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Commencement
Spring 2023



UC DAVIS

Spring Commencement

COLLEGES OF

AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

ENGINEERING

LETTERS & SCIENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

**GOLDEN 1 CENTER
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023 • 2:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023 • 9:00 AM AND 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 • 9:00 AM AND 2:00 PM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1

STAGE PARTY AND FACULTY

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Friday, June 16 2:00 PM and Sunday, June 18 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 17 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM

Sunday, June 18 9:00 AM

The Star-Spangled Banner

Performed by

CRISIA REGALADO

LORENZO RAMSEY, '18

CHERYL KUO, '23

Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

AHMET PALAZOGLU

CHAIR, ACADEMIC SENATE AND
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

GARY S. MAY

CHANCELLOR

KEYNOTE VIDEO ADDRESS

DARRELL STEINBERG

MAYOR, CITY OF SACRAMENTO

FACULTY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Friday, June 16 2:00 PM

AMBER BOYDSTUN

PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN
THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

Saturday, June 17 9:00 AM

KRISTIN KIESEL

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF TEACHING IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE
ECONOMICS IN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Saturday, June 17 2:00 PM

GWEN ARNOLD

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
AND POLICY IN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Sunday, June 18 9:00 AM

STEPHEN ROBINSON

PROFESSOR OF MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE
ENGINEERING IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Sunday, June 18 2:00 PM

STEVEN LUCK

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY
IN THE COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE
AND CORE FACULTY

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Friday, June 16 2:00 PM

Saturday, June 17 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 17 2:00 PM

Sunday, June 18 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 18 2:00 PM

CELIA SOPHIA MARES DE JUAN '23

YOANNA SOLIMAN '23

EDUARDO LANDICHO '23

KAREN NGUYEN '23

GENNA WEINSTEIN '23

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GARY S. MAY

CHANCELLOR

UC DAVIS MEDAL

Sunday, June 18 2:00 PM

MARIA MANETTI SHREM

PHILANTHROPIST, CO-FOUNDING DONOR OF
THE JAN SHREM AND MARIA MANETTI SHREM
MUSEUM OF ARTS AT UC DAVIS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Graduates will be crossing the stage at this time

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Arts and Science

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

GARY S. MAY

AHMET PALAZOGLU

CONCLUDING REMARKS

AHMET PALAZOGLU

ALMA MATER

HAIL TO CALIFORNIA (1907)

Clinton R. Morse

*Hail to California, Alma Mater dear
Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near
Rallying 'round her banner, We will never fail
California, Alma Mater, Hail! Hail! Hail!*

RECESSIONAL

STAGE PARTY, FACULTY AND GRADUATES

*Access to graduate seating is prohibited. The audience
is requested to remain seated until the graduates
and stage party have exited the main floor.*

*Audience members and guests please meet your graduates
on the Aggie Celebration Deck located on the DOCO Plaza.*



The Platform Party*

The Platform Party is comprised of the Chancellor and other executive members of the administration, college deans and invited special guests. The Platform Party's responsibility is to participate in the ceremony and some may be called upon to perform additional duties including serving as the Commencement Marshal. Generally, the members of the Platform Party are seated on the stage throughout the proceedings.

