

University Honors



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Director's Message

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What a year! The phrase “virtual reality” took on a new meaning as the Covid-Sars2 pandemic that shut down almost all operations at the university beginning in March, 2020 persisted through the entire academic year and into summer 2021. Classes were wholly online and students, staff, and faculty needed to adjust to new realities that challenged everyone in a myriad of ways. In University Honors, we continued to engage our students by offering a broad range of courses and providing them with virtual opportunities to interact with their counselors, peers, and faculty fellows. Most impressively, our seniors were required to pivot and, in many cases reimagine, their faculty-mentored capstone projects to complete their University Honors requirements without compromising the quality of the honors experience. Remarkably, we are pleased to report that this academic year again concluded with a record number of graduates receiving their Honors cords in May.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Cardullo, PhD
Howard H Hays Jr., Chair and Faculty Director
Professor of Biology and Biophysics

About Honors

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MISSION STATEMENT

University Honors engages a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff in the creation of global citizens through high-impact experiences that emphasize original scholarship, contribution, creativity, and innovation.

VISION STATEMENT

University Honors will be nationally recognized as a model college that produces graduates who are highly sought for premier opportunities and who continue to develop as lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and future leaders.

PILLARS OF EXCELLENCE



**PROMOTING CREATIVITY
& INNOVATION**



**CULTIVATING A CULTURE
OF CONTRIBUTION**



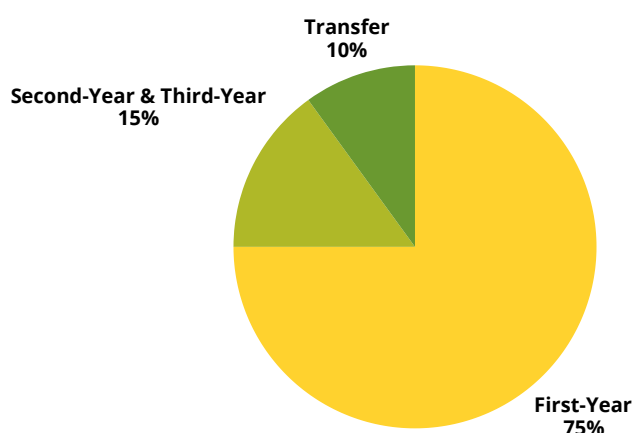
**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY &
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP**

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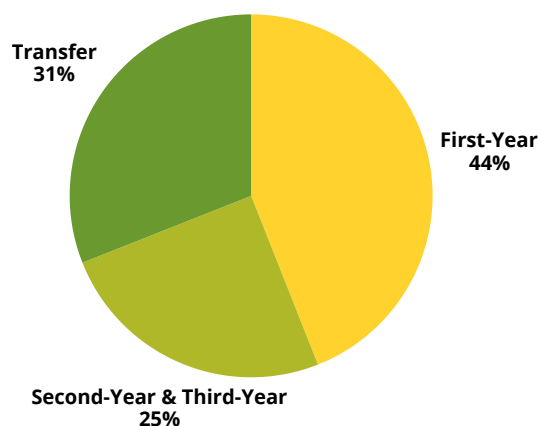
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Fall 2020 Admissions

Applicants



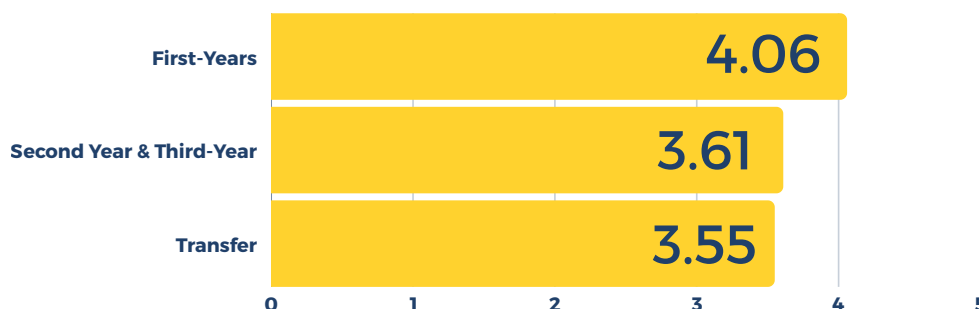
Admits



Statement of Intent to Register



Grade Point Average at Admission

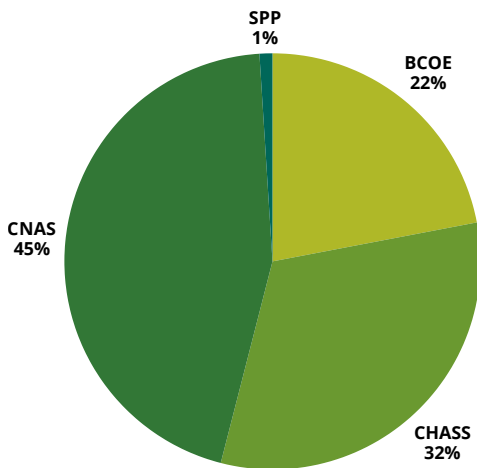


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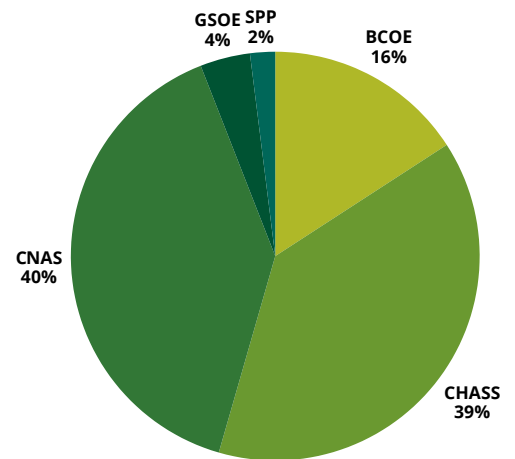
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College & School Distribution

