjoyable! Sociology of Agriculture with Dr. Groszlik in 2018 was also a great course.



## Alyssa Allen

**Major:**  
Nutrition Science

**Post-Grad Plans:**  
Gap year



## Montserrat Armero

**Major**  
Animal Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
I am not sure whether I will be working during my gap years before vet school or if I will work on getting an MPH.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I have always wanted to be a veterinarian, but as I grew older and gained more experience in this world I became more passionate about wanting to help people from a disadvantaged background. Disparities are not discussed as much in the vet field so I hope to work on reducing the disparities in access to animal care.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am most proud of my volunteer and officer work because I feel like I have been able to really build my leadership skills and grow as a person. I hope I created positive change in the clinic and encouraged other people to be passionate about a topic that is very important.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory I think would be all the memories I have made with my housemates that I met in the UHP dorm and I have lived with after leaving the dorms. These girls are some of the closest friends I have at Davis.



## Katelyn Banh

**Major**  
Managerial Economics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I would like to work under marketing in a company. It does not matter what field the firm is in.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am most proud of completing my undergraduate honors thesis. I am also most proud of expanding my knowledge and ways of forming opinions through UHP courses and ASA courses.

**Best UHP Memory**  
The UHP courses were all very engaging and interesting. I know that if these courses were regular courses, I would not have been engaged, but the small class environment and professor made me interested to learn. Also, living in the UHP dorm was fun.



## Antonia Bartz

**Major**  
Human Development

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I would love to work as a field epidemiologist. Working for the World Health Organization or Doctors Without Borders to track outbreaks of infectious diseases from the ground would be my ideal position. I am proud that I followed through with my desire to study abroad. Spending time in South Africa learning about health care reinforced my desire to integrate global health in my career. I am proud that I stepped outside of my comfort zone to interact with physicians, patients, and students in hospitals and beyond in order to make the most of my time in Cape Town. I will take the lessons I learned from the people there with me for a long time to come.

**Best UHP Memory**  
I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know other UHP students during orientation. While we were all initially shy and somewhat awkward during the first half-day of orientation, we quickly bonded during the rest of orientation. Whenever I see some of my UHP friends from orientation, we stop to catch up on life and our undergrad studies.



## Aidan Callahan

### Major

Electrical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Masters in Electrical Engineering at UC Davis.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

After completing the master's program at UC Davis, my plan is to take my skills to industry. Ideally, I would get the chance to work as a design engineer for integrated circuits. This involves understanding the basics of both analog and digital transistor design.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of participating in undergraduate research. Taking on the task of conducting research while committing to graduate on time is not something that is easy as an engineer. Overall, I became proficient with learning new material quickly and fine tuning my time management skills.

### Best UHP Memory

My favorite memory in the UHP program was living in the dorms my freshman year. Having the ability to walk downstairs and always have a friend to talk to is something that was missed my second year. In particular, I miss the late night (and often spontaneous) excursions to get food.



## Nicole Carr

### Major

Animal Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a DVM at Royal Veterinary College.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

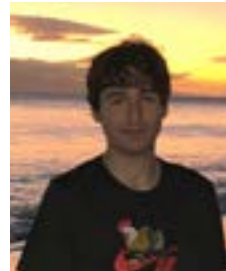
My career goal is to become a veterinarian! I currently want to specialize as a small animal orthopedic surgeon. However, I also enjoy working with large animals, so that might change.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I was able to keep my 4.0 GPA throughout my whole college career! I don't consider myself to be the smartest, but by working hard I was able to be successful in keeping my grades up.

### Best UHP Memory

I enjoyed the transfer seminar class that transfers take during their first quarter. This really gave me the small class feeling I missed from my community college.



## Andrei Blebea

### Major

Computer Science and Engineering



## Savannah Boyd

### Major

Nutrition Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I intend to pursue a Masters in Nursing and eventually get my Nurse Practitioner license.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of the upward trend with my grades and having understood what I need to do to nail down good study habits.

### Best UHP memory

My best UHP memory is getting to take smaller classes my freshman and sophomore year!



## Dana Butler

### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Teaching Credential/Masters at UC Davis.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to become a secondary science teacher!

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

My most proud moment as an undergraduate was wearing my UHP stole at graduation!

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is the constant laughter with Katie Strock.



## Gina Casaccia

**Major**  
Psychology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I hope to go onto veterinary school, and I am planning on becoming either a small animal veterinarian, or a canine physical rehabilitation therapist.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
As an undergraduate, I am proud of how I was able to make connections and be a part of several different clubs. I am especially proud of my involvement in the Knights Landing One Health Clinic (veterinary side), as I feel I have made an impact on the Knights Landing community while being able to work with animals and people with similar interests as my own.

**Best UHP Memory**  
Many of my favorite UHP memories come from freshman year, when we were all in Currant Hall together. Many of my closest college friends are from this dorm, so I am very grateful for being able to bond with my fellow UHP members during this first year of college and sustaining these friendships in the following years.



## Julia Castro

**Major**  
Genetics and Genomics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a Masters in Genetic Counseling at Johns Hopkins.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I plan to become a genetic counselor. I hope to use my Spanish language skills to reach a more diverse patient population. I look forward to creating a safe environment for people to learn about their health and process challenging health information as it relates to their genetics.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am proud of the resilience that I have learned at UC Davis. Though some experiences have been very challenging, I have learned a little bit more about how to endure difficult times with hope and even joy.

**Best UHP Memory**  
I loved living in Currant Hall and connecting with other UHPers so often! I especially loved the weekly brunches that I and two other UHP friends would get at the DC.



