Bill and Olivia Allaway Scholarship: Support for UC Exchange Students

(Reciprocal exchange student Conor Osborne, second from the right. Inset: Front row: Olivia and Bill Allaway. Back row: Ben, Eve and Bill Allaway).

In 1995, Bill and Olivia Allaway wrote to UC president Richard Atkinson to announce their generous gift and plans for the creation of the Bill and Olivia Allaway Scholarship Fund. Starting with the 1996-97 year, the fund would generate scholarships of up to $3,000 for UCEAP Reciprocity (inbound) students. Amongst the first recipients were students from the University of Bordeaux, France; University of Bergen, Norway; University of Stirling, Scotland; and University of Sussex, England.

By the mid-90’s, what started in 1962 with a group of UC students attending the University of Bordeaux, had become the well-recognized UC systemwide exchange program. In his response to the Allaways, President Atkinson said, “Your work with the Education Abroad Program is widely acclaimed for having established unparalleled opportunities for UC students in both academic programs and international understanding. The new program you envision raises understanding and opportunities to a new and significant level.”

From that inaugural year through 2017-18, over 80 Reciprocity students have benefited from a full or partial Allaway Scholarship.
“Thank you so much for the opportunity to study at the University of California. This is quite a surreal experience for me, a few years ago I was working terrible bar jobs and had underwhelming life prospects, and now I am studying in Berkeley. I’m a Mathematics student and studying here, at one of the best universities in the world, is something I feel very lucky to be able to do. Thanks again for giving me this opportunity.” - Conor Osborne, University of Sussex, 2017-18 scholarship recipient.

Read more about the legacy of Bill and Olivia Allaway and learn about the UCEAP Memorial Scholarship funding student scholarships in their honor.

UCEAP Alumnus Justin Gallen Gives Back

(UCEAP Bologna students and staff visited the Tre Monti Winery)

"Situated in a beautiful small valley, among the rolling hills southwest of Bologna, Sergio Navacchia and his sons Vittorio and David produce wines that are among the most respected in Italy. UCEAP students studying abroad in Bologna were invited to visit Tre Monti winery by UCEAP alumnus Justin Gallen (Padova 1988-89), whose work in the wine import industry as owner of Rinascimento Wine Company introduced him to the Navacchias a number of years ago.

The students met Justin and were given a tour of the winery by Vittorio. He pointed out the various areas where grape varieties were grown, before moving on to the details of wine production after the grapes are collected. The evening was then capped off with dinner and a wine-tasting session of the vineyard’s select wines, some of which carry the name Thea, Vittorio and David’s now deceased mother who, according to Sergio, was the initiator of the winery and the secret behind its success.

Justin’s invitation was a perfect example for our students to see how a UCEAP experience had developed into a life of travel, cultural exchange, appreciation, and livelihood. We all found it inspiring and were more than happy to have had this opportunity, one that we hope to repeat in the future through the generosity of Justin and the Navacchia family."
- Pasquale Verdicchio, Director, Study Center Italy

Are you interested in giving back to UCEAP by sponsoring an educational opportunity for students? We would love to hear from you! Contact alumni@eap.ucop.edu for details.

Donors meet Guardian Scholar Tiara Francisco

(Guardian scholar Tiara Francisco at the Edinburgh Castle)

UCEAP staff and alumni donors had the opportunity to meet 2016-17 Guardian Scholar Tiara Francisco at a reception on Monday, February 26. Tiara received the first Guardian Scholarship, a $2,500 award specifically for former foster youth who study abroad. After spending the year abroad at the University of Edinburgh, Tiara graduated from UCSB with a degree in psychology. She is back in California, working with foster youth and applying for graduate programs in social work. We wish Tiara the best as she pursues her dream of becoming a social worker and influencing policy related to the foster care system.

If you would like to support future Guardian Scholars, please donate online or contact Stacey Lydon, Associate Director of Scholarships and Alumni Engagement, directly at 805-893-2832.

More From UCEAP

UCEAP is sad to share with you the news that Professor Emeritus Carlos García Barrón passed away last August, in Marbella, Spain. Dr. Barrón served as a UCEAP Study Center Director in Madrid, first in 1970-1972 and again in 1988-90 and was instrumental to the development of the Madrid Study Center. During his second term, he oversaw a Language Program at the Universidad Menendez Pelayo, and he initiated a program to encourage UC students to take more immersive courses at the Complutense University of Madrid, rather...
than classes taught by a consortium of US universities. Dr. Barrón worked closely with longtime UCEAP staff members Carmen Usobiaga and Consuelo Recio. Dr. Barrón joined the UCSB Department of Spanish and Portuguese in 1965 and served as Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese from 1980 to 1984. Following his retirement in the mid-1990s, he and his wife returned to Spain. Dr. Barrón is admired and remembered by all of us here at UCEAP and by many former students who remain deeply thankful for his hard work, enthusiasm, mentorship, and leadership. He will be missed.

Save the Date for a fundraiser in support of our UCEAP Guardian Scholars fund at Kyle's Kitchen on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 10:30 am- 9:00 pm at the Goleta Hollister location. To participate, bring a copy of the flyer or show it to a cashier on your phone. A portion of all sales for the day will be donated to UCEAP!

JUNE 2

Save the Date for our 50th anniversary of student exchange with Hebrew University and Israel. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at UCLA. Contact alumni@eap.ucop.edu for more details.

UCEAP has a powerful and expanding network of 100,000 alumni in every field and every corner of the world. Whether you want to take the next step in your career or simply catch up with old friends, you'll find many ways to reach out, link up, and join the conversation. We look forward to seeing you soon!