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Carole Hom (she/her): All right, John, you're on.

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John Harada: Uh. I am uh John Harada, I'm. In the department of Plant Biology at Lucy Davis, and I am uh one of the coordinators for the UH. P. Gap program, along with Diane Beckham, who will produce herself.

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Diane Beckles: Um, hello! I'm Diane, and uh, along with John, as he mentioned. Um, we work together to coordinate the Pop Gap program. I'm: a professor in the Department of Plant Sciences, and now i'm going to turn it over to Harada.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Hi, everyone! I'm Gerarda Mackenzie. I'm. A associate, professor and Nutrition, and the leader of the nutrition biology program, and again with all the Fort Valley and Savannah State University. So

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: with that again we we would start sharing some information for the programs. Yeah. So

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: stay tuned.

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Carole Hom (she/her): So, Carol, can you start the uh slides, please.

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John Harada: Okay. So uh, we represent two different programs uh the plant agricultural biology, graduate admissions pathway.

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John Harada: Oh, can you go back a a slide Carol

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John Harada: and uh the nutrition uh graduate admissions program. So these are both programs funded by the University of California and the um bottom line for these programs are shown on the next slide, or at least part of it is shown.

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John Harada: Then we are very interested in having you come to uh any University of California campus, preferably, you see, Davis, but any University of California campus, and we will uh help you to get enrolled and to complete Phd.

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John Harada: In nutritional plant or agricultural biology, or really any area of biology.

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John Harada: So uh, we're doing this because uh, if you want to get a Phd.

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John Harada: Uh, then having a Phd. Is going to open up many different opportunities for. So there's lots of different careers uh that can come from having Phd. Not just becoming a professor,

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John Harada: but working in lots of different um,

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John Harada: such as industry, government,

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John Harada: or or scientific writing, or a number of

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John Harada: uh, but also uh recruiting students from Uh Hbc. Use helps the University of California.

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John Harada: Uh: So first of all, uh, we would like to increase the representation of African American students system. Uh, and one of The reasons for that is that we know that when we have a diverse groups of

individuals,

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John Harada: the diverse groups usually come up with more creative or effective solutions to problems than do homogeneous.

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John Harada: The other bottom line is shown on the next slide.

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John Harada: That is, if you decide to enter into our program.

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John Harada: Uh, then, then, as it alumni our program, then, uh, you will be that you can be admitted to any Phd program in uh any of the Uc campuses.

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John Harada: So let me back up a step so as an alumni in our program, and if you are admitted to a Phd program and any you see campus, then you will only see five years of stipend.

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John Harada: So the program helps you not only to get into a Phd program, but also helps to finance your Phd program. Uh, when you get

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John Harada: so what's the timeline for all of

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John Harada: both? This is shown next couple of slides. So uh our application deadline, which is pretty much a soft deadline, but we'd like to see if you can get your applications in is November tenth, and the application is not very owner. It's not very much to it. So first of all, you need a three point zero Gpa.

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John Harada: Uh there'll be a questionnaire that you need to fill out. Uh you need to have one letter of recommendation from a preferable press serving those you and then your statement of purpose.

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John Harada: Uh, we will work with a faculty at uh various Hdc campuses, and we will make selections as to which students will become part of the program.

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John Harada: And uh, on December sixteenth we will have these final decisions, and we will then, uh send the names of these people to

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John Harada: uh in January, uh, or thereabouts. You will begin uh communicating with your mentor. So when you get entered into the program we will work with you to assign you to a research mentor

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John Harada: That would usually be a professor, but it will also be graduate students or post-doctoral fellows in their lab,

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John Harada: and they're in the beginning of the month of January, and following into February, March, April, and may. Then you would begin having regular meetings with your mentor. So you will begin talking about search project that you undertake. Uh during the summer.

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John Harada: Uh, and you begin, maybe attending the lab meeting so that you can get a better feel for uh, the conceptual basis for the research that's going on in the lab.

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John Harada: Uh, we are keeping our fingers crossed, that in the spring. Uh, presumably during your spring breaks that will be able to bring you out to Uc. Davis, so that you can meet your mentors in person. You can see what campus is like you get you'll get to meet other students on campus,

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John Harada: and so that you have a much better feel for what your summer is going to be.

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John Harada: Next slide, Carol, please.

