

External Sustainability Awards & Rankings Received by UC: 2007

November 19, 2007: UCSC Transportation Honored as a "Community Hero"

For accomplishments in reducing single-passenger auto use the United Way honored UCSC's Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) Department as a "Community Hero" at its 2007 Community Assessment Project press conference and celebration.

November 1, 2007: UC System Recognized Nationally for Energy Efficiency

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy recognized the University of California system and its partners in the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership as national leaders in energy-efficiency programs.

November 2007: Sierra Magazine Ranks UC-System 4th Greenest University in the Nation

Sierra magazine has named the University of California system one of America's Top 10 "coolest" schools for its efforts to stop global warming. UC ranked No. 4 on the Sierra Club magazine's inaugural listing of the nation's greenest campuses. UC was the highest-ranked public university.

October 17, 2007: UC Berkeley Student Wins Environmental Leadership Award

Rachel Barge, A UC Berkeley undergraduate, was among six young North American environmental leaders to win a 2007 Brower Youth Award for her work in boosting funding for environmental sustainability on the UC Berkeley campus.

October 2007: UC Raises Sustainability Grade to B+, Recognized as Campus Sustainability Leader

The Sustainable Endowment Institute released its second College Sustainability Report Card, grading the environmental status of the 200 U.S. colleges with the largest endowments. The University of California improved its overall grade to B+ and was recognized as a Campus Sustainability Leader.

September 7, 2007: UC Berkeley Wins Honorable Mention from AASHE

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) presented its annual Sustainability Leadership Awards at the 7th biennial Greening of the Campus, UC Berkeley was one of two honorable mention winners. The awards recognize institutions that have demonstrated an outstanding overall commitment to sustainability in their governance and administration, curriculum and research, operations, campus culture, and community outreach.

May 5, 2007: UCSB and UCSD Win Flex Your Power Awards

The State of California's Flex Your Power program recognized UC Santa Barbara as a leader in energy efficiency with a Flex Your Power Award. A total of 41 winners were selected from several hundred applicants for outstanding leadership in energy efficiency. UCSD also received an honorable mention in the Demand Response category.

April 20, 2007: UC Santa Cruz Named a Renewable Energy Champion

UC Santa Cruz was honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the Individual Conference Champion for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Association of Division III Independents Conference.

April 18, 2007: UC Santa Barbara Earns 2nd Place in NWF's Chill Out Contest

In recognition of its leadership in addressing climate change, UC Santa Barbara placed second in the National Wildlife Federation's Chill Out competition. UC Santa Barbara was one of eight winning schools chosen for the award from over 100 competition entries received from colleges nationwide.

April 17, 2007: UC Awarded EPA Achievement Honors for Sustainability Efforts

The U.S. EPA honored the University of California system with an Environmental Achievement Award in recognition of the University's outstanding work in the area of environmental sustainability.

April 9, 2007: UCR Students Win two Awards at Competition

UCR undergraduate Engineering students brought home two awards from the WERC (Waste Management, Education and Research Consortium) Environmental Design Contest at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Sean Brady, Gregory Leung and Christopher Salam won the teamwork award for innovation with their project "Zero Waste Biodiesel."

March 19, 2007: UCSC Residential College Sustainability Program Receives Award

College Eight, a residential college at UC Santa Cruz, received an Outstanding Project Award from the American College Personnel Association for its sustainability program. This award recognizes exemplary co-curricular initiatives that significantly impact the educational experience of first-year students.

March 2007: UCSD Wins Third Consecutive SANDEE Award

The San Diego Excellence in Energy (SANDEE) Awards are presented annually to outstanding businesses, individuals, government agencies and institutions that achieve significant energy savings through efficiency, conservation, renewable energy solutions or transportation initiatives in San Diego County. UC San Diego was recognized for its purchase of 225 electric or "zero emission vehicles" (ZEV) and 32 hybrid vehicles for its fleet. The University also converted to a blend of ultra low sulfur bio diesel for its diesel fleet, eliminating more than 70 metric tons of CO₂ emissions and reducing sulfur emissions by 97 percent.