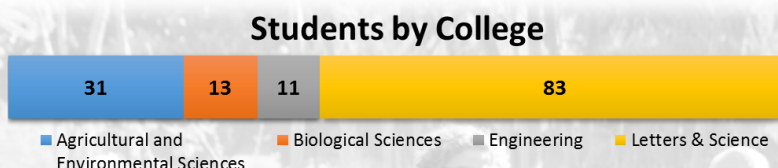
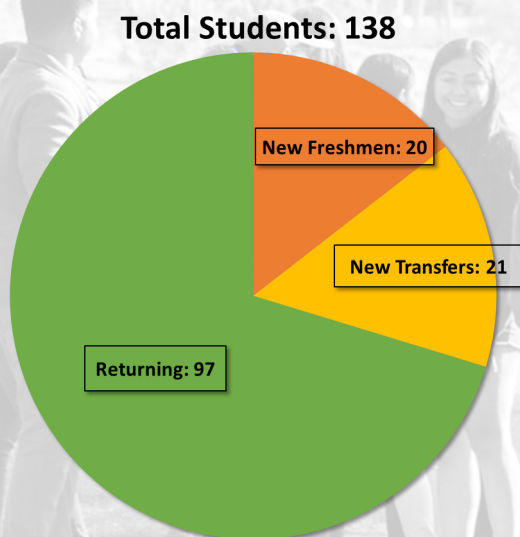


Mission Statement

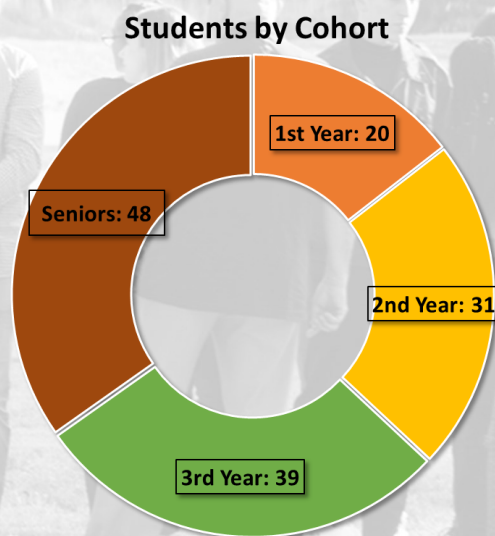
The UC Davis Guardian Scholars Program is committed to improving the educational outcomes for current and former foster youth by providing services and support to meet their needs through transition, graduation, and post-graduation planning. We strive to maximize educational opportunities and university experiences through our comprehensive programs and holistic advising to help students achieve their academic and personal goals.

Our Students



62
of students in foster care between 13-18

76
% of students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 0 or considered "independent" for Financial Aid



GSP Pillars



Transition & Orientation

Guardian Scholars Program supports students in their transition to the university by assisting them to navigate on-and off-campus resources, build essential skillsets, and successfully acclimate to a research university.



Graduation Pathway

Guardian Scholars Program aims to improve education outcomes by providing individualized mapping, guidance and holistic support as well as encouraging peer and campus engagement while students are pursuing their academic and personal goals.



Post-Graduation Planning

Guardian Scholars Program encourages students to plan beyond the degree so, in preparation, we offer opportunities for students to explore and become well equipped to pursue their interests in graduate school, professional school, or career.

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Our Academic Success



Key services: priority registration, Individual Success Planning appointments, campus resource referrals/collaborations, coaching, study sessions, school supplies access, book lending library

Community Engagement



- GSP planned **35** community events and activities offered with focus on academic success, community building, financial planning, self-care and personal support, post-graduation planning
- GSP planned **18** cohort events and activities offered with focus on graduation, goal setting, campus resources and engagement, and peer support

90% of students participated in one or more Community and/or Cohort events and activities

85% of students met with Program Coordinator for Individual Success Planning (ISP) appointments

"I love all the laughs and having a sense of community when I attend events."

"These events help me remind myself of my goals and gets me motivated to get back to work."

Standout events: Fall Welcome, Turning Over a New Leaf, Real Talk (Peer Support Group), Q&A with GSP Alums, The Last Souper

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Student Support/Grants

• Orientation fee assistance: 20 incoming freshmen and transfers	\$2,320
• Housing deposit assistances: 31 students	\$12,400
• "Degree Success" Summer Session Award: 11 students	\$10,250
• COVID Emergency Relief Funds: 17 students	\$6,650
• John Burton Advocates for Youth Book Fund: 20 students	\$4,000
• Ticket to Dream COVID Safeway e-gift cards: 28 students (\$150 each)	\$4,200
• UC Davis Guardian Scholar and Study Abroad Ann E. Pitzer Scholarship In International Education: 2 students	\$1500
• School supplies, swag, UC Davis Stores gift card (available for all students)	\$9,600
• Students assisted with laptops (donated by iFoster, Ticket to Dream): 16	

To provide the above support and other essential services to our students, we are grateful for the support and collaboration from the following organizations and foundations during the 2019-2020 year:



Campus Support and Partnership

22 Campus Partners and Liaisons

Meets quarterly for program updates, collaboration and to maximize resources and opportunities for students

45 Campus staff and faculty trained as Foster Youth Allies during 2019-2020 (76 total since February 2019)

Foster Youth Allies are trained to recognize unique challenges of former foster youth in higher education and learn trauma-informed approaches to support students

57 Mentors (staff, faculty, community volunteers)

Provide individual student mentorship for academic, personal, or post-graduation goals



Looking Ahead

Secure long-term funds for program and student support

Fund professional development opportunities for students

Increase alumni relations and engagement