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On behalf of faculty, staff, and students in Viticulture and Enology, we would like to extend our holiday greetings to you. Every year around this time, we launch our Viticulture and Enology Associates Campaign, designed to help us realize our goal to ensure quality delivery of teaching and research activities. Over the years, the campaign has contributed significantly to materials, supplies, and infrastructure that cannot be covered by state funding. As the department and center are fully staffed now and our student numbers are increasing again, we believe that great things are ahead of us in the upcoming years!

Our facilities have been the focus point of campaigns in the past and we were able to achieve significant improvements, for example in the classroom and teaching laboratory in our Enology Building. The teaching lab before, during, and after the renovation in 2006 is shown below as an example.



**Old teaching lab**



**New teaching lab**



**During renovation**



**New teaching lab**

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of expanding the research and teaching space with a greenhouse that will be under construction shortly and a renovated pilot plant winery that is already fully funded.

Especially the research and teaching winery has not been upgraded in decades and will greatly improve our research capabilities once it is completed.

While these projects are already bringing us closer to where we want to be, there is still a long way to go. In the upcoming year, we need to address a few items that were left out previously and your contribution will help achieve this vision. Even though the teaching laboratory was renovated in 2006, the teaching preparation room next to it (shown below) and some of the infrastructure like fume hood, autoclave, and incubators were not. We need to continue the renovation and replace these essential items that are needed by our students for the best education and hand-on training we can possibly provide.



If you wish to contribute to the Viticulture and Enology Associates Campaign, please fill out the attached form and return it along with your contribution. Please remember that your contribution is tax deductible as provided by Federal, State, and local law. On behalf of all of us in Viticulture and Enology at Fresno State, we are grateful for your generous and continued support of our teaching and research program and look forward to a fruitful partnership!

Sincerely,

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