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John Harada: Uh, And then the summer program itself. So this is going to be an approximately eight week summer research program. Uh, from about the eighteenth of June to August ninth uh. The reason we start in August is because, uh, at Davis we are on the uh at the quarter system.

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John Harada: And so our academic spring quarter actually ends at the beginning of June. So even though you guys are out uh around beginning a, we go to June. So that's about the earliest that we can actually do in program.

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John Harada: But during the summer program you will actually be working in a laboratory, and and one of the the major

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John Harada: points of the program is for you to experience what life will be like as a graduate student.

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John Harada: So, uh having a a knowledge of what it's like to be a graduate student. What you do day to day what your interactions will be like uh the types of research that you're doing Uh, that's going to be invaluable helping to decide exactly which uh graduate programs that you want to like.

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John Harada: Uh during this summer program. You also actively participate in professional development programs that's run by Carol. Uh: this is really an invaluable part of the program as well, because this will help you to teach you how to become a scientist and how to become a graduate students.

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John Harada: So. Um! Most of us have uh undergone imposter syndrome, right? When we went to graduate student graduate school. So when we were graduate students

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we didn't feel like we belonged.

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John Harada: We thought we were impostures that really didn't belong.

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John Harada: And so, by taking these professional development courses that Carol offers, that will make you feel much more comfortable in your new environment, so you'll be able to better adapt to graduate school.

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John Harada: And then there will also be some fun things that we do like taking trips to local biotechnology companies. So you can see what it's like to work in industry as well.

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John Harada: Now we will end the summer program with a final research conference. There are a number of programs at Davis not only uh not get that, but other programs as well, and we all have our final research conference on uh, somewhere around August eighth or nine,

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John Harada: and what we'd like to do is to invite one of your family members to come to the Research Conference. We will provide partial funding for the trip and their accommodations.

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John Harada: But the idea there is uh, we would like to eventually to end up at Uc. Davis or some University of California campus. Uh, and if you do, then we want to make sure your parents are comfortable with having you come in.

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John Harada: So that's a a big part of

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John Harada: now. After the summer program you will have a search poster that describes the work that you did during the summer, and so we will also invite you to attend a a National research conference. So many students often decide to attend Abercam or Softness or Ern. It

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John Harada: those conferences, or any that you would like. But we will uh pay uh most of your cost to attend a research on.

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John Harada: And then the big thing again. Want to help you get into graduate school. So the big thing that we will do is also help you to prepare your graduate school applications,

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John Harada: Carol, or actually work with you during summer programs to help you start thinking about your Cvs, your statements and purpose. But we will also work with you at the time that your um

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John Harada: um putting together your applications uh to help you do the applications and provide letters of recommendation. So we really would like to have you come to a you see predicting. You see, Davis. Uh, and we would like to see you get into a Phd program so that you can

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John Harada: get your Phd and move on to things that are bigger and better.

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John Harada: Okay, I think that covers what I wanted to talk about. I'm going to turn it over to Gerard.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Thank you, John. So again, just to iterate as who can apply for the program again. If you're a junior, your senior. Okay, First your masters. Yes, and you're interested in nutrition or plant sciences. Yes, plant agriculture, biology

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Again, you don't need to be studying this. You could be Health science. You can be plant science. You can be biochemistry, biology. You have, an

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: we all switch fields. We all change things. Yeah, we all redirect our lives, our career. So I think it's that that's fine. Yeah, if you have an interest in these fields, Yeah, we want you to to apply and explore What are the opportunities for it?

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So in the next slide.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So again, what is the the gap program? Really, Again, for the these two months

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: the idea is being here on campus, living here and living as a graduate student, going to the lab. Yes, doing research for eight hours. Yeah. And then also attending professional development courses.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, exploring, discussing science with other graduate students in the lab or the postdocs with our, with your mentors Yeah.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Living on campus. So, just participating in with this professional developments, with with other programs meeting new friends. So I think that that's that's the benefit of, I think the idea.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: But what the program will we provide you with?

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, and also, as you mentioned here, you will also have a bike. Yeah, we will give you a bike and underlook for for the bikes. So But again,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: this is basically our our goal. Yeah. So we will. You will be covered for for these for these things.



