Trending Content and Top Stories

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A live stream on Facebook of a bike circle on the first day of classes had a combined 27,201 video views and engagements. We love our bikes!

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**Top Stories with media highlights**

**NATION’S BEST X3**
UC Davis ranks sixth among the nation’s top public universities, according to *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*’s latest rankings. A [Facebook post](https://www.facebook.com) about the news reached more than 46,000 viewers and had 2,264 engagements. We’re 10th on The Princeton Review’s greenest schools list. A [Facebook post](https://www.facebook.com) about the ranking reached 40,252 with 1,893 engagements. *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges* ranks us 46th among all national universities and 12th among all public universities, along with high rankings in undergraduate teaching, serving veterans, biological/agricultural programs and undergraduate engineering programs. Our [tweet](https://twitter.com) celebrating the rankings garnered nearly 16,000 organic impressions and more than 200 engagements.

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**Institutional Highlights**

Chancellor Gary May opened the new school year with an inspiring “FUTURE FORWARD” event. Local TV stations and media outlets covered the Sept. 25 event as well as Chancellor and LeShelle May helping new students move into the dorms on Sept. 23 (pictured).

**AGGIES ACT**
UC Davis announced a new “Aggies Act” policy to not pursue discipline against students who make the right call in an emergency involving drugs or alcohol.

**NEW STUDENT CENTER**
A new Center for Chicanz and Latinx Academic Student Success opened on Sept. 27 to support the success of these historically underrepresented students.
Go-getters, change makers, problem solvers

Founded in 1905, 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 enrich life. We rank among the world’s best.

Distinctions in Brief

In 2015-16, 57 percent of our California resident undergraduates received enough 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 204 Californians is a UC Davis alum. Recent alumni earn a median annual salary of $56,400, 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 US 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.

The College of Letters and Science is home to 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 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 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 multi-year average reported in 2017.

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BY THE NUMBERS: Research funding: $760 million in 2015–16 • 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: 37,395 (fall 2016) • Faculty/academics: 4,200 • Staff: 15,300 • Student employees: 3,600 • Living alumni: 250,000 • Undergraduate majors: 104 • Graduate programs: 99 • Intercollegiate sports: 23 (14 women’s, 9 men’s) • Campus area: 5,300 acres

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