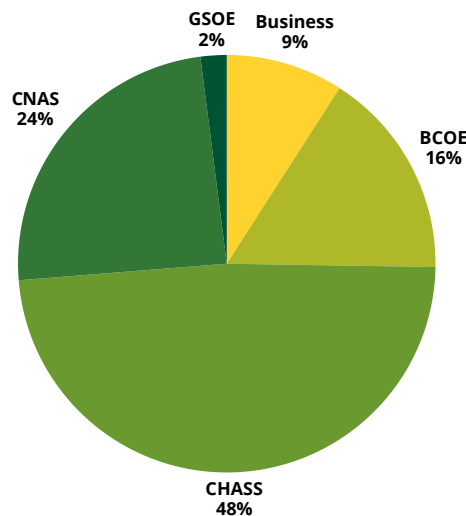
First-Year



Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Scholarships

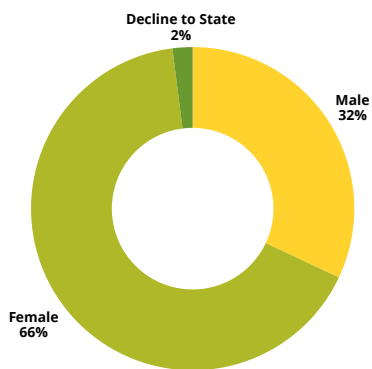
	Regent's Scholars	Chancellor's Scholars	Highlander Scholars
First-Years	5	8	0
Second-Year & Third-Year	0	2	0

Statistics

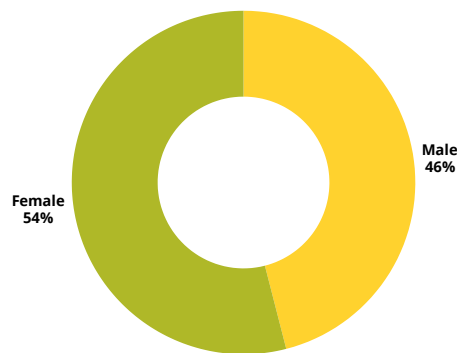
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Gender

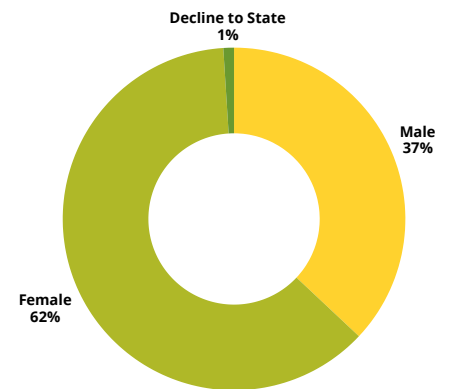
First-Year



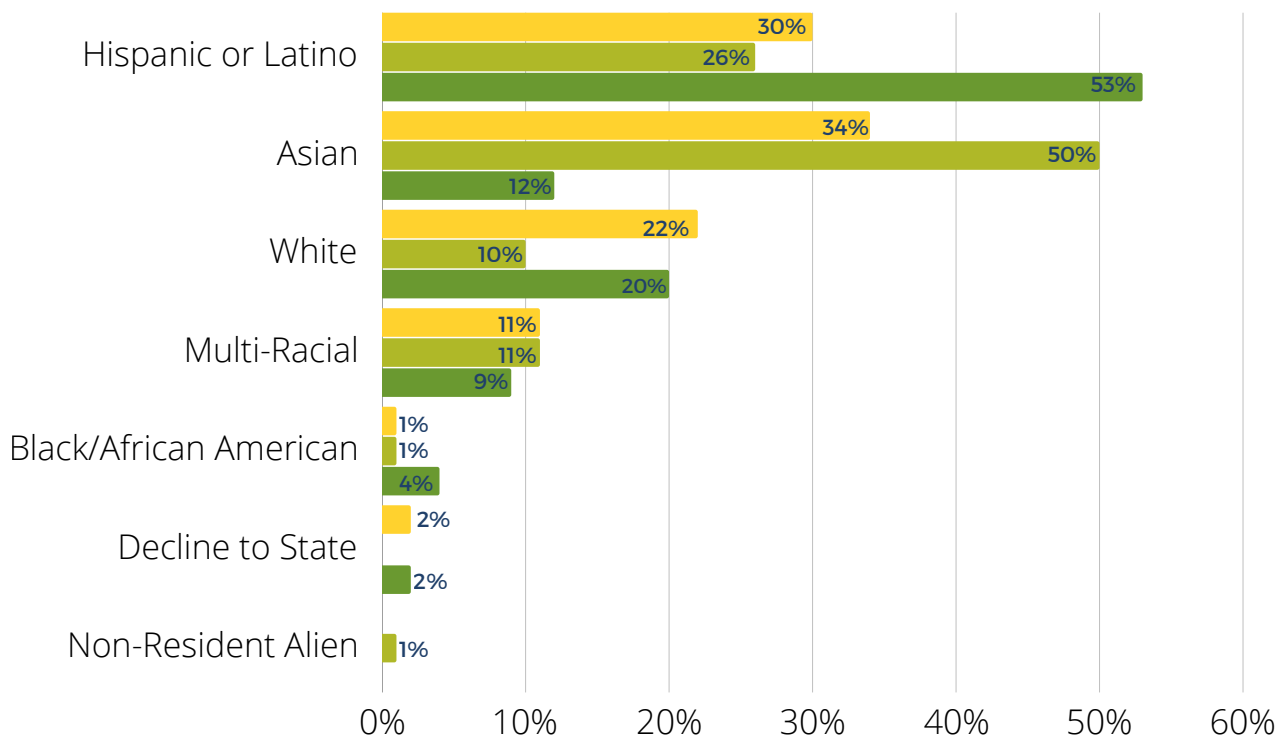
Second-Year & Third Year



Transfers



Ethnicity



First-Year



Second-Year & Third Year



Transfer

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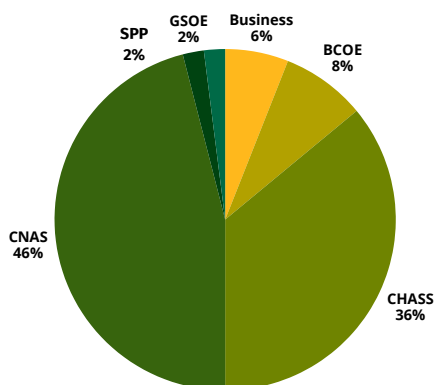
First Generation & Low Income

