

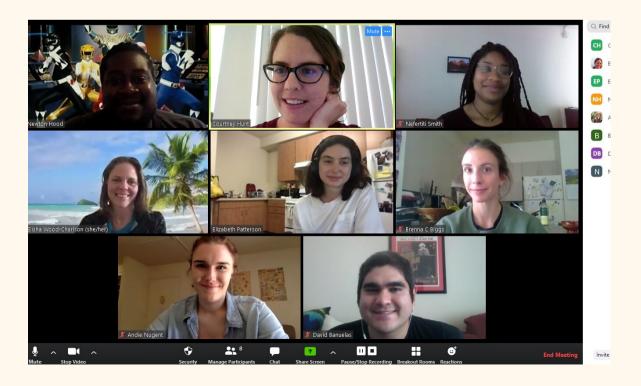
# SWEET AS SPRING

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# **Spring Quarter in Review**

Going into Spring 2020, our trainees, faculty, and staff faced the transition to remote learning during a pandemic. We are grateful to our students and teachers, who have all exemplified the UCI spirit.



### **Quarter Highlights**

#### California Council on Science and Technology (CCST)



Karina Brocco French is a current PhD student and National Science Foundation Ridge to Reef (R2R) Fellow in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine. She is interested in science policy and urban ecosystem management.

Read Karina's blog post about her experience as a CCST Translator: bit.ly/3eYKwYF

#### **Dynamic Womxn of UCI Awards**



UCI's Womxn's Hub awarded our trainee Brenna Briggs the 7th Annual Dynamic Womxn of the Year Award. Brenna is a PhD student in Chemistry studying air quality. The Dynamic Womxn of UCI Awards event celebrates and honors the incredible womxn who are leaders and role models actively making a difference in our community.

Join us in celebrating Brenna here: https://bit.ly/2MYbbIh

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## **Online Learning: Still Going Strong**

Through the seminar, many of our trainees were able to build valuable networking skills with community partners over Zoom.



Our Spring quarter seminar featured guest speakers every week from:

- CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Newkirk Center for Science & Society
- California State Coastal Conservancy
- OC Environmental Justice
- California Council on Science and Technology
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration