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SCHOLAR OF UC IRVINE

Angelina Walsh

WHAT IS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO CURRENT
OR INCOMING STUDENTS?



Major
**Aerospace
Engineering**



Academic Year
Sophomore



Scholarship
**Kingsley Foundation
Scholarship**

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**Definitely find
time to
meditate or
de-stress,
whatever
helps you in
between when
you're doing
all these tasks.
Also, take it
easier on
yourself.**

”

-ANGELINA WALSH



Angelina Walsh, an out-of-state student from Las Vegas, was drawn to UC Irvine for its academic reputation. Angelina chose Aerospace Engineering as her major, combining her love for hands-on learning, strong mathematical skills, and fascination with outer space and exploration. Angelina's short-term career goals include successfully completing her internship with Loar Group and gaining more experience in 3D design and manufacturing. As a first-generation college student, Angelina has developed strong independence, learned to navigate campus life, manage finances, and excel academically without a familial guidance in these areas. This experience has motivated her to actively seek outreach and volunteer roles, aiming to support other first-generation and out-of-state students.

She has made an effort to involve herself in various extracurricular activities that align with her interests and goals. Angelina is a member of the Fashion & Sneakers Club (FS), indulging in her enthusiasm for fashion trends. She has even participated in a runway show for FS at UCI, allowing her to connect with students from various disciplines. Angelina's commitment to community service, cultivated during her high school years in Key Club, has continued at UC Irvine through her involvement with Circle K by accumulating over 3000 hours of service. She played a significant role in the *Change Through Games* fundraiser that benefits the American Heart Association.

In the Engineering realm, Angelina has been active in the Society of Women Engineers, attending industry networking nights and engaging with representatives from companies like Northrop Grumman. She also serves on the Engineering Student Council as an Outreach Committee member and Undergraduate Mentor, supporting fellow students and promoting engineering education. She serves as an Applications Engineer on the Liquids Team for the UCI Rocket Project. She has acquired over \$17,000 worth of donated parts for the team and plans on specializing in propulsion for the coming years. Angelina is involved in outreach activities by visiting high schools to present on Engineering at UC Irvine, answering questions from prospective students, hosting high school students on campus, providing lab tours, and showcasing student projects. Despite the busy schedule and occasional stress, Angelina finds her involvement incredibly rewarding and wouldn't change her experiences.

Angelina expressed her excitement and gratitude upon receiving the Kingsley Foundation Scholarship, viewing it as both financial support and recognition of her academic achievements. As an out-of-state student facing higher tuition costs, she emphasized the importance of any financial assistance. This acknowledgment of her hard work serves as a motivating factor, validating her efforts and dedication to her studies.



SCHOLAR OF UC IRVINE

Grant Lai

WHAT IS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO CURRENT
OR INCOMING STUDENTS?



Double Major
Biological
Sciences &
Chemistry



Academic Year
Senior



Scholarship
Distinguished
Anteater Award

“
Be honest with
yourself about
what you're
interested in,
what you don't
like, or what you
want to do in
life. The earlier
you know, the
more clarity you
will have, and
the more control
[you'll have]
over your own
destiny.”

-GRANT LAI



Grant Lai, a local from Irvine, admitted that chemistry wasn't initially on his radar during his high school years. Grant enrolled at UC Irvine as a Biomedical Engineering major, but soon discovered that the mathematical demands of the program were more than he had anticipated. In search of an alternative, he considered biology and added chemistry as a second choice. To his surprise, Grant found himself drawn to chemistry as he delved deeper into the subject. What started as a stepping stone became a genuine passion, leading him to pursue a double major in Biological Sciences and Chemistry.

Grant's immediate academic plans involve pursuing a prestigious opportunity at the University of Cambridge. He has been awarded the Churchill Scholarship, which will allow him to spend a year at Cambridge earning a Master of Philosophy in Chemistry. Looking beyond his time at Cambridge, Grant aims to enroll in an MD-PhD program. He envisions using his expertise in chemical biology to contribute to the medical field, with an interest in infectious diseases. Grant acknowledges that his interests may evolve as he progresses in his studies and research.