RALPH ALDREDGE

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, College of Engineering

DANA ALLEN

Executive Director, Cal Aggie Alumni Association

ESTELLA ATEKWANA

Dean, College of Letters and Science

MICHAEL BRADFORD

Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education

SUSAN CATRON

Dean, Division of Continuing and Professional Education

STEPHEN CAVANAGH

Dean, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing

RICHARD CORSI

Dean, College of Engineering

MARY CROUGHAN

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

JEAN-PIERRE DELPLANQUE

Vice Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies

HELENE DILLARD

Dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

KARL ENGELBACH

Associate Chancellor and Chief of Staff

JEFFERY GIBELING

Interim Vice Chancellor, Office of Research

SCOTT JUDSON

President, Cal Aggie Alumni Association Board of Directors

PHILIP KASS

Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

SHAUN KEISTER

Vice Chancellor, Development and Alumni Relations

ARI KELMAN

Faculty Advisor to the Chancellor and Provost

MALISA LEE

Vice Provost, Enrollment Management

GARY S. MAY

Chancellor and Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering

AHMET PALAZOGLU

Commencement Marshal and Chair, Academic Senate

PABLO REGUERÍN

Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

MICHAEL RIOS

Vice Provost, Public Scholarship and Engagement

CLARE SHINNERL

Vice Chancellor, Finance, Operations and Administration

MARIA MANETTI SHREM

Philanthropist, Co-founding donor of the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Arts at UC Davis

MICHAEL SWEENEY

Chief Campus Counsel, Office of the Campus Counsel

DANA TOPOUSIS

Chief Marketing and Communications Officer

RENETTA GARRISON TULL

Vice Chancellor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

MARK WINEY

Dean, College of Biological Sciences

**Listed alphabetically by last name*



Academic Regalia

The ceremony of commencement is the most formal occasion celebrated by the university, and the participants traditionally wear academic dress, their official robes of office.

The origins of academic dress date back to the Middle Ages, when learning was largely confined to the church. The cap, gown and hood of modern usage descended from articles of dress worn by church dignitaries, likely for warmth in unheated buildings.

The cap, of serge or broadcloth, is worn by holders of all degrees, but those with doctorates are entitled to wear a gold tassel and may substitute a velvet tam.

Gowns for the bachelor's degree have pointed sleeves; for the master's degree, oblong sleeves; and for the doctoral degree, round, bell sleeves with bars of velvet either in black or in the degree color. The hoods are lined in school colors.

The University of California colors are blue and gold.

The Marshal

The marshal is typically a distinguished faculty member who leads the stage party procession. The chair of the Academic Senate serves as the UC Davis Commencement Marshal.

The University Scepter

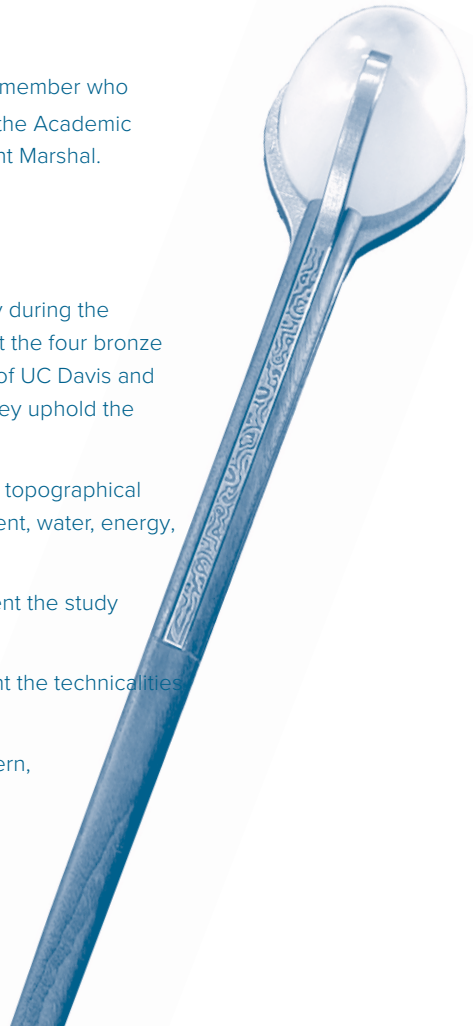
The university scepter is displayed prominently during the ceremony. The symbolism of the scepter is that the four bronze pieces are representative of the four colleges of UC Davis and each features a unique engraving. Together, they uphold the university (the orb).

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES: A topographical pattern to represent the study of the environment, water, energy, and human-made systems.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: A double helix to represent the study of life.

ENGINEERING: A molecular structure to represent the technicalities of scientific principles.

LETTERS AND SCIENCE: A simple crosshatch pattern, often used in grips, to represent how vast the studies within the college are.



