



## **Donor Challenge:**

**Ray Collett Trust Offers \$50,000**

**Matching Grant to Support Student Workers**

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**A letter from Executive Director Martin Quigley:  
Donate today to support our student workers!**

Dear members and friends of the Arboretum,

Greetings from the tranquil and restorative beauty of the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden. I am writing to ask for your help in keeping our student workers going for the rest of the fiscal year. In terms of our budget, this year has seen one disaster after another, and the hardships keep on coming. Our expected revenues dropped to almost nothing during much of the COVID restrictions and the fire evacuation, and we are in deep deficit. We are facing staff layoff actions, and we are under-staffed to begin with. We are also at high risk of losing our valued student workers.

UCSC students have been here laboring, learning, interning, and sharing their knowledge far and wide since 1966. For many, their time here at the Arboretum has been a life-changing experience. Many visitors have complimented us on how well-maintained our gardens are, and this would not be possible without the consistent hard work of our students. Unlike most units on campus, we continued to pay our students through the COVID lockdown and the weeks of closure from the fires. We depend on our student workers in so many vital ways, and now we need your assistance to keep them. We need \$100,000 to cover our current number of students through June 2021.

The Ray Collett Trust has issued a donor challenge for this meaningful cause. The Trust will match 100% of donations, up to \$50,000. Ray was the founding director of the Arboretum and held that position for 34 years. He envisioned the Arboretum, selected the site, and set the biogeographical direction that we still follow today. Ray always believed in students and honored their freedom to explore the natural world in their own special way. For Ray, and for the Arboretum today, students were his anchor and his inspiration.

Can you help us? I will be sending you a year-end appeal asking for more general support, but this request is urgent and immediate. The Challenge ends on Monday, November 30, so please [act now!](#) If you have questions, please send me an email at [maquigle@ucsc.edu](mailto:maquigle@ucsc.edu).

Thanks very much,

Martin F. Quigley, Executive Director  
UC Santa Cruz Arboretum and Botanic Garden  
Brett Hall, Trustee, Ray Collett Trust

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### Our students at work (clockwise from top left):

Student workers Breanna Rodgers, Mara Rothbard, and David Bartlett (left to right) sit in front of the cactus garden after planting was completed in 2019; Joey Kaufman, Charlotte Grenier, and Eleanor Wilcox (left to right) transplanting a very large *Aloe castanae* to the succulent South African rock garden; Ian Rhodes helps with installation of new nursery irrigation lines; Mirya Weber waters plants at Norrie's Gift and Garden Shop; Nathan Zhu transports sand with the Arboretum's tractor for a renovation project in the nursery grow area.

