



Welcome, New #CBSAggie!

Dear Katherine,

Welcome to the **College of Biological Sciences (CBS)** and the **International Relations (Mentor Collective)** major at UC Davis! My name is Helen Schurke Frasier, and I serve as the Assistant Dean for Student Success Initiatives.

As you begin your journey at UC Davis, we are all excited for you to join our Community of Biology Scholars — aka **#CBSAggies**. Today, I'm emailing to introduce you to the BioLaunch Mentor Collective — a mentoring program designed exclusively for CBS undergraduates like you.

Through this program:

- You'll be paired with a continuing CBS student who will serve as your peer mentor throughout your first year.
- Your mentor will offer personalized support as you adjust to college life, academics, and all the new experiences ahead.
- Nearly all incoming CBS students participate, making it the largest mentoring partnership of its kind at UC Davis.
- You'll gain a stronger sense of belonging, build academic confidence, and learn help-seeking strategies that support your success.

Ready to get started?

1. Register using your @ucdavis.edu email address.
2. Complete a short survey so we can match you with a mentor who shares your interests or background.
3. Sign up **by August 8** to be matched before the start of the academic year!

👉 [Click here to register and complete your survey](#)

Having a mentor can make a real difference in your first year — offering guidance, encouragement, and a familiar face to turn to. I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to start strong and feel supported every step of the way.

Watch for an email from the Mentor Collective team with more details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at hshrasier@ucdavis.edu or reach out to Mentor Collective at help@mentorcollective.org. Don't forget to sign up **by August 8**!

All the best, and once again, welcome to the CBS community!

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