The Chancellor's Medal

The Chancellor's Medal is worn at ceremonial observances as a part of the chancellor's regalia. At the center is the University of California seal. The back of the medal displays the name of the chancellor and year he or she was inaugurated.



To Degree Candidates,

Congratulations on reaching this wonderful milestone! Today is your moment to celebrate with fellow classmates, families and loved ones, and to honor this significant accomplishment.

When you came to UC Davis, you joined a community that's driven to make the world a better place. You understood that academics are paramount, and you discovered that the college experience is about so much more. You learned to outgrow the expected, to exceed what's needed and to do what's just.

After thousands of hours studying, hundreds of miles biking, countless cups of Coho coffee, dozens of friends, numerous mentors, endless scantron bubbles, and millions of words and equations, know that you are ready. UC Davis has prepared you to succeed. This campus thrives on a commitment to excellence, and our faculty sets the bar high for students. You not only met that bar, but you pushed beyond. Wherever life takes you—or wherever you take life—remember this is just the beginning of your journey.

You'll find members of our Aggie family all around the world, and I encourage you to make use of this valuable network and remain connected with our campus.

I hope you leave UC Davis with cherished memories to last a lifetime. I encourage you to keep close our values of excellence and openness to diverse perspectives and new ideas. Now is the time to imagine what's possible and to consider how you will make an impact and contribute to the public good.

The world is waiting for you. Go Ags!

Best regards,

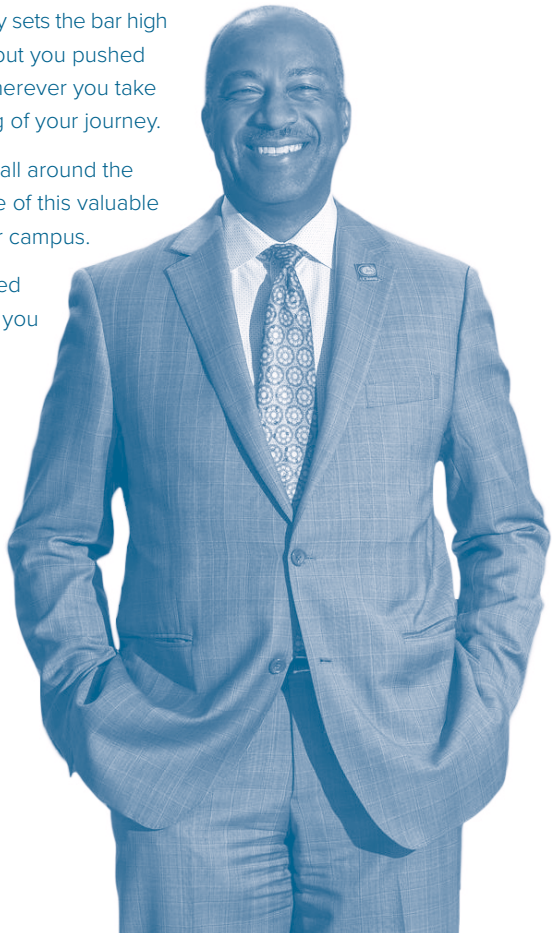


Gary S. May
Chancellor

Message from Chancellor May

"Remember to use your knowledge and powers for good. Every day, try to learn something new, help someone and make the world a better place."

– CHANCELLOR GARY S. MAY



Message from Provost Croughan



Dear Aggie Graduates,

Congratulations on this momentous occasion! Your educational journey has included overcoming numerous challenges and discovering your own potential along the way. Throughout your studies, you demonstrated resilience and tenacity, and all you have accomplished has led you to this day and to earning your degree. I am certain you and your loved ones are very proud of your achievements.

As a UC Davis degree candidate, you have met the high standards and rigorous requirements of your major at this world-class university. You have enriched our campus community by sharing your personal strengths, your passion for learning, and your enthusiasm for engaging with others. During your studies, you have expanded your awareness and learned new concepts, employed critical thinking and collaborated with others, and forged friendships that can last a lifetime. No matter where your path leads from here—whether it is entering a career field, continuing your studies, joining the Peace Corps or embarking upon other public service—you are poised to make a positive impact and succeed.