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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So next slide,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, we we uh John mentioned about the professional development.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, this usually happens like every Friday every Wednesday. They're like, maybe twice a week, but but it will give you a a better understanding, and enhance your your lab skills, your writing scheme. Presentation skills you you will be, eh? I don't know,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: presenting the posters to to your family members to other peers or other lab members that you Maybe you have been discussing the science throughout the program. And then at the last day during the Suppose you is your chance to to shine and just present your what you have been working on to to the rest of the

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: of the cohort. So I think, like these, these things are are very valuable just for for careers for any career. Actually, yes, the writing skills and all the skills presentation skills are very, very important. Yeah. So I think this is a a great opportunity. As i'm. Here in the picture. You can see Jack on hold

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: from Savannah State who actually worked in in my lab. And now he's he's gonna present that our account this coming in November. So again, this is a It's a great opportunity to continue your your career development next slide.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So again, as I just mentioned, Yeah, you have the opportunity to present at a different national conferences. Yeah, these are some that we we suggest. But again, you can discuss this with your mentor, and where you would potentially be presenting you ever kind of cyn us, for example. Yeah, those are are are big

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: A a conferences to that you could potentially attend. So

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: next slide.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah, John mentioned about going to explore career options at different biotech. Here in Davis there are several like small startups or biotech companies that are developing or starting, and you'll have a chance, maybe, doing a like a field trip,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: and and and seeing and knowing what what it takes to develop like a startup? Or what is a career in an in industry look like? Or would I be a good fit for it or not, or why? What are the things different options that that are what it takes to really start like a like a company, You know

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: I I know nothing about it. So last year I can. I think that I learned a lot like going. Yeah, We went to a company that cultures chocolate like with A,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: instead of having chocolate, and maybe the the problems of of the cow plans all over the world. And with climate change and deforestation like they're trying to to culture chocolate from maybe cocoa stem cells. So again I I thought it was very, very interesting. So

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: again, it's interesting to to know about what what's happening in and at the industry level. So next slide,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah. And again. So, as a summary of the benefits,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: of course you you'll be covered with a round transportation, the round trick transportation to Davis, housing the

meals, and again, and getting you You'll be renting a bike and getting around town. So here in the picture you can see,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: like uh, all the scholars going to a bike, a bike ride. Yes, maybe to a some farmers market on Saturday, or around campus, from from the lab to the

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: to the professional development uh conference. So a bike, I think a bike is is a great way to get around Davis, as it's very, very easy. It's It's flat. Yeah. Usually it doesn't rain in the summer. It never rains. So I think it's it's a good way to to go around

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: next night.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So again you we will invite again family members to to attend the conferences, and for this coming year and again we expect, like five thousand one hundred as a stipend for for you to to come if you're selected.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah. As part of the of the summary and the the benefits for attending the the programs. So next time

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: So again, So again what? That? Maybe, Dian, can. You can continue now? Yeah. But again, as you can see here,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah, if you're attending. Yeah, these are two alumni of the Pop Gap and not gap programs that are currently second year students graduate students. So again, we are very proud of them, and it's it's very. It's very nice to see them. Yeah. Shine in in our program. So then you can take it from here.

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Diane Beckles: Okay, Um. So i'll say one last thing about this slide. Um. A A big concern for students is the cost of going to graduate

school,

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Diane Beckles: and and we really don't want you to have to worry about that. So a really big piece of the program is if you go through the summer um research. You know you show up. You do your posters. Um, You know you You present yourself as serious about going to grad school, and you're accepted into A. You see? Then um, we try as much as possible to take the worry of how much this will cost away from you,

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Diane Beckles: so how can you show the next slide, please.

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Diane Beckles: Thank you. So. Um. What I wanted to show here is um,

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Diane Beckles: I guess. Recognize the fact that you guys are at an Hbc. You and the composition of of your leadership and teachers may be very different to to what it is here at Uc. Davis, or we're a really big school. Um and um, there may be times, you know. We living in Davis may not be the same as live in, you know, in Fort Valley, for instance. But but we want you to be very much aware of the fact that

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Diane Beckles: um key positions of leadership at Uc. Davis, and you see, are held by African American people that that may look like you, or like other people at your school. And and this is really important, because John mentioned that one of our goals is to diversify to have more African American graduate students here. Um! And this is a commitment that's not just made at the student level, but at all levels of leadership. So um President Drake, I mean this.

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Diane Beckles: He is the president of all of the Ucs. Davis Merced, or, you know, Irvine uh San Francisco. It's It's a job of of great responsibility, and it's.