	First-Generation	Low-Income	First-Generation & Low-Income
First-Years	35%	22%	18%
Second-Year & Third-Year	40%	17%	13%
Transfers	60%	42%	30%

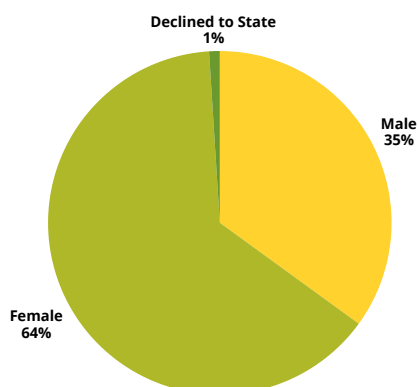
Fall 2020 Continuing Students Statistics

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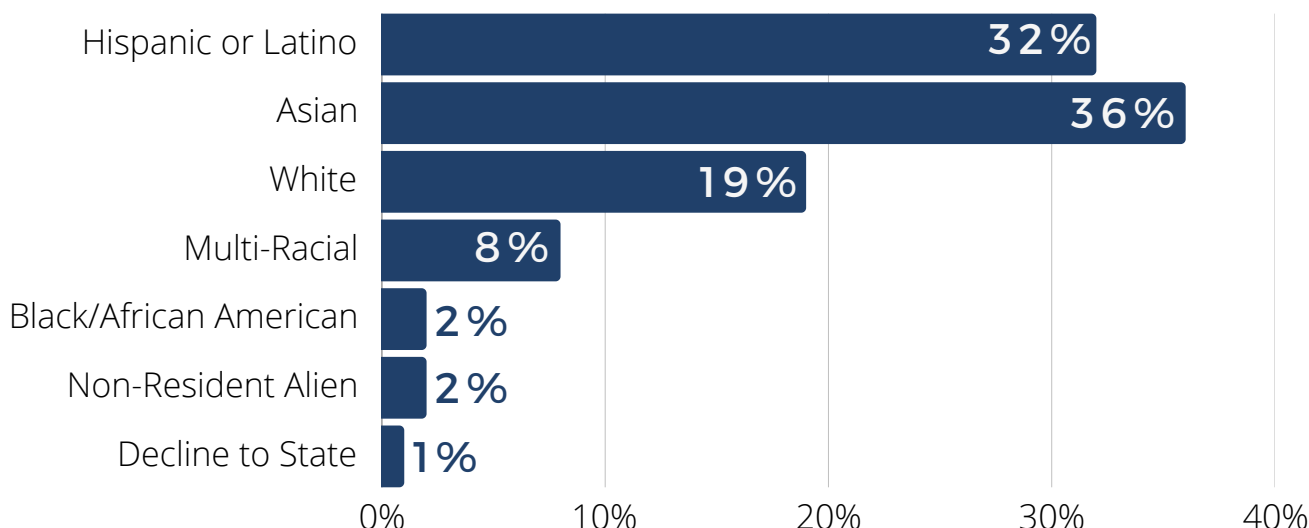
College & School Distribution



Gender



Ethnicity



Grade Point Average

3.71

First-Generation

42%

Low-Income

25%

First-Generation & Low Income

17%

Scholarships

Regents' Scholars

8

Chancellor's Scholars

17

Highlander Scholars

11

University Honors Faculty Fellows

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BRANDON BROWN
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



DAVID COCKER
BCOE



STEPHANIE DINGWALL
CNAS



JACK EICHLER
CNAS



KELECHI KALU
CHASS



AARON SEITZ
CHASS



NIGEL HUGHES
CNAS



XÓCHITL C. CHÁVEZ
CHASS
FACULTY IN RESIDENCE
PENTLAND HILLS



VORRIS NUNLEY
CHASS
FACULTY IN RESIDENCE
GLEN MOR

Faculty & Course Statistics

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2

FACULTY IN
RESIDENCE

0

FACULTY LED
FIELDTRIPS

41

FACULTY
ENGAGEMENT
HOURS

5

FACULTY
REAL-TALKS

51

COURSES

Course Enrollment

Fall: 555

Winter: 612

Spring: 468

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Howard H Hays Jr. Scholars

Recipient(s)

Melanie Alva: Biology
Kimberly Bennett: Bioengineering
Sumanth Dara: Bioengineering
Maximillian Denys: Cell, Molecular, & Developmental Biology
Katherine Eichorn: Sociology
Isabella Guerrero: Political Science
Hannah Hapich: Environmental Sciences
Chris Mehdizad: Neuroscience
Sommer Rowell: Biochemistry
Bryan Shaddy: Mechanical Engineering
Monolina Shil: English
Michael Wong: Business Administration
Anthony Zafra: Psychology

Phi Beta Kappa

Recipient(s)

Alexia Arevalo
Camille Browning
Millennie Chen
Esther Esho
Leslie Estrella
Amy Fangmeyer
Alyssa Fontaine
Megan Ginocchio
Jacob Green
Shanelle Huynh
Lauren Kane
Wesley Kao
Ashley Lake
Elizabeth Liu
Julia Lopez-Vera
Jade Magana
Travis Perales
Sommer Rowell
Maya Weiss
Ryan Schlott

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Faculty-Mentor(s)	Graduates with Highest Distinction
Mentor: Victor Rodgers	Kimberly Bennett: Bioengineering
Capstone Title: Transcriptomic Analysis of Molecular Mechanisms of Neuroprotection by Neuregulin-1 Following Ischemic Stroke	
Mentor: Melissa Wilcox	Claus Lucas Lopez: Religious Studies; Creative Writing
Capstone Title: Bestiary of Boys in Love	
Mentor: Covadonga Lamar Prieto	Miguel Muñoz Valtierra: Spanish
Capstone Title: Fieldwork Study of the Palenquero community and their Interactions with Social Media Platforms	
Mentor: Joab Corey	Amada Pollard: Mathematics
Capstone Title: Video Killed the Radio Star, Did Spotify Kill the Rock Star? An Analysis on How Streaming Services Affect the Composition of Popular Music	
Faculty-Mentor(s)	Graduates with High Distinction
Mentor: Karine Le Roch	Nicholas Alegre: Cell, Molecular, & Developmental Biology
Capstone Title: Optimization of the Nuclei Extraction of Plasmodium falciparum for Use with Single Cell ATAC-seq	
Mentor: Cecilia Cheung	Jeremy Aquino: Psychology
Capstone Title: Acculturation and Its Implications for the Academic Achievement and Subjective Well-Being of East Asian International Students	

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Faculty-Mentor(s)	Graduates with High Distinction
Mentor: Juliette Levy	Hugo Arcos: Global Studies
Capstone: Hugo Arcos: My Life As an Essential Worker	
Mentor: Christiane Weirauch	Tatiana Bush: Entomology
Capstone: Systematics of Ectrichodiella Fracker and Bruner, 1924 with description of the first fossil millipede assassin bug (Insecta: Heteroptera: Reduviidae: Ectrichodiinae)	
Mentor: Charles Long	Mya Correa: Art
Capstone: Interpersonal Growth Through Art	
Mentor: Amalia Cabezas	Katherine Eichorn: Sociology; Law & Society
Capstone: Psychological Consequences on Male-Gendered Victims of Domestic Violence	
Mentor: Katie Ford	Amy Fangmeyer: English
Capstone Title: The Cactus	
Mentor: Bree Lang	Jahi Jenkins: Political Science
Capstone Title: Southern California Homelessness: The Intersection of Housing and Mental Health	
Mentor: Goldberry Long	Lauren Kane: Psychology
Capstone Title: The Rainbow Child	
Mentor: Erica Heinrich	Keval Parikh: Cell, Molecular, & Developmental Biology
Capstone Title: The Rainbow Child	

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Faculty-Mentor(s)

Mentor: Elaine Wong

Capstone: Women of Color in the Workplace: The Stereotypes and Misrepresentation

Mentor: Cathy Lussier

Capstone: Systematics of Ectrichodiella Fracker and Bruner, 1924 with description of the first fossil millipede assassin bug (Insecta: Heteroptera: Reduviidae: Ectrichodiinae)

Graduates with High Distinction

Anvitha Pillati: Business Administration

**Sofia Villagrana: History, Education, Society,
& Human Development**



UCR

Study Abroad & Academic Internship Participation

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STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM: 1

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD PROGRAM: 0

UC WASHINGTON CENTER (UCDC) PARTICIPANTS

UC CENTER SACRAMENTO (UCCS) PARTICIPANTS



2

Fall 2020



2

Winter 2021



2

Spring 2021



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Fall 2020



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Winter 2021



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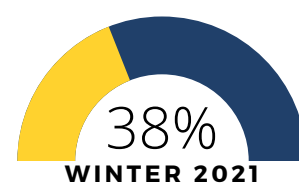
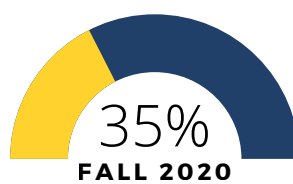
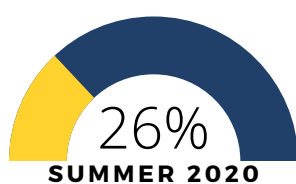
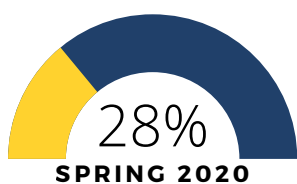
Spring 2021

High Impact Educational Experiences Participation

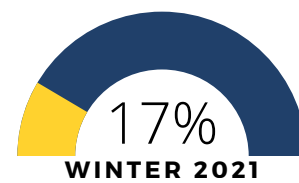
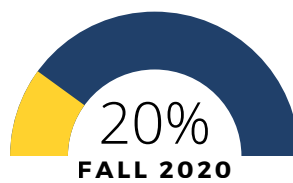
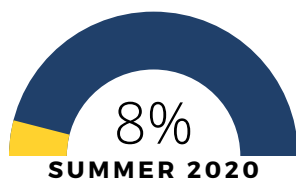
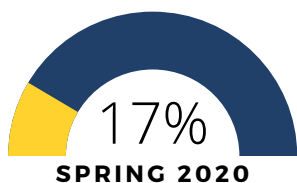
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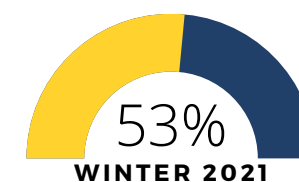
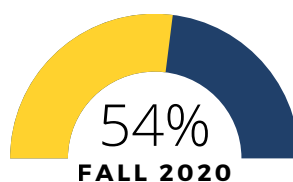
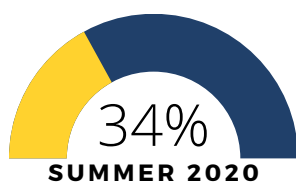
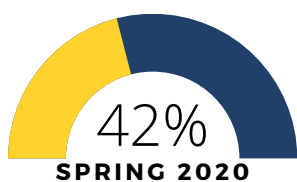
Research, Creative Activity, Scholarly Work



