



UCDAVIS

Commencement
Spring 2026



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Spring Commencement

COLLEGES OF

AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

ENGINEERING

LETTERS AND SCIENCE

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

**GOLDEN 1 CENTER
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026 • 9:00 AM AND 2:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 • 9:00 AM AND 2:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 • 9:00 AM

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, March No. 1

STAGE PARTY AND FACULTY

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Friday, June 13 9:00 AM

Friday, June 13 2:30 PM and Sunday, June 14 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 14 at 9:00 AM

Saturday, June 14 at 2:30 PM

Performed by

LIAM YAO '26

CARLY COOPER

HELENA BIRBROWER

REILLY TRAINOR '26

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Friday, June 12 and Sunday, June 14

KATHERYN RUSS

CHAIR, ACADEMIC SENATE,
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

Saturday, June 13

DAN POTTER

VICE CHAIR, ACADEMIC SENATE,
COMMENCEMENT MARSHAL

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

GARY S. MAY

CHANCELLOR

KEYNOTE VIDEO ADDRESS

TONY TYSON

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS
DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR

FACULTY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Friday, June 12 9:00 AM

JASON WHITE

PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Friday, June 12 2:30 PM

KATIE PETERSON

PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE

Saturday, June 13 9:00 AM

DAVID RIZZO

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Saturday, June 13 2:30 PM

ALDRIN GOMES

PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Sunday, June 14 9:00 AM

ZHI DING

PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Friday, June 12 9:00 AM
Friday, June 12 2:30 PM
Saturday, June 13 9:00 AM
Saturday, June 13 2:30 PM
Sunday, June 14 9:00 AM

ARACELI CHAVEZ RODRIGUEZ '26
YOUSSEF YASSIN '26
DIYANSHA MAGESH '26
ATMAJA PATIL '26
BRODY ANDREWS '26

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

GARY S. MAY
CHANCELLOR

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Graduates will be crossing the stage at this time

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelors of Science
Bachelor of Arts and Science

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

GARY S. MAY

CONCLUDING REMARKS

CAL AGGIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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.*



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 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.

ALICE ACCORSI

College of Biological Sciences

RALPH ALDREDGE

College of Engineering

DANA ALLEN

*Assistant Vice Chancellor
and Executive Director,
Cal Aggie Alumni Association*

JORDYN ALVIDREZ

College of Letters and Science

BRODY ANDREWS

Student Speaker

JOSEPH ARMENDAREZ

College of Letters and Science

ESTELLA ATEKWANA

*Dean, College of Letters
and Science*

SIMON ATKINSON

Vice Chancellor, Research

KEITH BAAR

College of Biological Sciences

GEORGE BAXTER

*Chief Innovation and Economic
Development Officer*

LAUREL BECKETT

School of Medicine

DIANE BECKLES

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

JASON BOND

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

KEN BURTIS

Professor Emeritus

STEPHEN CAVANAGH

Dean, School of Nursing

ARACELI CHAVEZ RODRIGUEZ

Student Speaker

SHIRLEY CHIANG

College of Letters and Science

RICH CORSI

Dean, College of Engineering

VICTORIA CROSS

College of Letters and Science

MARY CROUGHAN

*Provost and Executive
Vice Chancellor*

KELLI DAVIS

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

NATALIA DEEB-SOSSA

College of Letters and Science

JP DELPLANQUE

*Vice Provost and Dean,
Graduate Studies*

ZHI DING

*Faculty Speaker - Professor,
College of Engineering,
Department of Electrical and
Computer Engineering*

NATALIA DUONG

College of Letters and Science

SUE EBELER

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

KARL ENGELBACH

*Associate Chancellor, Office of
the Chancellor*

VALERIE EVINER

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

NANN FANGUE

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

KATHREEN FONTECHA

College of Letters and Science

GLEN FOX

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

ANNALIESE FRANZ

*L&S Associate Dean for
Undergraduate Education
and Student Success*

DAVID FURLOW

College of Biological Sciences

SUSAN GENTRY

College of Engineering

LACI GERHART

College of Biological Sciences

ALDRIN GOMES

*Faculty Speaker - Professor,
College of Biological Sciences,
Department of Neurobiology,
Physiology and Behavior Physiology
and Membrane Biology*

