



AT THE FOREFRONT OF DISCOVERY

Every day, UCLA creates limitless possibilities for undergraduates through innovative programs, multidisciplinary experiences, specialized seminars and individual research projects. The core of the student experience is the extraordinary depth and breadth of undergraduate programs in every principal academic field — 130 undergraduate majors in 109 academic departments and 4,000 faculty in the College of Letters and Science; the School of Engineering and Applied Science; the School of Theater, Film, and Television; and the School of Arts and Architecture.

But beyond the traditional individual classroom experience, UCLA has created programs that stretch the boundaries of the intellectual experience for our undergraduates:



- **FRESHMAN CLUSTER:** This popular nine-cluster program connects some 2,000 students with distinguished faculty in a year-long multidisciplinary exploration of challenging and timely topics ranging from the global environment to racial issues in America to the evolution of the cosmos.

- **FIAT LUX:** These freshman seminars provide a valuable starting point for students to engage in dynamic analytical thinking with faculty. About 200 Fiat Lux seminars are offered each year, bringing the talents and expertise of the faculty into small classroom settings with students.



- **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:** The opportunity to participate in research is one of the major benefits of attending UCLA, and, each year, thousands of students do. Many of them create important publishable work in close collaboration with senior faculty — often as early as their freshman year. Others participate in research seminars, tutorials and departmental honors programs. Two Undergraduate Research Centers — one for the arts, humanities and social sciences; and one for the sciences, engineering and mathematics — help undergraduates identify faculty mentors.

Students and faculty work hand-in-hand in the exploration of new knowledge.

“Walking into classes on the first day, being challenged by people who knew stuff you’d never even thought about, who didn’t agree with you about anything. And they were just the other students.”

—Diane Watson,

Teacher, school psychologist, administrator, state senator, ambassador to Micronesia and, since 2001, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (D-California)



THE DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Scholars who come to UCLA, and the donors who support them, each bring a gift. The scholars: a special ability, a natural talent, an aptitude, a genius. The donors: something given voluntarily, a benefaction, an endowment. And it is together, through this exchange of gifts, that they move the horizon, redefine possibility and ensure real-world progress.



- The nation's first program and endowed faculty chair focusing on U.S.-China relations and Chinese American studies will be established at the UCLA Asian American Studies Center, thanks to a \$1 million pledge from philanthropist Walter Wang and his wife, Shirley Wang '90. The Wangs are "very passionate about fostering an accurate understanding of the role Chinese Americans have played in our nation's history," says Walter. They hope the chair and the innovative U.S.-China Media and Communications Resource Program will help to accomplish that goal.



- In the UCLA Anderson School of Management, the new Jim Easton Global Connection Classroom will feature 21st-century recording, webcasting and video conferencing capabilities that will benefit students and faculty alike. Made possible by a \$2 million gift from sports marketer and longtime UCLA supporter James L. Easton, the advanced, technology-enabled classroom will facilitate business learning by connecting with students, partners and executives around the globe.
- "UCLA film school helped me re-create myself," says writer and producer Felicia Henderson '84, Ph.D. '09. "My hope is that these scholarships will help others do the same." In an effort to help aspiring undergraduate writers become professional storytellers like herself, Henderson has created the Felicia D. Henderson Screenwriting Award at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. A lecturer at TFT, Henderson studies race and gender in the comedy writer's room.

Clockwise from top left: Walter and Shirley Wang, Jim Easton, Felicia Henderson, and The Honorable Warren Furutani.

"By graduation, no one can tell the transfer students from the four-year folks — the financial aid students from the privileged. But everyone knows who the leaders are. UCLA has a unique institutional knack for discovering, nourishing and rewarding exceptional individual performance."

— Warren Furutani, *California Assemblyman, District 55*



During 2007-08, UCLA received \$481 million in new gifts and pledges. This marks a 29 percent increase over the previous year's total of \$373 million and the ninth consecutive year in which UCLA's gift total has surpassed \$250 million.