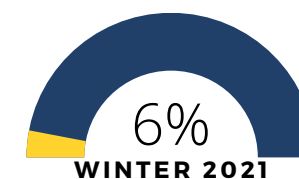
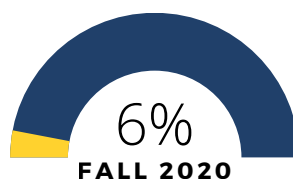
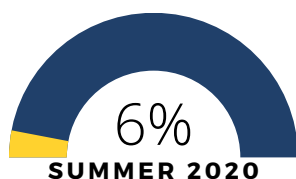
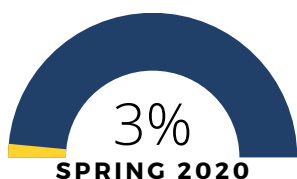
Scholarship Recipient



Member of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



Unpaid Internship

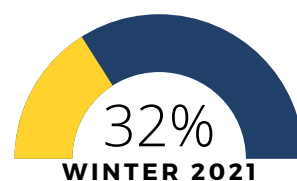
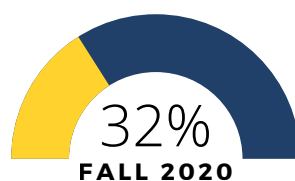
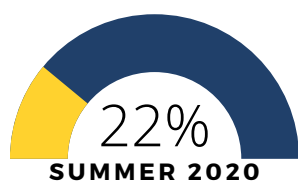
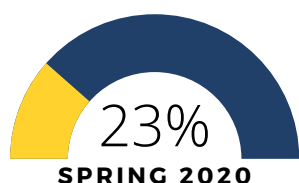


High Impact Educational Experiences Participation

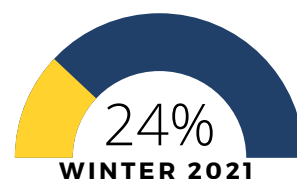
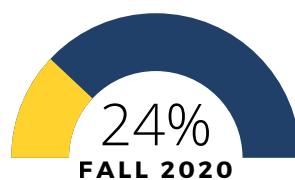
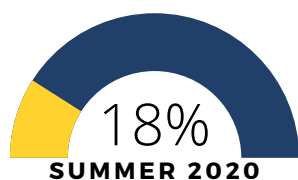
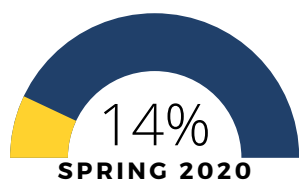
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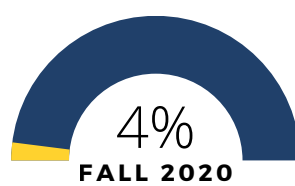
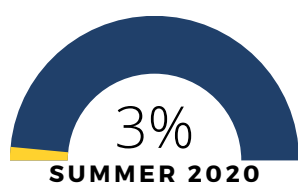
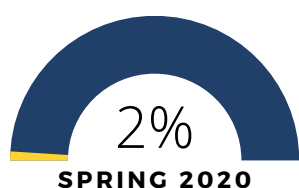
Leader of On-Campus or Off-Campus Organization



Part-Time Job or Paid Internship

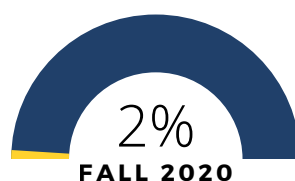
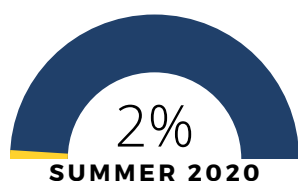
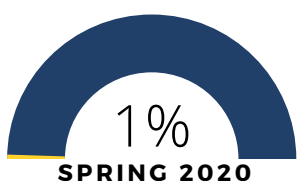


Fellowship Recipient



Presenter at Discipline-Specific Conference

WINTER 2020



Member of an Honors Society



Ambassador Program

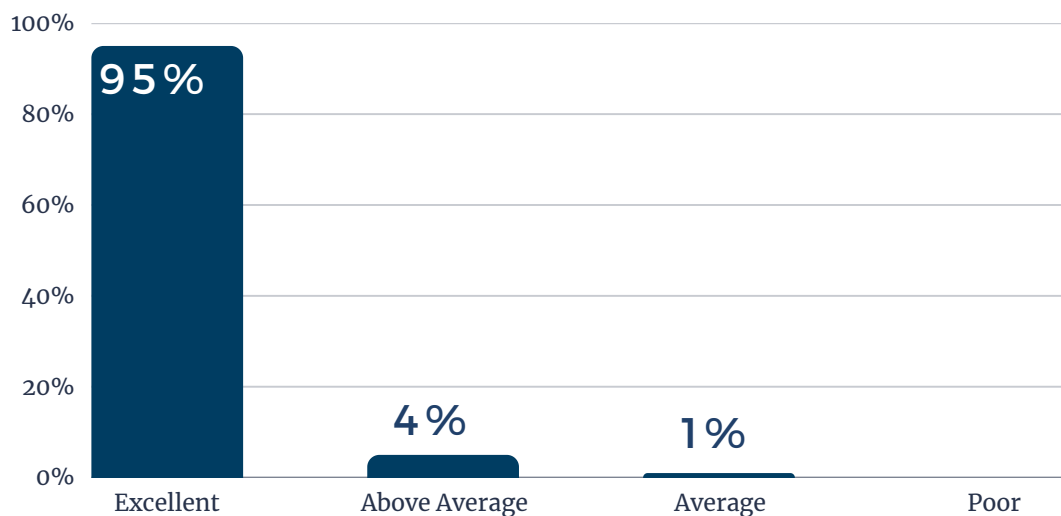
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University Honors Ambassadors work with the Honors team to enhance student development through peer mentoring, workshops, and extracurricular activities for Honors students.