As a proud Aggie alumna myself, I know UC Davis has prepared you very well for your future. Cherish the memories and friendships formed during your time here. Stay connected with your alma mater and your fellow Aggies. Go out and do good in the world. I look forward to welcoming you back to campus as fellow alumni!

All the best,

Mary Croughan

Mary S. Croughan
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Darrell Steinberg
MAYOR, CITY OF SACRAMENTO
UC Davis School of Law '84

Mayor Darrell Steinberg has served the people of Sacramento for 25 years and counting. Elected as Sacramento's mayor in 2016, he has guided the city through an unprecedented pandemic and the long overdue reckoning around race and equity.

In 2018, he campaigned for and won voter passage of Measure U, a one-cent sales tax, with a commitment to invest in economic development, youth and affordable housing. In the last three years, the city has invested more than \$170 million on inclusive economic development and has devoted the vast majority of its more than \$200 in federal Covid relief funds to uplifting the community by funding workforce training, grants to small businesses and artists, youth programs and other community investments.

As leader of California's Big City Mayors, Mayor Steinberg successfully negotiated with both Gov. Jerry Brown and Gov. Gavin Newsom to make an unprecedented statewide commitment to addressing homelessness - a commitment that has brought millions of dollars of additional funding home to Sacramento.

Mayor Steinberg has also led the effort to diversify and energize Sacramento's economy. He crafted an incentive package that helped attract the West Coast headquarters of Centene, a healthcare giant and Sacramento's first Fortune 100 company. He also negotiated legal settlements that paved the way for the construction of UC Davis' innovation campus, Aggie Square, which will bring thousands of new jobs to Sacramento while also investing millions in surrounding neighborhoods to prevent displacement of current residents.

No matter his office, he has always maintained a strong connection to Sacramento's neighborhoods which has been one of his top priorities since his early days as president of the Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association. Every weekend and many weeknights, the mayor can be found out mingling at events and gatherings.

Darrell Steinberg and his wife, Julie, have two grown children, Jordana and Ari. Darrell is a graduate of UCLA and UC Davis Law School.



Faculty Commencement Speakers 2023



FRIDAY, JUNE 16 2:00 PM

Amber Boydston

*Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
for the Department of Political Science in the
College of Letters and Science*



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 9:00 AM

Kristen Kiesel

*Associate Professor of teaching in the
Department of Agricultural and Resource
Economics in the College of Agricultural
and Environmental Sciences*



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 2:00 PM

Gwen Arnold

*Associate Professor of Environmental
Science and Policy in the College of
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences*



SUNDAY, JUNE 18 9:00 AM

Stephen Robinson

*Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering in the College of Engineering*



SUNDAY, JUNE 18 2:00 PM

Steven Luck

*Distinguished Professor of Psychology in
the College of Letters and Science and a
core faculty member at the Center for
Mind and Brain*

To read more about the faculty speakers please visit:

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/faculty-commencement-speakers-encourage-graduating-seniors-keep-learning>

Student Commencement Speakers 2023



FRIDAY, JUNE 16 2:00 PM

Celia Sophia Mares de Juan '23

*College of Letters and Science
International Relations
Sociology Organizational Studies
Minor in Human Rights*



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 9:00 AM

Yoanna Soliman '23

*College of Biological Sciences
Molecular and Medical Microbiology*



SATURDAY, JUNE 17 2:00 PM

Eduardo Landicho '23

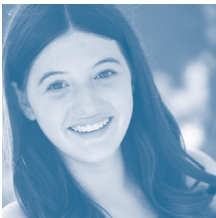
*College of Letters and Science
Design*



SUNDAY, JUNE 18 9:00 AM

Karen Nguyen '23

*College of Biological Sciences
Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior*



SUNDAY, JUNE 18 2:00 PM

Genna Weinstein '23

*College of Letters and Science
International Relations
African American and African Studies*

University

Undergraduate Student Awards

2023

UNIVERSITY MEDAL

Neeraj Senthil

*College of Engineering
Biomedical Engineering*

The **University Medal** is the highest award given to a UC Davis student completing his or her bachelor's degree. Each year, one student is chosen to receive this prestigious award and be recognized for scholastic excellence from among the top candidates within the four UC Davis undergraduate colleges.

