ENDOWMENT PURPOSE
The Marvin Sands Endowed Department Chair in Viticulture and Enology was established in 1999 by various donors. The purpose of the Sands Chair is to give special recognition to the individual selected for Chair of the Department of Viticulture and Enology and to provide supplemental financial support for teaching, research or outreach during the period he or she has the added responsibility for leadership of the department.

ENDOWMENT USE
As this endowment is specifically for support of the Department Chair, we have focused its use on general support of the Department and my activities related to my role as its Chair. This support includes critical departmental needs such as contributions to student internships, student welfare events (such as a Welcome Barbeque, spirit events, and gatherings to promote student/industry contact), receiving departmental guests and speakers, and key activities related to development.

STUDENT SUPPORT
Many of the activities that this endowment funds directly support the undergraduate and graduate students of the Department of Viticulture and Enology.

OUTREACH
As Department Chair and a faculty member in the department, I have engaged in extensive outreach activities for my own research program and for the department, in general. This includes many activities on campus, as well as several UC Davis On-the-Road events and industry technical meetings, located in Sonoma, Napa, Lodi, and Paso Robles. I also receive a large number of industry visitors at the department, especially ones interested in seeing our new sustainable, advanced winery. Finally, I was invited this past year to talk about the department and its outreach activities, as well as my research, in South Africa.
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
In the coming year, I plan to continue to use these funds to enable key strategic goals of the Department of Viticulture and Enology.

THANKS
I very much appreciate the donors to the Marvin Sands Endowed Department Chair. As Chair of V&E, I have frequent need to support activities of faculty, staff, and students. Having this endowment helps me to fund these key activities immediately without having to seek out extra support.