Peer-Mentor (Hangout) Evaluations



17

Number of Ambassadors

8

Ambassador Events

420

Hangouts Offered

134

Students Mentored



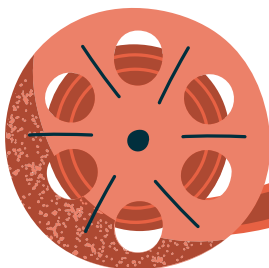
1,351

FACEBOOK LIKES



1222

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



304: INSTAGRAM
STORIES POSTED

11: INSTAGRAM FEED
VIDEO POSTS



393

TWITTER FOLLOWERS



314

YOUTUBE SUBSCRIBERS

Graduate Statistics

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CORDING CEREMONY

Capstone Project Submissions



FALL 20



WINTER 21

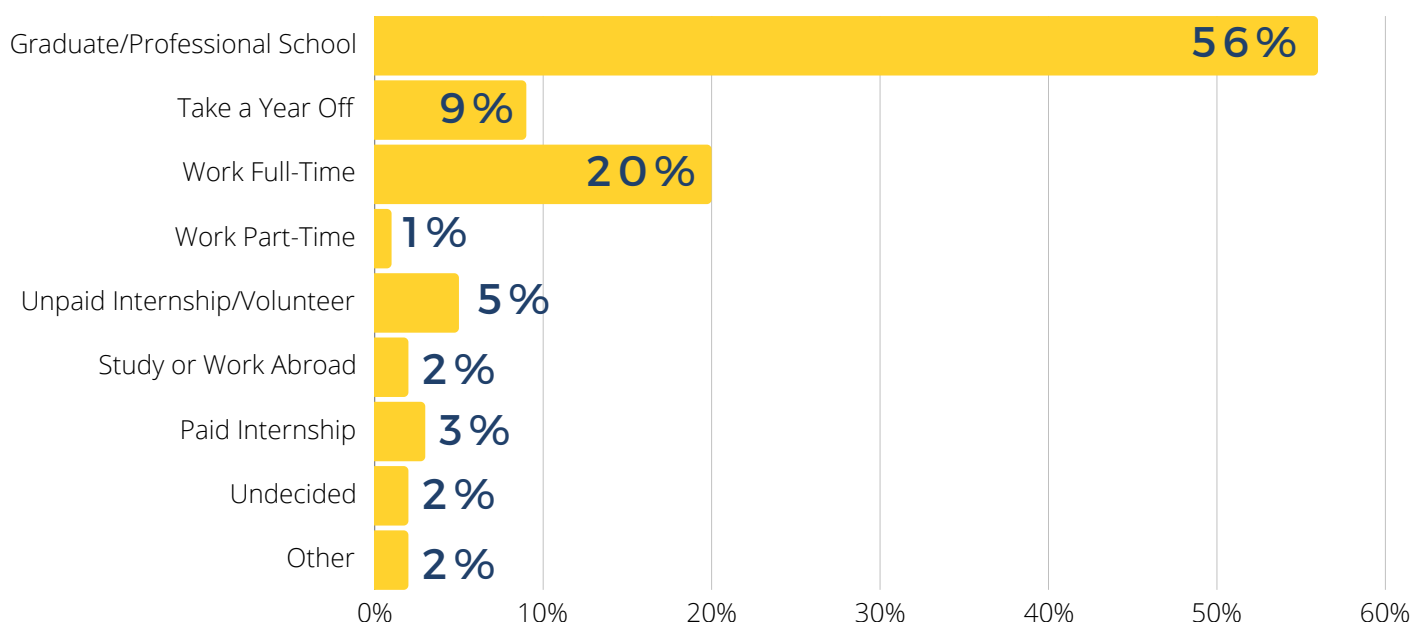


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SUMMER 21

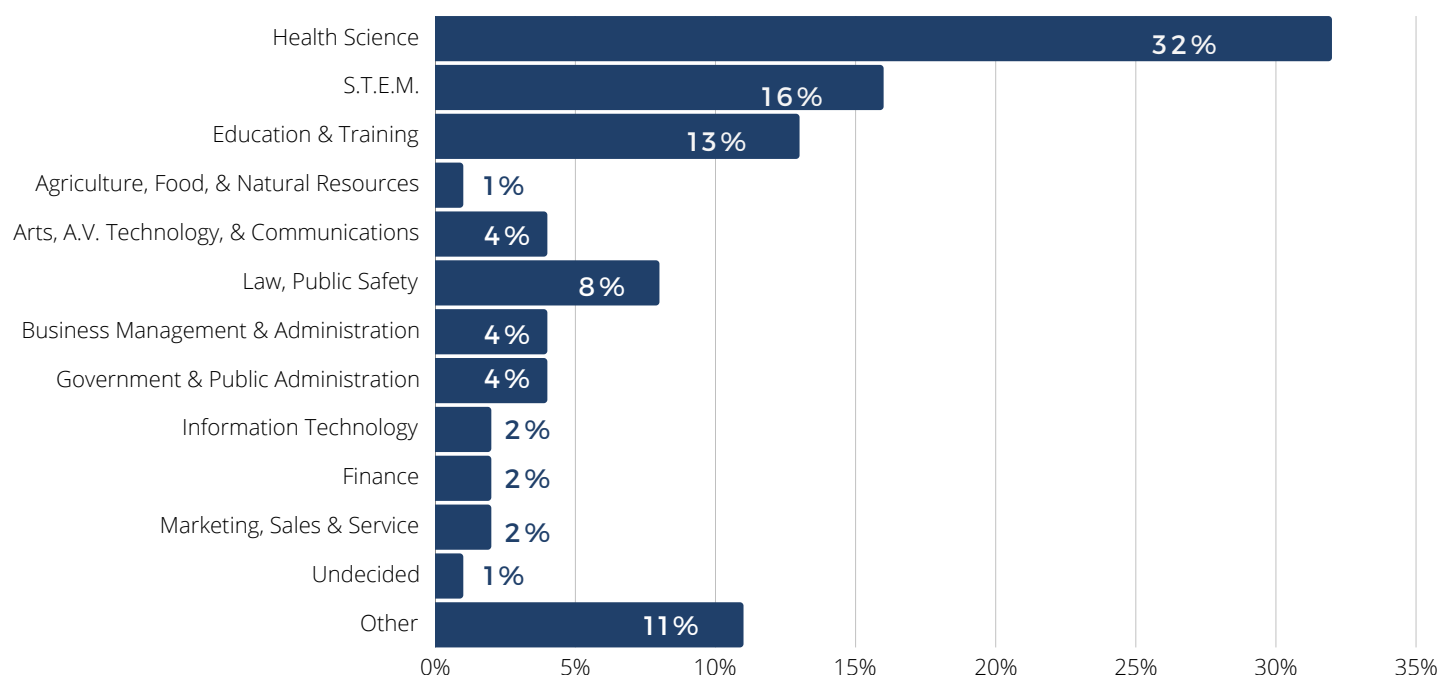
Post-Graduation Plans



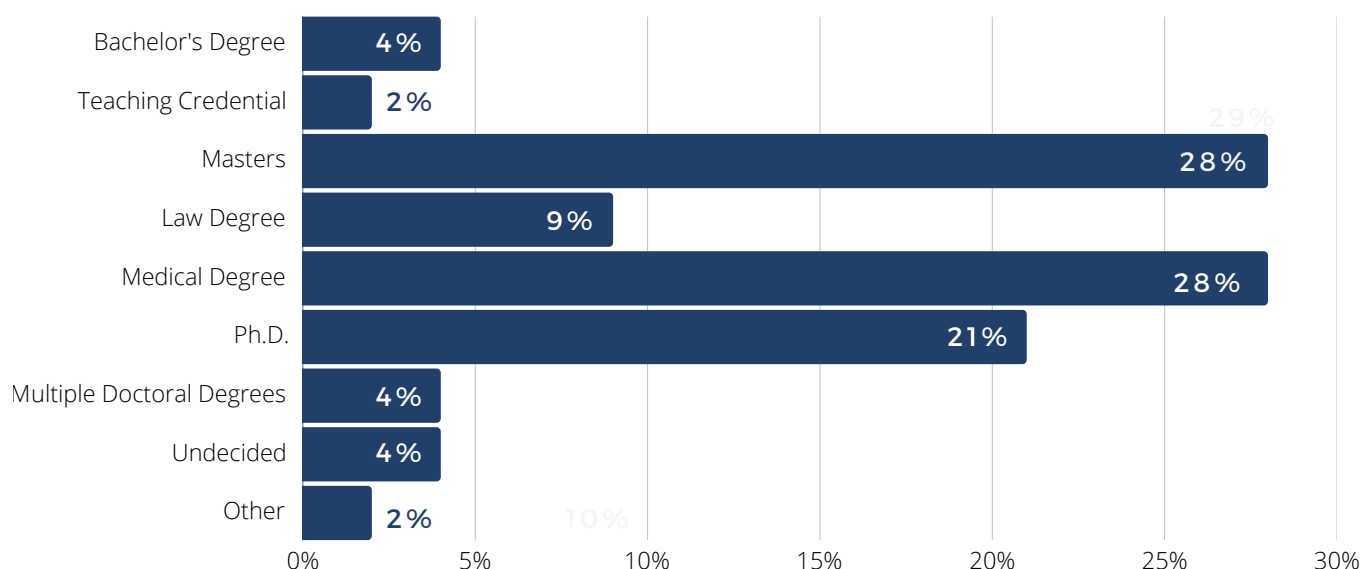
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Career Aspirations



Highest Academic Degree Planned



Student Profiles

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Jacob Rios

2020-2021 University Honors Valedictorian
Business Administration

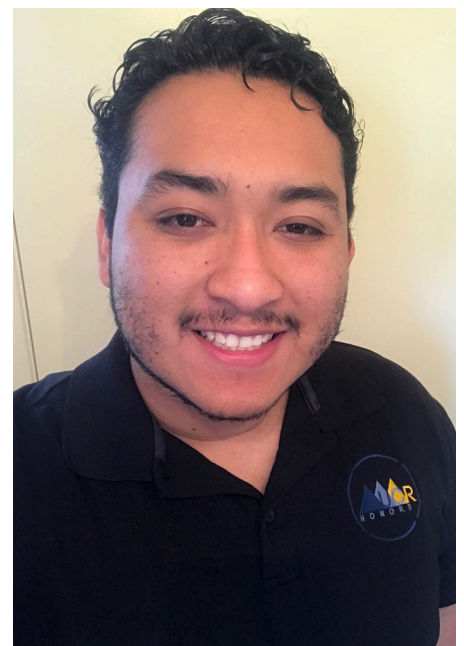
Jacob served as the Director of Alumni Relations for the United Latino Students Association and on the Women's Rights and Gender Equity Committee for ASUCR. He worked as a Student Supervisor for the Highlander Union Building and participated in the UCR Pathways Supervisors Program.



Hugo Arcos

2020-2021 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient
Global Studies

Hugo served as a Co-Chief University Honors Ambassador. He also served as an editor for the Audeamus and Mosaic Journals. He worked as a Tutor for the UCR Athletics program and as a Student Shift Leader for the UCR Libraries. He also served in the International Student committee for ASUCR.



Mark Hanin

2020-2021 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient

Biology

Mark served as a University Honors Ambassador and as an Undergraduate Researcher for the UCR Political Science Department. He worked as an English Tutor, for the Millennium Camus Network, The Paul A. Blain Library and for the UCR Career Center ASPIRE Program. Mark served as the External Committee Head for the Fight for Autism Program. He is a Chancellor Scholar and has volunteered for Riverside Community Hospital and the UCR Mini Medical School.



