



follow *the* dream

TO UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW – **WHERE DREAMS CONVERGE**

Ideally situated in Northern California and housed in Martin Luther King Jr. Hall, UC Davis School of Law can help you fulfill your greatest ambitions. Whether the goal is corporate law or public service, UC Davis provides the knowledge, tools and connections within a uniquely supportive and collegial learning environment.



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*Lilian Lopez-Zepeda,
Class of 2021*

Message from the Dean



Welcome to UC Davis School of Law, where we offer the highest quality of legal education to outstanding students from all backgrounds. Our unique combination of excellence, diversity and community is known worldwide.

Consistently highly ranked among the nation's top law schools, UC Davis Law views excellence as the standard. Yet the culture is friendly and inclusive.

Our world-class “majority-minority” faculty consists of scholars whose expertise ranges from constitutional and criminal law fundamentals to the latest takes on intellectual property and big data. We were pleased to welcome back our faculty, students and staff this fall to Martin Luther King Jr. Hall, where in-person instruction has resumed with appropriate COVID-19 safety measures in place.

Although the pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges, we never lost sight of the social justice principles that guide King Hall. Through our ongoing Racial Justice Speaker Series, leading criminal law, civil rights and race scholars and top attorneys address the systemic racism that infects U.S. society.

We also are committed to positioning our students as favorably as possible in the legal job market. Our team of Career Services staff attorney-counselors is ready to advise, and our devoted alumni willing to lend a hand.

If you are admitted and come to UC Davis Law, you will join a community ready to help you succeed. And you will never regret the decision.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Johnson".

Kevin R. Johnson
*Dean, Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law,
and professor of Chicana/o Studies*

#35

in *U.S. News & World Report's*
rankings of nearly 200 ABA-approved
law schools

3RD

in the U.S. on preLaw Magazine's
“top schools for racial justice” list

NO. 22

in scholarly impact among
the nation's law faculties

56%

students of color, class of 2024



Professor David Horton teaches a UC Davis Law class outdoors.



The artful lawyer

Reza Harris was the graduate speaker at 2019's commencement, and the artist behind a mural tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. painted on behalf of the Black Law Students Association. He started his law career at Silicon Valley's Cooley LLP.



The King Hall community: A shared vision

With more than 50 student groups and six student-run law journals, student life reflects the remarkable diversity of UC Davis Law. The pursuit of social justice and public service remains as avid as it was 52 years ago, when students lobbied successfully to name the then-new law school building after Martin Luther King Jr. UC Davis graduates lawyers of conscience, regardless of their practice areas.

38%

will receive need-based aid

165

median LSAT score

3.69

median GPA

116

undergraduate schools
represented

UC DAVIS LAW'S CLASS OF 2024:

Our first-year class
is academically
accomplished and
remarkably diverse.

20%

first-generation
college graduates

23%

identify as LGBTQ+

58%

Women

56%

Students
of Color

AN INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE FACULTY

UC Davis School of Law is proud of its groundbreaking “majority-minority” faculty, ranked No. 22 in the nation in scholarly impact. The law school’s modest size and community feel allow for greater interaction among students and faculty than at other top-tier law schools.



Afra Afsharipour



Raquel E. Aldana



Kelly Behre



Karima Bennouna



Ashutosh
Bhagwat



Karrigan Börk



Andrea Cann
Chandrasekher



Gabriel “Jack”
Chin



Holly S. Cooper



William S. Dodge



Christopher S.
Elmendorf



Stacy-Ann Elvy



Luke Fadem



Eric Fish



Katherine Florey



Richard M. Frank



David Horton



John P. Hunt



Lisa C. Ikemoto



Irene Oritseweyinmi
Joe



Elizabeth E. Joh



Kevin R. Johnson



Thomas W. Joo



Courtney G. Joslin



Carlton F.W. Larson



Peter Lee



Albert C. Lin



Robert C. Miller



Robert Mullaney



Menesh Patel



Amagda Pérez



Lisa R. Pruitt



Suzanne Reuben



Alix Rogers



Shayak Sarkar



Leticia M. Saucedo



Darien Shanske



Donna Shestowsky



Brian Soucek



Clay Tanaka



Aaron Tang



Dennis J. Ventry, Jr.



