



Trending

UNIVERSITY AIR A Facebook post promoting an article on the University Airport from *The California Aggie* reached 33,000 people and had 2,800 engagements. We're the only UC campus — and one of few universities — with an airport.

AGGIE PRIDE A Veteran's Day #AggiePrideFriday post about biology student and veteran U.S. Army Sergeant Ariel Herrera reached 17,300 people and had 1,000 engagements.

Top Stories with media highlights



NEANDERTHAL DNA

Many modern-day humans have a small amount of Neanderthal DNA due to inbreeding thousands of years ago. Work by evolutionary

biologist Graham Coop and colleagues showed the Neanderthal DNA is slowly being weeded out of the genome by natural selection. The story received national coverage and more than 5,300 upvotes on Reddit. *New York Times*, Live Science



WHY SEABIRDS EAT PLASTIC UC Davis researchers showed that albatross and other birds are attracted to floating plastic because of its smell. *New York Times*, BBC, *Washington Post*, National Public Radio, *USA Today*, *San Francisco Chronicle*

MARINE LAB MAKING A SPLASH PBS *NewsHour* ran a [segment](#) on the UC Davis Bodega Marine Laboratory using floating robots to understand the fate of young marine life. Joe Palca of NPR also [profiled](#) researcher Kristin Aquilino, who is working to bring white abalone back from the verge of extinction.

Institutional highlights



MANETTI SHREM OPENING The Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art opened Nov. 13, with a press preview Nov. 11. Opening events attracted thousands of visitors and were covered extensively in Northern California print, TV and radio outlets.

WELCOMING COACH HAWK Dan Hawkins '84 was introduced as UC Davis' new head football coach on Nov. 29 at Aggie Stadium. Hawkins' career includes playing for and assisting legendary head coach Jim Sochor.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT A central repository of recent systemwide and campus messages related to DACA and undocumented members of our community is [available online](#).



Distinctions in Brief

21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY

Leading sustainable institution with numerous innovative programs and accolades—ranked third internationally and second in the U.S. (*GreenMetric World University Ranking 2015*)

Leader in **energy research** with more than 100 faculty engaged in renewable energy, biofuels, efficiency, hydrogen pathways, transportation and lighting technology.

Nine interdisciplinary **Organized Research Units** combine their expertise to study cancer, the environment, health care and numerous other topics.

At the forefront of **identifying and controlling diseases**, our experts in human health, veterinary medicine and agriculture address critical **One Health** issues such as avian flu, and Zika and West Nile viruses.

IMPACTING CALIFORNIA AND THE WORLD

UC Davis educates **more California undergraduates than any other UC campus**; one in every 204 Californians is a UC Davis alum. Recent alumni earn a median annual salary of \$51,700, and experienced alumni earn \$94,600.

In 2015–16, UC Davis brought in **\$760 million in sponsored research**. In 2014–15, UC Davis filed 229 records of invention and 210 patent applications, and issued 57 licenses for technology.

In 2015–16, UC Davis **helped to 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 **7,000 teachers** for California classrooms, and the Graduate School of Management has prepared **3,600 business leaders**.

UC Davis Health System serves a **33-county area with 6 million residents**. It includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, 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**.

UC Davis' Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital **cares for 50,000 small and large animals each year**.

The School of Law offers **community legal support** in immigration, prison law, civil rights litigation and family protection.

At last count, UC Davis Extension served students **in all 50 states and in 115 countries** via more than 62,000 enrollments.

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.

Second among top U.S. colleges doing the most for **low-income students**. (*New York Times* 2015)

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

In 2014–15, 56 percent of California resident undergraduates at UC Davis received **enough gift aid to fully cover their base tuition and fees**. 41 percent of our undergraduates are Pell Grant recipients, and **44 percent of students awarded baccalaureate degrees in 2014–15 did not take on student debt**.

Key campus services and events are **run by students**, including the Unitrans bus system, Coffee House and Picnic Day.

More than 1,350 UC Davis Study Abroad students **in more than 40 countries** — and on every continent — gain an international perspective.

The Internship and Career Center is one of the **largest academic internship programs in the country**.

UC Davis is highly ranked among the **most racially and ethnically diverse** large national research universities by *U.S. News & World Report* and ranks **ninth among leading institutions hosting international scholars**. (Institute of International Education 2014/15)

Aggie athletes are **high academic achievers**. Nine UC Davis athletic teams

posted the **highest NCAA Graduation Success Rates** in their respective conferences in 2015.

The Numbers

1st in the world in veterinary medicine (*QS World University Rankings*)

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

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

4th in the world in ecology and the environment (*U.S. News & World Report*)

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*)

10th in the ranking of American universities based on contributions to society (*Washington Monthly*)

10th 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*)

Research funding: \$760 million in 2015–16

Private support: \$226 million in 2015–16

Total endowment fund reached \$1 billion in 2015

Colleges/Schools: **4** colleges (Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, Letters and Science); **6** professional schools (Education, Law, Management, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing)

Student enrollment: 37,404 (fall 2016)

Faculty/academics: 4,200

Staff: 15,300

Student employees: 3,600

Living alumni: 241,299

Undergraduate majors: 104

Graduate programs: 96

Intercollegiate sports: 23 (14 women's, 9 men's)

Campus area: 5,300 acres