Mari Hayashi

2020-2021 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient

Computer Science

Mari served as a University Honors Ambassador and was President and Founder of Tech Interview and Coding Support at UCR. She worked as a Grader for the Computer Science and Engineering Department and as a Technical Game Developer for the Brain Game Center. Mari also worked as a Software Engineering Intern at Google, Inc.



Katrina Villavert

2020-2021 Pillars of Excellence Award Recipient

Biology

Katrina served as Director of Internal Affairs for Mini Medical School and Director of External Affairs for Riverside Health Connect. She worked as a Student Intern for UCR Health Multispecialty Clinic and as a Undergraduate Research Assistant for the McCole Research Lab. Katrina also served as a Program Coordinator for the Kindling Intellectual Development (KID) Program, was a committee member for the San Bernardino Free Clinic and a COPE Health Scholar.



Expenditures

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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDED

Need Based	\$167,240
Non-Need Based	\$114,044
Total	\$281,284

HOWARD H HAYS RESEARCH FUNDS AWARDED

\$16,000

FACULTY FELLOW STIPENDS

\$24,000

FACULTY FELLOW FIELDTRIPS

\$0

COURSE REIMBURSEMENTS

\$110,500

University Honors Team Members

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**RICHARD A.
CARDULLO, PH.D.**
HOWARD H HAYS, JR.
CHAIR AND FACULTY
DIRECTOR



AARON BUSHONG
ADMINISTRATIVE
DIRECTOR



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ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR



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UNIVERSITY HONORS
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OUTREACH AND
PROGRAMS SPECIALIST



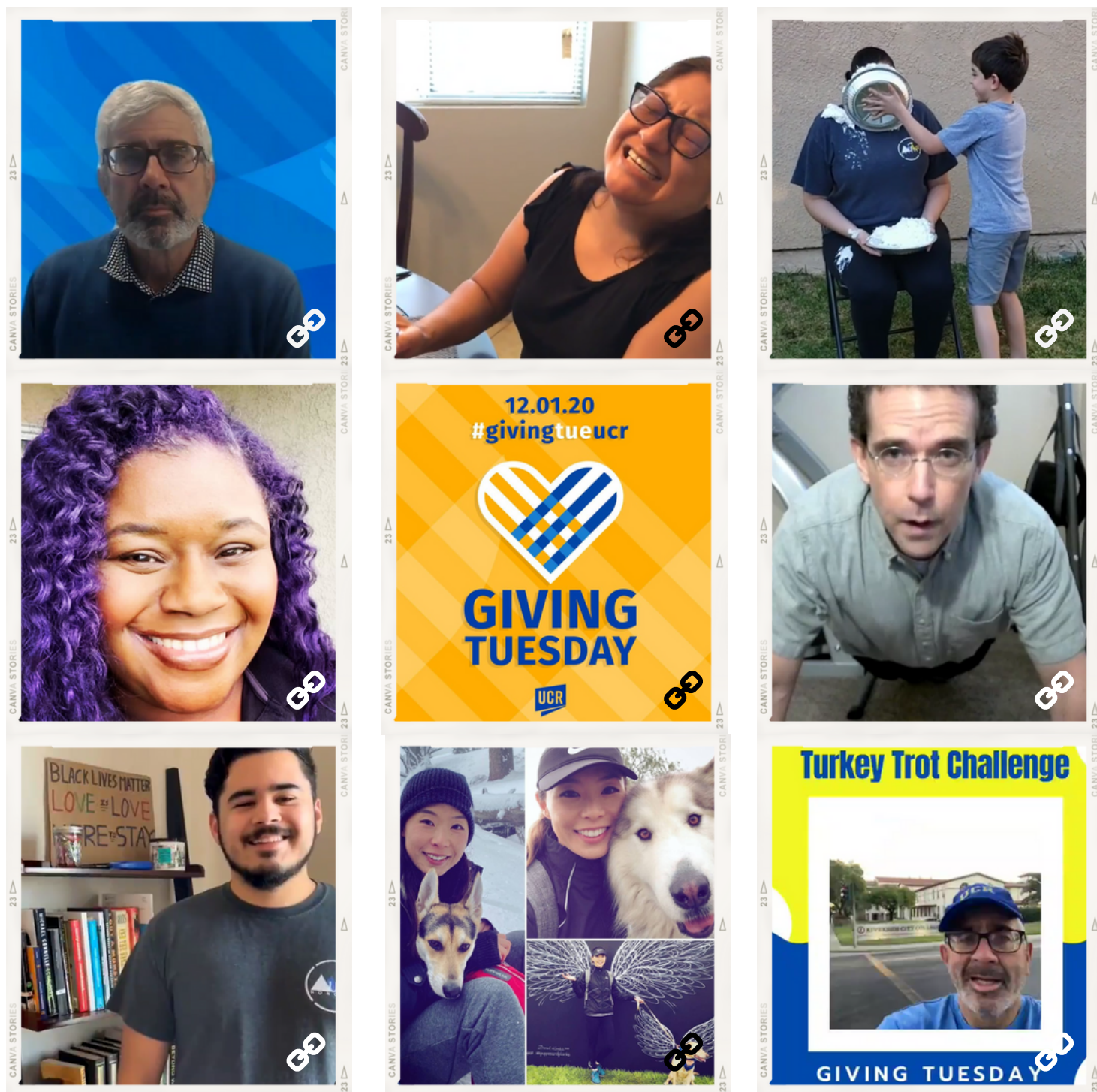
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Giving

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VOLUNTEER

Contributions will be used to enhance the services provided to our students, helping us continue to create legacies of student success. Consider giving back to University Honors by being a featured speaker, career mentor, or other such collaborative engagement.