THE VELOYCE GLENN WINSLOW JR. AWARD

Irvin Andres Rodriguez

*College of Engineering
Civil Engineering*

The **V. Glenn Winslow Jr. Award** is given to the most outstanding graduating male. Recognizing service and leadership in university and community activities, as well as excellent scholarship, the award is given to a student who is held in high esteem by other students.

MARY JEANNE GILHOOLY AWARD

Prishha Thiagarajan

*College of Biological Sciences
Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior*

The **Mary Jeanne Gilhooly Award** is given to the most outstanding graduating female. Recognizing service and leadership in university and community activities, as well as excellent scholarship, the award is given to a student who is held in high esteem by other students.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION AWARD

Prachi Sood

*College of Letters and Science
Psychology*

The **Social Justice and Inclusion Award** is in recognition of the graduating student of any gender who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to social justice in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and service. The honored student has served as a change agent and made a tangible impact on the campus community promoting equity and inclusion.

**CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH
DEAN KEITH SIMONTON PRIZE**

Ibrahim Dagher

College of Letters and Science

Philosophy

"The Unexplored Connection Between the Benardete and Grandfather Paradoxes"

Alyse Lodigiani

College of Letters and Science

Cognitive Science

"Visual Working Memory in Schizophrenia and Other Mental Illnesses: Evidence from Electrophysiology"

College of Biological Sciences

Cell Biology

The **Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research**, also known as the **Dean Keith Simonton Prize** is given annually to a graduating senior who has completed outstanding research in any academic subject.



The UC Davis Medal

The UC Davis Medal is the highest honor the university presents to individuals in recognition of extraordinary contributions that embody the campus's Vision of Excellence. Medalists inspire and support the success and engagement of our students, faculty, staff and alumni, and foster a bold and innovative spirit in teaching, research and public service.



HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

The UC Davis Medal recognizes individuals of rare accomplishment, “to be heralded today and in perpetuity,” as extraordinarily special members of the UC Davis community.

The design of the UC Davis Medal represents, both figuratively and literally, the legacy of contributions UC Davis has made to the world in research and scholarly endeavors.

Depicted on the medal are the campus name and its motto, “Let There Be Light.” In the upper left quadrant are the life-giving rays of the sun. Below them, leaves of the bay laurel symbolize our proud history of achievement. Lines in the lower right quadrant may be seen as energy radiating from a source, roads leading to the future, or rows of crops in fertile California fields.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 RECIPIENT



Maria Manetti Shrem
Photo Credit: J. Henry Fair

To read more about Maria Manetti Shrem please visit:

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/maria-manetti-shrem-receive-uc-davis-medal>

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is the founding college on campus and has helped shape California and the world in monumental ways for more than 100 years. The college is consistently recognized both nationally and internationally as number one in agriculture, plant sciences, animal science, forestry and agricultural economics.

While the history of the university is rooted in agriculture, the college is deeply connected to how we can sustainably support the environment, those spaces where we live and explore, and how people and societies are affected throughout various communities.

Our mission is to promote agricultural, environmental, and social sustainability through research, teaching, and public engagement to meet the challenges of global change in the 21st century. Across the college, undergraduate students pursue a broad array of majors in agricultural, environmental, and human and social sciences, and faculty earn national and international recognition for teaching, research and outreach. We continue to remain dedicated to solving critical issues with food, water, climate change, conservation and human health to improve quality of life.

Message From Dean Helene Dillard



Dear Graduates,

This has been an incredible journey, and today we celebrate your efforts and achievements. This ceremony signifies your educational success and preparation for greater opportunity, and your participation provides inspiration and meaning to your community.

