INVESTITURE An investiture ceremony in the Mondavi Center’s Jackson Hall on Oct. 27 formally recognized Gary S. May as chancellor. UC President Janet Napolitano formally invested May, while G. Wayne Clough, secretary emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution and president emeritus of the Georgia Institute of Technology, gave the keynote address. May was welcomed with moving remarks from his wife, LeShelle, and from speakers representing the breadth of his new university community. Engagement in the event was high on social media, including nearly 40,000 Instagram story views.

Sixth Best The 2018 Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education rankings named UC Davis the sixth best public university in the nation. Social media posts about the news reached 210,319 viewers and garnered nearly 11,000 engagements.

Homecoming UC Davis Aggies showed their pride in person and online on Homecoming weekend, with Instagram and Snapchat stories covering the Oct. 28 football game generating 64,111 views. The Aggies beat the Cal Poly Mustangs 31-28 in the “Battle for the Golden Horseshoe,” in front of one of the largest crowds in Aggie Stadium’s history. A Facebook livestream of the Cal Aggie Marching Band-uh! at Pajamarino garnered 11,175 views and engagements.

Top Stories with media highlights

Northern California Fires During the wildfires that erupted in Northern California on Oct. 8, UC Davis veterinarians worked to rescue and treat affected animals, and our experts provided commentary to media regarding possible impacts to endangered wildlife and the region’s wine industry. The New York Times, Daily Mail, Los Angeles Times

Cardiac Probe UC Davis biomedical engineer Laura Marcu and colleagues’ work on a new cardiac probe for seeing inside diseased arteries was picked up by international media via EurekAlert. Daily Mail

A Cosmic First Stefano Valenti, assistant professor of physics, co-led a global team of astronomers that for the first time observed the collision of two super-dense neutron stars through both gravity waves and conventional telescopes. Washington Post

Institutional Highlights

DACA Dream UC Davis helped a student place an op-ed in the Sacramento Bee and Fresno Bee about her experiences as a DACA student and her dream to return to her Central Valley hometown to practice medicine. On Oct. 25, Chancellor May spoke on behalf of the system in support of the Dream Act at a news conference organized by congressional Democrats.

Clinton Captivates Hillary Clinton gave a presentation to a packed house at the Mondavi Center’s Jackson Hall on Oct. 9. Chancellor May introduced Clinton. Davis Enterprise, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post

Business Analytics The Graduate School of Management seated its charter class in a new Master of Science in Business Analytics program, responding to industry demand for data-savvy graduates and expanding the school’s footprint in San Francisco.
Go-getters, change makers, problem solvers

Founded in 1905, 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 2015-16, 57 percent of our California resident undergraduates received enough gift aid to fully cover their base tuition and fees, and 47 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 204 Californians is a UC Davis alum. Recent alumni earn a median annual salary of $56,400, 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 US 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 an international perspective in more than 40 countries each year.

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.

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

The College of Letters and Science is home to 14 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and 17 Guggenheim Fellows.

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 2015–16, UC Davis filed 230 records of invention and 240 patent applications, issued 51 licenses for technology 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 for sustainability (GreenMetric World University Ranking)
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 among top U.S. colleges doing the most for low-income students (New York Times College Access Index)
4th in the world in ecology and the environment (U.S. News & World Report)
4th most international public institution in the U.S. (Times Higher Education)
6th best public university in the nation (Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education)
7th among public universities and 27th among public and private universities (The Best Colleges’ Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America)
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)
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: 37,395 (fall 2016) • Faculty/academics: 4,200 • Staff: 15,300 • Student employees: 3,600 • Living alumni: 250,000 • Undergraduate majors: 102 • Graduate programs: 99 • Intercollegiate sports: 23 (14 women’s, 9 men’s) • Campus area: 5,300 acres

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