Alexander and Elizabeth Swantz Endowed Specialist in Cooperative Extension

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RESEARCH
The funds from the Swantz endowment have helped me to increase the extent of my cooperative extension program. I was able to hire a part time outreach extension assistant who not only helped with program delivery but also helped to bring in new funding.

TEACHING
I have only a 20% instruction and research appointment that has nothing to do with my endowed chair, which is entirely CE based. However I do teach a course on field experimental design and data analysis for upper division undergraduates. I also mentor my own and several other graduate students through the Graduate Group in Ecology

ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY THIS FUND
Several sets of printed materials detailing the identities of aquatic invasive species and their impacts have been supported by the endowment. These have been in the form of watch cards and pamphlets. These funds have also helped produce printed guides for native alternatives to non-native aquatic plants used in horticulture in the form of posters and pamphlets.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND/OR DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES
I will use these funds similarly to the previous years.

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 Alexander and Elizabeth Swantz Endowed Specialist in Cooperative Extension, 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