



CAL FUTURES

Legacy Giving for Lasting Impact

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New Seasons, New Changes

Every once in a while the Office of Gift Planning knows that “shaking the tree” ensures that our readers receive the most helpful gift planning content available. With the redesign of this newsletter, we are committed to enhancing self-education with richer subject matter for a more engaging learning experience. Our cover page articles and calendar will be specially tailored to fit interests based on life stage. Each issue will also include an educational piece to help expand your knowledge base as well as a student impact story that exemplifies how private philanthropy is a true catalyst for access and change. As we turn the soil on previous practices and cultivate this new learning environment, we send our heartfelt gratitude for your continued readership and support of our amazing university. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

There's more to Berkeley's 12th chancellor, **Rich Lyons**, than meets the eye! This accomplished leader and proud Cal alum boasts a fascinating range of talents and experiences.

A Teacher Extraordinaire: Lyons' passion for education has earned him the Haas School of Business's coveted Teacher of the Year (Cheit) award not once, but six times!

From Student to Chancellor: Lyons holds a unique distinction — he's the first Berkeley chancellor to have walked the halls of our campus as an undergraduate student.

Musical Maestro: When he's not leading our university, Lyons indulges his creative side as an accomplished musician. He even owns several musical copyrights! ■

Calendar

**10/18–10/20 Alumni
and Parents Weekend at
Homecoming**
homecoming.berkeley.edu

**12/21 Winter
Commencement -
Haas Pavilion**
commencement.berkeley.edu

**12/21 San Francisco Gay
Men's Chorus *Holiday
Spectacular!* - Zellerbach Hall**
gobears.me/3Xk7EJo

Hao Ko

Investing in a More Inclusive Future for Design

By Jonah Charney-Sirott



PHOTO COURTESY OF HAO KO

Hao Ko (B.A. Architecture, '94) credits his time at Berkeley with solidifying his belief in the power of design to enact positive change. Growing up in Davis, California, he was drawn to the public university system's commitment to accessibility and a wide range of perspectives. "From my first day at Berkeley," Hao recalls, "the diversity of my classmates, the commitment of the faculty, the legacy of social activism – it all made a profound impact on me."

Hao's career embodies a deep appreciation for community and social impact. As Gensler's global director of design based in its San Francisco office, he consistently seeks projects that benefit the broader community. From pro bono work for the city to designing a new museum for San Francisco's Chinatown, Hao leverages his architectural expertise to elevate

mathematical and physical sciences at UC Davis, dedicating his professional life to the institution. Inspired by his father's legacy, Hao, along with his wife, **Fay Wang**, have chosen to make a lasting impact through a gift in their estate plan, which supports Berkeley's College of Environmental Design (CED).

Their generous gift to Berkeley will establish a Visiting Professor of Practice in Design at CED. Recognizing the disparity between the communities architects serve and the demographics of the profession itself, Hao is committed to fostering a more inclusive and representative field.

"Architecture shapes the world we live in," Hao emphasizes. "To design for everyone, we need architects from all walks of life. By supporting a diverse faculty, we hope to inspire a new generation of architects who reflect the richness and diversity of our communities."

Dean Renee Chow of the College of Environmental Design believes this gift will be a catalyst for change at CED. She notes that "their thoughtfulness will ensure that future environmental design leaders have the opportunity to learn directly from the best social justice practitioners of our time. Hao's design excellence and service will truly serve as a model for our students. We are deeply grateful to Hao and Fay for their vision and generosity."

Hao and Fay exemplify the spirit of both giving back and paying it forward. Their commitment to UC Berkeley and UC Davis reflects a deep understanding of the universities' power to transform lives and create a more just and equitable world. This gift is a testament to their vision for a brighter future, one thoughtfully designed and accessible to all. ■

underrepresented voices and create spaces that foster a sense of pride and belonging. Whether working with prestigious corporate clients like Mercedes-Benz USA and Nvidia, where he prioritizes the needs of those using the buildings, or engaging in community-focused endeavors, Hao's work reflects his commitment to using design as a force for positive change.

His dedication to public education was deeply inspired by his father, Winston Ko. A renowned physicist, Winston served as dean of