## Sophia Chen

**Major**  
Statistics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Work as a Data Analyst (Intern) at Robert Half International in San Ramon, CA.  
**Career Goals and Aspirations:** I am aiming to build my career as a data expert (data analyst, data scientist, or simply a statistician). There are so many things you could do with data, and there are so many things that could go wrong in the data analysis. I like the challenges it brings, and I enjoy solving the mystery hidden in the data.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I am proud of myself getting to the end of this journey with UHP. It means that I have accomplished my academic career more than most of the students.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I got to know my roommates who spent the entire 4 years of college living with me. They are the best roommates I could ever ask for. We have treated each other as adults, with respect and love.

**Best UHP Memory**  
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## Marcus Cohen

**Major**  
Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity & History

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I'm taking a gap year to get a better grasp of my goals, but I almost certainly want a PhD and I have a strong inclination to work in academia.

**Most proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I hit Grandmaster in Teamfight Tactics for a day in 2019.

**Best UHP Memory**  
The Honor's classes freshman and sophomore year! They were a fun way to get my GE credits. Particularly History of Sci-Fi with Professor Saler, great class.



## Grant Cottier

**Major**  
Music

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a Masters in Composition at DePaul University.



## An Dang

### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I would like to attend medical school and ultimately get a M.D.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Being a part of the UHP and having a chance to finish the Signature Work while working closely with same-minded people in my lab is definitely the proudest accomplishment for me as an undergraduate.

### Best UHP Memory

That would be having the first-year seminar class with Professor Carolyn Thomas. She is one of the most well-spoken, charismatic lecturers that I have ever had at UCD. She is also a very caring adviser and will help you with your life goal as much as she can.



## Nhu Dang

### Major

Chemistry

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I wish to pursue a Ph.D. degree in Chemistry after my gap year. My goal is to become a professor at a community college.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my Signature Work project as an undergraduate. Before conducting this research, I had limited experience in research experiments and still struggled writing reports in my labs. Now, I am quite confident in planning and conducting all the steps in the project myself.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is when I took a class with other transfer students in my first quarter at Davis. Professor Carolyn and Heidi helped me become familiar with the campus and adapt to a new environment. I also made friends in this class, so it was a pleasant memory.



## Paris Dhillon

### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



## Journie Dickerson

### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year



## Sanjna Duvvur

### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Technology Analyst for Accenture in Boston, MA.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

My career goals include pursuing an MBA or Master's degree in the next few years and eventually transitioning to non-profit or public service work.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my involvement with Project RISHI, a student run non-profit organization that serves rural communities in India through sustainable health and social initiatives. I have had the opportunity to travel to India twice and implement numerous projects developed by our hard-working teams.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is living in Currant hall during my freshman year and making friends I hope to have for a lifetime.



## Jillian Dyer

### Major

Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Masters in Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to be a forest ecologist, managing our forests to create a healthy forest ecosystem resilient to climate change. After getting my masters I hope to work for a land management agency such as the US Forest Service or USGS, or perhaps a non-profit.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Gaining the confidence to perform multiple stand-up comedy routines in front of lecture halls full of students. It's probably the most vulnerable, yet most rewarding thing I've ever done. "If you want to enjoy the rewards of being loved, you also have to submit to the mortifying ordeal of being known" and all that nonsense.

### Best UHP Memory

UHP-adjacent, but without UHP I never would have joined the Gremer Lab. I got to go to Flagstaff for a month to do field work last summer with Dr. Gremer and it was the best experience of my undergrad career. After a month of hard work, I'll never forget swimming in the creek in our field clothes at sunset with all of my fieldwork friends.





## Luis El Srouji

**Major**  
Applied Physics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering at UC Davis.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I'd like to do industry research in the field of neuromorphic computing. My ultimate goal is to find a position where my work can contribute to the next generation of computing.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am proud to be a part of the welcoming atmosphere that UC Davis undergraduates create for their peers. I found that my peers in the Physics department were very successful at supporting one another in learning and understanding course material; we felt personally invested in the success of our peers and rejected competitive attitudes.

**Best UHP Memory**  
One of my favorite memories goes back to our freshman year in the dorms. It was the first Friday of the Fall quarter, and many of us were enjoying the company of our new peers. Some of us took to riding the elevators up and down the building while encouraging our new neighbors to join in this meaningless act. Two students joined us with their instruments in hand, prompting others to rush to their rooms to collect their own instruments. We formed an impromptu sort of band and continued to vertically traverse the building with our abstract cacophony, meanwhile collecting more students, instruments, and confused laughter!



## Uriel Matthew Enriquez

**Major**  
Pharmaceutical Chemistry

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I want to conduct research and discover novel ways to produce psychoactive drugs to help fight mental illnesses.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
Being a tutor for organic chemistry  
Best UHP Memory: Currant Hall adventures in freshman year!

**Best UHP Memory**  
Currant Hall adventures in freshman year!



## Jumana Esau

**Major**  
English



### 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.



## Danielle Fradet

### Major

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Junior Specialist at the Museum of Wildlife and Fish Biology in Davis, CA.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

To study birds and help mitigate the effects of climate change.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Juggling my academics with my extracurricular activities.

### Best UHP Memory

Finding the most amazing group of friends my freshman year.



## Matilda Fritz

### Major

Biological Sciences

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aim to combine my passions and expertise in psychology and biology and pursue a genetic counseling career!



## Sarah Goldberg

### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Masters in Clinical and Epidemiological Research at the University of California, San Francisco.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I am interested in gaining more knowledge in the field of epidemiology and immunology, particularly the clinical research aspect. I am particularly captivated with the topic of HIV/AIDS, and want to gain an understanding of both the social and scientific aspects of the disease. Ultimately, I hope to become a doctor, so gaining clinical research skills will teach me how to evaluate all aspects of my patients' lives, and thus make me a more well-rounded and effective doctor.

### Most proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

When I first saw the thesis requirement for the University Honors Program, I was extremely intimidated by the idea of designing my own project. I was not sure that I was going to be able to complete the task. However, now that I have finished the project, I am extremely proud of myself for completing something that I once viewed as intimidating.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is a really silly memory, but during my Anthropology course, we got to use old tools to shoot arrows at various cardboard cutout targets. It was a really fun activity to do during such a serious course.



