DACA EXPERTS School of Law Dean Kevin Johnson was quoted by multiple media outlets concerning recent immigration decisions and Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids, and he wrote an op-ed on Supreme Court involvement in rescinding DACA for The Sacramento Bee. Maria Blanco, executive director of the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center at the law school, was quoted in a Mother Jones article on colleges working to help undocumented students cope with their uncertain status. ABC 10 News, McClatchy, Marketplace, The San Francisco Chronicle, KQED

POISONED OWLS UC Davis researchers found that 70 percent of northern spotted owls and 40 percent of barred owls tested positive for rat poison used on illegal marijuana farms. A Facebook post about the news reached 20,844 viewers and garnered 454 engagements. SF Gate, The Independent, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, USA Today

NOVEL TREATMENT UC Davis veterinarians used grafts of fish skin to successfully treat a young mountain lion and two adult black bears with burns from the Thomas Fire. The news reached 754,555 people on our social channels, yielding 13,193 engagements, and it’s estimated that 59.1 million people in 28 different countries read or saw the story online. A video about the bears has been viewed more than 153,000 times to date. National Geographic, Time, The Washington Post, BBC, The Los Angeles Times, CBS Evening News, Vox, New Republic.com, Associated Press

NUTS ABOUT SQUIRRELS A Facebook post for Squirrel Appreciation Day on Jan. 21 reached nearly 26,000 people and yielded 725 engagements, including alumni sharing numerous fond squirrel memories.

WEST’S BEST A tweet about UC Davis ranking third among public schools in the West in the WSJ/THE College Rankings reached 12,386 viewers and garnered 399 engagements.

Institutional Highlights

THIEBAUD SHOW Wayne Thiebaud: 1958-1968 at the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art features more than 60 original works from the artist’s breakout period. San Francisco Chronicle, ArtNews.com

PUERTO RICAN STUDENTS The campus welcomed the first of two doctoral students from the University of Puerto Rico who will be continuing their research here as their island and university recover from Hurricane Maria. Fox 40 News, CBS 13 News, The Davis Enterprise, The Daily Democrat

THE CONVERSATION The UC Davis Humanities Institute launched a new public series, The Conversation, in which faculty members and other public intellectuals will consider current issues in an open discussion format. The events will take place on campus and in Sacramento.
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 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 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 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 at campuses in Davis, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Ramon.

The College of Letters and Science is home to UC Davis’ 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 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 (14 women’s, 9 men’s) • Campus area: 5,300 acres

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