NEW MOON THEORY
Researchers announced a new theory for the formation of the moon inside the Earth when our planet was a giant, spinning donut of vaporized rock called a synestia. Newsweek, The Telegraph, Gizmodo.com

STEEL TARIFFS
Economics Professor Katheryn (Kadee) Russ was widely quoted in the media and wrote opinion pieces on the proposed steel and aluminum tariffs. Christian Science Monitor

UNCLEAN WATER
A study by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change showed that 100,000 people in the San Joaquin Valley live without clean water, though access is close by. Capital Public Radio

CHICKEN HEALTH
UC Davis Veterinarian Catherine Brinkley found that more regulations are needed for the health and welfare of backyard chickens. National Public Radio, TheConversation.com

CAMPUS BOOK
The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu was selected for the 2018–19 Campus Community Book Project.

NEW PODCAST
Two UC Davis Health emergency room physicians launched a podcast, EMPulse, about issues in emergency medicine including sex trafficking and opioid addiction. They were interviewed on Capital Public Radio on March 13.

GUGGENHEIM FELLOWS
Annabeth Rosen, professor and chair of art studio; Archana Venkatesan, associate professor and chair of religious studies; and Mika Pelo, associate professor of music were named Guggenheim Fellows on April 4.
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 only “minority-majority” 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 at campuses in Davis, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Ramon.

The College of Letters and Science is home to UC Davis’ 17 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and 38 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 tele-medicine 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 among public universities and 27th among public and private universities (The Best Colleges’ Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America)

7th in the world in ecology and the environment (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)

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: 23 (16 women’s, 9 men’s) • Campus area: 5,300 acres

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