## Kenton Goldsby

### Major

Religious Studies & Spanish

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I would love to become a professor of Religious Studies one day.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am very proud of the work that I did for The California Aggie. The importance of a student-run newspaper on a college campus cannot be understated. I am glad that I was able to help hold administrators and student accountable for their actions when they negatively affected other students.



## Ronald Guerra

### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

Like any other computer programmer, my main goal is to work for one of the big tech companies like Facebook, Apple, and Microsoft. However, I also want to make projects on my own or group of friends, just because I enjoy it.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

The knowledge I have gained during my time at UC Davis because I feel like now I have the tools to go and create any computer-related project I want.

### Best UHP Memory

Meeting with friends and just talking to them, I think it was a good memory.



## Izzie Hack

### Major

Animal Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a DVM at UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

Pursue a DVM at UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine. Career Goals and Aspirations: I aspire to become a practicing small animal veterinarian. If possible, I would like to continue to contribute to research and volunteer some of my time to low-cost/non-profit clinics.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I'm most proud of the connections and friends I've made. I feel like I made a new family in Davis. I've never felt so connected to a community of people as I do now. Even as we're social distancing, I have a great social network of people who all support and help one another from afar.

### Best UHP Memory

I made some of my best friends through the UHP dorms... Some of my best memories are just the little moments of biking through campus with my friends, talking and laughing, enjoying the beautiful campus.



## Kay Hadrick

### Major

Biomedical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at Michigan State University

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I hope to one day manage research in a hospital or government lab setting, but I'm also considering a career in academia. Essentially, I want to go where I can research and create medical technology that interests me.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am by far the most proud of the time management skills I've developed as an undergrad. As I studied biomedical engineering, I learned to balance two part time jobs and an internship while keeping my GPA high. This required a lot of discipline and commitment on my part.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory was actually not at a UHP event. My first summer working at UC Davis Youth Programs, I was nervous about making friends. However, two of my coworkers brought up UHP. When we all realized we were in UHP, it was much easier for us to become friends because we had something in common. Though both of these people graduated last year, I look back on this memory as the time I started making friends at work more easily.



## Logan Hamilton

### Major

Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I do not have a specific long-term career in mind, but I definitely want to have a job related to conservation of endangered species, whether it is via conservation efforts in the field or conservation education in a zoo or academic setting.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud that I have been able to achieve a very high level of academic excellence throughout my career at UC Davis. I am especially proud of my academic achievements during quarters in which I filled my spare time with non-academic activities such as volunteering at the California Raptor Center, participating in a swing dance performance group, and interning with the Animal Care staff at the Sacramento Zoo, all three of which I executed simultaneously while also earning high scores in difficult classes.



## Jameson Hammond

### Major

Political Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Public Sector Consultant at Crowe LLP in Sacramento, CA.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

As of right now, I am fortunate enough to have been offered my short-term dream job right out of college! I have always wanted to work within the public sphere in some way, giving back as much as possible. In terms of long term career goals, I am not sure where I see myself but I would love to go back to school for post-graduate education of some kind, either as a PhD candidate or MBA student.

### Most proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my dedication to community service throughout my college career. I was able to complete the third year UHP service requirement within my first year at Davis. After that, I have been apart of many volunteer programs that allow me to be positively engaged within my community. I have not only volunteered as an environmental teacher to elementary school students, but I have worked with refugees in Sacramento, and underserved, low-income communities around Davis and Yolo. I cherish all of these experiences as a huge part of my college years.

### Best UHP Memory

I don't think I can name one best UHP memory because I have had so many. My favorite part of UHP has been and always will be the great community and support that it has created for its students. I choose to live in Currant, the honors dorms, my first year and found a great group of well-rounded, motivated individuals that I am still proud to call friends today.



## Elias Heffan

### Major

Computer Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Software Developer in the Bay Area.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I'm looking to work as a software developer in industry for at least the first few years after graduating. I'll likely try a few different companies and areas within Computer Science to see which technologies, roles, and companies I like best. Then, I may decide to go to graduate school in one field of Computer Science that I want to learn more about, or possibly get an MBA to supplement my Computer Science skills. Besides that, I'm really open to whatever opportunities come my way.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I'm proud that I've taken advantage of every opportunity I could at UC Davis. I put a lot of thought into my choice of major (I spoke with SO MANY advisers and did lots of introspection), I got involved with a few clubs on campus, and I learned all about how to set yourself up for success in the job search process.

### Best UHP Memory

Probably my best UHP memory is when I realized I had gotten into UHP. I didn't get into UHP at first when I was accepted into UC Davis, but I did into UHP at UC Santa Barbara, and that was the main factor that made me unsure of my decision. I decided to reach out to see if they could take a second look, and then they decided to accept me into UHP after all! And then it made my decision easy.



## Stephanie Jennings

### Major

Political Science – Public Service

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I hope to apply for an entry level position in a law firm or public defender's office when I graduate. I also aspire to get my paralegal certification. After gaining some first-hand experience, I hope to go to law school.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of getting involved in the several programs on campus like studying abroad in London, interning in Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, and interning for an assembly member through the Sacramento Program.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is taking a UHP Course from Professor Janowitz. She made us think critically and we even took a field trip to her house in Berkeley!



## Isabella Johnson

### Major

Anthropology

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I am currently attempting to apply to medical school, I hope to be a pediatrician and maybe further specialize later in my career.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

My NPR interview and my work with Eye to Eye. As a student with Dyslexia I have overcome many obstacles and I am so happy that they bought me so many experiences along the way.

### Best UHP Memory

Sitting with my friends in Currant playing cards.