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Diane Beckles: I think it says a lot that that that person is African American or Chancellor is Gary, May We've got um renata tall. She's um of Vice Chancellor and the dean of my college and Herado's College. It's the biggest um college on Campus um Helene and our recently we've

hired a Stella. So

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Diane Beckles: um, just to let you know that that this commitment to diversification um of or um faculty and staff and students. Is it just permeates throughout all the uses?

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Diane Beckles: and um, we do have some services to cater to um, you know, Uh African Americans. And and these services, and these um organizations and and rooms and spaces and activities are pretty much um, you know, based on what students have said over the years they would like. So one of the nice things about coming to you see, Davis, is that you'll meet people from all over the world, people from various cultures,

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Diane Beckles: different languages. And that's really exciting. But there may be times when you want to reconnect to your own culture. I just want you to know that there are places on campus and people on campus and activities here that would allow you to do that.

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Diane Beckles: The van uh that important Dr. For, and I should probably single her out. So if you come to grad school here um, you should be comforted in knowing that that we have a really close relationship with her. She's sort of the graduate Diversity Officer. And what's really wonderful is that she did both her Phd. And also as a faculty member at Um Pusigie University and Fort Valley. So she has a really good understanding of. You know the the sort of schools that you come from,

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Diane Beckles: and and she can really help us and you to sort of make that transition, or to bridge the gap

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Diane Beckles: uh next slide, please.

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Diane Beckles: Yeah. So I was talking about some of the um activities we have on campus and groups, and this is just to give you a flavor. Um, of what we have here. It it probably doesn't compare to what you have at your university, but I just didn't want you to think that we were some sort of a

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Diane Beckles: total cultural desert. Um. And because the gap programs have been successful, we do have alumni from your schools. Uh, maybe not found you just yet, but you know who are here, and who can help you? Um! To make that transition next slide, please,

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Diane Beckles: right? And um, i'm going to assume that Most of you are aware of manners. Um, because they're so active on so many campuses, especially in Hbc. We have a manners.

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Diane Beckles: Um uh the organization here. We're actually holding the regional um cluster at Davis in November for students. Um, you know, the student leadership is very active, very good. Um! And they even were recognized for their

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Diane Beckles: um efforts. Um from the Uc. System, not just Uc. Davis, but you know they they stood out amount all these. So I think. Is there another slide?

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Let's see.

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Diane Beckles: Uh, yes. So now we're gonna switch from talking about um culture and and to research. So the Plan Agricultural Biology graduate admissions program. Um! I cannot reiterate or cannot iterate enough.

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Diane Beckles: You do not have to have an abiding love of plants to participate in Pad Gap, I think

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Diane Beckles: mit Ctl. And research. Curiosity is is what we would want. Um. But at Uc. Davis we probably have the largest collection of our researchers who are interested in some aspect of of plant biology or plant sciences, one hundred and fifty

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Diane Beckles: erez agmoni. So um the people who study plant development um who study plant adaptation to climate change to You know how they respond to abiotic and biotic stress. One hundred and fifty

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Diane Beckles: um. And and we study plants that all scales from the molecular to the whole plant. Um, even to ecosystems. And there is like just a rich diversity of of questions and labs. And

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Diane Beckles: really, um, you know faculty who are willing to collaborate so

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Diane Beckles: any interest in plants that you have. I think you can. You can have that met here at Uc. Davis, And even if you're not interested in plants, and you're curious, then just know that you have this really deep well of of knowledge and faculty who are always willing to collaborate.

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Diane Beckles: So I think now we're gonna pass the baton on to Yes, Colorado.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah. So again, So similarly to what just I had mentioned. Yes, in nutrition, also the nutrition, Davis and Nutrition biology, the graduate program is, It's a fantastic way of

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: way, Edward, to research things. And here the

faculty and different investigators and research about diet, nutrition, health.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, God microbiome. The effect on cardiovascular health

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: on intestinal health, on on cancer, and whatever you would really like to study. Yeah, the the the of nutrients and development.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yes, and and human studies. Yeah. The effect of of maybe whole fruits, or in in cardiovascular or in skin care or neural development. So in animal models, so

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: whatever you would like. Yes, so I think research curiosity is a number. One thing that we are looking for so. But again here you can see, like a a nice vignette, I would say, of all keywords that are being studied here so, and it's also a study that I get a molecular level, a cellular level,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: yes, or at the animal level of the human level. So

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: whatever you would like to to study. Yeah, it's. I think it's a great opportunity to to explore, to have these two months to explore how it's to be a graduate student and explore the the research questions that are being asked, and maybe take that opportunity also to explore what others are doing. And maybe you would get interested in in other labs as well. So I think that that's

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: that. That's what another benefit of this it would be would be offered. I think so with that next slide.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Yeah. And finally, yeah, feel free to contact us.