Grant's involvement at UC Irvine is centered around two main areas: the Chemistry Club at UCI and undergraduate research. As a sophomore, Grant and his friends played a pivotal role in reviving the Chemistry Club at UCI, which had previously become inactive. Transforming it into a thriving "academic social club" that welcomes anyone interested in chemistry. Grant served as the club's president from its refounding until the beginning of his senior year. He takes pride in the club's continued success after his leadership, viewing it as a sign of the organization's health and sustainability. The club has become a "home away from home" for chemistry enthusiasts, fulfilling Grant's desire to create a sense of community within the large university setting. In addition, Grant is an undergraduate research assistant with the Nowick Research Group focusing on chemistry and biology of peptides.

Upon receiving the Distinguished Anteater Award, Grant felt both excited and surprised, given the competitive nature of alumni scholarships. The award has significantly impacted his UC Irvine experience by providing crucial financial support. The scholarship has allowed him to redirect funds towards career-advancing goals, reducing financial stress and enabling greater focus on his studies and research. Beyond the monetary benefits, the award has served as a motivating recognition of Grant's academic achievements, further fueling his dedication to his educational journey at UC Irvine.



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UCI Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research

The Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research's (CBCRR) primary focus is to assist students in successfully navigating their college experience and supporting the academic success of Black students. The CBCRR aims to fill gaps that may exist between the resources provided by the university and the specific needs of Black students. The CBCRR offers academic advising, support services, and professional development to prepare students for college life and future careers. The center's future goals include expanding its physical space to accommodate more students and addressing the financial squeeze on middle-class students. Overall, the center's ultimate goal is to help students acclimate to the university environment and breaking down the potentially intimidating aspects of a large institution into manageable parts.



Resources & Services

- **Laptop Sharing Services:** The Center offers both short-term and long-term laptop loans to students. The center has about 15 Macs and 10 PCs available for loan. Students initially receive short-term loans and can request a longer-term loan with professional staff. For longer loans, students sign a contract assuming responsibility for replacement if the laptop is lost or damaged.
- **Free Unlimited Printing:** Free unlimited printing services for students needing access to printers. This service has become a significant draw for students to use the center and help reduce their educational costs.
- **LARC Scholarships:** The center offers scholarships to help students access tutorial services without financial burden. Students may have their entire \$125 tutorial fee covered, primarily offered to first-year students and those in challenging majors like Biological Sciences.
- **Counselor-in-Residence Drop-In Hours:** Led by Dr. Diaz, Director of the UCI Counseling Center, to support students' mental health-related topics.
- **Drop-in Academic Counseling & Advising Services:** Led by two academic advisors who advise Undergraduate/Undeclared students on a quarterly basis regarding course selection, majors, and general education requirements for second-year plus students.

Signature Programs



SISTA CIRCLE

A support group for womxn of the Black/African diaspora at UCI, empowering women of color through mutual support, education, and awareness about physical and mental health. Drawing on Black community traditions, the group provides a space for authentic self-expression and celebration of identity, fostering strength and solidarity among its members.



WABRUDA: MEN'S GROUP

A support group for men of the Black/African diaspora, aimed at educating and empowering young Black men through positive role models and leadership. Open to faculty, staff, and students, the group strives to improve quality of life and enhance educational and economic opportunities for the African Diaspora community.



SPACE

A support group for Queer & Questioning individuals of the African diaspora, addressing the intersections of racial and LGBTQ+ identities. Open to faculty, staff, and students, SPACE confronts homophobia within the Black community and racism within the Queer community, fostering solidarity and understanding.



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CAMPUSWIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

From **May 1st-31st**, incoming students have the opportunity to apply to our campuswide scholarships that can range from need or merit-based, various award amounts, and different eligibility requirements.

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General Scholarship Information



Campuswide and External Scholarships

UCI Scholarships evaluates students holistically:

- Academic Achievements
- Financial need
- Overcoming adversity
- Community Service
- Leadership

Scholarships awarded to students are applied next academic year

General Eligibility Requirements



- Undergraduate and Nursing Students
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Apply to FAFSA or CADAA for need-based scholarships
- International students may apply for UCI Scholarships

Application Timeline



Incoming Student Scholarships

- May 1st - 31st, 2025

External Scholarships

- February-April & June-December



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