Trending

104th Picnic Day
On April 21, more than 60,000 Aggies and friends of the university enjoyed hundreds of Picnic Day events showcasing our research, teaching, service and campus life. One of many highlights was LeShelle May’s runway appearance in the Fashion and Design Society’s annual fashion show. More than 60 posts on UC Davis social platforms and 1,498 engagements with Picnic Day mentions yielded more than a million impressions.

AMONG THE BEST A Facebook post about UC Davis ranking 13th on Forbes magazine’s list of Best Value Colleges reached more than 40,000 viewers and garnered 1,478 engagements.

GENEROSITY The 2018 Give Day event raised $1,706,125 for UC Davis programs through more than 4,000 gifts. UC Davis social posts in support of the event reached 50,000 viewers and #UCDavisGiveDay was trending in our region.

Top Stories with media highlights

EARTH BIOGENOME A paper on the Earth Biogenome Project was published April 23 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), drawing media coverage by multiple national and international outlets. Harris A. Lewin, distinguished professor of evolution and ecology, chairs the working group and was the paper’s lead author. Newsweek, Daily Mail, Spiegel Online, Europa Press, India Times

AGGIE SQUARE Chancellor Gary S. May and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg announced that innovation hub Aggie Square will be established on the UC Davis Health campus in Sacramento’s Oak Park neighborhood. The project aims to promote community building and health and economic vitality through enhanced collaborations between the university, industry and Sacramento. Social posts and live videos had a combined reach of about 892,000 and thousands of engagements including 61,175 video views. Sacramento Business Journal, Sacramento Bee

LASTING BENEFITS A follow-up study on research led by the UC Davis Center for Mind and Brain showed that the cognitive benefits of intensive meditation training persist for up to seven years. CNBC, US News & World Report, Healthline.com

ALARMING DECLINE A study of more than 400 Wisconsin lakes led a UC Davis researcher to sound the alarm about the decline of the iconic walleye fish. NPR, StarTribune.com

Institutional Highlights

WOMEN’S TEAMS A Facebook post about our new women’s beach volleyball and women’s equestrian programs reached 22,845 viewers and garnered 911 engagements. The university now sponsors 16 women’s intercollegiate athletics teams.

FUTURE PLAN An updated Long Range Development Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report was released in mid-April and is available for public comment through May 29.
Go-getters, change makers, problem solvers
Opened in 1908, UC Davis is the most academically comprehensive university on the West Coast. We’re known for working across disciplines to solve the world’s most pressing problems and for our commitment to artistic and cultural expression.

What drives us
We empower a dynamic educational experience. We discover and innovate. We foster a diverse and inclusive community. We advance the condition of health. We nourish and feed the world. We protect and sustain the environment. We champion curiosity. We rank among the world’s best.

Distinctions in Brief
In 2016–17, 56 percent of our California resident undergraduates received enough gift aid to fully cover their base tuition and fees, and 51 percent of students awarded baccalaureate degrees did not take on student debt.

UC Davis graduates more California alumni than any other UC campus. One in every 230 Californians is a UC Davis alum. Recent alumni earn a median annual salary of $56,300, and experienced alumni earn $94,600.

UC Davis contributes more than $8.1 billion each year to the California economy. (Economic & Planning Systems Inc. 2015)

Our students, faculty and staff volunteer more than 600,000 hours of community service per year.

UC Davis is highly ranked among the most diverse large national research universities by U.S. News & World Report. Our community benefits from hundreds of programs and clubs that support diversity and inclusion.

In fall 2016, more than 44 percent of entering undergraduates at UC Davis were first-generation college students.

UC Davis Study Abroad students gain international perspectives in more than 40 countries each year.

The School of Law has the 1st in the world in veterinary science (QS World University Rankings, 1st in veterinary science)

UC Davis Extension serves 58,000 students in all 50 states and 100 countries in more than 3,000 courses a year.

UC Davis Health serves a 33-county area and includes the region’s only Level I adult and pediatric trauma centers, National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, comprehensive full-service children’s hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental disorders, and a world-renowned telemedicine network.

In 2016–17, UC Davis filed 294 records of invention and 170 patent applications, negotiated 108 license agreements and helped establish 14 startups.

The Internship and Career Center typically facilitates 10,000 internship opportunities in a year.

Half of our undergraduates engage in hands-on research or creative projects beyond the classroom.

Aggie athletes are high academic achievers; eight UC Davis athletic teams posted the highest NCAA Graduation Success Rates in a multiyear average reported in 2017.

The Rankings
1st in the world in veterinary science (QS World University Rankings)

1st in the world in agricultural economics and policy (Center for World University Rankings)

1st in the world in plant and animal programs (U.S. News & World Report)

1st in the nation and 2nd in the world in agriculture (QS World University Rankings; U.S. News & World Report)

1st among best value colleges for women in STEM (Forbes)

1st among top 100 producers of minority graduate degrees in biological and biomedical sciences (Diverse Issues in Higher Education)

3rd greenest university in the world (GreenMetric World University Rankings)

3rd among top U.S. colleges doing the most for low-income students (The New York Times College Access Index)

4th most international public institution in the U.S. (Times Higher Education)

6th best public university in the nation (The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education)

7th in the world in ecology and the environment (U.S. News & World Report)

10th among best medical schools in the nation for primary care (U.S. News & World Report)

12th among public universities nationwide (U.S. News & World Report)

14th in research funding among U.S. ranked public universities (National Science Foundation)

One of 15 public four-year colleges with high graduation rates leading to high incomes (College Scorecard, U.S. Department of Education)

46th among best nursing schools in the nation for master’s degrees (U.S. News & World Report)

UC Davis Medical Center and UC Davis Children’s Hospital consistently rank among the nation’s top 50 hospitals (U.S. News & World Report)

BY THE NUMBERS: Research funding: $783 million in 2016–17 • Private support: $250 million in 2016–17 • Colleges/Schools: 4 colleges (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Letters and Science); 6 professional schools (Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine) • Student enrollment: 38,371 (fall 2017) • Faculty/academics: 4,736 • Staff: 17,272 • Student employees: 9,690 • Living alumni: 250,000 • Undergraduate majors: 102 • Graduate programs: 96 • Intercollegiate sports: 25 (16 women’s, 9 men’s) • Campus area: 5,300 acres

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