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Dear Donors, Alumni and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the 18<sup>th</sup> Fellow of the Swiss-California Foundation.

At the beginning of the millennium, a group of Swiss and American entrepreneurs living in Northern California felt the desire to intensify the relationships between their two countries. They founded the Swiss-California Foundation, whose purpose is to give young graduates a platform to develop their potential. The Fellowship builds on an arrangement with the University of St.Gallen, one of Europe's leading business schools.

Growing up in Zurich, I have long been passionate to learn about new cultures, and I enjoy exploring foreign countries. Just recently, I was part of an exchange project with students from Colombia.

During my studies, I have always tried to maintain a practical aspect to my education. Besides internships at a think-tank and at an academic institute, I have worked at my university's Office of Development. After high school, I had completed an 18-month apprenticeship with an insurance company.

In my role as Fellow, I will collaborate closely with a variety of organizations on projects and ideas which aim at building bridges between Switzerland and California. Moreover, I have the honor of acting as the President of my university's local alumni chapter. There are at least 200 HSG graduates currently located in the Bay Area.

My office is based in Santa Rosa, which lies an hour north of San Francisco. It is the largest city of Sonoma County, which is famous for its beautiful vineyards, the impressive redwoods, as well as a magnificent coastline.

For almost two decades now, this Fellowship has been made possible through generous donations. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those supporting the Swiss-California Foundation, and I look forward to getting to know you personally.

You will hear from me regularly in the form of a newsletter. For further information, like us on Facebook or visit [www.swisscalifornia.org](http://www.swisscalifornia.org).

See you soon!

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