## Iris Juanico

### Major

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a PhD in Biochemistry, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at UC Davis.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to work in biotech or research after graduating with a PhD.

### Most proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience: I learned how to be self-sufficient and take care of my body and mind. Not only am I graduating with a degree, but I'm leaving my undergraduate studies with some cooking skills, good exercise habits, and strong friendships!

### Best UHP Memory

I took a Jane Austen class in my very first quarter. I loved her work because she had some bold and spunky characters who rose above societal norms. I left the class with a greater appreciation for her and literature in general.



## Ryan Jung

### Major

Chemistry

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I hope to attend Medical School, and work towards specialization in Neurology or Cardiology.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of my ability to tackle it all and still remain standing.

### Best UHP Memory

Playing for the UHP graduation banquets! I guess it's finally my turn!



## Navjot Kaur

### Major

Electrical Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Work as a Hardware Engineer for Intel Corporations in Folsom, CA.



## Fiona Kilby

### Major

Animal Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

After a gap year, I plan on attending veterinary school and then obtaining my PhD! My goal is to become a veterinary pathologist.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

As an undergraduate, I am most proud of transferring from community college to UC Davis!

### Best UHP Memory

Besides the transfer seminar class my first quarter here with Heidi van Beek and Professor Carolyn Thomas, my best UHP memory would be running all over campus and town to complete the scavenger hunt with my roommate and fellow UHP student Emily.



## Aravind Krishnachandran

**Major**  
Statistics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I plan to pursue an occupation related to data science or data analytics. I would like to further explore machine learning algorithms and find ways to contribute to the success of a company.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of finding an interest that I am passionate about in data science. It was not until my second year that I learned about the field and decided to switch my major to Statistical Data Science. I really enjoyed research in this field and am excited to explore more.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory was being able to volunteer at my local library and help keep the library going. I enjoy performing community service, and I was proud to be able to do so to meet my UHP community service requirement.



## Emma Kristovich

**Major**  
Computer Science and Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Work as a Software Development Engineer for Amazon in the Bay Area.



## Agnes Lam

**Major**  
Design

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

My career goals are being a fashion designer or any other jobs related with fashion.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Gaining leadership and build my skills.

### Best UHP Memory

Meet friends and learn so many useful skills and information to put in my research and my design portfolio.



## Frances Lansdowne

**Major**  
Psychology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

In the future I hope to become a cognitive-behavioral therapist or a speech pathologist.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

One thing that I am most proud of as an undergraduate is finding a study method that works for me and produces good results.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is hanging out in the honors dorm with my friends. We would have a game night once a week in the dorm lounge.



## Noah Larson

**Major**  
Civil Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to work in the transportation policy sector and envision a more sustainable future for California and the world, where everyone has access to clean transportation. I believe that transportation affects livability in very fundamental ways, and I would like to push for positive change in this industry. I also want to continue writing and publishing music as a solo musician and/or as part of a band.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of making a diverse mix of connections through my experiences with dorm life, a part-time campus job, the Davis music community, academic classes, and planning research. My friends have taught me how to be a great friend and person. I am also proud of the time I studied abroad in Japan and learned how to be a world adventurer for the first time.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is taking UHP classes like Musicology and Asian American studies that introduced me to interesting and important fields of study that I would not have otherwise chosen to take.



## Samuel Little

**Major**  
Chemistry



## Melissa Loomis

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**Major**  
Cognitive Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a Masters in Education and Teaching Credential at UC San Diego.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
Teaching elementary school, writing a novel

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
Taking advantage of as many good opportunities as I could, including research and tons of volunteering and internships working with children.



## Michelle Mah

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**Major**  
Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work



## Camilla Mancuso

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**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a Masters in Human Nutrition at Columbia University.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I would like to attend medical school after Columbia University's Master in Human Nutrition Program to become an endocrinologist.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I'm proud of the community and service opportunities I have undertaken, as they led me to aspire to become a culturally aware and holistic physician.

**Best UHP Memory**  
Conducting my own research, working alongside Dr. Fetter, and being able to present it at the Undergraduate Research Conference.



## Estefania Maravillas

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**Major**  
Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
Finding a balance between major and personal goals.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
My involvement and experiences

**Best UHP Memory**  
Currant 3 peeps hangouts



## Nicole Matsuda

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**Major**  
Sociology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a JD at UCLA School of Law

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I hope to work as a lawyer in the Los Angeles area.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I'm really proud of my personal and educational growth.

**Best UHP Memory**  
I loved my freshman year in the Currant dorms.



## Joshua Melton

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**Major**  
Economics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Work as a Healthcare Administrator for the Air Force in Tokyo, Japan.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
After I graduate I will be going to Yokota Air Base in Japan with my wife to work in healthcare administration for the Air Force. I plan on staying in the military for at least 8 years. During this time, I hope to earn my Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Health Policy & Management from UC Berkeley's online program.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am most proud of earning a full-ride scholarship to UC Davis from my ROTC Detachment during my final semester at Solano Community College.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory is volunteering at the summer decision days. Good food and good company. It was really neat getting to share my experiences with freshmen and answer questions from them and their families. It was also a nice break from summer courses.



## Esmeralda **Mendoza**

**Major**  
Political Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I am taking a gap year to study for the LSAT and get a little more work experience. I hope to be a law student within the next two years.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am most proud of being the first to graduate in my family. I am happy that they will be their last name on my diploma.

**Best UHP Memory**  
Living in the dorms was cool because I got to meet a couple of friends that made my first year a lot more fun.



## Kaelan **Mikowicz**

**Major**  
Computer Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
Working on Internet of Things devices for coordinating various devices to accomplish tasks around the home.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
As I reflect, I am most proud of the personal growth I've had and the challenges I have overcome.

**Best UHP Memory**  
During welcome week we had a small band playing in the elevator of Currant, going up and down the floors and out into the courtyard.



