Trending

THE BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES visited campus, generating excitement and activity. A Facebook post about their visit reached 175,646 viewers and had more than 66,000 video views and engagements.

Top Stories with media highlights

DNA REPLICATION, UP CLOSE Professor Steve Kowalczykowski’s lab in the College of Biological Sciences used videos of the growth of single pieces of DNA to make new discoveries about DNA replication, the fundamental process of life on Earth. Newsweek, Mashable.com, Science Friday

VOLCANIC ‘BLACK BOX’ The magma under volcanoes that causes eruptions is more like a solid snow cone than a pit of molten rock, according to volcanologist Kari Cooper and colleagues. Their study of crystals from eruption debris around New Zealand’s Mount Tarawera could give insight into when a volcano is becoming dangerous. Cosmos, Stuff.co.nz, International Business Times, Daily Express

OLDEST KNOWN HUMANS Anthropologist Teresa Steele was part of a team that discovered human fossils in Morocco that push back the known origin of modern humans by 100,000 years. Steele studied animal bones from the site, showing that our ancestors ate a variety of game including gazelle, zebra and wildebeest. CBS, Daily Express, The Independent

Institutional highlights

UNIVERSITY MEDALIST Srujan Kopparapu, who earned two degrees in three years, received the 2017 University Medal in recognition of excellence in undergraduate studies, outstanding community service and the promise of future contributions to society.

HIGHEST HONORS The late William J. “Bill” Chancellor, professor emeritus of biological and agricultural engineering, and alumnus and businessman Bruce Edwards were honored with the prestigious UC Davis Medal.

INNOVATORS Interim Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter named Lara Downes, artist in residence at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, and Jorge Dubcovsky, distinguished professor of plant sciences, as the 2017 Innovators of the Year.

PEDIATRIC LEADERS U.S. News and World Report ranked UC Davis Children’s Hospital in five pediatric specialties in the 2017-18 Best Children’s Hospitals rankings.

NEW VENTURES Techwire.net and local media covered the Graduate School of Management’s annual Big Bang! Business Competition, where teams of inventors competed for more than $60,000 in awards.
In 2015–16, UC Davis brought in $760 million in sponsored research, and 230 records of invention and 240 patent applications, issued 51 licenses for technology and helped establish 14 startups.

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

The School of Education has prepared 7,700 teachers for California classrooms, and the Graduate School of Management has prepared 4,000 business leaders.

UC Davis Health serves a 33-county area with 6 million residents. It 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.

The School of Law has the only “majority-minority” faculty of any leading American law school and offers community legal support in immigration, prison law, civil rights litigation and family protection.

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

UC Davis students, faculty and staff volunteer more than 600,000 hours of community service each year.

A COMPREHENSIVE, AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Leader in interdisciplinary study, offering nearly 100 graduate programs and more than 100 academic majors. Nearly 40 percent of our undergraduate students participate in hands-on research.

Third among top U.S. colleges doing the most for low-income students. (New York Times College Access Index 2017)

Top-ranked UC and No. 62 nationally in alumni earnings above expectation. (The Economist 2015)

In 2015–16, 57 percent of California resident undergraduates at UC Davis received enough gift aid to fully cover their base tuition and fees. 40 percent of our undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, and 47 percent of students awarded baccalaureate degrees in 2015–16 did not take on student debt.

Key campus services and events are run by students such as the Unitrans bus system and Picnic Day.

Each year more than 1,350 UC Davis Study Abroad students gain an international perspective in more than 40 countries and diverse areas of study.

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

UC Davis is the fourth most international public university in the U.S., according to Times Higher Education, and is ranked 11th among institutions hosting international scholars by the Institute of International Education.

UC Davis is highly ranked among the most racially and ethnically diverse large national research universities by U.S. News and World Report.

Aggie athletes are high academic achievers. Eight UC Davis athletic teams posted the highest NCAA Graduation Success Rates in their respective conferences in 2017.

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