

# Aggie Brew

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## A wonderful gift

The press release of June 15, 2015 says it all:



*Carlos Alvarez, founder and owner of The Gambrinus Company of San Antonio, Texas, announced a \$1 million gift to the brewing science program at UC Davis*

*The gift will fund new brewing and laboratory equipment at UC Davis to create the brewery of the future. The gift from Alvarez will build on previous investments and secure UC Davis' position as a leader in brewing education.*

*Gambrinus is a leader in craft-brewing with three independent and distinctive breweries: the Trumer Brauerei in Berkeley, California; BridgePort Brewing Company in Portland, Oregon; and the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, Texas, which is home of the iconic Shiner Bock beer.*

*"As an immigrant from Mexico, I have enjoyed the many opportunities I found in this country," Alvarez said, "and I'm very happy that success in the beer business enables me to help in UC Davis' efforts to educate future craft brewers."*

*Brewing education at UC Davis dates back to 1959 when the Lucky Lager Brewing Company of San Francisco donated a small brewery and launched a teaching program with the Master Brewers Association. As student interest grew, additional companies began supporting the program. In 2011 brewing science moved into the world-class facilities at the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science.*

*"This fantastic donation from Carlos Alvarez will allow us to develop our teaching and research capabilities in a way that surpasses anything I could have imagined when I first came to the university in 1999," said Charlie Bamforth, Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Sciences. "I salute Mr. Alvarez's dedication to education and am thrilled for what we will deliver with his contribution."*

*Alvarez is a graduate of the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Monterrey, Mexico, with a degree in biochemical engineering. As export manager for Grupo Modelo, he led the launch of Corona in the United States. In 1986 he founded The Gambrinus Company and became importer for Corona and the Modelo portfolio for the next 20 years, developing Corona into the No. 1 imported beer and a leading global brand.*

*Alvarez is deeply committed to education and has contributed to educational institutions across the United States, with a particular focus on scholarship funding. He also has provided generous support to the brewing program at Oregon State University.*

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This is marvelous gesture and we are thrilled. It builds on the previous wonderful (and ongoing) support of the facilities by a number of companies and people, above all Anheuser-Busch Inbev, Sierra Nevada and Doug and Juli Muhleman.

## **Out and about**

Charlie Bamforth found time to visit with Jamie Ashdon at Humboldt Cider Company in Eureka



## **A few You Tube highlights!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR3XeIRBtm4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sFqpy-UIxxc&feature=youtu.be>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkIX1TuZ\\_uw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkIX1TuZ_uw)

<https://vimeo.com/123417944>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKPS\\_XeFngE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKPS_XeFngE&feature=youtu.be)

## **Presidential matters**

Charlie Bamforth, as President of the Institute of Brewing and Distilling, found himself officiating a glitzy dinner in Maputo, Mozambique.





## **Brewing Competition**

There is a brewing challenge as part of the FST102B Practical Brewing class every year, in which teams of students design and brew beers to be judged by a panel of experts. The winning team gets to brew their beer with our good friends Sudwerk and the beer is sold in the local markets. Apart from this wonderful experience offered by Sudwerk, the company also make a generous donation to the program.

Many thanks to Doug Muhleman for chairing the judges this year, seen here in action:



The winning team of Brandon Rotondo, Abigail Kanyer, Evann Dufort, and Jeff Damilano brewing their beer:



Local coverage:

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/for-iron-brew-winners-class-is-in-session-at-sudwerk/>

The winning beer's logo:



## **Michael J Lewis Endowment**

Your contribution would be most welcome. 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.



Photo shows Michael Lewis (left) with Tobin Eppard (Miller Coors), Charlie Bamforth, Steve Presley and Bernardo Alatorre (Miller Coors).

## Nice

<http://www.newsreview.com/sacramento/50-people-who-make-the-sacramento-craft-beer-scene-awesome/content?oid=16397813>

## Building Bridges through Beer

Charlie Bamforth was delighted to support the fostering of new bridges between departments on the UC Davis campus by helping to set up the first Inter-Departmental UC Davis brewing challenge, held at Sudwerk.

You can read more about it at [http://news.bftv.ucdavis.edu/fst/index.html?display\\_article=1096](http://news.bftv.ucdavis.edu/fst/index.html?display_article=1096)



Charlie addresses the troops:



Some of the judges hard at work – Thomas Stull of Sudwerk at the rear with head in hands (quite!) and Abby Kanyer and Jen House to the right.

## Renewing acquaintances at Heretic

Charlie Bamforth popped down to Heretic in Fairfield to meet up with friends (left to right): former Extension student John Anaya, Logan Plant (of Beavertown Brewery in London) and Jamil Zainasheff, who was responsible for naming the fermenter seen behind!





### Availability of brewery for trials

Our brewery is available for trial work. We are delighted that it is already being used to a significant extent. If you are interested in using the brewery for commercial studies, then please contact Charlie Bamforth for rates ([cwbamforth@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cwbamforth@ucdavis.edu)).

## Heriot-Watt Anniversary

Charlie Bamforth was delighted to be a part of the 25th anniversary celebrations for the International Center for Brewing and Distilling. Here he is pictured with Dr. and Mrs. Alex Speers and Dr. Xiang Yin (SAB-Miller). Alex is the current Director of ICBD.



## Beer Smith

It is always fun to be part of the Beer Smith brewing podcasts.

<http://beersmith.com/blog/2015/06/09/malt-and-its-impact-on-beer-with-dr-charlie-bamforth-beersmith-podcast-105/>

## Thank you

...to the various companies that support us in so many ways. If you aren't already a supporter, we would love to hear from you – [cwbamforth@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cwbamforth@ucdavis.edu) – and Charlie can explain the benefits.

## Celebrating excellence

Also in support of campus activities, Charlie Bamforth participates in an Excellence Awards program. Staff recognized for their outstanding work can choose from several prizes, one of which is to join Charlie for a beer tasting. Sarah Colwell and her husband Tim (right on the photo) chose to join with Charlie and his wife Diane for such a gathering at Pangea in Sacramento.



## ALUMNI TRACKING

We are eager to keep better track of our brewing alumni. Please send us your up-to-date contact information. Please also forward this newsletter to others who came through the UC Davis campus brewing programs and urge them to contact Charlie and tell him what they have been up to. Thank you.

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