

External Sustainability Awards and Rankings Received by UC: 2010

Awards:

UC Sustainability Program receives Millennium Environmental Award

Global Green USA honored the University of California for the environmental commitment the university has demonstrated through its academic, research and sustainability practices...UC President Mark Yudof said winning the award is a "tremendous honor" that recognizes students, faculty and researchers who are transforming the University of California into a national leader for sustainable development. "We view the university as a living laboratory," Yudof said. "Not only are we generating the research into sustainable ways of living, we are finding culture-shaping ways to apply it." Yudof is accepting the award on behalf of UC at [Global Green's](#) annual [Millennium Awards](#) ceremony on Saturday (June 12) in Santa Monica at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel. <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23525>

UCSD receives 1st Annual Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence

UC San Diego received the 1st Annual Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence in Climate Leadership on Oct. 12 at the 4th Annual American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Summit in Denver. UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox tapped into the university's environmental heritage six years ago when she and the university's vice chancellors made sustainability a top educational priority and goal of all campus operations. Since then, the campus has been transformed. From economics to mechanical engineering, academic departments have incorporated sustainability concepts into dozens of classes. Faculty research is increasingly focused on energy efficiency, alternative fuels and photovoltaic technology. Over the last five decades, UC San Diego has become a nationally recognized living laboratory for climate change research and solutions.

<http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/10-14LeadershipAward.asp>

UC San Diego: A Fair Trade University

The University of California, San Diego has signed one of the strongest fair trade policies of any university in the nation. The policy makes a commitment to promote fair trade certified products, support sustainable business practices and humane working conditions that prohibit the use of child labor. UC San Diego students, staff and faculty worked together to develop the new policy, which will require all future food and vendor contracts at UC San Diego to sell 100 percent fair trade coffee, tea and sugar at all locations on campus.

<http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/07-15FairTradeUniversity.asp>

UCLA named most vegan-friendly large university in the country

Seen by many as the college epicenter of the animal rights debate, it should come as no surprise that UCLA is also the national leader when it comes to vegan dining. Food-services representatives regularly meet and dine out with members of the student organization [Bruins for Animals](#) to solicit feedback on how they can improve dining options. The university offers dozens of vegan entrées, including vegan lasagne, veggie chicken fingers, vegan barbecue beef with roasted vegetables, and vegan chili cheese dogs.

<http://www.sustain.ucla.edu/article.asp?parentid=9460>

UC Davis Fleet Manager recognized with "Green Fleet" award

The recipients of the 2010 Environment Leadership Awards were announced Oct. 19 in a special presentation at the Green Fleet Conference in San Diego. Sponsored by *Automotive Fleet* and *Government Fleet*, winners in attendance were presented the award by San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders. Commercial and public sector fleet leaders from 31 companies and government agencies were recognized for leading successful "green" efforts that led to significant improvements in their fleets' environmental impact. While a successful green fleet program requires participation from all staff involved, the awards recognized the individual responsible for taking charge and leading the team's efforts. These professionals lead their fleets in reducing emissions, implementing alternative-fuel technologies, and perform additional "greening" efforts.

<http://www.automotive-fleet.com/News/Story/2010/10/2010-Environmental-Leadership-Award-Winners-Announced.aspx?interstitial=1>

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UC Davis student wins first national ThinkGreenLiveClean contest

"I have been saving all of my non-biodegradable waste packaging in a project I've titled Operation Zero Waste 2010 - Less We Can! The project started with my desire to live a zero waste lifestyle, personally striving to decrease my consumption of non-biodegradable waste packaging while developing methods to creatively reuse, recycle, or repurpose the packaging that I have accumulated. By saving my trash for an entire year, I hope to show that we can take personal responsibility for our impact on this Earth. Every piece of trash that I have produced has been washed, dried, and stored in my room. Almost all of my food and paper scraps have been composted, and returned as nutrients into the Earth. All my recyclable glass bottles and aluminum cans will be reused, or creatively repurposed into artistic pieces or functional tools. All my plastic non-recyclable waste has been stuffed into plastic bottles as Portable Landfill Devices, plastic bottles filled to the point of compression with plastic trash that are then used as bricks to build structures out of cob or cement."

