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February 2016 Newsletter from the Robert Mondavi Institute

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Ana Skomal Receives \$2,000 Broadening Horizons Scholarship

Skomal, an undergraduate in the Department of Food Science and Technology, is the Co-Director for the on-campus organization: *Chicanos in Health Education*. She also works at the UC Davis student-run Joan Viteri Memorial Clinic. She has been an undergraduate researcher in the laboratory of Dr. Carolyn Slupsky for over a year. Her career goal is to serve communities who do not have access to health care and safe food. The objective of the Broadening Horizon Initiative is to increase awareness about the educational opportunities available in the departments of Food Science and Technology, and Viticulture and Enology.



Dr. Gene Robinson Featured as Chancellor's Colloquium Speaker

Dr. Gene Robinson, Director of the Institute for Genomic Biology and Director of the Bee Research Facility at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was featured as the Chancellor's Colloquium speaker on February 22 at UC Davis. The title of his address, "Me to We: Using Honey Bees to Find the Genetic Roots of Social Life," builds on his efforts to found and sustain the Honey Bee Genome Sequencing Consortium. Dr. Robinson has pioneered the application of genomics to the study of social behavior, and led efforts to gain approval from the National Institutes of Health to sequence the honey bee genome.

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Honey and Pollination Center Hosts Third Annual Fundraising Dinner: "Feast: A Taste of Mead and Honey"

The Honey and Pollination Center hosted a celebration of pollinators and the bounty they bring to our tables on February 6th in the foyer of the Sensory Building. Over 85 attendees began the evening with a signature 'Honey Stinger' made with Schramm's Ginger Mead. A special menu created by Kathi Riley, creative chef and consultant, featured a selection of items from across the Mediterranean. The evening concluded with a Mead Flight led by Ken Schramm of Schramm's Mead, Ferndale, Mich. and Darrell Corti of Corti Brothers in Sacramento. Profits from the Feast will support the Honey and Pollination Center's outreach programs.

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Uncorked at the Mondavi Center

"Uncorked," the private wine tasting offered



Honey and Pollination Center Mead
Courses Continue to Grow in Popularity

The Honey and Pollination Center recently hosted over 65 mead makers for a four-day program: Continuing Mead Making (February 7-8), Business of Mead (February 9) and a tour of Rabbit's Foot Meadery, Sunnyvale, Calif. (February 10). The program was geared towards those planning to open a meadery in the near future. Attendees came from across the globe including Canada, Jamaica and Australia. A program highlight was presentation of mead research being conducted in the Department of Viticulture & Enology at UC Davis. The business course featured case studies from both established and new mead makers, offering insights into the struggles of creating a new meadery and how meaderies grow and adapt to their communities.

WATCH A VIDEO FROM THE EVENT HERE.



Library Hosts Wine Writer Hugh Johnson

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Bouchaine Vineyards on February 20th, 2016, before a performance by the Russian National Orchestra, with pianist Yuja Wang. Uncorked is open to Friends of the Robert Mondavi Institute at the Reserve Level and above.

SEE THE 2015-16 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

about wine since 1960. He was Decanter Magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1995 and is an Officer in the French Order Nationale de Merité. Johnson authored the first significant attempt at mapping the worlds' wine regions: The World Atlas of Wine, now in its seventh edition. On February 23, the UC Davis Shields Library hosted Johnson for a discussion on his career. The event also celebrated the announcement that Johnson will formally donate his research notes and book manuscripts to the Library archives.

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