

Scholarship Reception and Fall Welcome

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Pat Stromberg

UC Davis Welcome

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Segen Berhane*

Kerah Nicole Hunter

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Maeve Parasol

Kate Fizell Founder's Scholarship

Mary Rose

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Marion Freeborn Re-Entry Scholarship

Marika J. Brown

Meredith McClintock*

Carol Lee Coss Memorial Scholarship

Riju Narang

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George Berdovskiy

* Enrolled in Education Abroad Program

Closing Remarks

Pat Stromberg

Reception and Interest Sections Signups

University Farm Circle Scholarships

Scholarships are presented annually at the Scholarship Reception and Fall Welcome to junior, senior, and re-entry students who demonstrate high scholastic achievement, leadership, community service, high goals, and volunteerism. For the first time this year, scholarships are also being awarded to incoming students who graduated from a Yolo County high school. The recipients' names are engraved on plaques and permanently displayed on campus in the Memorial Union.

Marion Freeborn Undergraduate Scholarships

Undergraduate scholarships have been given almost every year since 1937. In 1959, these awards were named Marion Freeborn Scholarships in honor of the wife of the first Chancellor and past President of UFC. There are now three categories under that umbrella, all funded by the UFC Scholarship Endowment.

- **Marion Freeborn Undergraduate Scholarships**
- **Kate Fizell Founder's Scholarship** This scholarship was established in 2008 and named after the founder of UFC.
- **Marion Freeborn Re-Entry Scholarships** In 1980, re-entry undergraduates became eligible for these awards.

Carol Lee Coss Memorial Scholarship

This endowment was established in 2008 by the Coss family and friends of Carol Lee, a past president of UFC. It is awarded annually to an outstanding undergraduate who has displayed creativity and community involvement or participation in extracurricular activities. Preference is given to arts majors—e.g., Design, Landscape Architecture, Art Studio, and Dramatic Arts.

Blanche L. Price Scholarship

This endowment was established in 1997 by past President Elizabeth Sagehorn as executor of her Aunt Blanche's estate. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate who has overcome a disadvantage (including financial).

University Farm Circle Next Chapter Scholarship

New this year, this scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen who graduated from a Yolo County high school.



2022 – 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Marion Freeborn Undergraduate Scholarship

Noor Bader is majoring in Computer Science and plans to work as a Software Engineer upon graduating in Spring 2023. Her work in distance education has inspired her to pursue a career in which she can help bridge the gap between distance learning and in-person learning. Additionally, Noor has held multiple student leadership positions that have allowed her to collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to evaluate community needs and provide resources to fulfill those needs.

Segen Berhane is a Community and Regional Development major with a minor in Political Science. She hopes to attend Law School to pursue a J.D. after graduating. Her experience as a UCLA Law Fellow and as an intern for Congresswoman Napolitano taught her that she is truly passionate about her career aspirations. Her ultimate goal is to use her J.D. degree to provide legal support for her community.

Sonia Cherkaoui Jaouad is majoring in Human Biology and plans to pursue a medical career as a physician after she graduates. She is currently volunteering with a local non-profit organization that supports women with breast cancer, and with a UC Davis Student run clinic that serves the underserved pediatric population in the Sacramento and Davis areas. She is also doing research on gene expression in the Namekawa Lab to gain experience in the field of epigenetics. She is interested in many specialties including oncology, genetics, rare diseases, and pediatrics. Through her work and dedication, she hopes to strengthen her skills to succeed in her medical journey.

Kerah Nicole Hunter is majoring in Communication and African-American and African Studies and plans to pursue a career in television commercial production and marketing. Her work with the Student Recruitment & Retention Center as a Middle School Outreach Coordinator helped her understand her passion for working with and impacting the lives of the people around her. As she continues to pursue her dreams in commercial production, she is committed to ensuring that every space she works in is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

Maeve Parasol is majoring in International Relations and History and plans to pursue a graduate degree in Political Science. Her involvement and leadership position with UC Davis's Model United Nations team has been an important part of her education and her engagement with the university. Her ultimate goal is to become a professor so that she can help to educate others. She is continuing her schoolwork this quarter by studying in Berlin.

Kate Fizell Founder's Scholarship

Mary Rose is a fourth year Psychology major with a Political Science minor. After graduation she plans to continue her education and get a Masters degree in Social Work. Mary wants to use her degree to have a positive impact on the lives of others. Mary's time working in the Neurocognitive Development Lab at UC Davis has inspired her to want to continue working with children after she graduates.

Persabel Tecle is a Community and Regional Development major minoring in Communications and hopes to attend law school after graduation. She has held various leadership roles on campus and has done undergraduate research with the Political Violence Lab. These experiences have influenced her career and professional aspirations, while giving her a sense of the effort and skills that it will take to succeed. Persabel hopes to make lasting change in underrepresented communities after obtaining her J.D. degree.

Marion Freeborn Re-entry Scholarship

Marika J. Brown is a fourth-year transfer and re-entry student at UC Davis. Her return to academia connects ten years of work experience in the field of environmental horticulture and organic agriculture to her major in Landscape Architecture. Marika aims to challenge traditional regenerative landscape design to create beautiful, biodiverse habitats for people, plants, and wildlife that embody sustainable management practices in order to engage gardeners and the public with their greater ecosystem.

Meredith McClintock is majoring in Communication with a minor in Museum Studies. Currently, she is vice president of the ASUCD Chicken Rescue and works at the UC Davis Craft Center as a student manager. After completing her bachelor's degree she plans to go to graduate school and continue her work in the non-profit sector.

Carol Lee Coss Memorial Scholarship

Riju Narang is a fourth year student double majoring in Design and Managerial Economics. Throughout her time as an undergraduate she has remained involved in the design community by actively participating in various student organizations. She was previously on the board for the Design Careers Club and has mentored peers as part of Design Interactive. She aspires to be a UI/UX designer, and this past summer she interned for Verizon, where she had the opportunity to gain real-world experience in the industry. She plans to continue mentoring other design students throughout this year.

Blanche L. Price Scholarship

Leila Adatto is double majoring in Design and Psychology. She aspires to pursue a career in sustainable design, designing interior spaces in a way that minimizes the impact on the environment and maximizes sustainable practices. Leila's role as president of Nazun (aka Challah for Hunger), a campus organization supporting charities that fight hunger and food insecurity, helped shape her desire to give back to the community and make a positive impact in the world.

University Farm Circle Next Chapter Scholarships

Ezren Aldas graduated from the DaVinci Charter Academy in Davis and plans to major in computer science.

George Berdovskiy graduated from Davis Senior High School and plans to major in computer science.

Last chance to sign up in-person for Interest Sections

Please look for the table at today's event where you can sign up for Interest Sections. UFC currently has over 80 active Interest Sections. If you want more information, or if you wish to start a new group, please contact Kathy Tyzzer (KTyzzer@gmail.com) or Mary Darlington (MaryDarlington@comcast.net) Note: A list of open sections and contact information will be published in your monthly newsletter, and on the UFC website, www.ufcdavis.org.

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- Friendship: Welcomes newcomers to the campus and community.
- Enrichment: Provides programs and activities to meet the needs and interests of its members.
- Scholarships: Assists students through scholarships.