UC DAVIS: FACULTY AND STAFF EXCELLENCE

A Campaign Message from the Chancellor

While students are the heart and soul of our university, our faculty and staff are the backbone. They give UC Davis strength and drive us toward upward growth. As Chancellor, I am so proud of the hard work, time and commitment our faculty and staff have put forth to ensure UC Davis remains one of the top universities in the country.

I believe in our university, which is why I give to The Campaign for UC Davis—and I am not alone. As you’ll see from this newsletter, another important component of our faculty and staff members’ commitment is their support of the university’s first comprehensive campaign. Their generosity helps us to build a culture of philanthropy at UC Davis and allows our university to steadily progress on an upward trajectory towards meeting our Campaign goal of raising $1 billion. As ardent supporters all throughout the Campaign, faculty and staff have made gifts, both of their time and finances, to further everything from groundbreaking research initiatives and student scholarships to strengthening academic programs and athletics.

UC Davis’ vision for the future is ambitious, but it is one I know we will achieve because of the dedication of our faculty and staff, as well as our outstanding students, alumni, friends and donors. Thanks to their efforts, UC Davis will continue to succeed as a 21st century university.

ADVANCING NEW IDEAS

Each year, UC Davis honors several outstanding faculty members with the UC Davis Chancellor’s Fellows Awards and thereby recognizes the accomplishments and future promise of these extraordinary instructors and academic researchers early in their professional careers. This year, seven outstanding young faculty received Chancellor’s Fellows Awards.

These awards, which provide critical support to the recipients for their continued intellectual and professional development, are made possible through gifts made to the UC Davis Annual Fund.

While Annual Fund support provides the university with the flexibility to respond to emerging opportunities and meet pressing needs, these funds also give UC Davis faculty members support to grow their innovative ideas.

For example, Professor Stacey Harmer, an internationally recognized plant biologist and a 2011-12 Chancellor’s Fellows Awards recipient, could not pursue federal grant funding to further her research on circadian rhythms without key data. It is research which she thinks holds clues to helping plants survive in harsh climates. The $25,000 gift she received as part of her Chancellor’s Fellows Award allowed her to expand her research and conduct additional studies that may hold the key to improving crop yields around the world.

In addition to supporting burgeoning ideas, these philanthropically supported awards help UC Davis retain the kind of stellar scholars and teachers who make this university a world-class institution.

Professor Stacey Harmer’s research in circadian rhythms, which may hold the key to improving crop yields around the world, is being advanced by gifts from the UC Davis Annual Fund. To read more about Prof. Harmer, visit campaign.ucdavis.edu.
PROFESSOR DANIKA BANNASCH, is the first holder of the Maxine Adler Endowed chair in Genetics. Bannasch’s research focuses on the molecular causes of inherited diseases in dogs and horses.

Last year alone, hundreds of UC DAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM EMPLOYEES contributed gifts of all sizes for a total contribution of more than $1.64 million in support of UC Davis.

DR. CHARLES DECARLI is the first holder of the Victor and Genevieve Orsi Endowed Chair in Alzheimer’s Research. DeCarli’s research focuses on imaging of the aging brain.

Each year the UC Davis STAFF ASSEMBLY offers scholarships for staff and staff dependents, including the privately-funded Larry N. Vanderhoef Staff Scholarship and the Margene Orzalli Staff Scholarship.

A partnership between the Botanical Conservatory and Planned Giving Office translated into a $100,000 gift from long-time conservatory volunteer, Fran Mara, to the College of Biological Sciences to support much needed improvements to the university’s greenhouse facilities. Sadly, Mara died in 2011.

Photo: Fran Mara’s children, Steve and Paula Mara

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GIVING IN ACTION

TAKE THE PHYSICS CHALLENGE
Faculty members from the Department of Physics have initiated a friendly, philanthropic competition to promote giving at UC Davis. The group recently challenged fellow colleagues in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology to see who could raise the most money between now and fall 2014 for We Are Aggie Pride—a student-run group that raises money to provide emergency funding for UC Davis students in need. “We were so inspired to see how our own students were fulfilling the Aggie tradition of giving back that we wanted to do something too,” John Eadie, professor and chair of the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology, said when accepting the challenge. “And we thought a little friendly competition might motivate more faculty to give too.”

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For eight consecutive years, including all years of The Campaign for UC Davis, one-hundred percent of full-time faculty in the UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW have made financial contributions to support the law school.

PROFESSOR COLIN MILBURN is the first holder of the Gary Snyder Endowed Chair in Science and Humanities. His research focuses on the cultural relationship between literature, science and technology.

DR. GAREN J. WINTEMUTE is the first holder of the Susan P. Baker and Stephen P. Teret Chair in Violence Prevention. Wintemute’s research focuses on the nature of violence and effective preventative measures.

To read more about the impact of philanthropy at UC Davis, please visit CAMPAIGN.UCDAVIS.EDU.

ALUMNUS HONORS PROFESSOR WITH FELLOWSHIP

UC Davis College of Engineering alumnus Scott Maxwell recently made a $100,000 donation to endow a graduate fellowship in honor of UC Davis Distinguished Professor Maury Hull. “University professors can have a profound effect on people’s lives,” said Maxwell, founder of OpenView Venture Partners. “Professors probably don’t hear that often enough and they should. Professor Hull was a big part of my growing from a boy to a man; he’s a special person in my life.” Hull is the director of the Orthopedic Biomechanics Laboratory and the Biomechanical Engineering Laboratory, and winner of the H. R. Lissner Medal from the Bioengineering division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 2007.

