



# Fresh Focus Quarterly Report



## What is Fresh Focus?

Fresh Focus is a program based on the 23-acre Student Farm at University of California, Davis. The UC Davis Student Farm provides a space where students can learn, practice, and model an ecologically, socially, and economically, sustainable agriculture and food system. The Student Farm welcomes all students to build a more equitable and just farm and food system by cultivating student initiative, leadership, and experiential learning. In 2014, two Student Farmers created the Fresh Focus program to glean surplus produce from the student farm to donate to the ASUCD student-run food pantry. This initiative expanded into the Fresh Focus program. The goal of Fresh Focus is to reduce food loss while supporting student access to fresh produce.



## A Special Thank You

to our funders, Aggie Compass and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences!

## Fall Highlights:



- Distributed 3,249.44 pounds of fresh produce
- Supported new partnership with Aggie Eats
- Sent out 174 bins to 11 partners



# Meet our Team!



## 3 Lead Student Farmers...

- Graham DeLeon, 3rd year Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning major and our External Partner Coordinator
- Ruben Gonzalez, 3rd year Environmental Science and Management major and our Internal Partner Coordinator
- Nicole Lee, 3rd year Clinical Nutrition major and our Intern Coordinator

## 5 Incredible Interns

- Johan Gonzalez, 2nd year Atmospheric Science major
- Erica Bagby, 4th year Psychology Major
- Gigi Guan, 2nd year Clinical Nutrition major and a Sacramento Valley College Corps Fellow
- Katie Yasuda, 3rd year Environmental Science and Management Major
- Ruby Bal, 2nd year Community and Regional Development Master's student

## ... And 7 Supportive Student Farm Staff

Thank you to our Student Farm Director Colin Dixon, Fresh Focus Coordinator Judy Jun, Market Garden Manager Emma Torbert, Ecological Garden Manager Julia Schreiber, SCOPE Manager Laura Roser, Market Garden Farmer Ken Earl, and Field Operations Manager Jim Muck.



## Quotes from our Fall team...

*"I'm so happy to have found the Student Farm, and especially Fresh Focus. Fresh Focus is an extremely valuable and rewarding department within the farm that addresses important topics such as food security and food justice, two things I have grown very passionate about since interning." -Erica*

*"Fresh Focus has helped me realize just how much work goes into harvesting and distributing food and other produce. As a consequence, it's given me a new appreciation to the process, as well as a new appreciation to those who provide our food on campus." - Johan*

*"I appreciate the opportunity to teach and learn about agriculture and food justice in such a supportive community with so many passionate peers. Fresh Focus is more than just food access, it's a program that supports food education both within the student farm and outward towards the greater Davis community." - Ruben*





Our partners include the ASUCD Pantry, Center for African Diaspora Student Success, Center for Educational Opportunity Program, Fruit and Veggie Up!, Native American Academic Student Success Center, AB540 and Undocumented Student Center, LGBTQIA+ Student Center, Graduate Student Association Pantry, Night Market, and Aggie Eats.



# At A Glance

That's equivalent to about 2,708 meals!

Supported 11 partnerships

Distributed 3,249 pounds of fresh produce

Donated over 70 varieties of fruits and vegetables

Check out all the produce varieties we harvested!

