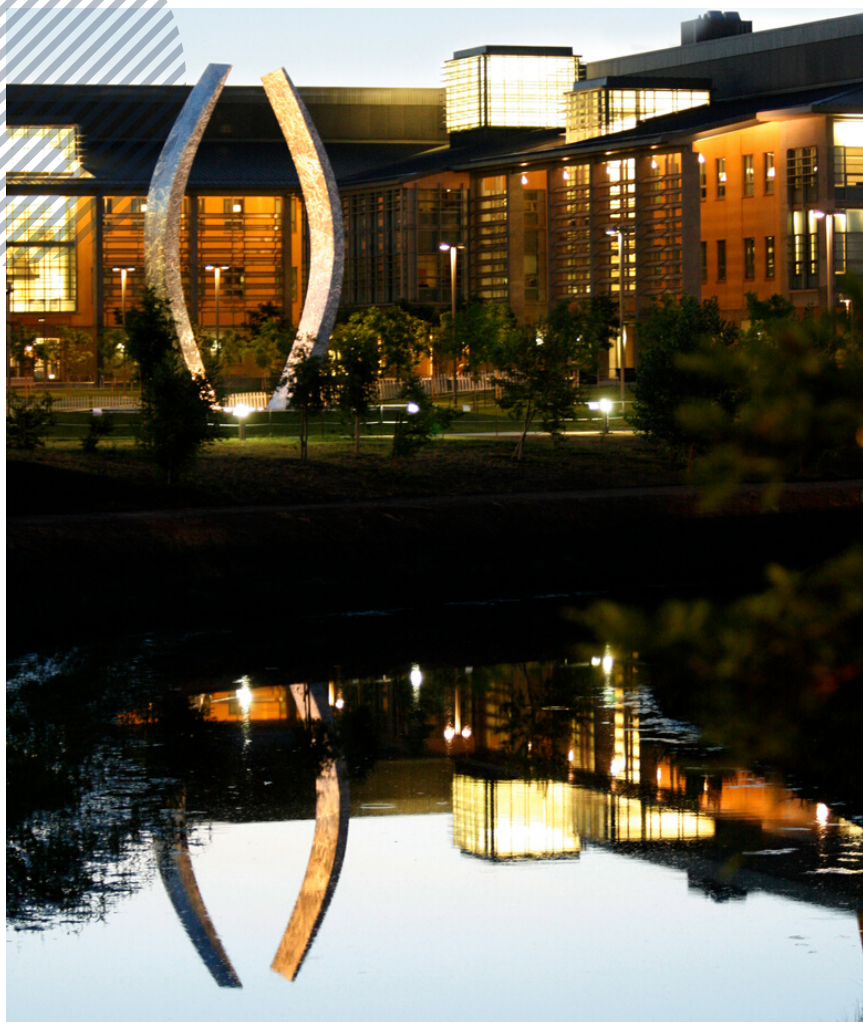




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A Message from Calteach Staff

"Congratulations to the UCM Class of 2020 and NSED/NSEC minor graduates! We are so proud of you. You will forever be apart of our CalTeach family! I personally would like to welcome you to the UCM alumni club, may you do great things as you begin the next chapter of your life. Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat!" **Dr. Chelsea Arnold ~UCM Class of 2014 Ph.D. in Environmental Systems-Program Director**

"Congratulations CalTeach NSED and NSEC grads of Spring 2020! We are so proud of your amazing accomplishments at UC Merced and your involvement with the CalTeach program. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors! Keep in touch as alums with your CalTeach family at UC Merced!" **Hijab Chaudhry-Program Coordinator**

"Congratulations CalTeach grads! I know that this degree was achieved through hard work and for some of you lots of sacrifices. I can't wait to see what other amazing things you all achieve in the future. Regardless of where you are headed, remember you will always be a bobcat. Given the opportunity to work with you all has been a privilege. Please don't forget to stay in touch!." **Jessica Teran Salazar- Student Services Advisor**

Spring 2020 NSEC Graduates

Mighty Chen

Major: Computer Science & Engineering

Minor: NSEC

Credential: Single Subject Teaching
Credential in Math

"CalTeach has given me everything that I've needed--and more--to be a successful teacher for the 21st century. I was never short of encouragement, support, or opportunities to grow and develop as an educator during my four years here."



