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"Learning is experiencing. Everything else is just information"
- Albert Einstein

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UCSC Environmental Studies Department graduate Starry Sprenkle is on the front lines working with farmers to restore highly degraded lands and prevent erosion in Haiti. Her work draws heavily on her hands-on course experiences in agroecology and soils at UCSC, as well as her senior thesis research, studying reforestation in Costa Rica.

Students learn best when they leave the classroom and engage with the world directly.

The Environmental Studies Department at UC Santa Cruz consistently places experiential, environmental education and field studies at the center of its pedagogy. This kind of training provides our students with the skills necessary for addressing 21st century environmental challenges. The Environmental Studies Department at UC Santa Cruz places 500 students in internships every year, offers labs and field trips in courses ranging from restoration ecology to environmental policy, and helps students develop on- and off-campus sustainability projects from conception to implementation. Our hands on experiential learning approach spans the curriculum from training environmental educators to green building to natural history to agroecology.

Our alumni represent noteworthy policy analysts, teachers, city and state planners, and ecologists. We graduate Environmental Problem Solvers, because we instill a meaningful reflex about addressing problems: Go, see, ask, learn, create and share.

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The Endowment

Teaching small field-based courses requires extra time and resources to cover the costs of teaching assistants, travel, and employing staff with specialized skills. While many universities are decreasing their experiential education opportunities, yielding to heavy enrollment pressures and growing costs, we are proudly announcing our endowment campaign to ensure perpetuity of the life-changing courses that many of you participated in such as natural history field quarter, environmental interpretation, and field methods.



Starry Sprenkle (right) follows up with farmers, monitoring trees and helping to establish nurseries for seedlings.

The goal: \$1 million

To help us launch this campaign The Helen and Will Webster Foundation pledged to match the first \$100,000 we raise. So your gifts will be doubled. We invite you to join our effort and to make a generous gift. Your support will secure that future generations of UCSC students will in turn be given the hands-on learning opportunities you enjoyed.

We thank you for your support. Please help us spread the word by sharing this document with friends, family, and colleagues.