These are the websites where you can find additional information on the programs, on on how to apply. Yes, they'll save a purpose. That letter of recommendation. Yeah, Remember to ask them in advance to your professors. Yeah, everyone is very busy. And then

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: uh here feel free to contact us here by email, Yeah, any of us, and we will try to direct you and answer the questions

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: in a quick way. Yes, but just feel free to answer it, to feel free to contact us with any questions related to to the program or to to other things. And with this again we we gonna have questions, if you have any at this time.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Oh, yeah,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: as I again, we are also happy that there are some. I look nice from the programs that are here with us. So if they want to share some of their experiences that that would be great at this time, so you can get a flavor, not of us. Yeah. But also, I think more importantly, of

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: of participants that have

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: being in your shoes before.

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Imani Muhammad: Can everyone hear me?

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Yes,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: yes, it is

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Imani Muhammad: Um. It was a great program Exactly.

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Imani Muhammad: I. My program is virtual, but I still think it gave a good example of the graduate school, if you like, in terms of

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Imani Muhammad: like, you know, working like learning how are like different professional development skills. Um, I think that you see, Davis, all those speakers will completely correct, and how it's a really huge

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Imani Muhammad: and the we definitely it makes a business a lot in terms of like It's It's easier because a lot of us I don't know anyone here from California so moving so far away.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Thank you.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Any additional comments or questions.

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FVSU Embryology Class: Hi! My name is Scott. I can you share a very good move from when you went out to

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Imani Muhammad: Yes, so i'm. I graduated from United States, so i'm originally from Georgia. So I all the way from Georgia to David it was completely different, because well,

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Imani Muhammad: I think anywhere you need um will be completely different. Then, Davis, you can see this. It's a little bubble. It's It's a very, very,

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Imani Muhammad: either works at the school or goes to the school, and

The graduate school is huge. They have a large

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Imani Muhammad: um, so it's. I think it's. It will be a big

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Imani Muhammad: it's such a huge,

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Imani Muhammad: so surprised, which is how sweet the drivers were like. They were stopping to let pedestrians go all this time, like everyone is just like really sweet, so I mean

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it's different. But

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Imani Muhammad: the whole city feels like one day

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awesome. Thank you.

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Bryshal Moore: Oh, can I go? All you want to, you know. Um! So I went to the Fort valley for my master's and plant bio technology. So I moved.

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Bryshal Moore: Probably maybe I should give a full introduction. So i'm a pap cal alumni. I did have a cap

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Bryshal Moore: thirty years ago. Um before the pandemic so I didn't do the in person all the in-person that they're telling you about about this in the campus first,

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Bryshal Moore: and on actually doing your in-person uh lab

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Bryshal Moore: rotation with my out some reviews. It um I was at port valley during the time doing my master's. I was a first year, master student.

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Bryshal Moore: Um:

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Bryshal Moore: Oh, yeah, I I really like this scary. So i'm at work Valley. I'm at Uc. Davis. Now, um, I actually moved from Port Valley at the time because I was still complete my masters when I came, and I had like a one week turnaround from uh completing that to moving out here.

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Bryshal Moore: So uh, yeah, different environment. Um, uh, originally from which is not too far away. It's like five hours away.

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Bryshal Moore: So Yeah, it's a pretty different environment. But I feel like It's great because it's still like pretty warm. And we also don't have real winters.

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Bryshal Moore: So yeah,

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Bryshal Moore: yeah, pretty great. I forgot what the question was:

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Carole Hom (she/her): What was your experience here

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Carole Hom (she/her): in the pe cap?

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Bryshal Moore: Um, my summary is, and pap Yeah, it was pretty good. So

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Bryshal Moore: very Um, There's a lot of focus on work life balance.