Spring 2020 NSED Graduates

Isamar Almaraz

Major: Psychology
Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped me understand innovative teaching methods and learning different strategies in teaching mathematics. It has also helped me in deciding my career path. Through the opportunities of being able to do field work in schools, it has really given me a firsthand experience of how teachers have a positive impact on students."



Tlaloc Barajas

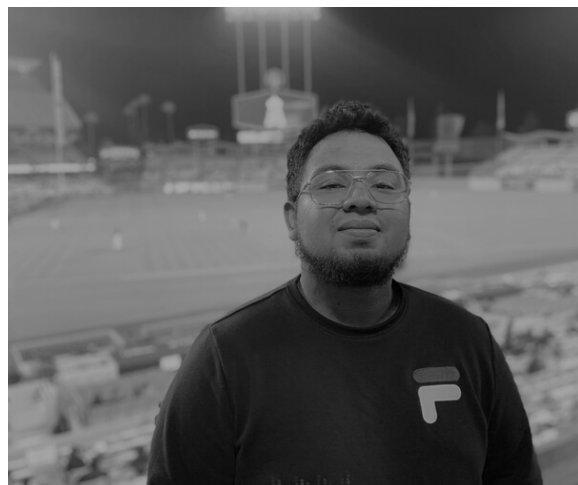
Major: Computer Science & Engineering
Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped me find the tools and resources I needed to enter the field of education during my undergrad career. I have had so many opportunities and experiences to improve myself and further and help evolve my love and understanding of education. After graduation, I will complete my teaching credential with CalTeach next semester through UC Berkeley Extension program. After I complete my teaching credential program, I want to either work in the Computer Science Industry to further improve my skills and understanding of the subject, or work as a teacher within the next five years. For two of those years I will be committed to working as a teacher. After five years, I might be interested in pursuing my PhD in Education."

Jose Canela

Major: Business Management & Economics and Sociology
Minor: NSED

"In my undergrad career, the CalTeach program has granted me many first hand opportunities in education. One of many is being able to teach in a high school classroom and aid the mentor teachers in the classroom. I have also learned how to create a lesson plan and apply those techniques effectively in a real classroom setting. The program has helped me navigate my career path in education in eventually returning to get masters in education or a teacher's credential."





Madison Church

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach gave me the foundation to walk into the classroom and feel prepared to teach our next generation of students. I feel confident when I walk on campus and am aware of our current needs in the classroom. I am planning on completing my masters in education with Fresno Pacific University and becoming a part of the classroom. I eventually would like to move into admin, so I can create wide scale changes."

Stephany Covarrubias

Major: Sociology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program allowed me to get more insight into the impact teachers to have on student's educational accomplishments. This program also inspired me to reflect on my own personal values and my ambitions for my career in education. After graduation, I plan on working in the education field. Eventually, earn my masters to become a high school counselor."



Kenya Duronte

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"Throughout my undergrad career, I have met others who share the same passion of helping others. The professors actually cared about me learning and not just giving a grade. This program is helping me overcome the fear of public speaking and teaching in the classroom. I am looking into the Fresno Pacific partnership as well as looking into pursuing a job at City Year in a different state after graduation from UC Merced."

Maribel Meza-Torres

Major: Cognitive Science

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach has helped navigate through teaching credential programs and get connected with Fresno Pacific University to begin my pathway to becoming a teacher. It has given me the opportunity to work first hand with students and teachers for field work."



Laura Munoz

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped navigate me to classes that will help my future goals. After graduating, I am looking to pursue my teaching credential with UC Merced Extension's Teacher Preparation program."

Marisela Elizabeth Padilla Alcala

Major: Human Biology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program provided me with different options, career guidance, test prep and academic advising in education. My plans after graduation is to complete my single subject teaching credential in science with the UC Berkeley Extension Program."





Lacey Oliveira

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped me navigate my career path in education after UC Merced because I will be able to waive a year of courses from my credential program because I took them for my minor. My plans after graduation include attending a PhD program at UC Merced in Developmental Psychology."