Carter C. White

Professor Peter Lee teaches patent law and intellectual property.

9:1

student to faculty ratio



A productive partnership

Kendra Clark '19 spent two years as a research assistant to Professor Irene Joe, a former New Orleans public defender whose scholarship incorporates criminal procedure and legal ethics. "Kendra is extremely dedicated to life as a public defender and the work public defenders do with indigent defendants," Joe said. "Having her come on to provide a fresh perspective was crucial."

Joe also assisted Clark, by providing examples of how to craft scholarly articles. While working with Joe, Clark drafted an article that later would be published by the *UC Davis Law Review* and win the school's prestigious Hopkins award. Clark is now an Alameda County associate deputy public defender.



Shown left to right: Downtown Los Angeles, U.S. Supreme Court, Airbnb headquarters, San Francisco, California Capitol building in downtown Sacramento

A degree from UC Davis School of Law opens doors to the United States' premier law firms. We have alumni in the most desirable markets nationwide, with special concentrations in nearby — and red-hot — San Francisco and Silicon Valley. Southern California also is a hub.



Minutes from campus is Sacramento, California's capital and one of the state's most diverse and fastest-growing cities. An established Davis-Capitol pipeline helps graduates secure government and law-firm jobs.

90%

of the class of 2020 was employed
10 months after graduation

FORTUNE 500

Our alumni work at these companies,
among others:



Google

facebook.

amazon



HBO

NETFLIX



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright red sleeveless dress and black heels, stands in a modern office. She is positioned in front of a large floor-to-ceiling window that offers a panoramic view of a city skyline, including several tall skyscrapers. The office interior features a patterned bench along the window, a desk with a framed picture, and several white office chairs. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime.

Realize your ambitions

UC Davis Law offers one of the finest, and most well-rounded, legal educations available. Students can gain hands-on experience through externships, internships and clerkships, skills classes, moot court and law reviews, and by helping represent underserved populations via public service fellowships and our law clinics. Our Career Services office helps create further connections by bringing employers to campus to meet students.

From Law Review to entertainment law

“My time on the *UC Davis Law Review* was very helpful, just in the attention to detail. Especially as a transactional lawyer – every word you use matters.”

Cheryl Wei, class of 2011, at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Los Angeles, where she represents studios, production companies and television networks



Small and Midsize Firm Fair at King Hall

Working for you

Our Career Services office brings more than 200 employers a year to campus for face-to-face meetings and interviews with students. Visitors include representatives from the nation’s largest law firms, small and midsize firms and the government and public interest sectors.

In 2021-22, Career Services is working with these employers and others to recruit UC Davis Law students through a virtual job-interview program and virtual job fairs. These online programs have made it easier for employers who are geographically distant from Davis to recruit students.

Class of 2020 employment summary

EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

Private practice	58%
Government	9%
Business/industry	11%
Judicial clerkships	6%
Public interest/legal services	14%
Academic	2%

BIG DREAMS. REAL-WORLD SKILLS.

UC Davis School of Law students have served as externs for the Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, from UC Davis Law's class of 1984, and her fellow state Supreme Court Justices Goodwin Liu (left) and Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar (right).





Alison Lima

CLASS OF 1996

“At UC Davis School of Law, I got to know the professors really well. When I expressed an interest in entertainment, I was able to carve out that area for myself by taking the types of courses that would lead me on this track: contracts, intellectual property, copyright. ... There was such a broad array of opportunities. I was able to explore interests if I had them, and also parlay the classes I took into getting a job.”