<http://www.thinkgreenliveclean.com/2010/11/greenest-student-college-challenge-winner-congratulations-brennan-bird-from-uc-davis/>

<http://www.fox40.com/news/headlines/ktxl-tv-davistrashguy,0,7180809,print.story>

<http://theaggie.org/article/2010/01/13/student-stinks-up-dome-for-research-project>

UC Irvine, UC Davis, and UC San Francisco win Tree Campus USA designation

"We're gratified to receive this honor from the Arbor Day Foundation," said Richard Demerjian, environmental planning & sustainability director at UC Irvine. "UCI takes great pride in its grounds, and it makes our day to hear how much people appreciate the campus environment." UCI is one of 74 campuses nationwide to win a Tree Campus USA designation. Others include Duke University, Cornell University, UC Davis and UC San Francisco.

http://uci.edu/features/2010/11/feature_trees_101117.php

UC Davis among winners of EPA's Game Day Challenge waste reduction competition

UC Davis won the EPA's 2010 Game Day Challenge in the Diversion Rate category by diverting 89.3% of the waste generated during its home football game on October 3, 2010. Ohio State was a distant second at 68.41%, University of Tennessee at Martin at 63.86% for third, and Harvard at 62.21% at fourth place.

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/challenge/gameday/results.htm>

UCSF Medical Center Receives Recognition for Environmentally Sustainable Practices

UCSF Medical Center and UCSF Children's Hospital received a Partner for Change Award from Practice Greenhealth for integrating environmental responsibility into its operations. Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the health care community committed to sustainable, eco-friendly practices...The Environmental Excellence Awards recognize success stories, said Anna Gilmore Hall, executive director of Practice Greenhealth. UCSF Medical Center is a successful model of how health facilities can develop and implement pollution prevention programs to greatly improve the health of their patients, staff and community.

<http://today.ucsf.edu/stories/ucsf-medical-center-receives-recognition-for-sustainable-practices/>

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UC Santa Cruz Wins Acterra 2010 Business Environmental Award

UC Santa Cruz won Acterra's 2010 Business Environmental Award in Pollution Prevention/Resource Conservation -- Large Organization for its outstanding sustainability projects and programs. UC Santa Cruz's waste prevention, green transportation, and energy efficiency programs all helped to secure the top spot in its category. Additionally, the judges were impressed by the collaborative nature of sustainability on our campus. UC Santa Cruz prides itself on including students, staff, faculty and administration to green our campus and lead the way worldwide in the sustainability in higher education movement.

<http://sustainability.ucsc.edu/node/76#acterra>

UCSB Receives Bicycle Friendly Business Gold Award

The League of American Bicyclists has named UC Santa Barbara a Bicycle Friendly Business Gold Award winner. UCSB was among 51 new Bicycle Friendly Businesses announced at the 10th National Bike Summit in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, March 10. Forty nine percent (10,215) of UCSB's students commute by bicycle, as well as 9 percent (420) of the faculty and staff. UCSB also features seven miles of Class I bicycle paths, more than 10,000 secure bicycle parking spaces in bicycle racks, 40 secure bicycle lockers, six bicycle roundabouts, and free showers for bicycle commuters.

<http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=2198>

UCSD Wins Combined Heat and Power (CHP) 2010 Award from EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 15 gave UC San Diego a 2010 Energy Star CHP Award for its high efficiency, low-emission combined heat and power (CHP) plant that provides 85 percent of the campus annual electricity needs. With a net operating efficiency of 66 percent, UC San Diego's CHP plant requires about 26 percent less fuel than a system composed of typical onsite thermal generation and purchased electricity, saving the university \$670,000 per month in energy costs. The CHP system also effectively reduces carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 82,500 tons per year, which is equivalent to the annual emissions from more than 13,700 passenger vehicles. The EPA award described the impressively low emission levels of nitrogen oxide pollutants as one of the lowest levels for cogeneration in the San Diego County Air Pollution Control District.