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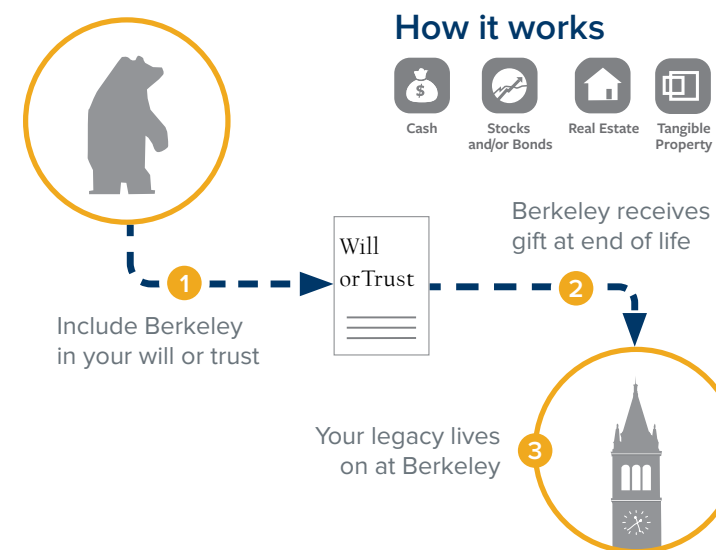
PLAN YOUR IMPACT How to Support Berkeley Through Your Living Trust or Will

Imagine making a lasting gift to Berkeley, one that reflects your passions and values, without reducing your current assets or affecting your cash flow. With a planned gift through your revocable (living) trust or will, you can do just that.

It's a simple but powerful way to create a legacy of support for the programs, faculty, or students who have touched your heart. Your gift can be structured as a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount, or even a piece of real estate. And, of course, you can ensure that gifts to your loved ones are made first before donating all or a portion of what is left in your estate to Berkeley.

The Office of Gift Planning is here to guide you every step of the way. We're happy to collaborate with you on gift language to include in your living trust or will to ensure that your wishes are expressed clearly and that Berkeley can fulfill them.

Once you've included Berkeley in your estate plans, we'd be honored to hear from you. We're eager to express our gratitude and recognize your remarkable commitment to Berkeley's future by inviting you to join the Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society. ■



Cal Fact Envelope Answer

In 2022-23, how many students were supported via privately funded scholarships and fellowships?

10,423 students

6,238 scholarship recipients

\$51.4M

4,185 fellowship recipients

\$42.7M



A shared commitment to Berkeley's future unites Chancellor Lyons and Wheeler Society member Carol Kavanagh Clarke '60 at the annual luncheon. PHOTO BY KEEGAN HOUSER

The Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society

On July 19, members of Berkeley's legacy society reunited on Lower Sproul Plaza for the 37th Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society Luncheon. This annual tradition honors and thanks those who have included Berkeley in their estate plans. We heard from many of you just how enjoyable this year's event was. From the timely lecture given by Jill Finlayson, managing director of the CITRIS Innovation Hub, to the Q&A with Chancellor Lyons, all was made even more special with the presence and vibrant participation of Wheeler Society members.

As **Carol Kavanagh Clarke '60** shared, "Planning my gift to Berkeley and joining the Benjamin Ide Wheeler Society is one of the best decisions I've made. We meet annually to enjoy an informative lecture, delicious food, and rich camaraderie. Plus, I know the money I set aside now for Berkeley's future will be well used and appreciated. It's a win-win!"

If you have supported Berkeley via a planned gift and are not yet a Wheeler member, please contact the Office of Gift Planning to join us for next year's luncheon.

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IMPACT Brilliance Beyond Borders: Carol Lee Price Fellowship Supports Global Thinkers

Carol Lee Price '70, an English alum and dancer, held a deep admiration for great thinkers. Now, her legacy is fostering the next generation of brilliant minds at UC Berkeley through a fellowship established in her honor.

After Price passed away in 2016, the trustees of her estate sought a way to honor her inquisitive spirit and impact the lives of students. They found the perfect avenue: establishing the Carol Lee Price Fellowship in Philosophy, following the success of the Weinstein Fellowship at Berkeley Law.



Luna Cheng, Anhui Huang, and Alai von Götz (left to right) are the inaugural recipients of the Carol Lee Price Fellowship in Philosophy.

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The philosophy fellowship provides crucial financial support, covering three years of out-of-state tuition for Ph.D. students from countries outside the United States and Canada. These costs can be prohibitive, often reaching tens of thousands of dollars and potentially preventing top international students from pursuing their academic dreams at UC Berkeley. To date, the fellowship has already supported three graduate students, with plans to fund three more.

"I have found the philosophical community at Berkeley to be collaborative and stimulating, and I'm very happy to be here," said Anhui Huang, one of the three fellows. "Berkeley has a relatively high cost of living, and I am grateful for the funding package that I received, which allowed me to focus on my learning and research without having to worry too much about my financial situation."

Alva Noë, Philosophy Department chair, further emphasized the fellowship's impact: "The Carol Lee Price Fellowship has been instrumental in attracting outstanding international applicants," she said. "This is a huge boon for us — we set our sights on supporting philosophy at the highest levels everywhere." ■

This newsletter offers only general gift planning information. We urge you to seek the advice of an attorney in developing your personal estate plan, as the Office of Gift Planning may not render tax or legal advice to friends and alumni of the university. If you would like more information concerning charitable giving as a component of estate planning, we would be happy to provide you with more specific ideas. © 2024 by The Regents of the University of California.

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