Lima at the Hollywood headquarters of Netflix, where she is vice president, business & legal affairs, animation and consumer products

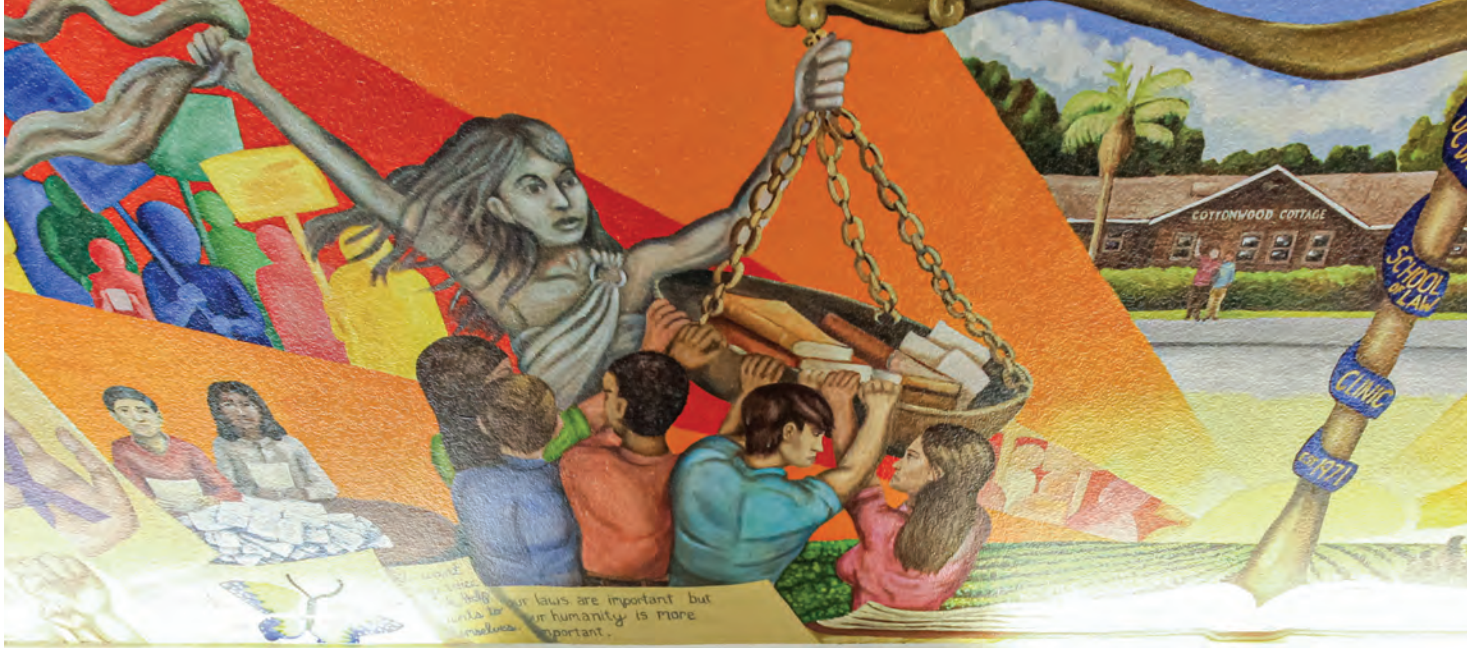


Students argue their cases before federal and state appellate court judges during the Neumiller moot court competition.



Learning by doing

J.M. Florentino '21 spent the summer of 2019 working at Sacramento's Weintraub Tobin law firm as a Sacramento County Bar Association Diversity Fellow. Florentino worked alongside fellow UC Davis Law student **Anders Bostrom '20**, who was a summer associate at the firm.



Immigration Law Clinic

UC Davis School of Law's Immigration Law Clinic often makes national headlines for its tireless work on behalf of detained migrant children and families and other immigrants in need. Now four decades old, the UC Davis Law clinic was among the first of its kind.