## Analisa **Milkey**

**Major**  
Biological Sciences

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I plan to pursue a PhD in evolutionary biology and continue on to a career in academia.

**Most proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I'm most proud of being named a 2019 Goldwater Scholar.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory is taking RST110 with Professor Janowitz.



## 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.



## Marjan Moghaddam

### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

After graduation, I want to work in a research lab as a research associate to do research full time. After a year, I am planning on attending medical school to become a physician-scientist.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of presenting two posters at the undergraduate Research Conference 2020. Also, I'm glad that I volunteered at the Shifa clinic to help my community and educate patients.

### Best UHP memory

UHProm night



## Ana-Begona Molina Gil

### Major

Animal Science

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I hope to come back to Davis for veterinary school after my gap year.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of the progress I've made both academically and personally in the past 4 years here. I've learned a lot about interesting subjects and about myself.

### Best UHP Memory

Rather than a memory, I am fond of the relationships I've made with other UHP students. Many of my friends I met through UHP, and Heidi was an amazing advisor.



## Michael Montgomery

### Major

Marine and Coastal Science—Oceans and the Earth System

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

Probably an academic position, though I have to figure out what field I want to go into. Oceanography, paleoclimatology, and environmental literature are strong candidates. A dream of mine, related to my UHP Thesis, is to understand a particular landscape or seascape both intellectually and emotionally, and both in the present and the past.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of taking the diverse array of classes I did. Juggling two minors and a major has led me to combine courses that I do not believe any one usually combines: UWP 102C: Writing in History and PHY 9C: Electricity and Magnetism, for example, or HIS 147A: European Intellectual History and MAT 21D: Vector Calculus. It's been challenging, but always fun.

### Best UHP Memory

That's a tough one. I enjoyed my conversations with Dave Furlow, Tom Hahn, and Don Strong during my sophomore honors contract; I enjoyed doing a weekend of trail work in the Big Sur wilderness for my UHP Service requirement; and, of course, I enjoyed the frenzied relief of finally picking a thesis topic last October or November.



## Lucero Morales

### Major

Biotechnology

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I absolutely love lab work and research so I see myself doing that for a few years until I go to grad school to study some more. I think genetic engineering and plants are 100% in my future because these are advancing technologies that I want to be a part of.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I thought classes were really important but I joined so many different activities that taught me more applicable skills than any class ever could. I was heavily involved in academic clubs, volunteering clubs, and art clubs. I was in CA&ES subcommittees and the Council on Student Affairs and Fees. I had internships starting from my very first quarter. All these groups made me a better person and I made amazing memories and friends in every single one.

### Best UHP Memory

I took a drama class in my 2nd quarter for the honors class requirement and I along with 3 other honors students had to do a 20-minute skit in front of the class. It was the most fun, stressful, and funny thing I've ever done. We yelled at each other, had costume changes, threw monopoly money, and created fake Facebook profiles to detail the flawed immigration system in the United States.



## Mary Morgan

### Major

Clinical Nutrition

### Post-Grad Plans

I plan to apply for a Dietetic Internship and become a Registered Dietitian

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I plan to become licensed as a Registered Dietitian in California and open my own practice.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I'm most proud of raising a family while earning my degree.

### Best UHP Memory

I loved the first-year seminars with Heidi and Carolyn. They were very welcoming, informative, supportive, and fun.



## Chandni Nagda

### Major

Computer Science and Engineering

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Masters in Computer Science at UIUC.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

PhD, work in industry

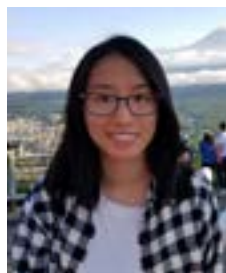
### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Work as a research assistant

### Best UHP Memory

Hanging out with dorm friends





## Nancy Ng

**Major**  
Chemical Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Work as an ERDP Engineer for PG&E in San Ramon, CA.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
Honestly, I'm not sure. It would be cool to be the next Jeff Bezos, but obviously, that is a bit far-reaching. It will be interesting to see where life takes me. The immediate goal after graduation was to travel the world, but that's on pause until Covid-19 isn't a huge issue.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I'm most proud of learning to take care of myself, to be independent, and to appreciate those around me.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memories were made during the first year when we lived at Currant Hall. It was amazing living so close together. I loved when we ate together as a group at the DC or when we just go to chat and get to know each other on the third floor lobby area.



## Thuy Vi Nguyen

**Major**  
International Relations

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a MA in Education Policy at Teachers College, Columbia University.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I want to transform our education system for justice and freedom. I hope to work in the fields of education policy, research, and practice and advocate for policies and programs that work for our students, especially those that are traditionally underserved and marginalized.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am very proud of the fact that I took many opportunities that were given to me during my undergraduate education, specifically the UCDC program, volunteering abroad in Zimbabwe, and study abroad in Japan (although it was cancelled due to COVID-19.)



## Kelly Nishimura

**Major**  
Landscape Architecture



## Catherine Nugent

**Major**  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I plan to become a physician and though I'm open to any specialty as I know I'll be introduced to more in the future, I know I'm interested in surgery.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am most proud of becoming a coordinator at my student-run clinic, Bayanihan Clinic. To be able to help lead an organization with such a positive impact on the community by providing healthcare to uninsured patients means a lot to me.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory would be living in the UHP dorms. I met a lot of great people I'm not sure I would have otherwise, and taking UHP classes together really strengthened our bond. We still all keep in touch!



## Sharon Pala

**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I aspire to become a health care worker, more specifically along the lines of family practice and pediatrics. In the future, I hope to take my knowledge back to my hometown in India to help those in need.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am so thankful I was able to reach out to senior citizens in Davis through the UC Davis American Red Cross Club and serve as a volunteer at several hospitals.

