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Dear I-House Residents,

This year marked my first serving of this vibrant community, and I've come to appreciate the profound impact and beauty that our house has on the world. Each of you has created moments with lasting impacts. Every conversation, whether it involved disagreements or the extension of empathy, contributed to our collective development. As you flip through this yearbook in the years to come, may you recognize all the love, bravery, and passion that it took for each individual to share in these moments.

Cheers to you for taking the steps to build yourself up, to come here, and to learn from the world. Countless times, I witnessed many of you going out of your way to ensure your fellow scholars felt safe and heard. Beyond everything else, many of you also took the time to share your culture and community with us. Thank you for filling our days with music, dance moves, and ways of thinking. Your collective vulnerability and care fostered a house environment where folks felt they could be their authentic selves and share their stories. This house is special because of you. Be confident that your memories here will endure.

As you reminisce through these pages, I encourage you to reflect on the following questions: Who was I? Who left a positive impact on me? What lessons did I learn from my fellow scholars? How did my time here support my efforts to make the world a more just and peaceful place? A special thank you to my team, the RAs who made this house feel like home.

With love,
Hawk Anderson (he/they)
Resident Support Manager
The I-House Spring Retreat offered residents a diverse array of activities, from captivating presentations by executive director Shaun Carver, to engaging discussions on topics like nationalism and personal motivations. Creative pursuits such as slime-making and bead-making added an artistic touch, while lively karaoke sessions and movie nights fostered camaraderie.

Attendees left the retreat reflecting on the genuine connections formed and stories shared, highlighting the transformative impact of intercultural dialogue. The success of the retreat lay in its seamless organization, diverse programming, and the bonds formed among participants, showcasing the power of community in embracing shared experiences.
GLOWING AND GIVING: THE BIG GIVE AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
On March 13, 2024, I-House participated in the annual Big Give, a 24-hour fundraising marathon that united the entire campus community in a wave of generosity. As an integral part of the Cal community since 1930, I-House used this opportunity to raise funds for its Scholarship Fund, enabling it to make an even greater impact on the lives of students and scholars from around the world.

In the lead-up to the Big Give, the I-House community was abuzz with activities to promote the event. Global Community Ambassadors organized a successful Big Give photoshoot, where residents from diverse backgrounds came together to take photos and share their appreciation for I-House. A video challenge was also launched, where students held a glowing star and expressed what they were thankful for at I-House.

The I-House Board of Directors pledged to contribute $13,500 once 135 gifts were made to the Scholarship Fund, further incentivizing the community to participate. Residents were treated to a rally in the Dining Commons, complete with a prize wheel and a photo booth, to celebrate the Big Give.

The President of the I-House Resident Council issued a heartfelt call to action, emphasizing the unique role of I-House in fostering global understanding and the importance of supporting its vital programs, scholarships, and cultural events through the Big Give. This annual fundraising event was a crucial opportunity to ensure that I-House continues to be a beacon of intercultural connection and personal growth at UC Berkeley.

Thanks to the generosity of the I-House community, past and present, the fundraising target was successfully met, ensuring the continued support and enhancement of this vibrant living and learning environment.

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DIVERSE TEA & COFFEE HOURS

Japanese Culture Day
MENA

Lunar New Year
Intercultural Day
EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND GLOBAL CONNECTIONS AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Residents at our lovely diverse home immerse themselves in a tapestry of cultures, traditions, and perspectives, fostering a transformative environment that goes beyond just a dormitory.

I-House is a cultural melting pot where lifelong friendships and connections are forged, transcending borders and cultivating intercultural understanding. The initiative led by Excellence Joshua, a Global Community Ambassador, highlighted the stories and contributions of the diverse residents, particularly those from the African diaspora.

Through interviews with current and former I-House residents, a rich history of trailblazing Black leaders, who have shaped the fabric of the community were uncovered. These stories of resilience, achievement, and a commitment to a more just and inclusive world serve as inspiration for future generations of I-House residents to dream big and pursue their passions within this welcoming environment.

The I-House experience is a testament to the power of diversity, where the sharing of meals, traditions, and narratives cultivates a deeper appreciation for the global community and a shared vision for a more connected world through very relevant moments like Black History Month.

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On March 8, 2024, we welcomed former Google CEO and I-House alumnus Eric Schmidt to discuss the intricate connection between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the I-House mission of fostering global leadership and intercultural understanding.

During the event, Schmidt reflected on his time at I-House and how it influenced his career and worldview. He emphasized the importance of cultural diversity and deep conversations in shaping his perspective. Schmidt also discussed the potential benefits and risks of AI, drawing parallels to the unintended consequences of social media.

While acknowledging the promise of AI in increasing productivity and efficiency, Schmidt voiced concerns about its impact on democracy and the need to carefully consider the trade-offs between technological progress and personal freedoms. The event sparked thought-provoking discussions on how the I-House community can navigate the complexities of AI to align with its core values of promoting a more just and peaceful world.

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Our Vibrant Home Glows!
International House hosted its highly anticipated Celebration & Awards Gala on March 21st, which brought together the diverse I-House community, past and current, to celebrate its vibrant spirit. The awards ceremony recognized the outstanding leadership of current resident Okechukwu (Oke) Iroegbu, the commitment of long-serving Board member Ronald E. Silva, the global cultural preservation efforts of Alumna of the Year Chiara Medioli-Fedrigoni, and the groundbreaking technological contributions of Global Impact Award recipient Chenming Hu.

The Gala also featured captivating performances by talented I-House residents, showcasing the community's artistic talents. The evening concluded with a candlelight ceremony, symbolizing the I-House's unwavering dedication to fostering a more just and peaceful world.

Read the Gala blog at ihberkeley.com
MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Ferry Cruise

Intercultural Events

Prom - The Oscars

Crown Prince of Norway Visit

Sunday Super - Full Bloom
As you turn the pages of this yearbook, let them serve as a vivid reminder of the vibrant life we’ve shared at International House. This place, with its walls echoing laughter, intense debates, and the whisper of dreams, has been more than just a residence; it’s been a home to a world in miniature. Each of us arrived from corners far and wide, bringing unique stories and diverse traditions, yet we found common ground and friendship under one roof.

Here at I-House, we didn’t just coexist; we learned the true essence of community. We celebrated differences and embraced unity, discovering that despite our diverse backgrounds, we share more similarities than we might have thought. This house has seen us at our best and our worst, and through it all, it provided a safe space to grow, challenge ourselves, and transform.

To future residents, know that you are stepping into a legacy of global citizenship. You will find that I-House is more than just your residence; it is a crucible for forging lifelong friendships and an incubator for your aspirations. Embrace every moment, every lesson, and every friendship, for this is not just a house, but a home—a launching pad for your journey into the world.

May your time here enrich you as it has so many before you, and may you leave behind memories as vibrant as those that will greet you.
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