Marking the fifth consecutive year in which UCLA’s gift total has topped $250 million, Campaign UCLA received more than $278 million in private gifts and grants during fiscal year 2002-2003.

This figure reflects the continuation of successful fundraising performance despite the significant downturn in the local and national economies. It brings the total for the Campaign over the $2.3 billion mark, equaling 96 percent of the $2.4 billion overall goal, after only 81 percent of the Campaign period, which will conclude in 2005.

Although it appears the Campaign’s overall goal will be attained before its target completion date, there are still several priorities that remain unfulfilled. Chief among these are graduate fellowship support and funds for recruiting and retaining top quality faculty, both of which are imperative for UCLA to retain a competitive advantage among other top research institutions nationwide.

In addition to supporting core programs campus-wide, Campaign priorities also include the advancement of a number of capital projects, such as the UCLA Replacement Hospital and new and refurbished facilities for the UCLA College.

Campaign resources to date have supported the academic program and strengthened the University by accelerating landmark research, expanding student support, enhancing interdisciplinary programs and enabling capital improvements. As the Campaign enters its final phase, efforts will focus on attaining those key goals that will secure UCLA’s position as a leader in American higher education.