**Best UHP Memory**  
I really loved the classes I took through UHP, especially CHN10 with Professor. Xiaomei Chen. I enjoyed learning about a group of people whom I knew nothing about. We read interesting pieces of literature, watched intriguing films, and had honest conversations together as a class. And I met some great people in that class!



## Abigail Pfefferlen

**Major**  
Biological Sciences

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a DVM at UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I was recently accepted into the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2024. I am not completely sure which area of veterinary medicine I would like to pursue yet, but most likely in the small animal field. My career interests drive a desire to improve the quality of life and the wellbeing of both animal and owner. I am especially interested in client education and public outreach. I would also like to eventually be a mentor for other aspiring veterinarians!

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am really proud of being a member of the UC Davis Women's Water Polo team and participating in UHP for all four years of my undergraduate career. They have both greatly contributed to my education, and have provided me with skills and values that make me the student and person that I am today.

**Best UHP Memory**  
Living in Curren hall freshman year with all of the other UHP students is a memory that I will never forget! It was so much fun to spend time in the common study area, and go to floor dinners.



## Brianna Pinto

**Major**  
Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
Work in a career field where I can promote habitat preservation and/or sustainability -- when my work has purpose, I will feel successful.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I rarely passed up an opportunity to try something new. I've gotten to work with birds of prey, coatis, kinkajous, monkeys, woodrats, ducks, tenrecs, bees and more during my undergraduate career. I learned to sail, sew, and shoot. With many of these opportunities restricted by COVID-19, I am so glad for the variety of my college experiences.

**Best UHP Memory**  
For the final of my UHP Human Sexuality course, we gave a presentation about relationships and consent to foster teens in Woodland. It was a humbling experience to have a conversation with these young people about traumatic topics that some of them were already too familiar with. Our professor encouraged us through the challenges of the project. I hope our audience, members of a vulnerable population, gained as much from that evening as I did.



## Stephanie Quero

**Major**  
Political Science – Public Service & Chicana/Chicano Studies



## Kausalya Raman

**Major**  
Design

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I am passionate about visual design for social good, and I would like to work somewhere where I can do design work for a wide variety of nonprofit organizations and social causes. I think this would be a great way to combine my major in Design with my major in Economics, specializing in Poverty and Inequality.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
Before I started school at UC Davis, I founded a nonprofit organization called English Kadhavu, which designs and distributes English learning resources to schools in India. I have been able to work on this as CEO for the past four years as an undergraduate, and because of it I have pursued so many exciting experiences as a student entrepreneur, met my mentors, and have made the most of my college experience.

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory is taking Economics honors classes in my sophomore year. Being able to take those classes in a smaller group setting was super beneficial for me and gave me a greater appreciation of the subject I was studying. I also made some great friends!



## Anna Rankin

**Major**  
Biological Sciences & English



## Megan Reeve

**Major**  
English

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Immediately attend next level of education



## Trina Reynolds

**Major**  
Biotechnology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

My career goal is to work in the biotech industry doing R&D. I'm especially passionate about cell biology and microbiology.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of completing an honors thesis in biotechnology.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is taking Environmental Ethics (PHI 120) my freshmen year. It really changed the way I think about our relationship with the planet and animals.



## Mahssa Rezaei

**Major**  
Cell Biology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year



## Dorothy Riley

**Major**  
Psychology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

Law school in Europe for a degree in International Humanitarian Rights Law.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of being an honors student and for persevering in the face of adversity.

### Best UHP Memory

My best memory of UHP is that this UHP Program is the only place I felt comfortable.



## Ivan Rocha

**Major**  
Psychology & Chicana/Chicano Studies



## Paola Rodriguez

**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I know that I want to pursue a career in healthcare; however, I am still unsure of what exactly that will look like. For now, I'm going to take a gap year to work, acquire experience, and decide what I want to do in the future. Ultimately, I aspire to pursue a career in which I am able to help underserved communities. Particularly, I would like to work in the Central Valley with underserved rural communities.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my time volunteering with Clinica Tepati. Clinica Tepati is a student-run clinic that provides free primary healthcare to the underserved Hispanic population of the greater Sacramento area. I volunteered with Clinica Tepati for three years, and I was able to hold a leadership position as the director of our pharmacy committee. Ultimately, I am extremely proud that I was able to take part in the vital services that we provide for our community.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is definitely my entire first year living in Currant Hall. My two roommates became some of my best friends, and I made so many amazing memories with them during that year. We are still wonderful friends, and I truly believe that they will be some of my lifelong friends.



## Caroline Rutten

**Major**  
Sociology

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I plan to eventually go into strategic communications for non-profits. I think it is important to spread information to the public and advocate for causes I care about, like improvements to the education system.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I created a video series for the California Aggie called Couch Concerts

### Best UHP Memory

I loved taking honors classes my freshman and sophomore year. Having small classes so early on in my college career was very influential. And of course my senior thesis!



## Jose Sandoval

**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
MD or MSTP

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
Being the first in my family to attend and graduate from university.

**Best UHP Memory**  
The UHP coffee lab honors class



## Marina Schroder Bydalek

**Major**  
Linguistics



## Jeffrey Seidl

**Major**  
International Relations

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Work as an Analyst for the Federal Government in Washington, DC.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I hope to use what I've learned in Davis to serve the country long into the future.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
It's not UHP related, but I was proud to serve as president of the Japanese American Student Society here at Davis. The experience forced me to grow as a leader and a person, and I got to work and have fun with some of the best people I've ever met. I will miss the club very much.

**Best UHP Memory**  
I actually remember first lecture in honors Econ 1a with Professor Clarke freshman year pretty clearly. It was a really fun and interesting class and set my college experience off on a good first step.



