

Preserving Our Coast



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Five years ago the University of California, Davis answered the call to unite its breadth of expertise in marine science by establishing the Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute (CMSI). CMSI integrated research, teaching, and outreach programs on the main campus and the Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML), building a comprehensive community of natural and social scientists dedicated to sustaining coastal oceans in California and beyond. Today, we are writing to thank you for helping us make this our most successful year to date.

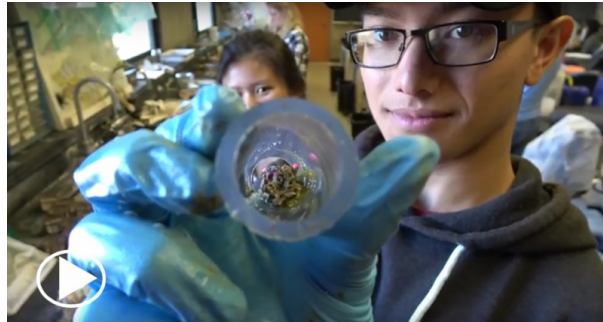
From its inception, CMSI has had an unwavering commitment to training the next generation of marine scientists, policymakers, and educators as our most important legacy. To that end, in less than 3 years, the first of its kind multidisciplinary, multi-college, Marine and Coastal Science (MCS) undergraduate major at UC Davis reached a milestone: there are now more than 100 students and enrollments continue to accelerate. In concert with the success of the MCS major, we are completing the establishment of a new Graduate Group in Marine Science that integrates the foundational disciplines of traditional marine science programs with training in policy, law, applied sciences, engineering and environmental problem solving.



Our commitment to interdisciplinary training is also embodied in two other major accomplishments this year. The first is our development of a Sustainable Marine Resources Initiative that integrates research, education, and outreach in aquaculture, wild-caught fisheries and marine conservation. This campus-wide initiative supports five new faculty positions, two of which are in partnership with California Sea Grant. Second, thanks to a \$2.99 million National Research Traineeship grant from the National Science Foundation, we are launching an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program: Sustainable Oceans, focusing on policy-driven ecosystem-based fisheries management.

Many of you attended the event in November of this year, where we dedicated the BML Lecture Hall to Professor and Director Emeritus Jim Clegg. Over the last two decades, Jim, with his singular belief in the power of experiential education, inspired hundreds of BML students. Jim and the BML faculty have established an undergraduate student fund to support students so they can leave the main campus to participate in research-based classes at a world-class marine laboratory, as so many of our undergraduate BML alumni have done since the 1960s.

For a first-hand look at the impact of the Bodega Marine Lab course experience on undergraduate students, please take a few minutes to watch this video.



Time and again, students' lives are forever changed as they join our BML community dedicated to innovation and discovery. We've made it our priority in 2018 to offer more of our undergraduates the kind of experience celebrated in the video, and to eventually provide every marine science student at UC Davis the resources they need to study and live at BML. As 2017 comes to an end, please consider a charitable gift directly to this effort or a broader gift to marine science at UC Davis.

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On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, we wish you a bountiful holiday season full of wonder.



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Thank You!