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UC reaches historic pinnacle

For the first time in its history, the University of California raised more than \$1 billion in private support in a 12-month period.

For the year ending June 30, 2000, alumni and friends of the university gave \$1.2 billion, a 32 percent increase from a year earlier when UC received \$926 million.

The results, which represents the sixth consecutive year that private giving has set a record, continues UC's distinction as the leader in philanthropy among the nation's colleges and universities as well as other charitable concerns. The results underscore the high level of support UC enjoys among alumni and friends.

Private support represents about 4 percent of UC's operating budget and complements the funding UC receives from the state. The university is committed to raising more private support that enables it to offer academic opportunities to its students that would not be possible with state funds alone.

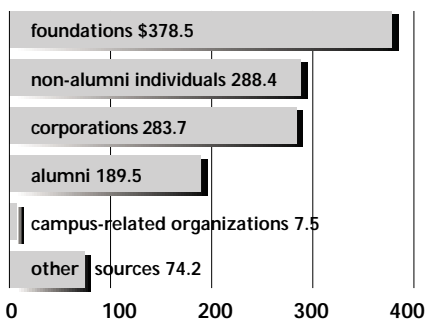
All but one of UC's existing nine campuses recorded increases in 1999-2000 from the previous year and seven of the campuses set new fundraising benchmarks.

They included Davis, Irvine, UCLA, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

In 1999-2000, Berkeley received \$201,361,838; Davis \$72,230,552; Irvine \$87,885,021; UCLA \$330,801,078; Riverside \$17,098,028; San Diego \$135,367,727; San Francisco \$315,547,664; Santa Barbara \$30,564,479; and Santa Cruz \$24,330,790.

Sources of gifts to UC in 1999-2000

(in millions)



UC targets facilities funding as 2001 priority

A surge of more than 60,000 additional students is expected at UC campuses in the next decade. A similar period of growth is anticipated among California's K-12 and community college students. UC estimates it will need about \$500 million annually to create new space and repair existing buildings to accommodate additional students. It's estimated community colleges need \$2.1 billion for facilities during the next four years, while K-12 school districts need roughly \$6.4 billion. Funding to meet UC's need will depend on approval of a state bond in 2002.

On this year's Nov. 7th ballot, one proposition applies only to K-12 bond funding. The Smaller Classes, Safer Schools and Financial Accountability Act (Prop. 39) allows approval of local bonds for K-12 and community college facilities by a 55-percent vote and puts financial accountability rules in place. For more information, please visit the proponent's Web site at www.YesOnProp39.org or the opponent's Web site at www.saveourhomes.com.

Three new Nobel Prizes awarded to UC faculty

UC further enhanced its reputation as an international leader in research, winning three more Nobel Prizes. Two UC Santa Barbara professors earned Nobel honors: Alan J. Heeger shared the chemistry prize for his groundbreaking research on electrically conductive plastics, while Herbert Kroemer shared the physics award for his pioneering work in semiconductor technology. UC Berkeley professor Daniel L. McFadden shared the Nobel in economics for his statistical analysis of basic personal and household behavior. With these new awards, which recognize outstanding achievement, UC researchers have won 11 prizes since Richard C. Atkinson became president in 1995. UC faculty systemwide have won 43 Nobels since 1939.

A new path leading to campus

To help make a UC education an option for more Californians, President Atkinson is proposing a new path for students to enter UC, in addition to graduating in the top 12.5 percent statewide or the top 4 percent of their high school. It would grant admission to an additional 8.5 percent of top students from each high school provided they complete a transfer program at a community college. They would apply to UC as high school seniors and their place at a UC campus would be guaranteed upon completing required community college work. This option would increase access for more high-achieving students from areas that typically don't prepare a large number of students for UC, particularly in rural, urban and hard-to-staff schools. Before implementation, the plan, which received positive responses from faculty as well as from leading state newspapers, requires approval from faculty and regents.