FOUR

clinical legal education programs:
civil rights, family protection and
legal assistance, immigration
and water justice

100+

student externships in 2020-21

8 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:

business, criminal, environmental,
immigration, intellectual property,
pro bono, public service, and tax

A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Public service is a foundation of UC Davis School of Law, which places students in government offices, the court system and nonprofits throughout the state and country through externships, public service law fellowships and other programs.

Angela Yahaira Breining '19 (with flowers) received UC Davis School of Law's Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award in 2019



100+

UC Davis Law students received
summer and post-grad public
service fellowships in 2021

**MORE THAN ONE-THIRD
OF THE CLASS OF 2021
RECEIVED PUBLIC SERVICE
LAW PROGRAM OR PRO
BONO CERTIFICATES.**

23K+

public service hours were amassed
by the class of 2021

Evan Reid

CLASS OF 2020

Last fall, Georgia native and 2020 MLK Service Award recipient Reid returned to the South to work on death-penalty cases as a fellow with the Equal Justice Initiative, the organization headed by professor and lawyer Bryan Stevenson (“Just Mercy”).





Create the future

UC Davis Law alumni help shape the future, whether they are protecting copyrights of Silicon Valley tech entrepreneurs or safeguarding our waterways as environmental gatekeepers.

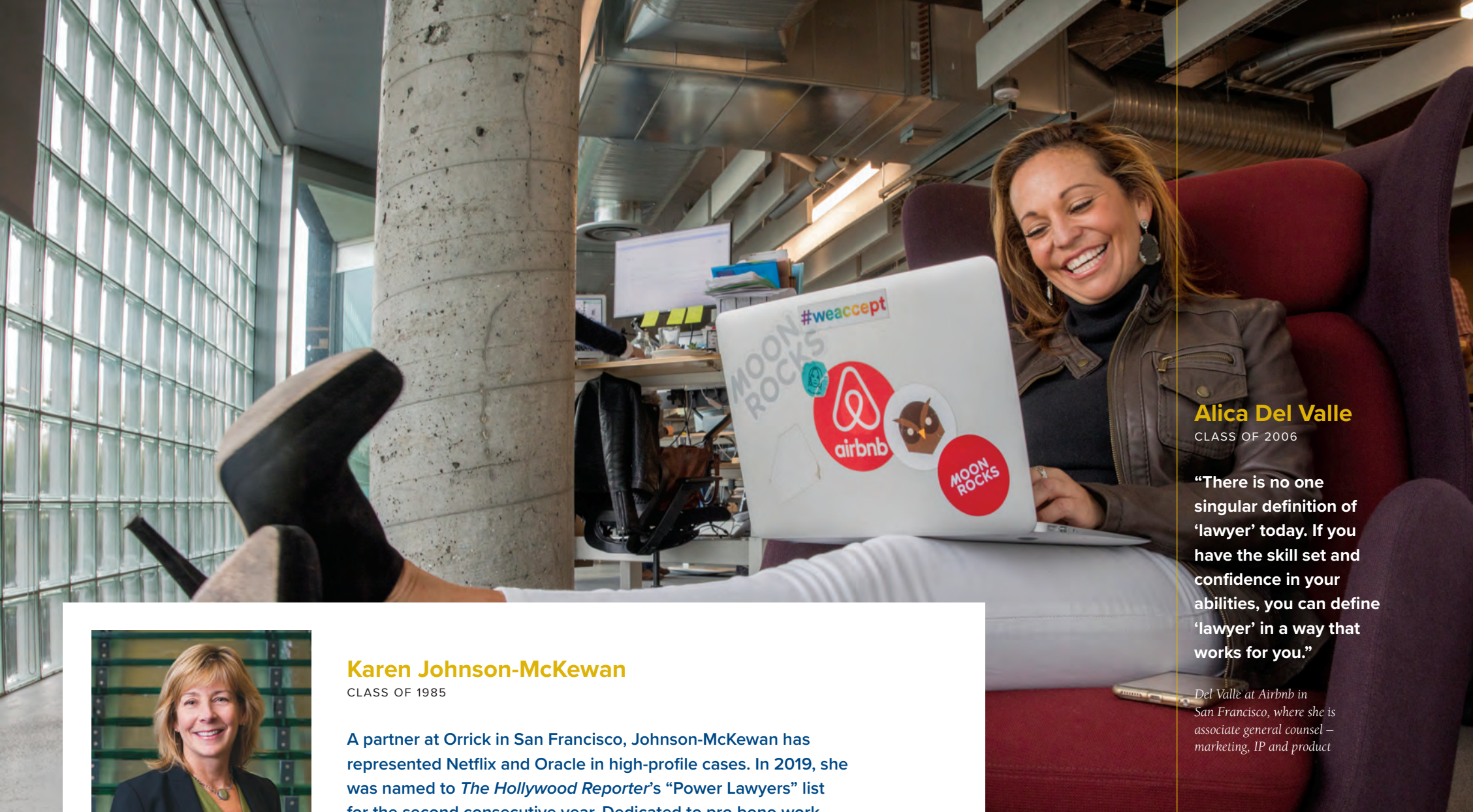


Kaitlyn Kalua

CLASS OF 2016

“I wanted to attend law school to better understand governance systems and the legal constraints in natural resource management.”

Before law school, Kalua worked at Ocean Conservancy, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit. Drawn to UC Davis Law’s outstanding environmental law program and opportunities to work in the state capital, Kalua externed with the Governor’s Office and State Water Resources Control Board. She is now a policy manager for the California Coastkeeper Alliance.



