Students don’t forget... sometimes students who have spent their lives being resilient and independent aren’t exactly anticipating assistance. Three years ago, when Tristan Lombard was contacted out of the blue, he thought it was all a joke or a scam. “I wasn’t too pressed on other people,” says Lombard, now a 20-year-old senior.

Lombard’s sister moved into a home for CISN students — a tradition that began three years ago — and that’s when the Chancellor’s wife, Mary Catherine, stepped in. “It’s starting to become a tradition,” says Lombard.

“Students don’t forget.” says Lombard of the help and connections he’s received from CISN. “I know I’m not going to forget.”

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Message from Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau

As I mark my fifth anniversary as Chancellor of UC Berkeley this fall, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve the great university and its generations of loyal alumni. It is true that I have been fortunate in my career to teach at many remarkable universities including Oxford, MIT, Yale, and Toronto, but as I have said on more than one occasion: My only regret is that I didn’t come here sooner.

In these few years, I have determined to uphold and strengthen both our “Access and Excellence” at UC Berkeley. I believe firmly that we have a responsibility to ensure that all high-achieving students — whether they come from poverty or privilege, from the farms of the Central Valley or the suburbs of Los Angeles — have access to the premier public university. It is an enormous responsibility, but it is also one of opportunity for UC Berkeley. The diversity of our faculty, staff, and student body enhances our scholarship, deepens our research, and broadens our engagement in public service.

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Stemming River Blindness in West Africa

Bijou Cervone

Bya summary of three sentences.

1. The number of people infected by the parasitic disease river blindness is estimated to be around 12 million, with most affected in West Africa.
2. River blindness is caused by the nematode roundworm Loa loa, which is transmitted by biting flies.
3. The disease causes disfigurement, disorientation, and blindness, severely impacting affected communities.

When I asked my grandparents about their experiences, they told me stories of the devastations caused by the disease. They shared stories of how they would spread grease, like Vaseline, over their bodies to try to protect themselves from the bites of the black flies that carry the disease. They also described the constant itching and discomfort caused by the bites.

I was moved by their stories and determined to do something to help. I decided to use my skills as a writer to raise awareness about the disease and to advocate for research and treatment options.

I began by creating a website where I could share information about river blindness and the work being done to combat it. I also organized a fundraising event to support research and medical efforts. Through my efforts, I was able to raise awareness and funds that contributed to the development of treatments and vaccines.

I am proud to have been a part of this fight against river blindness. I believe that every life is valuable and should be protected. I will continue to work towards a world where no one has to suffer from this disease.

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The biggest fear is that we would get rid of the disease populations. At the same time, the same area that was cleared of the parasite remained intact. “The biggest fear is that we would get rid of the disease and new ones would take over,” the Cal said.

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He says Ox has been most useful in connecting with housing and legal issues that he had helped his land high-profile internship in Washington, DC a few years ago.

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