

UFC hosts scholarship reception at Buehler Alumni Center

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On Thursday, Oct. 27, UFC met at the Buehler Alumni Center to celebrate this year's scholarship recipients. Pat Stromberg, UFC President, welcomed attendees and introduced Sheri Atkinson, associate vice-chancellor of students affairs at UC Davis.

Atkinson spoke about the services provided by their division, comparing them to the care and services provided to the students beginning in 1911 by Kate Fizell, a founder of the Farm Circle and "dorm mom." Sheri recognized the scholarship recipients' role in carrying on the tradition of caring for others as they pursue their careers.

The scholarship recipients were introduced by Janet Collins and Darleen Coppersmith. Many of the recipients were unable to attend either because of midterm exams or because they are currently pursuing their studies abroad.

The Marion Freeborn Undergraduate Scholarships were awarded to Noor Bader, a major in computers science, a leader in providing resources to those in need among students, who aspires to help bridge the gap between distance learning and in-person learning; Segen Berhane, a community and regional development major with a minor in political science, who plans to pursue a law degree, ultimately to provide legal support to her community; Sonia Cherkaoui Jaouad, a major in human biology, volunteering and working in addition to her studies to pursue a career as a physician; Kerah Nicole Hunter, a major in communication and African-American and African studies who plans to pursue her dream in commercial production, ensuring every space she works in is diverse, equitable and inclusive; and Maeve Parasol, a major in international relations and history who plans to pursue a graduate degree in political science and become a professor to help educate others. She is currently continuing her studies in Berlin.

The Kate Fizell Founder's Scholarships went to Mary Rose, a psychology major with a political science minor, who plans to pursue a master's degree in social work to have a positive impact on the lives of others, especially children, inspired by her time working in the Neurocognitive Development Lab at UC Davis; and Persabel Tecele, majoring in community and regional development with a minor in communications, having done undergraduate research with the Political Violence Lab, and who plans to pursue a law degree in hopes of making lasting change in underrepresented communities.

The Marion Freeborn Re-entry Scholarships were awarded to Marika J. Brown, a fourth year re-entry student to UC Davis with 10 years of work experience in environmental horticulture and organic agriculture, majoring in landscape architecture and aiming to create beautiful biodiverse habitats that embody sustainable management practices and engage gardeners and the public with their greater ecosystem; and Meredith McClintock, a major in communication with a minor in museum studies, vice president of the ASUCD Chicken Rescue

as well as working at the UC Davis Craft Center as a student manager, she plans to go to graduate school to continue work in the nonprofit sector.

The Carol Lee Coss Memorial Scholarship went to Riju Narang, with a double-major in design and managerial economics, she has served on the board of the Design Careers Club and has mentored peers as part of Design Interactive and aspires to be a UI/UX designer.

The Blanche L. Price Scholarship was awarded to Leila Adatto, a double-major in design and psychology, who aspires to a career in sustainable design. She has served as president of Nazun (Challah for Hunger), a campus organization that supports charities fighting hunger and food insecurity, which has helped inspire her to give back to the community and have a positive impact on the world.

The University Farm Circle Next Chapter Scholarships, a new scholarship for UFC awarded to incoming freshmen at UCD from Yolo County High Schools, were awarded to Ezren Aldas, a graduate of Da Vinci Charter Academy in Davis, who plans to major in computer science; and George Berdovskiy, a graduate of Davis Senior High School who also plans to major in computer science.