<http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/06-15EnergyStar.asp>

http://www.epa.gov/chp/public-recognition/current_winners.html

UCOP wins Business Efficiency Award for waste reduction efforts

StopWaste.Org honored 12 Alameda County companies and organizations with the 2010 Business Efficiency Awards. The awards are presented annually for outstanding achievements in waste reduction, enhanced operational efficiency, and environmental performance. The University of California Office of the President (Oakland) was one of the winners

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp?page=978>

UC Irvine wins Transportation Award

UCI's Parking & Transportation Services department launched ZotWheels last fall as an alternative to driving a personal or fleet vehicle to, from and around campus. Students, staff and faculty members take advantage of the program, reducing traffic congestion, the demand for parking, and UCI's carbon footprint. Computerized and networked ZotWheels stations are strategically located at high-volume destinations throughout campus, allowing members to rent a bike from one site, ride it and then return it to any of the other stations. Bicycles can also be used in the neighboring community. ZotWheels membership is \$40 per year. The Green California Leadership Awards were established to recognize outstanding environmental achievements in government. Awards were presented Tuesday, March 16, at the [Green California Summit](#) in Sacramento.

http://today.uci.edu/news/2010/03/nr_zotwheelsaward_100317.php

Rankings and Ratings:

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UC Berkeley Haas School of Business receives two five-star ratings in "A Guide to Business Schools Making a Difference"

In the Aspen Institutes 2010-2011 guide to MBA programs and how they are integrating social, ethical and environmental impact into their academic and extracurricular offerings, Haas scored five (out of five) star ratings in Relevant Coursework Available and Relevant Courses on For-Profit Impact. Relevant Coursework Available measures the number of courses offered at each school that contain social, environmental, and/or ethical content while Relevant Courses on For-Profit Impact looks at courses that explore how business can be a force for positive social and environmental change.

<http://responsiblebusiness.haas.berkeley.edu/PressRelease31910.html>

UC Campuses earn high marks on annual Sustainability Report Card

UC Davis and UC San Diego both each earned an A- in the Sustainable Endowments Institute's annual College Sustainability Report Card. The grades are based on a survey that assesses university performance across nine areas, ranging from Climate Change & Energy to Green Building to Investment Priorities. Of the 322 schools that received grades, only 16% scored an A- or better.

<http://www.greenreportcard.org/>

See also: <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/progress/commitment/awards.html>

Three UC campuses among the 18 on The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll

Eighteen U.S. colleges and universities made [The Princeton Review's 2011 Green Rating Honor Roll](#) for maintaining the most sustainable practices, policies and course offerings among all campuses rated for their environmental friendliness, said the company that created the popular "best colleges" guides. This year 703 schools, the most thus far, submitted environmental information that was scored on a scale of 60, the least possible score, to 99, the highest possible score. The schools on the honor roll received scores of 99. The three UC campuses to receive a 99 were UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, UC Berkeley.

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2010/08/03/princeton-review-names-greenest-colleges-us#ixzz0wFeajutV>

See also: <http://www.fastcompany.com/1677738/yale-harvard-west-virginia-university-make-princeton-reviews-list-of-green-colleges>

UCSB, UCSC among "Top 10 Eco-Friendly Colleges and Universities" according to U.S. News

UCSB: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/10-eco-friendly-college-campuses/6>

UCSC: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/10-eco-friendly-college-campuses/9>

Eight UC campuses make Sierra Club's green rankings

Eight University of California campuses made Sierra magazine's list of [100 Cool Schools](#), which ranks environmentally friendly polices at universities across the country. Leading the way for UC was [Irvine](#), which placed sixth on the list with a score of 84.4 out a possible 100. Santa Cruz was 11th with score 82, San Diego was 15th with 81.6, Davis was tied for 16th with 81.2, UCLA was 25th with 77.6, Berkeley 32nd with 76.3, Merced 39th with 73.3 and Santa Barbara 44th with 72.2. The Cool Schools survey results will be published in the September/October issue of Sierra, a publication of the Sierra Club.

UC press release: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/23885>

Chronicle of Higher Ed: <http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Sierra-Magazine-Shuffles-the/26247/>

NPR Talk of the Nation: <http://www.sciencefriday.com/program/archives/201008205>