UCLA's Ensuring Academic Excellence Initiative generated \$65 million during 2007-08, bringing the initiative's total to nearly \$307 million. Launched in June 2004, the initiative, which ends in 2009, was designed to help attract and retain top students and faculty, a campus-wide priority.

Included in the 2007-08 total was a gift of \$1 million from UCLA Medical Center board member and noted philanthropist Ronald A. Katz and his wife, Maddie, to launch Operation Mend. Operation Mend is a one-of-a-kind partnership uniting wounded soldiers and marines from Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, with UCLA doctors in order to treat U.S. military personnel wounded during service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Through the Katz Family Foundation, the Katzes are funding all non-covered costs, including travel and housing, for the patients and their families during treatment.

"I knew of the spectacular, world-class capabilities of UCLA's plastic surgery team," says Ron, "and I thought, if we could only avail these kids of that kind of superb capability, it would be a change in their lives."

Additionally, UCLA received a \$30 million endowment gift made possible through the generosity of the renowned performer, producer and philanthropist Herb Alpert and his wife, Lani Hall Alpert, to create and name the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. This gift from the Herb Alpert Foundation is the largest ever made to the arts in the University of California system and is the single largest individual gift to music higher education in the western United States.

Support for the UCLA School of Law included \$5 million from Dan A. Emmett and his family to establish the nation's first law school center focused on climate change and the environment. The Emmett gift, combined with a matching gift challenge, will provide \$10 million to advance the study, research and teaching of knowledge related to climate change and the environment.

In the interest of furthering understanding of an often-overlooked group, Andrew Viterbi, his wife, Erna, and their three children established a \$1.4 million endowment to create a program in Mediterranean Jewish studies through UCLA's Center for Jewish Studies. According to David N. Myers, UCLA professor of history and director of the center, "The Viterbi family's remarkable generosity will enable us to explore in rich detail the wide-ranging social, religious and economic ties that Jews developed in the Mediterranean Basin from antiquity to the present."

Private philanthropy continues to secure UCLA's position as a leader in American higher education by supporting pioneering research, providing student and faculty support, enhancing interdisciplinary programs and enabling capital improvements.



T H E B E T T E R W A Y

The best doctors. The best hospitals. The best technology. The UCLA Health System, including four hospitals, six community offices and 75 outpatient clinics, is among the most comprehensive healthcare providers in the country. Here, healthcare is a partnership among patients, their families and our team of compassionate healthcare professionals.



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State of the art healing includes world-class newborn, pediatrics and emergency room services.



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“The opening of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center is a significant event for Los Angeles, California and the world. Inside this new facility, UCLA’s healthcare professionals will build upon the university hospital’s traditions of unparalleled patient care and the education of tomorrow’s doctors, and through research will find cures and better treatments for the devastating medical conditions that afflict mankind.”

—Dr. Gerald S. Levey,

vice chancellor of medical sciences and dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA



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For more than 50 years, UCLA has been a leader in patient care, medical research and teaching. And now, with the opening of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, we offer the nation's most technologically advanced care in a healing environment that is supportive, respectful and humane. Designed with the concept that "good architecture is an integral part of the healing process" by world-renowned architect I.M. Pei and his son C.C. Pei, the complex encompasses three hospitals — Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA and Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA.

Our excellence is recognized internationally — hundreds of patients from around the world come to us each year — and UCLA is acclaimed nationally. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks us among the top three healthcare institutions in the country, and we have been named the best hospital in the western United States for 19 consecutive years.



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- More than 200 UCLA physicians are listed in the prestigious "Best Doctors in America" guide.
- UCLA Health System clinics log more than 1 million patient visits each year, and UCLA hospitals more than 80,000.
- UCLA Medical Group is rated by the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) among California's top-performing physician organizations.
- More than 70 percent of UCLA medical students and some 200 faculty participate in community health programs each year.