This quarterly newsletter provides community partners with updates on the staff, programs and initiatives supporting African American student growth and success at UC Davis.





Dr. Rahim Reed, Associate Executive Vice Chancellor for the Office of Campus Community Relations

## Cultivating community with Dr. Rahim Reed

Since 2001, Dr. Rahim Reed, the Associate Executive Vice Chancellor for the Office of Campus Community Relations (OCCR), has fostered a welcoming community for UC Davis students, staff and faculty alike. Dr. Reed is passionate about access to education. He worked for educational public policy at four major research universities before coming to UC Davis.

"Education is one of the most valuable resources we can provide for our society," said Dr. Reed. "I relish the fact that I work for an institution that encourages equitable educational opportunities for students from all walks of life."

Environmental Toxicology '17 Diablo Valley College San Ramon, California

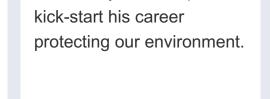
Meet Garrot McCune

Garrot had his eyes set on UC Davis for our environmental toxicology program from the start.

Since transferring, Garrot

has refined his professional research and presentation skills through a UC Davis Library course. This

summer, Garrot will investigate how chemicals impact aquatic organisms at his Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory internship and



institutions in the

number of

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sciences (<u>Top 100</u>

Minority Producers,

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UC Davis saw a

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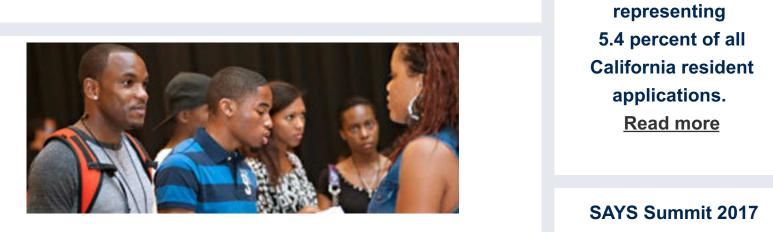
1 UC Davis is 1st among U.S. academic

The OCCR works diligently to make sure our UC Davis Principles of Community are lived out. Dr. Reed has had a hand in establishing programming that emboldens students' rights to express themselves but does so in a way that promotes civility, respect and safety.

Dr. Reed considers the establishment of the Campus Community Book Project to be one of his best professional accomplishments for that very reason. For fifteen consecutive years, the OCCR has selected a book that focuses on a controversial topic, which drives a year-long campuswide discussion. This community-building exercise allows students, and the campus community, to strike up dialogues with their peers and professors, develop perspectives of their own and listen to alternative viewpoints.

Dr. Reed also has helped implement one of the best diversity education programs in the nation. The UC Davis program equips members from every corner of the campus community with the cultural competency that they will need to successfully navigate such a diverse society.

"UC Davis is a mosaic of different cultures and values," said Dr. Reed. "This fosters an appreciation for the differences between community members and allows students to self-actualize to their fullest potential."



## Recap: Leadership and Career Development Forum brought to The ninth annual Sacramento you by the Division of Student Affairs and AT&T Area Youth Speaks (SAYS) Summit College Day is Friday,

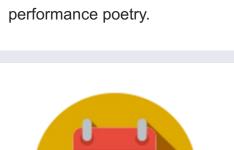
May 19, 8 AM–8 PM, at the On October 12, UC Davis students engaged with professionals and UC Davis ARC Pavilion. alumni at the Leadership and Career Development Forum hosted by UC SAYS empowers students to Davis Division of Student Affairs and AT&T. The keynote speaker was an become authors of their own alumnus and past president of ASUCD, Tiqula "Ty" Bledsoe (class of lives, and leaders in their 2002). While at UC Davis, Bledsoe received both the Chancellor's Award for Merit and the UC Davis Outstanding Senior Award for excellent schools and communities, through spoken-word academic achievement, contribution and leadership. Now the director of diversity and inclusion at AT&T, Bledsoe drives diversity segment strategy and implementation impacting African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino and Women's segments across the U.S.

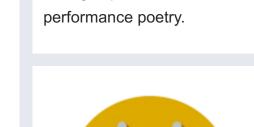
Students in attendance explored the changing image of corporate America, networked with individuals connected to internships and jobs, learned how to use their backgrounds and experiences to successfully land jobs and applied their values, skills and interests to identify meaningful careers.



April 14. Black Convocation Register (freshmen) May 19. <u>SAYS Summit</u> May 20. <u>Black Family Day</u> June 1. Deadline to submit



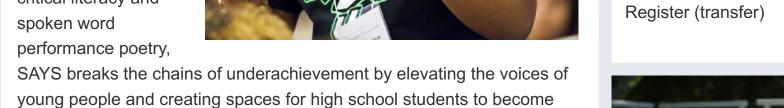








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young people and creating spaces for high school students to become authors of their own lives and agents of change. For more information visit the <u>SAYS website</u>.

## Girls in Robotics Leadership (GIRL)

Girls in Robotics Leadership (GIRL) gives young girls an introduction to math, computing and robotics through a fun and exciting curriculum. Middle school girls who will enter the seventh or eighth grades can apply to participate in the camp, which will take place on



the UC Davis campus. They will learn robotics basics, engineering principles and C/C++ programming while taking part in exciting lab visits and field trips. The camp focuses on confidence, teamwork, reasoning and problem-solving skills and works to change the misconception that girls cannot be scientists and engineers. Participants will leave with robotics kits to help them start computing and robotics clubs at their own schools. Applications are available in February.

coordinated event that honors black empowerment and the resilience, diversity and openness of black culture. Bring your family to enjoy the day's activities, which include speakers, entertainers, food

On May 20, UC Davis

Black Family Day, a student-

celebrates its 46th

and merchandise vendors and a children's fair.

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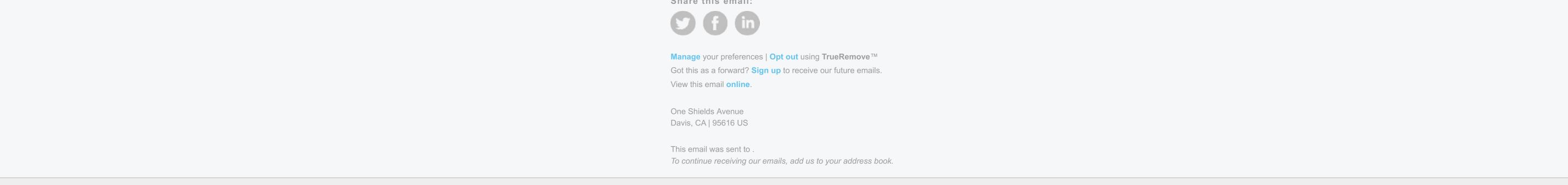
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