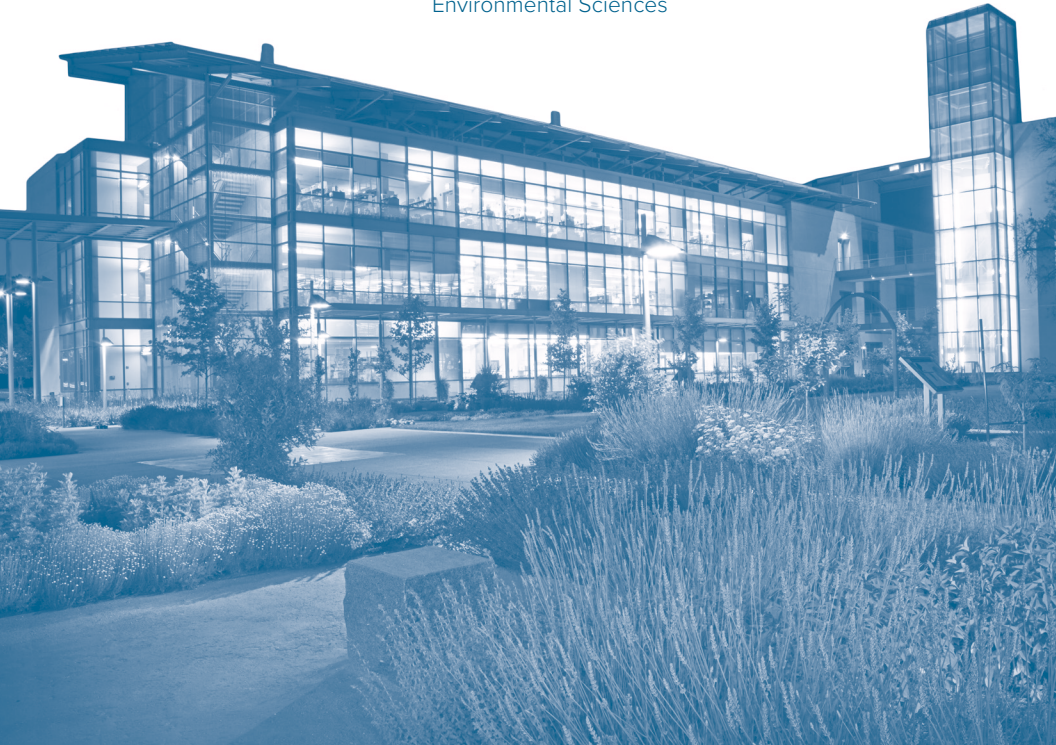
At UC Davis, we are dedicated to creating solutions for the greater good of society, and you leave here with the tremendous capacity to make a difference. I hope your experience has piqued your interest in the richness of the world around you and that you have developed a deeper understanding of your potential for possibility and creativity.

Congratulations!

Your fellow Aggie alumna,

A blue-tinted handwritten signature of Helene R. Dillard.

Helene R. Dillard
Dean and Professor
College of Agricultural and
Environmental Sciences



College of Biological Sciences

The UC Davis College of Biological Sciences is one of only three colleges in the United States dedicated solely to the study of biological sciences. Our faculty, researchers and students explore fundamental questions about life to advance the planet's knowledge and meet the demands of the 21st century.

We strive to provide our students with a strong understanding in foundational science that supports careers in human and animal health, ecological conservation and environmental protection, food security and production, and many other disciplines across the life sciences.

THE MISSION OF THE COLLEGE IS TO:

- Create and deliver exceptional and innovative undergraduate programs in the biological sciences.
- Develop future leaders in the biological sciences through an excellent graduate and postdoctoral education.
- Foster an environment in which faculty members and students perform creative and substantial research that advances discovery in the biological sciences.
- Impact the university, the state of California, the nation and the world through service, community engagement and scientific leadership.

The College of Biological Sciences offers undergraduate majors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; Biological Sciences; Cell Biology; Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity; Genetics and Genomics; Human Biology; Marine and Coastal Science; Molecular and Medical Microbiology; Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior; and Plant Biology, and Systems and Synthetic Biology. Undergraduate enrollment in the college has grown to more than 6,000 students.

