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UCSB Student Wins Riding Competition in Bordeaux

UCEAP student Leesan Kwok, who is studying in Bordeaux for the year, won the level 3 division of the hunter category at the Championnat Régionale of Gironde, a major horse show, on March 5, 2017. Competitors are judged on horse and rider presentation, showmanship, horsemanship, and position. Leesan, who has been riding for 15 years, found a barn near her home in Bordeaux that enabled her to continue riding much more affordably than in the U.S. Leesan said, “I’ve been learning most of my French lingo and vocab from hanging around the barn. Although I’m still not fluent, I have noticeably improved my understanding of the language through consistent exposure. Now I can take a full riding lesson of 1.5 hours in French!” Congratulations, Leesan!



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UCEAP hosted a fundraising event at the Goleta Pieology Pizzeria in February in support of UCEAP student Tiara Francisco, our [2016-17 Guardian Scholar](#). Many UCEAP staff attended with their families and friends, and together we surpassed our goal of \$2,500 for Tiara's scholarship! We have started our campaign for the 2017-18 UCEAP Guardian Scholar, who will be selected in April. Support former foster youth and [donate today!](#)



Share your story! The first 25 people who [submit their alumni story](#) will receive a UCEAP t-shirt! Your story of your time abroad with UCEAP may be featured on our blog and in a future newsletter! T-shirts are also available for purchase for \$20, which includes a \$10 donation to the [UCEAP Guardian Scholars Fund](#).



Sierra Schwellenbachm, a junior from UC Santa Barbara studying Computer Science, grew up playing basketball, and dreamed to one day play professionally. Her dream has now come true in England! Sierra is spending the academic year at the University of Manchester. She joined the University's basketball team shortly after arriving in the UK. She has since been recruited to play for the Manchester Mystics, a team in the Women's British Basketball League. The Mystics' games have been featured on BBC Sport, and the team won the WBBL Cup earlier this year! Sierra says, "I am so grateful for this experience. It has changed how I view the world and made me a more confident, aware person." Congratulations to Sierra and her teammates on their victory!

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