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Bryshal Moore: Um. And so I came. I was just growing in the lab and left along. I was given a

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Bryshal Moore: post that to

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Bryshal Moore: um. Leave me around the lab and help me with my theory. Experiments like, who was more hands down at first and like, backed off as I became more used to the lab, and like

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Bryshal Moore: how things were done. Because um, though I was doing a plant biotech masters, and I was in the plant Focused lab, like the type of research, is very different from what I was doing

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Bryshal Moore: while I was doing my masters. So it's like I did a lot of things I wasn't used to, and some equipment I've not used before.

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Bryshal Moore: Um, so yeah, I have. I had a lot of support, not just from the person that was like assigned to me also from other people in the layout. Really it help me out and show me around. The schedule is very manageable. Um, everyone's scheduled is going to be different, depending on which lab you're in if you do, to the summer program. So it's like

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Bryshal Moore: started at nine or ten, and we were usually done by around five

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Bryshal Moore: um towards um

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Bryshal Moore: and weekends. I didn't do weekends.

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Bryshal Moore: Um.

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Bryshal Moore: So yeah, I had a lot of free time was able to forward to see if you go, Davis, as well as travel the Sacramento and San Francisco, and, like Tahoe and Yosemite

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Bryshal Moore: all weekends. I did do some more work towards the end of my program. That was my personal choice, because I was very close to being done,

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Bryshal Moore: and I just really wanted to completely finish my entire experiment that I had.

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Bryshal Moore: So it was a good experience. I really got a chance to know around campus to ride the bikes which at first I was the apprehensive about it was like, Why are we getting bikes right around? This Seems weird like I don't want to. But no, it's very biking. Safe town. Um, actually a little far in my back. Now, up to uh two bikes. Now,

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Bryshal Moore: um! This very safe threat around biking here because there are a lot of bypass. So you don't have to constantly be on the road. People are used to bikers,

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Bryshal Moore: and they are pretty good about stopping for bikes.

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Bryshal Moore: So you're great. Oh, yes,

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Bryshal Moore: Also, I was able to finish my summer experiment

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Bryshal Moore: with the the lab I rotated in, and so they included me on the article that they published

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Bryshal Moore: the Uh. That was published like last year. So

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Bryshal Moore: that was pretty cool. Didn't I really just pick the artist she up from my summer program. The headline is So it's great.

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Bryshal Moore: Thank you.

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Carole Hom (she/her): Now do you want to chime in?

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Nnamdi Eneh: Hi! Hello!

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Nnamdi Eneh: Uh,

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fix this.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Hi, everyone. Um! My name is Nandi, and um I am in my final

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Nnamdi Eneh: semester um plan by it like in for Valley State University. I was part of the Cab Gap program last summer. Um!

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Nnamdi Eneh: It was. It was a good experience for me. I

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Nnamdi Eneh: I was part of the lab in. I was part of the to Nitin's lab and the Food Science lab, and it was pretty nice I I got. I was

linked up with. I was.

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Nnamdi Eneh: I was paired up with um with some a Phd candidate as well. I can't remember his name. I'm sorry you've been so. Um, but it was pretty nice. He helped he.

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Nnamdi Eneh: I think everybody. You see, there is a quite helpful not just my lab, though, because um I didn't meet a couple of other students from,

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Nnamdi Eneh: I think, from not Gap.

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Nnamdi Eneh: And yeah, they they had good. They had good experiences as well go. Um! My own personal experience was pretty nice. Um, I had problems with the food at first, but I was able to find my way around just because Um,

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Nnamdi Eneh: yeah, I am. I am. I am used to this out the the food from the south. So um!

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Nnamdi Eneh: That was one of my biggest pro um problems, so that wasn't a big deal at first. So um moving on my lab was um pretty good.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Sit again.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Um. The food. Okay, So

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Nnamdi Eneh: I I am very peaky, which is, which is very bad. It's a bad habits, actually. So. Um.

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Nnamdi Eneh: I I tried a few sports around Uc. Davis um, my bumper and um the food courts and other places. Well, um. I found just one place that had what I needed, which was my Burma. So it was. I. I think I went to like five times over.

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Nnamdi Eneh: The more it was my favorite spot. But yeah, food was um was necessary, although I do. Used to get to get food from from the con, from the dining um in school. Um:

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Nnamdi Eneh: yeah, I had time to to um. We see a few places. San Francisco. Um.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Uh where we done, I think,

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Nnamdi Eneh: Yeah, Yeah, I used to do. It was pretty nice. I I didn't enjoy my experience so.