UC athletes bring home the gold, silver and bronze

UC athletes — current students and alumni — won 34 medals at the recently concluded Sydney Olympics, including 14 gold, 14 silver and six bronze medals. The medal winners included UC Berkeley sophomores Anthony Ervin, who won a gold and silver in swimming events, and Staciana Stitts, who also won a gold in the pool. Six UCLA athletes who were members of the softball team also brought home the gold. Other gold: UC Santa Barbara athletes Eric Fonoimoana (beach volleyball) and Jason Lezak (swimming). UC athletes won 17 medals in the 1996 games in Atlanta.

Keeping UC students healthy

About 40 percent of UC students lack health insurance or are underinsured. Recognizing that the lack of health-care coverage can affect a student's ability to study and stay in school, regents adopted a mandatory health insurance requirement for undergraduates. The cost of coverage, ranging from \$400 to \$500, can be provided as part of a student's financial aid package and will not prevent students from attending the university. The requirement, to begin in fall 2001, is waived for students already covered by adequate health insurance. By pooling tens of thousands of UC students, health insurance providers can offer much lower rates than a student could obtain individually. UC is believed to be the nation's first major multicampus system to enact a mandatory health care policy for its undergraduates.

UC, Central Valley leaders talk schools

UC officials held a series of meetings in October with community representatives to discuss ways to expand educational opportunities for students in the Central Valley. The UC team included Merced Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, regent Odessa Johnson and Alex Saragoza, the new vice president for educational outreach. A Madera native and Fresno State grad, Saragoza, previously a UC Berkeley professor, discussed UC's comprehensive efforts to ensure that students from diverse backgrounds and underserved areas of California are academically prepared for college. This year, UC will spend \$250 million on programs to enhance teacher development and student preparation. Johnson, a Modesto resident, stressed that active involvement by the community in which students live is an important ingredient in their academic success. The forum series also included events sponsored by the Alumni Associations of the University of California. To learn more about UC's student development programs, please explore www.ucop.edu/outreach. For future alumni events, visit www.ucalumni.net.

Ex-CalPERS officer is interim treasurer

As part of its revised investment policies, regents have named DeWitt F. Bowman, former chief investment officer for the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), as its interim treasurer. Bowman brings more than 40 years of financial experience to one of the university's most important positions. Prior to his stint as CalPERS CIO from 1989-94, Bowman was CIO for the San Francisco Employees Retirement System and has over 25 years experience as a senior vice president and trust officer. Regents expect to name a permanent treasurer by this spring.

President cited for business leadership

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently honored President Atkinson with a national award for his leadership and vision in fostering cooperation between UC, local government and industry to create new technologies and economic growth in the San Diego region. The award underscores the economic benefits that UC research can bring to a community. The university helped spark San Diego's remarkable economic rebirth in the early 1990s and has energized the development of its nationally renowned concentration of technology firms. Atkinson was cited for his role, while UCSD chancellor from 1980-95, in building a new world-class engineering school and encouraging the interaction of the university, government and business communities through the campus's Connect program in technology and entrepreneurship. To learn more about Connect's current programs, please visit www.connect.org.

Language study vital to students' success

In today's global economy, UC graduates increasingly need an expanded knowledge of the world's diverse languages and cultures. To promote language study as vital for every student and improve their access to opportunities across campuses, UC has formed a systemwide Consortium for Language Learning and Teaching. The result of a grassroots effort by UC faculty, the consortium aims to make UC's vast language teaching resources more widely available to students and faculty at a time when enrollment in foreign language courses and the demand for language instruction has increased dramatically. UC offers students opportunities to study 78 languages. The strengths of UC's language faculty will make the consortium a national model for language delivery. The consortium will be housed at UC Davis, and directed by Robert J. Blake, a UC Davis professor of Spanish and classics and an internationally renowned scholar in second language acquisition.

New institute looks at labor issues

UC is launching a new multicampus research initiative to study and find solutions for problems of employment in California and the nation. The tentatively titled UC Institute for Labor and Employment will build on the existing Institutes of Industrial Relations at UC Berkeley and UCLA, but will draw on faculty, staff and student resources throughout the UC system to support job-related research that will be strongly problem- and policy-oriented. The institute will benefit all Californians by exploring ways in which more of our residents can participate in the state's economy. The institute will also work with local government agencies, unions, businesses and community-based organizations to design and promote economic development and job training programs. The new initiative was funded by \$6 million from the state budget.