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Michael J Lewis Endowment

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Right now we are just over $15,000 short of our goal of $100,000 for this endowment, the proceeds of which will support the activities of undergraduate and graduate students passing through the brewing programs in Davis.

Can you help? For questions about this endowment, contact Melissa Haworth [mdhaworth@ucdavis.edu; (530) 979-1440]. Or you can contact Charlie Bamforth (address below). All donations are tax deductible and may be eligible for a matching contribution from your employer.

Where are they now? Part two

Recognizing Michael, let’s first catch up with a couple of alumni that passed through the campus program under his watch.

Karl Ockert graduated with a BS in Fermentation Science in 1983 and after a period with an Oregon winemaker, he got involved in building Oregon’s oldest craft brewery, BridgePort Brewing Company in Portland, now 25 years old. Karl
When “Rick” Loomis graduated in 1975 there were 13 in the Fermentation Science class. Rick started at Miller in Azusa and after 2 years was asked to join the family business which was retail Pharmacies. After 9 years he decided to get back into fermentation, making fermenters for Pharmaceutical production. He now sells drug discovery equipment to Pharmaceutical and Biotech companies in California. “My daughter Megan took your class in 2004 and you introduced her to Dr Lewis. My son is now a grad student in Genetics at Davis.”

Rick provided the caption for the photo: “Erick, Megan, my wife Adrienne and myself at Megan's Graduation in 2004. I met Adrienne at UC Davis and our first date was a VIT 126 field trip to the Napa valley!”

Continuing the wine theme from more recent vintage, Cale May (MS 2006) wrote to say “In 2005, during my internship with Blackstone winery, I met my wife Maria Jose Abilio Cecilia, who is from Evora, Portugal. We now have two sons. In June 2008 I accepted a promotion as an assistant winemaker. At this point we moved back to Davis to allow my wife to return to school and obtain a second Bachelors Degree in V & E. I am currently an assistant winemaker at Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi.”

After working as Assistant QA Manager for 2 years, Jeremy Roza (MS 2008) has been promoted to Assistant Brewing Manager, Yeast Handling and Fermentation Management with Boston Beer Company in Cincinnati. Jeremy and Dawn have McKinley (5) and Morrison (2.5).

Scholarship success

Congratulations to Nick Gislason, who was awarded the Brian Williams scholarship by the American Society of Brewing Chemists. He is the third graduate student from our programs to receive this prestigious award.
Congratulations to the two tip-top brewing teams from the wonderful Practical Brewing class of 2009.

Winning team:

L to R (back) Danny Sullivan, John Khayami, Marc Gagnon, Steffen Muench, David Jelsma, Brandon Olivo, Langdon Ngo
(front) Fabian Schaefer, Sara Jablow

The runners-up

L to R (back) guest observer from Vietnam; Will Thomas, Ben Parrett, Emy Fargey-Williams, Daniel Pescetti, Justin Peck, John Duckett, Scott Johnson, Shawn Brynildson
(front) Naka Hassell, Emily Parker

Team 1 brewed a hefeweissen; team 2 an amber ale.

We would love to hear from you

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