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Nnamdi Eneh: And for the bike. Yes, it was a good experience. I I think it's way different from riding bikes down here, because it's me. Get it bike. But driving a bike down here in Georgia is different, because there's no there's no bike path, and most people Aren't

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Nnamdi Eneh: so used to, you know bikers, so it's quite difficult, but it's nice, though.

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Diane Beckles: Does anyone have any? Oh, sorry he's! He's looking at food. Anybody have any questions for for us, or for the Gap Alumni.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: What's everything clear?

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Diane Beckles: I I would bet that people still have questions, but they're not sure if

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FVSU Embryology Class: i'm here Sorry

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FVSU Embryology Class: um enrolled in Support Valley. Could it be a last semester for the deal um the summer after graduate? Or how does that work? Do you have to be enrolled into the forbound state? So to you

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: is so. Yeah, you have to be finishing. You can be finishing a senior year, I think, at least for the for the Nut Gap. So if you're finishing in in May, you you can still be part of the of the program

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: in in in that June to August. No, currently isn't that my understanding. Yes, so. And the idea is Again, we we would work with you like as as we move forward into into the fall towards the end, the the applications for for doctoral studies. But

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: yes, if you're a a senior now, and you're finishing in in May.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: You You're You're allowed to apply. Yes, it it it's fine with us. Yes, and I think we we had, seniors that we're finishing when we when we run the first cohorts of the studies of the program. So yeah,

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Jaequon Henderson: um, I also have a quick

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Jaequon Henderson: um. My question was, I saw on a paper that it was saying that it's junior seniors and master students. Um, I know in the summer I would be like a rising junior. So I just wanna make sure that i'm like think about that correctly, right that I could still do it.

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Carole Hom (she/her): Yes,

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Carole Hom (she/her): we've had a few um a a um um um um rising to do. Junior. Speak part of the program.

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Jaequon Henderson: Okay, perfect. Thank you.

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Imani Muhammad: I saw a question in the chat.

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Imani Muhammad: Um, and it was when you get back to it asked me about like

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Imani Muhammad: um,

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Imani Muhammad: and I know we were talking a lot about food, but I do when I say something a little bit about it, too. So i'm a vegetarian. Well, okay, put it like this. So

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Imani Muhammad: for me, coming to California, expanded what I can eat at restaurants because i'm a vegetarian. And so I think that your opinion on how the food is is very individual to what you already like to eat.

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Imani Muhammad: So if you like, look, if you boils,

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Imani Muhammad: there's not going to be very many options, you know, so it's a certain hands on what you like to eat. And so

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Imani Muhammad: yeah, like I and everything else on stuff. It's good.

But it's just It's it's it's a very individual situation.

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Imani Muhammad: Um, yes, yes, and so like. And I was excited. Everybody to be coming here because

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Imani Muhammad: you can. Really there is a we can it everything, everything in every single spot, and there's breast cancer specifically that are good, because the population of being able to change here is much larger, so the options are insane, and then Sacramento has to have options as well,

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Imani Muhammad: going back to the my favorite part of the program.

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Imani Muhammad: Um, Although

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Imani Muhammad: I was in virtual program, so I don't have like favorite aspects outside of necessarily academic ones. I think it's just being able

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Imani Muhammad: to develop a mentorship would be close to someone that was already where what it's be because my ideas of graduate school were very much just having these little short meetings or meeting different things on My, but I hadn't

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Imani Muhammad: met someone who really connected and worked with another graduate student to kind of be able to ask them. You know what is your Tuesday like in June, you know, like being able to really kind of just learn about what it takes as a graduate struggle, you know, just different ties. So

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Imani Muhammad: really being able to network and more of an informal way was what I really got you the most from the program, and I still communicate with this Mentor now like I mean because he still graduates, you know, he recently started, but, like

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Bryshal Moore: that, was beautiful in money,

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Bryshal Moore: awesome me, and like my, what was the question? What was the favorite part of program. I think my favorite part of the program is actually coming to Davis, because I already had a previous notion of what grass schools were like at different locations. I went to Aven for undergraduate

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Bryshal Moore: and um. Some idea of graduate school is very stressful, very competitive, very like cage and secretive. So you don't get group kind of type of a situation. Um. So actually coming today. This is saying it was like

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Bryshal Moore: pretty collaborative and open, and, like um the many different ways you could do science, and like their students, grad students and postdocs weren't completely stressed out this. They actually had, like socialize and

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Bryshal Moore: it stuff. Besides, research,

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Bryshal Moore: most fabulous, I learned, is the lab you join uh has a very large impact on your graduate school experience.