ANGELICA GUERCIO

College of Biological Sciences

AMANDA GUYER

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

NOAH GUYNN

*Associate Dean of Faculty,
College of Letters & Science*

CHRISTOPHER HARE

College of Letters and Science

RUSS HOVEY

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

ANU JOHL SINGH

*President, Cal Aggie Alumni
Association*

ANTOINE JOHNSON

College of Letters and Science

ANDREA JORDAN

College of Letters and Science

DANIEL KARP

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

PHILIP KASS

Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

KRISTIN KIESEL

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

RICHARD KIM

College of Letters and Science

KATE LASKOWSKI

College of Biological Sciences

TINA LEAHY

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

MALISA LEE

*Vice Provost, Enrollment
Management*

JOHAN LEVEAU

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

JONATHAN LONDON

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

GERARDO MACKENZIE

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

DIYANSHA MAGESH

Student Speaker

MIRIAM MARKUM

College of Biological Sciences

PAUL MARTIN

College of Engineering

JOHN MARX

*Vice Provost Academic
Programming at Aggie Square*

GARY MAY

Chancellor

CHARLES MELTON

UC Alumni Regent - designate

MICHAEL MIENALTOWSKI

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

ELIZABETH MILLER *Executive
Associate Dean, College of
Letters and Science*

BETTINA NGWENO

College of Letters and Science

AMY NICHOLS

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

CHRISTOPHER NITTA

College of Engineering

ATMAJA PATIL

Student Speaker

KATIE PETERSON

*Faculty Speaker - Professor,
College of Letters and Science,
Department of English*

JOEL PORQUET-LUPINE

College of Engineering

DAN POTTER

*Commencement Marshall,
Vice Chair, Academic Senate*

PABLO REGUERIN

Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

DAVID RIZZO

*Faculty Speaker - Professor,
Department Chair - College of
Agricultural and Environmental
Sciences, Department of Plant
Pathology*

PAMELA RONALD

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

KATHERYN RUSS

Chair, Academic Senate

STEVEN SCHMIDT

College of Letters and Science

ANTONIO SERAPIO-PALACIOS

College of Biological Sciences

MELINA SHADI

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

SHU SHEN

College of Letters and Science

CLARE SHINNERL

*Vice Chancellor, Finance,
Operations and Administration*

ASHLEY STOKES

*Dean, College of Agricultural
and Environmental Sciences*

MATTHEW STRATTON

College of Letters and Science

MICHAEL SWEENEY

*Vice Chancellor,
Chief Campus Counsel*

DANIEL TANCREDI

School of Medicine

KATHRYN TEIXEIRA

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

DEBORAH THOMPSON AUSTIN

*Vice President,
Cal Aggie Alumni Association*

ANNE TODGHAM

*College of Agriculture
and Environmental Science*

DANA TOPOUSIS

*Chief Marketing and
Communications Officer*

CASSANDRA TUCKER

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

RENETTA TULL

*Vice Chancellor,
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*

MARTIN USREY

College of Biological Sciences

MARK VERBITSKY

College of Letters and Science

MARJORIE VISSER

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

ANDREW WALDRON

College of Letters and Science

LUXIN WANG

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

JIAHUI WEI

College of Letters and Science

JENNIFER WEIL

School of Medicine

JASON WHITE

*Faculty Speaker - Professor of
Teaching & Vice Chair, College
of Engineering, Department of
Chemical Engineering*

RICH WHITTLE

College of Engineering

MARK WINEY

*Dean, College of Biological
Sciences*

YOUSSEF YASSIN

Student Speaker

LAUREN YOUNG

College of Letters and Science

JINGYUAN ZHAO

Institute of Transportation Studies

ZHIBIN ZHOU

School of Medicine

HUAIJUN ZHOU

*College of Agriculture and
Environmental Science*

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 University Scepter is displayed prominently during the ceremony. The chair of the Academic Senate serves as the UC Davis Commencement Marshal.

The University Scepter

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 a day you will never forget. No matter where your journey began, or the twists and turns along the way, you made it! Today is your moment to celebrate with friends, classmates and loved ones as we honor this wonderful milestone and look forward to the bright futures ahead of you.

You are well prepared for your next chapter. A degree from UC Davis is recognized nationally as one of the most valuable for social mobility and success. No matter your next move, you are the leaders and visionaries who will shape the future.

I applaud you for contributing to our mission and community. You participated in groundbreaking research, mentored others to pursue their dreams and served the community around us.

You arrived at UC Davis with big dreams and achieved even bigger goals. And along the way, you outgrew the expected.

With your drive and Aggie education, you are empowered to create opportunities for people around you, lift voices, and build a healthier planet for future generations.

Remember that you will always be an Aggie. You'll find members of the UC Davis family in every corner of the world, and I encourage you to stay connected as alumni and return to campus often.

Congratulations once again, and grow forth. Show there are no limits to what Aggies can achieve!