Message From Dean Mark Winey



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations, class of 2023. Today, we celebrate your many accomplishments.

Throughout your time at UC Davis, you've demonstrated the passion and curiosity that define a scientist, and those same qualities will continue to serve you well as you move into the next stage of your life. You have the power to show the world why science matters, and I know you will explore, discover, innovate and define greatness in your own way. Wherever life takes you—or wherever you take life—remember the Aggie values of service and justice.

Today though, celebrate with your families and loved ones. You deserve to take a bow and enjoy what you have achieved.

Grow forth and be great, class of 2023!

A blue-tinted handwritten signature of Mark Winey, written in a cursive style.

Mark Winey

Ph.D., Distinguished Professor

Dean of the College of Biological Sciences



College of Engineering

The UC Davis College of Engineering is deeply committed to creating a sustainable world through socially responsible engineering, an inspiring education and transformative research. By connecting people and technology, Aggie engineers solve the world's most pressing problems and make a positive impact on society and the planet.

The college's distinguished faculty, who are national and international leaders in their disciplines, teach in eight academic departments. They leverage world-class expertise to employ and develop intelligent systems and automation, tools at the nano- and micro-scales, and technologies that will revolutionize energy systems, strengthen climate resilience, advance human health and transform mobility to bring a sustainable, healthier and more resilient world within reach. The college's strategic research vision addresses major challenges and emphasizes engineering for all, leaving no communities behind.

College alumni are engaged in a variety of ways that connect them to the mission. They work at a large spectrum of Fortune 500 companies, engineering design firms, software firms, major government agencies, universities and start-up companies.

Industry and government partners support groundbreaking research and state-of-the-art labs at UC Davis. As a result, students are inspired as they turn their ideas into realities through inclusive and impactful programs dedicated to fostering start-up businesses, strengthening entrepreneurial skills and harnessing technical expertise.

Together, the college's students, faculty, staff and partners are engineering a better world for all.

Message From Dean Richard Corsi



Dear Students, Family and Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Commencement for the UC Davis College of Engineering.

Today marks an important day for our students, their families, our college and the world. As an Aggie alumnus and first-generation college student, I know firsthand what this institution does for aspiring engineers, no matter their life experiences. The world needs more Aggie engineers: those who understand the essential principles of engineering and have the knowledge, passion, will and determination to address society's biggest challenges with inspiration and innovation. We are a true community of scholars.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and the great possibilities that await their futures. I am inspired to watch them walk across the stage today, grow as engineers, and then help transform our society and planet for the better. Go Ags!

A blue-tinted handwritten signature of Richard Corsi.

Richard Corsi

Dean of the College of Engineering



College of Letters and Science

The College of Letters and Science is the heart of UC Davis and one of the key factors in the university's excellence.

At L&S, we focus on answers, create new knowledge and remove the boundaries to holistic thinking. We are recognized as leaders in education with some of the most highly ranked programs in the country. The arts, humanities, sciences, social sciences ... the work done every day at our college defines academic excellence — both on our campus and globally. We provide an educational experience that prepares students from all backgrounds to find innovative solutions to society's most complex problems.

At the College of Letters and Science, we put great teaching and intellectual exchange at the top of our priorities. As the largest and most comprehensive college at UC Davis, we not only provide the foundation for a truly unified and distinctive liberal arts education, but we are committed to making that education accessible to all. Thirty-two percent of our undergraduates are the first in their family to attend college, and we are proud to count more students from diverse backgrounds than any other college or school on campus.

We educate students for the future and equip them with flexible and adaptable skills for life. Because of that commitment, our graduates are recognized as leaders and innovators.

Each year, nearly half of all UC Davis students pursue College of Letters and Science degrees in one of our 110+ majors and minors. Our students find their passion and explore their curiosity through beyond-the-classroom experiences, including internships, study abroad and research opportunities alongside our award-winning faculty. Our rigorous programs of study teach students to think critically and creatively across disciplines and prepare them to succeed in any career throughout their lives.