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Bryshal Moore: Um. So

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Bryshal Moore: while some people may not have a good experience at school because of their lab. Others may like love their school because they're lab um, so I like it. It's very important about Whit Lab. You join the culture of the lab. The personality of the Pi

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Bryshal Moore: uh is very important, and not just to research that you

do.

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Bryshal Moore: Also, it's nice to see. I never really I before. When I joined the program I wasn't really particularly interested in doing a Phd. I want to get my masters in it. I wanted to go to work

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Bryshal Moore: um, because I was tired of school and the learning the um after doing the program I was like, Yes, it didn't add, because

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Bryshal Moore: I have stressed, I get stressed, and I get inside you. So, coming here and seeing everyone was stressed out, I was like, Okay,

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Bryshal Moore: I will entertain the idea of doing his Phd.

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Bryshal Moore: And also like

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Bryshal Moore: um. A lot of people are doing better by for Maddox here, and there's something I was really interested in, and I realized this would be a great school to do fire to manage it Also part of the problematic slab. Now, even though I did a path gap um. My focus is not on plants at this point.

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Bryshal Moore: I'm: actually in the biochemistry molecular cellular developmental biology graduate group. But my focus is on Mediterranean.

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Bryshal Moore: Quite a bit of a change from your normal Tab gap type program. So you do do the perfect No happen to actually join the grad group that focuses on this.

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Bryshal Moore: So yeah,

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Bryshal Moore: lab culture is very important. And also I did make connections here like Professor, who I, whose lab I listening for the summer.

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Bryshal Moore: I still work pretty closely with her,

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Bryshal Moore: because I put her on my committees. I have a great relationship with the my post that showed me around not professional. Now we just hang out as phrase now. So

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Bryshal Moore: this

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Nandi, how about you?

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Nnamdi Eneh: Oh,

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Nnamdi Eneh: well, I learned um yeah. One of the things that I was really valuable was um

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Nnamdi Eneh: really was connecting with my colleagues in the last um, seeing what they were doing. And

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Nnamdi Eneh: yeah, learning from my Ti.

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Nnamdi Eneh: What I mean is,

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Nnamdi Eneh: my lab had a diverse group like it. We had people from,

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Nnamdi Eneh: you know, East Asia Um. As well definitely from Africa, and if you from you know Europe, or being able to be in the same lab and

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Nnamdi Eneh: see what they were doing and see how they interact

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Nnamdi Eneh: was Um was a lenny car for me.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Um! And it was one of my favorite parts.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Uh

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Nnamdi Eneh: secondly, I was able to.

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Nnamdi Eneh: Of course it's we because school. But um, it's. I think it will kinda open my eyes to see how labs actually function.

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Nnamdi Eneh: A difference in a different environment.

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Nnamdi Eneh: So yeah, um,

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Nnamdi Eneh: What else did I? What was my favorite?

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Nnamdi Eneh: I think also um the the um What's it called that usually goes on at the at the park weekends uh and going to the uh

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Nnamdi Eneh: from a smart Yes, yes, I enjoy going to pick up uh fresh roots, and basically it's it's one of my for right things to do. So aside from biking around. But yeah, those those are really

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Nnamdi Eneh: my favorite part of my program, though

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: nice. Thank you very much for sharing. Yeah,

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Nnamdi Eneh: Okay,

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Any Any any additional questions, final comments.

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: Okay, Okay. Remember, you can send us an email as contact us look into the web pages. Yes, if you have questions, feel free to contact. Yes, and those emails. And then

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: okay, we can go from there. Yeah. But I think it's

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Gerardo G Mackenzie: all. All the information is is available online, but feel free to contact us. If you have any questions about the program that the potential mentors, or what research or do I qualify, or you know, whatever, if it's free to just reach out, and then we will make the best to answer as quick as possible.

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Diane Beckles: Yeah, okay, everyone. Thanks very much for your time. Yeah,

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Diane Beckles: bye, bye, Thank you.