**Save The Date!**

**Donor Recognition & College Celebration**

**Friday**

**OCTOBER 10**

3 – 5pm
Donor Recognition

5:30 – 8:30pm
College Celebration

Pavilion
UC Davis

More details to follow soon. We hope you will join us so that we may thank you in person!

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**ENDOWMENT PURPOSE**

The L. D. Davis Peach Professorship was established in 1993 by the California Cling Peach Advisory Board. The purpose of the Professorship is to provide a permanent source of funding for research that will enhance, accelerate and ensure the continuing development of new and improved canning peaches, processing peach, and peach-like varieties primarily adapted to the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys of California. Goals include using plant hybridization and genetic manipulation to provide the greatest varietal improvement, gain, and benefit to the California peach industry at the least cost and shortest time.

**RESEARCH**

My research focuses on the genetic improvement of processing peach. The support of this fund has helped primarily in my ability to maintain field facilities in light of ongoing University cutbacks.

**TEACHING**

I teach both graduate and undergraduate courses, but this fund is not used for student support.

**OUTREACH**

In 2013 I was engaged in over three dozen outreach activities which primarily involved presentations to growers or grower groups (conferences, etc.). Since the endowment is used primarily for research, they help develop new research data for grower presentations.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

While the funds are used primarily for field operations and research, the past several years have seen the development of mechanized strategies replace the previously very expensive hand-labor. As a result, we've been able to increase our research population sizes while reducing our costs.

**THANKS**

I wish to thank the California processing peach industry for this endowment and their continued research support. The research continuity made possible by these funds has allowed our program to leverage additional state and federal funds which have more than doubled initial industry funding.