The College of Letters and Science at UC Davis remains a leader in producing alumni who graduate with the knowledge and tools needed to succeed in any career and who are eager and able to make the world a better place.

Message From Dean Estella Atekwana



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations, Class of 2023, on reaching this incredible milestone! Through your talent, dedication, and hard work, you have earned the right to bask in this moment of achievement.

As College of Letters and Science graduates, you are now prepared with critical thinking skills, bold curiosity, and an enduring strength that the world so desperately needs right now. You are the next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators. You will succeed. You will achieve. And you will impact this world in ways that you may not be able to see right now.

We are so very proud of all that you have achieved in your time at L&S, and we're excited to see all you will accomplish in your careers and in your lives. Please know that you will always have a home here at L&S and no matter where life takes you, you will always be an Aggie!

My very best wishes for the future,

A blue-tinted handwritten signature of Estella Atekwana.

Estella Atekwana

Dean of the College of Letters and Science



Message from Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA)

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations! Earning your degree is a tremendous accomplishment, and we know that you experienced unexpected challenges along the way. The uncertainty of recent years created additional challenges with remote learning and keeping longtime friends and fellow students apart. During these times, your support system of friends, family and loved ones became more important than ever. But, as Aggies do, you persevered and succeeded, and we commend you for all that you have overcome and accomplished.

As the presidents of your Cal Aggie Alumni Association and the Parent and Family Council, we are so proud of you and are excited to see the bright future you will build. While today marks the end of one chapter, a new one begins. You are now an alumnus of UC Davis and are part of a global community of more than 285,000 alumni where you can connect with fellow Aggies, build meaningful relationships, help and support each other, and get career guidance all while fueling that everlasting Aggie Pride. Your Alumni Association is here to help you make lifelong connections with Aggies everywhere!

And for the parents, families and friends who provided you with encouragement along the way, we want to say thank you to them. Throughout this journey, they have been there to support and guide you, and we've heard how much your accomplishments mean to them. Although commencement may represent the achievement of a goal, Aggie parents, families and friends are always welcome at UC Davis to help guide and encourage future generations of students.

Visiting alumni.ucdavis.edu will give both alumni and families information on how to connect with others, stay in touch and get involved. You'll find a series of exclusive events, unique opportunities to stay connected, and the tools to help you every step of the way as you build your future. But for now, enjoy this day, celebrate this milestone and - for both our newest alumni and their families - congratulations on a job well done!

Congratulations and GO AGS!



Scott Judson '08

President, Cal Aggie Alumni Association



Dave Richardson P'21, '24

President, UC Davis Parent and Family Council

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AFFILIATE RELATIONS

UC DAVIS
PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
Aggie Parent and Family Association

The Regents of the University of California

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Governor of California

Eleni Kounalakis
Lieutenant Governor

Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Michael V. Drake, M.D.
President of the University

Sandra Timmons
Alumni Regent
President, Alumni Associations of the University of California

Amanda Pouchot
Alumni Regent
Vice President, Alumni Associations of the University of California

APPOINTED REGENTS

Maria Anguiano

Elaine E. Batchlor

Carmen Chu

Michael Cohen

Gareth Elliott, Vice Chair

Howard “Peter” Guber

Jose M. Hernandez

Richard Leib, Chair

Hadi Makarechian

Ana Matosantos

Lark Park

John A. Pérez

Janet Reilly

Mark Robinson

Richard Sherman

Jonathan “Jay” Sures

STUDENT REGENT

Marlenee Blas Pedral

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Susan Cochran
Chair of the Universitywide Academic Senate of the University of California

James Steintrager
Vice Chair of the Universitywide Academic Senate of the University of California



ALMA MATER

Hail to California!

Hail to California, Alma Mater dear
Sing the joyful chorus, Sound it far and near
Rallying 'round her banner, We will never fail
California Alma Mater; Hail! Hail! Hail!

Clinton R. Morse, University of California class of 1896

Arr. Charles Cushing

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