Alica Del Valle
CLASS OF 2006

“There is no one singular definition of ‘lawyer’ today. If you have the skill set and confidence in your abilities, you can define ‘lawyer’ in a way that works for you.”

Del Valle at Airbnb in San Francisco, where she is associate general counsel – marketing, IP and product



Karen Johnson-McKewan
CLASS OF 1985

A partner at Orrick in San Francisco, Johnson-McKewan has represented Netflix and Oracle in high-profile cases. In 2019, she was named to *The Hollywood Reporter’s* “Power Lawyers” list for the second consecutive year. Dedicated to pro bono work, Johnson-McKewan also scored a key win for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky in 2018.



BREAK BARRIERS

At UC Davis Law, we are committed to helping provide equal access to a legal education. The King Hall Outreach Program helps undergraduates from underrepresented communities prepare for the law school admissions process; the Community College Pathway to Law School initiative targets law school hopefuls in community college; First Generation Advocates pairs first-generation UC Davis Law students with faculty mentors.



Ben Lima '21, a first-generation college graduate, will realize his plan of working with emerging companies when he goes to work for Cooley LLP in fall 2021.



Class of 2021 graduates



Students at a First Generation Advocates reception

BEAUTIFUL, SUSTAINABLE, LIVABLE: THE UC DAVIS EXPERIENCE

2ND

best public university in upward social
mobility of its graduates,
(*Washington Monthly*, 2020)

5TH BEST

public university (*Wall Street
Journal/Times Higher Education
College Rankings*, 2021)

#1

most sustainable university in the U.S.
(*GreenMetric World University Ranking*)