Best regards,



Gary S. May
Chancellor

Message from Chancellor May

"Always 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 Graduate,

Congratulations on earning your degree! It is truly an honor to celebrate this milestone with you as you complete your undergraduate journey, marking the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and personal growth. This is such a special and well-deserved moment, and I am pleased to share it with you, your loved ones, friends, faculty, and the entire campus.

As a UC Davis graduate, you have met the high standards and rigorous requirements of your major at one of the world's leading universities. During your time here, you have expanded your knowledge, strengthened your critical thinking skills, collaborated with others, and built relationships that can last a lifetime. While you have grown academically and personally during your time here, you have also contributed to the growth of those around you. Your curiosity, resilience, and engagement have made a difference in our community.

I wish you every success in the next chapter of your journey, whether you are beginning your career, pursuing advanced studies, or lending your knowledge and talents to public service. As a proud Aggie alumna myself, I know the education and experienced you have gained at UC Davis have prepared you to make meaningful contributions wherever your path leads.

As you move forward, I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater and return to campus often as a member of our alumni family. I hope to see you at Picnic Day for years to come! We look forward to celebrating your future accomplishments and continuing to be part of your lifelong journey.

Again, congratulations to you and all who supported you along the way.

Go Ags!

All the best,

Mary S. Croughan
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

Keynote Speaker • June 12–14



TONY TYSON

**University of California, Davis
Distinguished Research Professor**

Tony Tyson is an American physicist and astronomer, professor at University of California, Davis, and chief scientist at Vera C. Rubin Observatory.

Professor Tony Tyson joined the faculty at UC Davis in 2004.

His research is in experimental physics and cosmology, and includes development of new astronomical surveys, new detectors, astronomical instrumentation and analysis algorithms -- aimed at unraveling the nature of dark energy and dark matter. He has developed cameras and analysis techniques for imaging of the distant, younger universe.

In 2026, Tyson was named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2026.

Faculty Commencement Speakers 2026



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 9:00 AM

Jason White, Ph.D.

*Professor, Chemical Engineering
College of Engineering*



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 2:30 PM

Katie Peterson, Ph.D.

*Professor, English
College of Letters and Science*



SATURDAY, JUNE 13 9:00 AM

David Rizzo, Ph.D.

*Distinguished Professor, Plant Pathology
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences*



SATURDAY, JUNE 13 2:30 PM

Aldrin Gomes, Ph.D.

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 14 9:00 AM

Zhi Ding, Ph.D.

*Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Engineering*

To read more about the faculty speakers please view [here](#).

Student Commencement Speakers 2026



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 9:00 AM

Araceli Chavez Rodriguez

College of Letters and Science

Sociology and Chicano/a/x Studies



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 2:30 PM

Youssef Yassin

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Sustainable Environmental Design



SATURDAY, JUNE 13 9:00 AM

Diyansha Magesh

College of Letters and Science

Psychology, Theatre and Dance- Minor



SATURDAY, JUNE 13 2:30 PM

Atmaja Patil

College of Engineering

*Biological Systems Engineering, Certificate in
Entrepreneurship*



SUNDAY, JUNE 14 9:00 AM

Brody Andrews

College of Letters and Science

History, Cinema & Digital Media

To read more about the student speakers please view [here](#).

University

Undergraduate Student Awards

2026

UNIVERSITY MEDAL

Jason Pieck

College of Engineering

Mechanical 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

Landon Battin

College of Biological Sciences

Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior

The **V. Glenn Winslow Jr. Award** honors the graduating student outstanding in the areas of leadership, scholarship, integrity and service in the university community. This award was established in 1966 to memorialize the achievements of Veloyce Glenn Winslow Jr., who died while serving as vice president of the student body at UC Davis.

MARY JEANNE GILHOOLY AWARD

Siona Samanta

College of Biological Sciences

Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior

The **Mary Jeanne Gilhooly Award** honors the graduating student outstanding in the areas of leadership, scholarship, integrity and service in the university community. The award was established in 1942 to memorialize the achievements of Mary Jeanne Gilhooly, recognized as an "unofficial goodwill ambassador to every prospective Aggie."

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION AWARD

Trishla Mehta

College of Biological Sciences

Cell Biology

The **Social Justice and Inclusion Award** honors the graduating student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to social justice in the areas of leadership, scholarship and service. This award will honor a student who has served as a change agent and made a tangible impact on the university community promoting equity and inclusion.

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

Bianca Arteaga

College of Letters and Science
Sociology

Tabitha Cowell

College of Letters and Science
Applied Chemistry

Jennifer Lee

College of Biological Sciences
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Elizabeth Salmon

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

The **Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research**, also known as the **Dean Keith Simonton Prize** is given annually to a graduating seniors 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 2026 RECIPIENTS



Robert Grey and Kathleen Grey

To read more about Robert and Kathleen Grey please view [here](#).