Yetzenia Guadalupe Sanchez-Mendoza

Major: Biology

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach helped me by learning to work with different techniques and apply them in a real setting. I also got to expand my communication techniques in other areas of my academic life with the help of the NSED fieldwork courses. After graduation, I plan on completing my clinical hours before applying to PA school."



Lizbeth Ramirez Soto

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program gave me the opportunity to volunteer at local schools. It provided me with valuable classroom skills to help me on my journey to becoming a teacher. Following graduation I will be applying the Teacher Preparation Program at UC Merced. I am very excited to also be starting a teaching position at Voices Academy for the next school year."



Maria Talamantes

Major: Public Health

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach has helped me by gaining hands on experience in a classroom and practicing teaching lessons. After graduating, I plan to work for one or two years before attending grad school or a teaching credential program."



Chiara Ty

Major: Cognitive Science & Psychology

Minor: NSED

"I had always thought of becoming a teacher, but wasn't entirely sure about it when I first came to college. The CalTeach program gave me the confidence to pursue teaching as a career by not only giving me in-class knowledge, but providing helpful resources for my credential application process. For my plans after graduation, I am currently applying to San Jose State's Masters in Education/Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Program."



Jose Villalta

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has opened the path towards becoming a counselor. I have met wonderful people who will help me achieve my dream. After graduation, I am hoping to start a teaching credential program with either Fresno Pacific University or CSU Stanislaus."





Kim Tran

Major: Biology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped me by learning different techniques to teaching more efficiently and gain education related professional experiences."

Nataly Rios Martinez

Major: History

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program allowed me to put my career goals into an actual plan that is achievable and well-thought out. Through this program I also have been able to get field experience in a K-12 classroom and use practice materials for the CBEST exam. After graduation I plan to start a teaching credential program with the UC Merced Teacher Preparation Program."

Kevin Padilla

Major: Public Health

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach has helped me gain experience with working with K-12 youth, faculty and staff at the local schools in Merced. After graduation I plan on taking a year off from school, and volunteer at my local hospital and work to prepare for grad school."



Yara Ahwal

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program helped me find a career that I'm excited to pursue. They also helped set me on the path to become a good teacher. After graduation, I am planning on pursuing a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential with Fresno Pacific University."

Anissa Saleem

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach has given me experiences that have made me grow as an individual and has given me first-hand experience into teaching. After graduation I plan on substituting and apply to teaching credential programs."

Yadira Leal Zavala

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

"The CalTeach program has helped me get in the classroom experience, allowing us to work with students. It has given me in person experiences, working with the teacher and students. After graduation I am planning to work and start preparing for grad school."

Daniel Romero

Major: Anthropology

Minor: NSED

"CalTeach has opened the door to new possibilities related to careers in education. After graduation I am looking into applying to teaching credential programs such as the Fresno Pacific University or UC Merced Teacher Preparation Program."



Daniel Rodriguez Cruz

Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: NSED

Abraham Hernandez- Nava

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

Kevin Kicin

Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: NSED

Minnie Andow Scholarship AY 19-20

The Minnie Andow CalTeach Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to upper-division undergraduate students in the CalTeach Natural Sciences Education program. Minnie Andow dedicated her life to transforming the lives of children with special needs. Recipients of the Minnie Andow CalTeach Scholarship will have shown a sincere and dedicated commitment to the field of education, have high academic standards and exhibit qualities of creativity, innovation, and leadership.

To apply for the Minnie Andow CalTeach Scholarship, the recipient must:

- Be a full-time student enrolled in the Natural Sciences Education minor at the University of California, Merced
- Demonstrate financial need according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have junior or senior-level standing and a minimum GPA of 2.80
- Demonstrate a commitment to education, hold high academic standards and exhibit qualities of creativity, innovation, and leadership



Minnie Andow Scholarship Recipient



Amelia Wood

Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: NSED

Year: 2nd

My name is Amelia Wood and I am a second year student at UC Merced. I am a Biological Science Major with an emphasis in Human Biology and a minor in Natural Science Education. I am from Stockton, CA and I am currently deciding between getting my teaching credential in Biology or going to dental school after I graduate in 2022. I would say my biggest inspiration to become a teacher would be my math, biology and chemistry teachers in high school. All three of these teachers were women and they were extremely intelligent in their respective fields. They were good at teaching and ensuring every student understood the information, but at the same time being personable and letting us students know they are people just like us. I would like to say a large thank you to the family of Minnie Andow for selecting me as a recipient of this scholarship. I am truly honored and I plan to use this scholarship to finance the tools I need to become a teacher once I graduate.



