



## Trending

**CLASSROOM TO CANYON** A new multimedia website about the UC Davis ecogeomorphology class trip exploring interdisciplinary science in the Grand Canyon received 11,812 page views and hundreds of thousands of impressions on social media and news outlets. *Capital Public Radio*

**IN THE TOP 10** *US News & World Report* ranked UC Davis a top-ten public university. The news received a whopping 39,800 engagements on Facebook. In addition, a [new ranking](#) by *The Wall Street Journal* ranked UC Davis the sixth best public university in the country, and we were eighth on *Sierra* magazine's [list](#) of colleges working hardest to protect the planet.

## Top Stories with media highlights

**DOUBLE SHOT OF STEM** An NPR story about the “Design of Coffee” engineering class and new Coffee Center drew national attention including a tweet by Chelsea Clinton. Peet’s Coffee is supporting the center with \$250,000. UC Davis social posts reached 50,000 viewers and garnered more than 2,500 engagements.



### **SELF-SACRIFICING**

**TREE** Plant biology doctoral student Zane Moore’s study of albino redwoods suggests the trees filter out toxic metals and waste, essentially poisoning themselves to protect forest health. NPR, *San Jose Mercury News*



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## Institutional highlights

**FALL CONVOCATION** Members of the UC Davis community gathered on Sept. 20 in Jackson Hall to hear alumna and California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and Interim Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter speak on community, civil dialogue and academic freedom. Dean Kevin R. Johnson was master of ceremonies, and students gave captivating [spoken-word performances](#). The event theme “Inspiring Dialogue and Community” is the focus of a yearlong series of programs.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS** UC Davis showcased its environmental expertise as co-sponsor of the 2016 Society of Environmental Journalists Conference. Events on campus included media tours, a panel discussion on science communications with leading journalists and a live taping of NPR’s [Science Friday](#) at the Mondavi Center featuring three UC Davis faculty members.

**YEAR OF THE ARTS** The Ann E. Pitzer Center opened on Sept. 22, with a dedication by campus officials and performances by students, faculty and visiting pianists. The upcoming November 13 opening of the Jan Shrem and Maria Manetti Shrem Museum of Art received [national attention](#). *New York Times, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle*



# 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 interdisciplinary topics.
- At the forefront of **identifying and controlling diseases**, our experts in human health, veterinary medicine and agriculture impact 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 2014-15, UC Davis brought in a **record \$786 million in sponsored research**, 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 composed of 6 million residents**. It includes the region's only Level 1 trauma center, NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center, comprehensive full-service children's hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental

tal disorders, and a **world-renowned telemedicine 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.
- Last year, UC Davis Extension served students **in all 50 states and 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 Uni-trans 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* 2016)
  - **1st** in the nation and **2nd** in the world in agriculture and forestry (*QS World University Rankings* 2016)
  - **3rd** 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* 2016)
  - **7th** among public universities and **27th** among public and private universities (*The Best Colleges' Top 50 Colleges and Universities in America* for 2016)
  - **10th** in the ranking of American universities based on contributions to society (*Washington Monthly* 2016)
  - **10th** among public universities nationwide (*U.S. News & World Report* 2016)
  - **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:** \$786 million in 2014-15  
**Private support:** \$184 million in 2014-15  
**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:** 36,104 (fall 2015)  
**Faculty/academics:** 4,200  
**Staff:** 15,300  
**Student employees:** 3,600  
**Living alumni:** 240,438  
**Undergraduate majors:** 104  
**Graduate programs:** 96  
**Intercollegiate sports:** 23 (14 women's, 9 men's)  
**Campus area:** 5,300 acres