## Matthew Self

**Major**  
Physics

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a PhD in Physics at UC Berkeley.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I will complete a PhD in physics at the University of California Berkeley, following which I hope to pursue an academic career (e.g. university faculty or researcher) in theoretical cosmology.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
During the summer following my third year I visited UT Dallas as part of an NSF REU program to work under Prof. Mohammad Akbar. We managed to prove several results regarding the embedding properties of Friedmann spacetimes as well as the symmetries of certain classes of solutions to Einstein's equations, work which will result in two refereed publications.

**Best UHP Memory**  
In the early evening of Picnic Day during my first year I returned to the UHP dorm to discover several of my floor mates playing a game of volleyball with a balloon they had found. I stayed to join in, and ended up meeting several friends that day with whom I remain very close.



## Rebecca Shaffer

**Major**  
Animal Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a DVM at UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine.

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I want to become a small animal veterinarian with a specialization in animal behavior.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I am proud of opening myself up to new experiences as an undergraduate. I joined a variety of organizations, from career-focused clubs to Greek life. I also made sure to take advantage of the opportunities to work with as many different animal species as I could, from goats to chickens!

**Best UHP Memory**  
My best UHP memory was deciding on my signature work project and taking those first steps to start planning my research.



## Tara Shahrini

**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior & Spanish

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

**Career Goals and Aspirations**  
I hope to pursue a career in medicine.

**Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience**  
I'm most proud of my work with the CONNECTED perinatal clinic. Helping the clinic's patient population of women with mood and personality disorders has been extremely rewarding and fueled my passion for women's health and mental health advocacy.



## 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.



## Nikita Shetty

**Major**  
Psychology



## Jagveer Singh

**Major**  
Computer Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I would eventually like to pursue graduate studies in artificial intelligence or biotechnology. In the meantime, I hope to gain engineering experience and explore different fields by working in industry.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Coming to college taught me how to embrace change and uncertainty. Growing as a person sometimes requires changing what your most fundamental goals and beliefs are, and questioning deeply held prior assumptions. We sometimes resist the hard introspection that is required to truly reflect on what we want out of the very limited time we have on this planet. UC Davis provided me the environment, the people, and the guidance to ask these questions.

### Best UHP Memory

Freshman year, we once decided to go camping to Lake Berryessa. With only takeout containers of DC food, a can of lighter fluid, and some blankets, we started our endeavor to Spanish Flats on the far side of the lake. When we arrived, we discovered that all the wood was soaked as it had rained earlier, and only one log eventually caught fire. We also had no tents or sleeping bags. We spent the night out by the lake in our dew-soaked blankets trying to stay warm by slowly rationing lighter fluid on our one log, and eating DC brownies.



## Nathan Soland

**Major**  
Chemistry

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I'm going to go through a PhD program, and then work in energy research either in a national lab or as a research professor, to fulfill my love of the lab and teaching simultaneously.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I just learned how to ride a skateboard during this quarantine, which I have wanted to do for a long time. Also, switching to a plant-based diet has been pretty fulfilling.

### Best UHP Memory

Taking History of Sci-fi with Michael Saler. Coolest UHP class.



## Shaye Spani

**Major**  
Biomedical Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

My career goals are to work in the biomedical engineering field of industry, possibly working with prosthetics or other assistive devices.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my ability to maintain my grades and the honors and opportunities that came along with that.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory was doing meditation in one of the SLDP course meetings. It took place during a very stressful point in the quarter and it did wonders.



## Michael Stickels

**Major**  
Biological Sciences

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aspire to go to medical school, match into an orthopedic surgery residency, and become an orthopedic surgeon.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am extremely proud of how I was able to balance my social life, achieve a 3.7 GPA, build a strong pre-medical resume, pay for all expenses except tuition, and pursue my personal fitness goals while getting eight hours of sleep almost most nights!

### Best UHP Memory

Definitely, the freshman year experience in the Honors dorm. That's where I met my friends I still hang out with today and I loved every second of the first-year experience.



## Kathryn Stroch

**Major**  
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I plan to apply to nursing school over summer, and begin school in 2021. I will graduate nursing school in 2022 and work as a Labor and Delivery nurse for a few years before returning to school for my Masters in Nursing, with the ultimate goal of being a midwife.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I'm proud of (mostly) successfully balancing school, work, and friends for four years. Because I made the decision to work through school, I got to have experiences that I could never have had otherwise, like being a caretaker for a 100-year-old woman for two years.

### Best UHP Memory

I loved every moment of living in the dorms. Second floor really became my family, and I have found a lifelong best friend in my roommate. Dana and I spent many evenings calling out to people at the bike racks and many nights laughing hysterically at Late Night.



## Aya Suzuki

**Major**  
Biological Systems Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aspire to pursue a career in biological systems engineering. Based on what I have experienced at UC Davis (specifically my 2 year internship with a precision irrigation lab) I would like to focus on environmental and agricultural engineering. I am open to attending graduate school in the future, but I am planning to work in industry first.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

As an undergraduate, I am proud of juggling life as a student athlete. As a member of the D1 Women's Gymnastics team majoring in Biological Systems Engineering, my schedule was quite busy, but I managed to do well at both endeavors as well as enjoy life on and off campus.

### Best UHP Memory

I loved living with fellow members of the UHP community in the dorms freshman year. Coming home to an entire floor of friends every day is an experience I will never forget. I am still good friends with many people that I met in the UHP dorm my first day of college, and I am very grateful for that.



## Rachel Talbot

**Major**  
Chemical Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to join the renewable energy sector designing chemical processes that safely capture or utilize carbon-neutral or carbon-free technologies.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am going to be on at least two published papers from my time as an undergrad researching organic electronics.

### Best UHP Memory

My roommates for the past three years were my best friends in Currant from freshman year. Every weekend is a UHP event for us, and I wouldn't have made it through college without them.



