

Trending

BREAKOUT BASKETBALL Aggie Pride overflowed in March with two basketball firsts: After winning regular season championships, the men's team played in the NCAA tournament, and the women's team advanced to the third round of the NIT. National and international outlets covered the NCAA story, and social media mentions skyrocketed. "UC Davis" appeared online more than 49,000 times during the heat of March Madness, and 82 countries were posting about UC Davis basketball. In one week, more than 2.7 million people saw men's and women's basketball content published by UC Davis and UC Davis Athletics on social media. CBS Sports, CNN, *Daily Mail*, *USA Today*



ADMIT DAY Newly admitted Aggies received their acceptance notifications on March 10. A Facebook post about the news reached 27,765 viewers and yielded 772 reactions, including scores of welcoming comments from alumni. Twitter activity yielded 180,117 impressions and 13,604 engagements.

Top Stories with media highlights

EARNING MORE STRIPES

After showing why zebras have stripes, a study led by Tim Caro of the Department of Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology explained why pandas are black and white, attracting worldwide attention. *Xinhau Net*, *The Washington Post*, *The Times of India*



EXPERTS TAPPED UC Davis professors provided expert commentary for media on a range of topics, including immigration, the nominees for secretary of agriculture and the Supreme Court, food safety, risks of unproven stem cell treatments, direct-to-consumer marketing of testosterone supplements and vehicle-emissions standards. *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, NPR, Reuters, *The New York Times*

SOFA MATH Mathematics department chair Dan Romik made new discoveries in a tricky problem for mathematicians and furniture movers: What shape of sofa will fit around a tight corner? *Daily Mail*, *Futurity*

Institutional highlights

BANCROFT WINNER Professor Andrés Reséndez won a 2017 Bancroft Prize in American History and Diplomacy for his book *The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America*.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP UC Davis kept its **top spot** in veterinary science in the latest QS World University Rankings and was ranked **first in the world** for agricultural economics and policy in the Center for World University Rankings. More good news arrived for Vet Med this month with the **opening** of its new student services and administrative center.

CASE AWARDS UC Davis earned more awards than any other institution in this year's Council for Advancement and Support of Education District VII recognition program — 32 in all — including a rising star award and two of the four grand gold awards that honored the best of the best.



STATE OF THE CAMPUS Interim Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter delivered the annual State of the Campus address to members of the Academic Senate on March 3, emphasizing the change and uncertainty that UC Davis is facing in the current political climate.

Distinctions in Brief

21ST CENTURY UNIVERSITY

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

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

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 **\$56,400**, and experienced alumni earn **\$94,600**.

In 2015–16, UC Davis brought in **\$760 million in sponsored research**, filed **230 records of invention** and **240 patent applications**, issued **51 licenses for technology** and 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 **7,700 teachers** for California classrooms, and the Graduate School of Management has prepared **3,600 business leaders**.

UC Davis Health serves a **33-county area with 6 million residents**. It includes the region's only level I 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 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.

At last count, 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** such as the Unitrans bus system and Picnic Day.

Each year 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 **facilitates 10,000 internship opportunities in a typical year**.

Times Higher Education ranks UC Davis the **4th most international university in the world** among public institutions, and UC Davis is highly ranked among the **most racially and ethnically diverse large national research universities** by *U.S. News and World Report*.

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 for sustainability (*GreenMetric World University Ranking*)

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 and World Report*)

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

1st among best value colleges for women in STEM (*Forbes*)

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

Research funding: \$760 million in 2015–16

Private support: \$226 million in 2015–16

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: 37,395 (fall 2016)

Faculty/academics: 4,200

Staff: 15,300

Student employees: 3,600

Living alumni: 241,299

Undergraduate majors: 104

Graduate programs: 99

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

Campus area: 5,300 acres