

2013-14 Fellows

Lindsey Higgins American Fellowship



Degree and Field: Publication Grant, Agribusiness
Institution: California Polytechnic State University
Project Name: Consumer Behavior and Wine Marketing

Lindsey Higgins is an assistant professor of agribusiness at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. She is a passionate teacher, and much of her research relates to creating an engaging educational experience for students. In addition, Higgins' research program focuses on gaining a better understanding of consumer behavior and decisions related to food and wine.

Funded by:

Fresno (CA) Branch (1979-80) [1045]
Graham, Gladys Murphy (CA 1979-80) [1050]
Riley, Susan B. (SE Central 1954-55) [1105]

Farnaz Daneshpour International Fellowship



Citizenship: Iran
Degree and Field: M.S., Agribusiness
Institution: California Polytechnic State University

Farnaz Daneshpour is pursuing a master's degree in agribusiness at California Polytechnic State University. She has received both a bachelor's and master's degree in agricultural economics in Iran, her home country. She will use her knowledge and experience to teach students about the business of agriculture. There are currently no female teachers with agribusiness degrees in Iran, and she wants to inspire women to enter this field of study.

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California Region (1990-91) [1762]
California State Division (1973-74) [1143]
Redlands (CA) Branch (2001-02) [4217]

Allyson Toscher Career Development Grant



Degree and Field: B.S.N., Nursing
Institution: California State University, Channel Islands

As a child, Allyson Toscher didn't know what she wanted to be when she grew up; she just knew she wanted to help people. Today she is attending nursing school, and after graduation she wants to travel the world as a nurse and provide aid to those in need, focusing on family planning and maternal healthcare.

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Bakersfield (CA) Branch Past Presidents (1983-84) [1534]
Bratmon, Ann/Thousand Oaks (CA) Branch (1978-79) [1212]
Camarillo (CA) Branch (1987-88) [1593]
Oxnard-Hueneme (CA) Branch (1997-98) [4088]
Simi Valley (CA) Branch (1985-86) [1598]