## Laiba Tauseef

**Major**  
Biological Sciences

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to be a medical doctor. I want to work with children, so hopefully a pediatrician.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of being able to manage all of my classes and workload with my extracurriculars. I think I did a good job of maintaining my grades while still being in UHP and being a part of other organizations on campus. I also think I did a good job of balancing work time with relaxing time.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is meeting my friend who still talk to once in a while in one of UHP classes fall quarter of my freshmen year.



## Allison Tearjen

**Major**  
Chemical Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to start off as a software engineer and travel around the world while working remotely. Then I would like to settle down with a company and grow up into a management position. I would like to then become an executive or start my own technology company.



## Eric Thai

**Major**  
Political Science

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a PhD in Political Science at UC San Diego.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aspire to be a professor in political science.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my thesis. It was a twelve-month project and something that propelled me toward graduate school in terms of motivation and in admission to multiple grad programs. I can't imagine finishing my undergraduate career any other way.

### Best UHP Memory

My favorite UHP memory was going to my friend's UHP banquet in 2019 and having a blast celebrating my friends' achievements.



## Emma Tribble

**Major**  
Chemistry

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

At this point, I'm thinking of becoming a high school chemistry teacher, which would involve a few more years of school. However, I'm willing to work just about anywhere at this point.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

A lot of my undergraduate experience involved Cru, a Christian fellowship on campus. I think I'm most proud of stepping out and becoming a part of that because it both grew me spiritually, re-defined college for me, and gave me many friends.

### Best UHP Memory

My best memory was my honors classes, which were a nice transition into college and talked about a lot of fascinating topics.



## Jency Umana Linares

**Major**  
Psychology & Chicana/Chicano Studies



## Alexxa Varela

**Major**  
Animal Science



## Derek Wadsworth

**Major**  
Chemical Engineering

**Post-Grad Plans**  
Pursue a Masters in Civil and Environmental Engineering at UC Davis.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

Overall, my goal is to become a licensed Professional Engineer, and to use my education and experience to work on important environmental engineering issues. An area of study that interests me is the development of new and more efficient ways to remove carcinogens from California's water supplies. My career objective is to play a significant role in creating an environmentally sound and sustainable water future for all of California.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

As an undergraduate, I am most proud of being awarded a Provost Undergraduate Fellowship. My independent study was titled, "Characterization of a Novel  $\beta$ -glucosidase from a Fungal Metatranscriptome".

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is the bonfire at the Putah Creek Lodge.



## Maaike Wielenga

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### Major

Environmental Science and Management

### Post-Grad Plans

Not sure! Trying to find a job but not sure of what.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to help people live more sustainable lives.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of completing two research projects during my time here under the guidance of faculty and present at the undergraduate research conference! Although this year's is a little different, it is great to look back and see the work I have done be shared.

### Best UHP Memory

I love working the UHP preview day! It is so exciting to talk to incoming freshman about why UC Davis is so great, and why they should come here.



## Julie Xu

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### Major

Design

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work



## Andy Yan

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### Major

Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aspire to be someone my kid will look up to. I am currently looking toward a paramedic or a surgeon.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am proud of the friends I made along the way during my undergraduate.

### Best UHP Memory

Jumping up and down on a bunch of bike boxes in the dumpster for 50 Bikes for 50 Kids community event. UHP was volunteering for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



## Felicia Yen

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### Major

Cell Biology

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I aspire to pursue a career in medicine as a physician. I'm grateful for all the opportunities and experiences I've had at UC Davis to find my niche in the health sciences.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

One thing that I'm most proud of as an undergraduate is the research that I've immersed myself in over the past four years. I would have never imagined that I would find my potential in research as a first year, and I'm glad that I've been able to step outside my comfort zone and try new things.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory is taking UHP classes with smaller class sizes and being able to connect with professors one-on-one.



## Michael Yoakam

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### Major

Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning.

### Post-Grad Plans

Industry work

### Career Goals and Aspirations

After I finish working as an Orientation Student Manager, I will seek full-time employment with the state of California. If I am not satisfied with my career track in a few years' time, I will apply to law school.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

I am most proud of my having worked eight different jobs while still maintaining a high GPA.

### Best UHP Memory

I worked with UHP when I was an orientation leader and I loved being able to share with incoming students my experiences in my UHP classes and what it was like living in Currant Hall.





## Emma Zamora

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### Major

Chicana/Chicano Studies

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

After graduation, I aspire to go to graduate school and receive my Master's Degree and teaching credential. I hope to become an elementary school teacher in order to work with young children. After a few years working in the elementary schools, I aspire to work as a Chicana studies professor at a college. I fell in love with my major through amazing professors who were passionate about their field of study, and I hope to be able to provide the same classroom experience for my future students.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

One thing I am most proud of as an undergraduate is maintaining a 4.0 GPA while also overcoming my anxiety. I worked really hard to try my best in my classes throughout my two years here, and I have excelled at my classes more than I originally thought I would. When I was diagnosed with severe anxiety during the end of my first year here, I did not know how I would be able to continue on. Despite this diagnosis, I was able to push through and continue learning to the best of my ability.

### Best UHP Memory

My best UHP memory was when my transfer seminar class had our "final" at the house of Dr. Carolyn Thomas. We all had a delicious brunch together and had great conversation with Heidi and Dr. Thomas, discussing our plans for the future.



## Xingyue Zhang

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### Major

Environmental Science and Management

### Post-Grad Plans

Pursue a Masters at the University of Washington's School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

### Career Goals and Aspirations

To explore soil nutrient cycles by combining methods in biochemistry and computer sciences.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Finding an interesting field of study.

### Best UHP Memory

Volunteering in Ecuador.



## Susanna Zheng

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### Major

Psychology

### Post-Grad Plans

Gap year

### Career Goals and Aspirations

I want to take a year off before I attended graduate school in psychology and get a PhD.

### Most Proud of Undergrad Moment/Experience

Getting involved in research.

### Best UHP Memory

Having great mentors in my life and getting involved in research

