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## Dear Alumni,

**L**ast year was a good year for Davis Crew both on and off the water. On the water, the Varsity 4 won both WIRA and the ACRA national championship. The team President, Austin Hendrickson, obtained valuable elite level rowing experience at Penn AC this summer with the generous financial support from many of you. He will bring that experience back with him to help energize the rest of the team this year. Off the water, the alumni donated another \$52,000 to add to the \$54,000 donated the prior year. We now have over \$100,000 in the bank putting us in a strong position to help the team in the future.

When we commenced this fundraising effort a couple years ago, we were hoping to hire a full-time coach and bring consistency to the program. To date, we have been unable to convince the team of the benefits of a full-time coach and they again renewed the current part-time coach's contract for this upcoming year. Over the past few months, we surveyed the Friends of Davis Rowing donors to gauge their sentiment and determine our next steps. A few donors indicated they will either reduce their support or stop donating until the team hires a full-time coach. However, the majority of donors indicated that they would keep supporting the effort at the current level and almost all donors indicated they would keep donating at the current level once the team hires a full-time coach.

In the near term, the majority of donors wanted to save the donated funds rather than distribute them to the team. While the delay in hiring a full-time coach is disappointing, the benefit of the delay is that the Friends of Davis Rowing will be in a much stronger financial position for the future. The savings can help pay for the coach's salary in the future in years when donations are less than expected; enable us to help with capital expenditures; and to the extent we can avoid touching the principal, the balance will act as an endowment for the future. While our long term goal remains funding a full-time coach, we will work on increasing our cash balance until that happens. That said, should any donor want all or part of their upcoming donation to be allocated to the team immediately for small equipment purchases or other needs, donations can be restricted for that purpose.

Later this year, we will get the existing funds invested in a mix of stock and bond funds so that they start working for us. The investments will be fairly conservative as we would like it to grow but without taking too much risk. Goals for this year are to raise approximately \$50,000; increase alumni attendance at races, Alumni Day and other events; continue educating the team of the benefits of a full-time coach; and continue trying to improve our relationship with the team while helping them in as many ways as we can.

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## Class Representatives

Class Representatives represent all alumni in the year they started rowing. Their goal is to stay connected with their Class, keep alumni contact information current, and provide any feedback or suggestions the alumni have to the Friends of Davis Rowing Board of Directors. Expect to receive a call from one of the Class Reps asking for your support in the near future. If you would like to be a Class Rep for one of the “open” years or take a year away from someone who is handling more than one year contact Roger von Ting at [rvonting@watsonlandcompany.com](mailto:rvonting@watsonlandcompany.com).

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1978-79	<b>Phil Kearney</b>	2000	<b>Adam Donovan</b>
1980-81	<b>Pete Brostrom</b>	2001	<b>Erik Loboschefskey</b>
1982-84	<b>Pat McLaughlin</b>	2002	<b>Ian Kolb/James Partridge</b>
1985	<b>Roger von Ting</b>	2003	<b>Dane Behrens</b>
1986	<b>Kent Perkocha</b>	2004	<b>Aaron McKenzie</b>
1987	<b>Duncan Moyer</b>	2005	<b>Vince Rogers</b>
1988-89	<b>John Heron</b>	2006	<b>Caton Mande</b>
1990-92	<b>Jonas White</b>	2007	<b>Ryan Mangan</b>
1993	<b>Alexandre Baudouin</b>	2008	<b>William Wiersig</b>
1994	Open	2009	Open
1995-96	<b>Sean Ballard</b>	2010	<b>Thomson Gilles</b>
1997-99	<b>Charley Johnston</b>	2011	<b>David Dito</b>
		2012	Open

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**W**ith your help, the Friends of Davis rowing can help bring stability to the UC Davis rowing program, while putting the pieces in place to position the program for future success. We are incredibly grateful for your past support. Please join us again for this years effort!

Sincerely,

Chris Gemulla  
Class of 2007  
President, Friends of Davis Rowing





## 2015/16 Year Donation

As previously mentioned, our main goal is to provide a competitive salary and benefits package to a head coach who can focus full time on cultivating boat speed and character in the young student athletes dedicating their time to the club. If just 100 alumni each donated \$500 per year, we would achieve our goal. The current alumni numbers are more than 800 strong, so we believe this goal is fully within reach.

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### Annual Sponsorship Levels

<b>Hall of Fame:</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>ACRA Champion:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>WIRA Champion:</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Engine Room:</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Bow Pair:</b>	<b>Any amount</b>

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Please send your checks made payable to "Friends of Davis Rowing, Inc."

**Friends of Davis Rowing, Inc.**  
**Attn: Roger von Ting**  
**10241 Camden Circle**  
**Villa Park, CA 92861**

Alternatively, you may use PayPal or your credit card on the Friends of Davis Rowing, Inc. website at [www.DavisRowing.org](http://www.DavisRowing.org).

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## Alumni Challenge:

Roger von Ting will donate \$1,000 for every four \$1,000 donors, up to a maximum of \$6,000 this year (i.e. we need twenty-four \$1,000 donors to get the max pledge). This is the last year of the three year challenge, so let's make it count!