A landmark gift and the generosity of alumni and friends vaulted UCLA to its most successful fund-raising year in campus history, setting a record for the University of California system. The campus received more than $509.4 million in private gifts and grants during fiscal year 2001-’02, substantially exceeding UCLA’s previous fund-raising record of $330 million set in 1999-2000.

Capping this accomplishment was a pledge of $200 million from entertainment executive David Geffen to greatly strengthen the endowment of UCLA’s medical school — believed to be the largest single gift ever made to a school of medicine in the United States. In grateful acknowledgment, the school is now known as the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Such private support during the past fiscal year elevated Campaign UCLA’s total to more than $2.017 billion, representing 84% of a $2.4-billion goal. Scheduled to conclude in 2005, the Campaign strengthens UCLA in myriad ways. Current funding priorities include expanding research support for faculty, and increasing graduate fellowship and undergraduate scholarship opportunities for students in all academic disciplines.

In addition, to meet substantial capital improvement needs, the Campaign is securing funds to restore campus buildings dating back to 1929. New facilities also are being constructed for the life sciences and medicine, physics and astronomy, the visual and performing arts, and other campus units.

Looking to the future, Campaign UCLA will continue its focus on supporting the University’s most important assets — its world-class faculty and students — in addition to the UCLA Library, the College of Letters and Science and other core academic units. This vital source of funding is helping to ensure that UCLA remains among the leading research universities in the world.