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has helped shape California and the world in monumental ways for more than 100 years. Our collaborative faculty, students and staff are rooted in academic excellence, groundbreaking research and a steadfast commitment to finding solutions to the world's most pressing issues. With a focus on agriculture, the environment and human and social needs, our scientists continue to educate, discover and apply solutions that directly affect communities today while pioneering answers for issues we have yet to foresee or encounter.

Our mission is to promote agricultural, environmental and social advancements through research, teaching and public engagement to meet challenges and opportunities here in California and globally. The college is highly regarded both nationally and internationally in environmental and human and social sciences, and consistently ranked first in the nation in agriculture, plant and animal sciences, forestry and agricultural economics.

Across the college, undergraduate students pursue a broad array of majors in agriculture, environmental and human and social sciences, and faculty earn national and international recognition for teaching, research and outreach. We continue to remain dedicated to feeding our growing world, improving health, safeguarding our natural resources and serving communities.

Message From Dean Ashley M. Stokes



Congratulations, graduates!

We are thrilled to celebrate your efforts and incredible achievements. Your degree signifies your educational successes and preparation for greater opportunity and provides inspiration and true 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 deepened your interest in the richness of the world around you and that you have developed a profound understanding of your potential for creativity and real-world impact. Remember as you go forth into the world, that you will always belong at CA&ES and UC Davis.

Go Ags!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Stokes', followed by a long horizontal line.

Ashley M. Stokes Dean and Professor College of
Agricultural and Environmental Sciences



College of Biological Sciences

The UC Davis College of Biological Sciences is a hub of interdisciplinary life sciences research. Our faculty, researchers, and students explore fundamental questions about life at all levels—from molecules to ecosystems—to expand our understanding of the challenges and solutions of our 21st-century world.

With a strong emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning and a community that values curiosity, exploration, and growth, the college equips each student with a solid foundation in basic science, preparing them for a wide range of careers. Our graduates pursue careers in human and animal health, ecological conservation, environmental protection, food security, and many other fields.

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; Plant Biology, and Systems and Synthetic Biology. Undergraduate enrollment in the college has grown to more than 6,500 students.

Message From Dean Mark Winey



Dear graduates,

On behalf of the College of Biological Sciences, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the class of 2026 on your outstanding achievements. I wish each of you a bright and rewarding future!

Throughout your time at UC Davis, you have demonstrated the passion and curiosity that define a scientist—qualities that will continue to serve you well in 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—carry forward the Aggie values of service and justice.

But today, take a moment to celebrate with your families and loved ones. You deserve to take a bow and enjoy this incredible accomplishment.

Go forth and be great, Class of 2026!

A blue-tinted 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 committed to creating a sustainable world through socially responsible engineering, 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 vision emphasizes engineering for all and leaving no communities behind.

We like to say, "Once an Aggie Engineer, Always an Aggie Engineer." Our engineering alumni are engaged with the college, industry, research and academia in various ways that realize our mission. They work at a spectrum of Fortune 500 companies, engineering design firms, software firms, major government agencies, labs, universities and startup 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 reality through impactful programs dedicated to fostering startup 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,

On behalf of the College of Engineering, congratulations on your well-earned achievement: a degree from UC Davis that will take you far!

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. Our graduates are equipped with essential engineering principles and the creativity, curiosity and determination to address the world's most pressing problems. We are so proud of our community of student 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 help transform our society and planet for the better.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. 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 challenges.

At the College of Letters and Science, great teaching and intellectual exchange are our top priorities. As the largest and most comprehensive college at UC Davis, we not only provide the foundation for a truly unified and distinctive education, but we are committed to making that education accessible to all. Thirty-eight 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 2026, 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 handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Estella Atekwana". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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. Through it all, your support system of friends, family, and loved ones played an essential role in your success. 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 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 part of a global community of over 330,000 alumni. This network allows you to connect with fellow Aggies, build meaningful relationships, offer and receive support, and access career guidance, all while fueling that everlasting Aggie Pride. Your Alumni Association is here to help you make lifelong connections with Aggies everywhere!

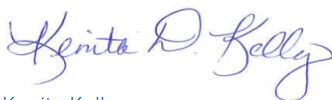
And to the parents, families, and friends who provided encouragement along the way, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you. Throughout this journey, they have been there to support and guide you, and we've heard how much your accomplishments mean to them. Although commencement represents the achievement of a goal, Aggie parents, families, and friends will always be welcomed 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 as always, Go Ags!



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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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