From humble beginnings to humanitarian.

The University of California, Irvine saw the extraordinary potential of Lydia Natoolo before she ever stepped foot on campus. Armed with a UCI scholarship, the biological sciences graduate rose from poverty in her homeland of Uganda to become an accomplished student, humanitarian and community leader. She founded a nonprofit, Love A Community, which brings clean water, electricity and food to Atutur Hospital in Uganda. Her good work has helped the hospital cut its mortality rate by nearly 90 percent. Lydia is a shining example of our commitment to educational access and affordability – and a reason why UCI was named the top college doing the most for the American dream by The New York Times. See her full story at m.uci.edu/IamUCI