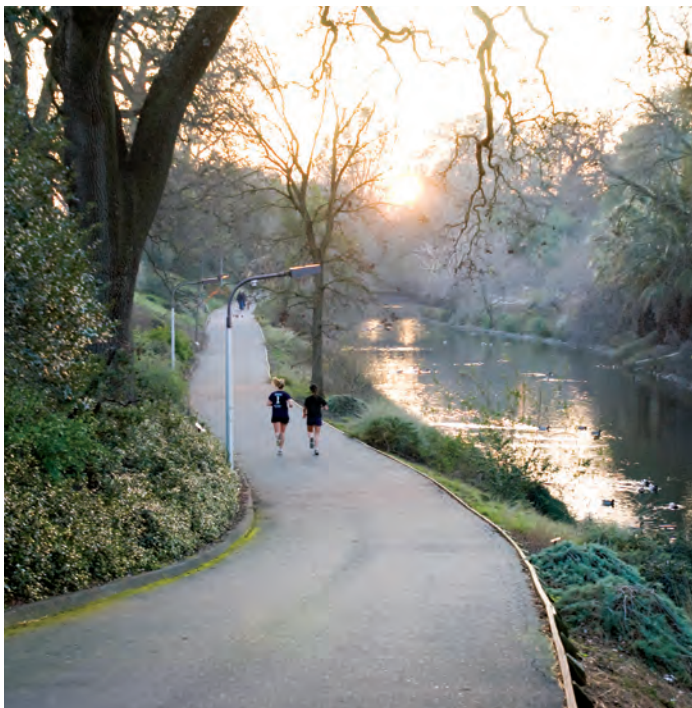
**LIGHT-FILLED AND
AESTHETICALLY STRIKING,**
Martin Luther King Jr. Hall sits in the
loveliest part of the UC Davis campus,
near the stately Mondavi Center for
the Performing Arts and stunning
Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.





STEPS AWAY FROM KING HALL

lies the lush UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden, a 3.5-mile literal pathway to environmental stewardship lined with carefully labeled trees and plants. The sustainability message carries throughout campus, where “zero waste” is the mandate.





**Joana Peraza
Lizarraga**

CLASS OF 2021

**“Scholarships are one of
the most important gifts
you can give to future
generations.”**

Peraza, recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Public Interest and Satre Family scholarships and a daughter of immigrants, is practicing immigration law as a California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation fellow.

FINANCIAL AID

At King Hall, we believe finances should not be a barrier to engaging in our high-quality public legal education.

We offer a wide variety of funding options, and our extraordinarily generous merit- and need-based gift aid ensures that UC Davis School of Law remains financially accessible.

In 2021, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UC Davis School of Law #4 among public law schools awarding the most financial aid.

Financial assistance is available for students including: merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, early decision select scholars and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. public interest scholarships. The law school also offers financial aid for international students, veterans and undocumented students.

Detailed Financial Aid information & application instructions at law.ucdavis.edu/financial-aid.

Average cost of attendance

CALIFORNIA RESIDENT STUDENT COSTS (AVERAGE)

Tuition and fees:	\$51,650
Books and supplies:	\$2,228
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$17,166
Transportation:	\$2,281
Total:	\$73,325
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$5,304
Total with SHIP:	\$78,629

NON-RESIDENT STUDENT COSTS (AVERAGE)

Tuition and fees:	\$62,593*
Books and supplies:	\$2,228
Basic living: (housing, food, and personal)	\$17,166
Transportation:	\$2,281
Total:	\$84,268
Student Health: <i>Insurance Plan (SHIP)</i>	\$5,304
Total with SHIP:	\$89,572

All tuition and fees are subject to the control of the UC Regents and California Legislature and may change without notice.

Please see the Office of Budget and Institutional Analysis for the most current information at budget.ucdavis.edu/studentfees.

** Non-residents pay an additional \$10,943 in tuition and fees, which includes a non-resident supplemental tuition fee.*

what is *your* dream?





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2021 - 2022



For the most current and detailed admission information, visit law.ucdavis.edu/jd

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Apply

Required documents checklist for J.D. applicants

- ☐ **Application for admission**
Electronic or disabled-accessible submission required
- ☐ **Personal statement**
2 to 4 pages in length, double-spaced
- ☐ **Résumé**
- ☐ **LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report**
- ☐ **Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score**
- ☐ **Two letters of recommendation**

Key dates

SEPT. 1, 2021

Application period opens for fall 2022 J.D. admission

NOV. 1, 2021

Deadline to submit Early Decision applications

(Applicants receive decisions on or before Nov. 30, 2021)

MARCH 15, 2022

Deadline to submit J.D. applications for fall 2022

There is no fee to apply.

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