PROFESSOR EMERITA’S WORK LIVES ON THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

UC Davis professor emerita, Emmy Werner, recently made a $1 million gift to the UC Davis Foundation to create an endowed fellowship in the Office of Graduate Studies. This gift will be matched with $25,000 from the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees through the UC Davis Foundation Matching Fund for Student Support. The Emmy Werner and Stanley Jacobsen Fellowship will provide support for graduate students pursuing their Ph.D., whose research examines the genetic aspects of human behavior and development. Preference will be given to students whose work focuses on gene-environment interactions.

TEACHER ED FACULTY GIVE 100 PERCENT

Inspired by their own students and by the generous lead gifts made by alumni, staff and faculty in the School of Education, 100 percent of the School’s Teacher Education faculty have made a gift to the Power of 10 Scholarship Fund. The fund, which was created to commemorate the School of Education’s 10th anniversary, provides scholarship support for School of Education students. “I’m giving to support new teachers because I want them to know those of us who work at UC Davis believe it’s the best place to learn and teach,” said Pauline Holmes, a School of Education lecturer and supervisor.

VET MED FACULTY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

School of Veterinary Medicine faculty members Dr. Jim Clark, Dr. Karl Jandrey, and Dr. Michael Kent have all give back in a big way by providing scholarship support for tomorrow’s veterinary leaders. Clark, who is a UC Davis alum and annual donor to the school’s Dean’s Club for the past decade, recently established a scholarship to honor veterinary students who excel in communications. Jandrey and Kent made a gift through The Campaign for UC Davis to the Ceasar, Lucy and Gabbie Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship—which is a memorial tribute to their dogs, Ceasar and Lucy, and their cat, Gabbie—is awarded annually to a second or third-year veterinary student who plans to become board certified in one of the clinical specialties and pursue an academic career. The scholarship recipient for 2012 was Charlene Noll. Jandrey and Kent are also members of the Heritage Society for Animals, which recognizes donors who made a planned gift to the school.
A Campaign Message from UC Davis Foundation Board Chair Bruce Edwards

As chairman of the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees, I know how important philanthropic support is to fulfilling UC Davis’ vision. That is why I am so pleased to see a culture of philanthropy growing on campus among our faculty and staff members and to see them become engaged in The Campaign for UC Davis both as beneficiaries and contributors.

Since the beginning of the Campaign, UC Davis faculty, staff, faculty emeriti and retirees have donated more than $40 million to the university. To all of you, thank you for your support. Every gift of every size makes a difference.

Faculty and staff have benefited from the Campaign as well. Faculty members have received millions of dollars in philanthropic support to advance their research ideas. Thanks to the UC Davis Annual Fund, early-career faculty members are being awarded with seed funding to grow their research ideas and move them closer toward commercialization. Additionally, we have 150 endowed chair and professorship positions, each one of which provides perpetual support of the tremendous work being done by some of our stellar faculty members. These esteemed positions would not be possible without the visionary generosity of donors.

UC Davis is also home to the UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, which is managed by the UC Davis Foundation and is believed to be the largest philanthropic award of its kind in the country. In my role as chairman, I am proud to be part of this university’s vision to support and advance excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Every year UC Davis staff members and their dependents are awarded scholarships to further their education and skills. We also have a stellar team of dedicated fundraising professionals who are driving the university toward achieving its goal of inspiring 100,000 to give $1 billion.

As our faculty and staff members have shown through their involvement in our first comprehensive fundraising campaign, UC Davis is achieving great things because we are united and driven by our Aggie Pride. Go Ags!

Sincerely,
Bruce Edwards

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The Campaign Cabinet is comprised of dedicated volunteer and philanthropic leaders who are providing invaluable knowledge, perspectives and guidance to UC Davis during the university’s first comprehensive campaign:

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To a resounding applause by faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends, UC Davis announced at the Endowed Chairs and Professorships Gala on April 3 that the university had reached a milestone of having 150 endowed chairs and professorships. The accomplishment, which coincides with The Campaign for UC Davis, comes just four years after the university celebrated its 100th endowed faculty position, which was a milestone that took 100 years to achieve. At the gala, UC Davis also honored the distinguished faculty who hold its endowed chairs and professorships and the visionary philanthropists who generously support these important funds. Endowed chairs and professorships help faculty members at UC Davis excel in learning, discovery and engagement with the broader community for generations to come.
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Why I Give

“We wanted to give because we just feel it’s a great university and it has meant so much to us as a family. Jane and I want people to know we believe in the direction the university is going and we are willing to back it.” — Fred Arp

Former UC Davis football coach Fred Arp ’67, Cred. ’68, can’t sit on the sidelines. He can’t do it when watching an Aggie football game—after 44 years of participation with UC Davis Athletics, both as a player and as the team’s defensive line coach and later assistant head coach—nor can he and his wife, Jane, be spectators when his alma mater calls for philanthropic support.