Angeline Dukes, MSc
PhD Candidate, Fowler Lab, UCI School of Biological Sciences,
Founder & President, Black in Neuro

Angeline Dukes is the daughter of Haitian and Trinidadian immigrants and a first-generation college graduate. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Fisk University in 2017. She is now a fourth-year PhD candidate in UCI BioSci Professor Christie Fowler’s lab. As an addiction neuroscientist, Angeline’s research seeks to assess the long-term effects of adolescent nicotine and cannabinoid exposure. She was awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in 2018. This year she is the recipient of the Edward Steinhaus Teaching Award and Most Promising Future Faculty Award. Aside from research, she is passionate about the support and mentorship of underrepresented students in the sciences. Angeline is the Founder and President of Black in Neuro, an international grassroots organization dedicated to amplifying and cultivating a supportive community for Black scholars in neuroscience-related fields. Black in Neuro has reached scholars in over 65 different countries and hosted over 2000 people for Black in Neuro Week events and the Black in Neuro mini-conference.

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Dear Class of 2021,

I am honored to congratulate all of you on receiving your undergraduate or master’s degree on this momentous day. Earning a degree in biology is challenging under the best of circumstances, but with the challenge of a global pandemic and remote learning, your achievement is even more special. On behalf of the faculty and staff of the UC Irvine School of Biological Sciences, I am very proud of you and your accomplishments.

As you know, our school’s foundational theme is MIND | BODY | WORLD and the COVID-19 global pandemic has illustrated just how connected life is. The world depends on biologists like us to find solutions to the current pandemic and any future ones, as well as to other challenges to our planet like climate change. Pursuing studies in the biological sciences is tough, but has never mattered more.

The late founder of Apple, Steve Jobs, said, “I think the biggest innovations of the 21st century will be at the intersection of biology and technology. A new era is beginning.”

Today, that “new era” is a reality. And you are now among the fortunate few who possess important comprehension of science and technology. I know you will use this knowledge to do good, rewarding work in your future profession. You are the game-changers for our planet.

I hope you will always remember your time at UCI with fondness and remain in close contact with the School.

Best wishes,

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