

Trending



POTUS IS PROUD President Obama gave a shout-out to UC Davis and our first class of [Mandela energy fellows](#) at the Young African Leaders Initiative Town Hall in Washington, D.C. Social media posts about his comments generated more than 68,000 engagements.

SUNFLOWER CLOCKS A team led by UC Davis plant biologist Stacy Harmer learned that growing sunflowers turn to face the rising sun in the morning by relying on their internal circadian clocks. The discovery was reported globally by National Public Radio, *The Atlantic*, BBC, Xinhuanet and others, and an Instagram post garnered more than 3,000 likes and comments.

WORLD-CLASS CARE UC Davis Children's Hospital is the first on the West Coast and fourth in the nation to receive Level I Children's Surgery Center verification by the American College of Surgeons. Social media posts generated nearly 2,000 engagements.

Top Stories with media highlights

AVOIDING BANANA THREAT UC Davis plant pathologist Ioannis Stergiopoulos is leading an effort to sequence fungal pests that threaten to decimate banana crops around the world. BBC, CCTV, *Daily Mail*, *Houston Chronicle*, IFLScience

FORESTS READY TO BURN Hit by climate change, drought and pests, California's forests contain millions of dead trees, raising the risk of catastrophic wildfires. Plant pathologist David Rizzo, a leading expert on sudden oak death disease, was quoted in a *New York Times* piece about the issue.



NITROGEN AND POLLUTION A report from the UC Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute looks at the scale and impact of nitrogen leaching into California's groundwater. Capital Public Radio, *Orange County Register*, LA News Group, Phys.org

Institutional highlights



MOURNING MARGRIT The UC Davis community is deeply saddened by the passing of beloved visionary and philanthropist Margit Mondavi on Sept. 2. Her contributions to the university are beyond measure.

GUN VIOLENCE CENTER The first state-funded center to investigate firearm violence will be established at UC Davis and directed by emergency physician Garen Wintemute. Associated Press, *Wall Street Journal*, *Sacramento Bee*

DIVERSITY LEADER Dean Kevin R. Johnson published an essay in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* on UC Davis School of Law building a "majority-minority" faculty. The milestone achievement was decades in the making.

Distinctions in Brief

21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY

- **Leads the world** in veterinary medicine and **1st in the nation** and **2nd in the world** in agriculture and forestry (QS *World University Rankings* 2016)
- **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.
- 9 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.
- Student Health Services program **ranked first in the nation**. (*Princeton Review* 2015)

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, compre-

hensive full-service children's hospital, transplant services, heart and vascular centers, institute for neurodevelopmental 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)
- **Top-ranked UC** in **value** added to student earnings 10 years after enrollment. (Brookings Institute 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 **9th** 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*)
- **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)
- **11th** 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: \$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 and 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