Minnie Andow Scholarship Recipient

Thomas Rodriguez

Major: Applied Mathematics

Minor: NSEC

Year: 4th



Growing up in Live Oak, California (about an hour North of Sacramento), it was very vital for our tightly knit community to prepare our children and even ourselves for the upcoming life of adulthood. I would say spending my childhood in a farming community teaches one many things in life that would one day be of use in the future. Teaching is very prevalent in our modern world (especially in rural community). We at some point were taught to do something like math, reading, writing, mowing the lawn, washing cars, paying the bills, etc. For me, seeing this on a daily schedule demonstrated that education was a plausible career path. During my Fall 2016 semester at Yuba College, Mr. Kirk Wardlaw (a Math professor) and Mrs. Shawn Frederking (an English professor) demonstrated to me, a fellow student of them, that teaching does not have to be constricted nor follow each step of the textbook. By doing this, they ventured in a teaching realm that forced us, the students, to learn and revel in the struggles of finding the hypotenuse of a triangle or writing a perfect summary. This shun a light in teaching that I had only seen glimpses of in K-12. Now, here at UC Merced, a senior, with a major in Applied Mathematical Sciences and a minor in Natural Sciences Education Teaching credential program (NSEC), pursuing a career in teaching to hopefully one day to be as great as Professor Frederking and Professor Wardlaw. I would also like to recognize and commemorate others that have inspired me and aided me during my journey: My family, LOHS (Live Oak Highschool) staff, Encinal School Staff, Yuba College Staff, the WLDC (Writing Language and Development Center) staff, the CalTeach staff, the PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Support) staff, and the UC Merced staff and faculty.



Minnie Andow Scholarship Recipient

Laura Munoz

Major: Psychology

Minor: NSED

Year: 4th



My name is Laura Munoz and I was raised in Inglewood, a city located in Los Angeles county. I am currently a 4th year UC Merced student, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Natural Sciences Education (NSED). I intended to become a special education teacher for elementary students. Pamelyn Gingold, a UC Merced professor, showed me that being an educator is much more than just being someone who teaches but also someone who is there to support their students. Professor Gingold was also the one who provided me with the opportunity to work with children with special needs, which was a turning point in my career path. I am motivated to become an influence and support system to our future generation. I would like to thank the family of Minnie Andow as they have played a crucial role in my path to become a teacher especially in this time of adjustments and uncertainty. Knowing that someone like the family of Minnie Andow believes in my path to becoming an educator is uplifting and I am truly grateful.



Minnie Andow Scholarship Recipient

Stephany Covarrubias

Major: Sociology

Minor: NSED

Year: 4th



"My intended career path is to pursue a career in the education field after I graduate. I plan on receiving my credential to teach math and eventually expand my teaching to international countries. After I hope to work as a School Counselor and help provide hope in the lives of students from low-income families. What inspired to work in the education field is the CalTeach Program, this program allowed me to get more insight on the impact teachers has on student's educational accomplishment. This program also inspired me on how to meet the educational needs and provide equity for students with low-income backgrounds who share similar experiences as me. I would love to share a special thank you to the family of Minnie Andow for giving me this amazing opportunity. I am sincerely thankful and I hope to be able to make a difference in someone's life just as you have done for me."



Minnie Andow Early Career Scholarship Recipient

Anna Rodriguez



Class of 2019

Major: Biological Sciences

Minor: NSEC

**8th grade Science Teacher at
Prescott Jr. High
School in Modesto**

My name is Ana Rodriguez. I am an alumna from UC Merced. I graduated last May (2019) with a degree in the biological sciences and a minor in science education + teaching credentials. Shortly after graduation I was offered a position to teach 8th grade science at a local middle school here in the valley. I am currently on my way to finish my first year teaching and I have loved every minute of it. I would like to thank the family of Minnie Andow for their generosity and kindness. You are all truly helping shape a better world, one new teacher at a time.