The Impact of Philanthropy

Endowed chairs and professorships are distinctions awarded to faculty or Cooperative Extension specialists in recognition of past and potential contributions to the individual’s academic and research discipline. These endowments provide funding to support teaching, research and outreach responsibilities. They also give UC Davis greater impact as a world-class university.

With these positions, we are able to attract and retain the brightest teachers and researchers, who contribute to the scholarly activity and effective functioning of their academic units through teaching, seminars, or other intellectual pursuits that benefit students and external stakeholders.

These important faculty positions, like the Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professorship in Malting and Brewing Science, are made possible only by the generosity of donors who believe strongly in the need to support an area of study that will benefit society.

I hope you will save the date and join us at our Donor Recognition Event and 25th Annual College Celebration on Friday, October 11, 2013 so we may thank you in person.

Sincerely,
Mary Delany
Interim Dean

Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professorship in Malting and Brewing Science
Dr. Charles Bamforth
Professor
Food Science and Technology

RESEARCH
The Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professorship supports my research, which includes enzymes of malting barley and the foaming properties of beer. I’ve also been able to travel for research and outreach activities in the field of beer and brewing.

TEACHING
I teach three undergraduate classes:
FST3—Introduction to Beer and Brewing
FST102A—Malting and Brewing Science
FST102B—Practical Malting and Brewing
All classes are extremely interactive, leading to the capstone 102B class that, inter alia, involves students designing and brewing their own beers.

STUDENT TRAINING
All students were supported with chemicals and other support materials from the fund. One student’s research assistantship was supported - he works on foam negative materials in highly kilned malts.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND/OR DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES
The funds will continue to be spent in similar ways to previous years. Increasingly, however, they will be used to support my travel, first as Vice President, and later, President of the London-based Institute of Brewing and Distilling, the world’s premier brewing organization. These are very prestigious and high-profile positions in the industry.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY THIS FUND
1. Presentations on beer at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival in Washington, DC
2. Numerous presentations extolling beer and brewing to organizations such as Rotary, Alumni groups and scientific meetings
3. Support of the Anheuser-Busch Inbev brewery within the August A Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory

THANKS
I continue to be enormously grateful to Anheuser-Busch for their commitment to brewing at UC Davis through the auspices of this endowment. I believe that brewing has never been higher profile than it is right now at UC Davis. We publish more papers per capita than any other brewing lab in the world; we have the best small scale brewing facility and we generate many talented people ready for employment in the industry.

Thank you for your support.