

External Sustainability Awards & Rankings Received by UC: 2008

December 17, 2008: UC Irvine Wins Flex Your Power Award

The State of California's Flex Your Power program recognized UC Irvine with a "Best Overall" award. The campus was honored for reducing its electrical demand by up to 15,000 kW, yielding a peak savings of sixty-eight percent and saving nearly four million gallons of water annually.

<http://www.fypower.org/feature/awards/6th/profile.html?company=uci>

November 25, 2008: UC Irvine Wins State's Top Environmental Award

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that UC Irvine has won a 2008 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award for its Sustainable Transportation programs innovative approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change.

http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1854

November 2008: UCSB Wins American Society of Landscape Architects Professionals Award

Using bioswales, Wayne Ferren and the students and staff of the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) helped transform UCSB's Lagoon Park into an award-winning design. Lagoon Park, on the coastline next to Manzanita Village, was one of eight projects (out of 500 national and international nominees) to receive an American Society of Landscape Architects Professionals Award.

<http://asla.org/awards/2008/08winners/201.html>

November 2008: UCSB's Student Resources Building Wins Green Design Award

The Student Resources Building architects, Sasaki Associates, received the 2008 Honor Award by the Architectural Foundation of Los Angeles - Design Green Awards for their exceptional green design of the SRB. The award was presented to the team at the US Green Building Council-Los Angeles Green Gala on November 7.

October 28, 2008: UC Santa Barbara Wins Green Cleaning Award

UCSB won the Grand Award in the Universities category of the 2008 Green Cleaning Award for Schools & Universities, sponsored by American School & University magazine, The Green Cleaning Network, and Healthy Schools Campaign.

<http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=1875>

October 21, 2008: UC Santa Barbara Honored by California's Waste Reduction Awards Program

The California Integrated Waste Management Board recognized the Ellison Hall Sustainability Committee with a Waste Reduction Award. The Ellison Hall Sustainability Committee achieved a 88.78% diversion rate through composting, recycling, reuse and source reduction initiatives within Ellison Hall.

October 2008: 10 UC San Diego Undergraduate Students Selected for Having Greatest Impact on the Nation's Infrastructure

Ten UC San Diego undergraduate students who worked with Professor Jan Kleissl on the DEMROES weather monitoring project were chosen by Public Works Magazine as 2008 Trendsetters for designing, building, and deploying weather-monitoring stations on the UC San Diego campus. This list, which appeared in the November 2008 Public Works issue, names the fifty people, places, and events that had the greatest impact on the nation's infrastructure over the past year.

September 2008: UCSB Receives 'Go Beyond' Award from Labs21

The University of California, Santa Barbara Laboratory Research and Technical Staff (LabRATS) has received the "Go Beyond" Award, an award that honors individuals, organizations, projects, and laboratory manufacturers that "go beyond" the status quo to minimize the environmental impacts of laboratory and other high-technology facilities and laboratory equipment. The LabRATS won the award due to initiatives such as creating a free surplus chemicals website, using natural lighting in the lab, implementing fume hood management, and exchanging hazardous thermometers for less hazardous ones.

<http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=1846>

September 2008: SEI Releases 2009 Sustainability Report, Three UC's Named Campus Sustainability Champions

The Sustainable Endowments Institute has released its *College Sustainability Report Card 2009*. SEI's report includes profiles and grades for the 300 schools with the largest endowments. Four UCs appear in the report card: UC Berkeley (B), UCLA (B-), UCSD (B+), and UC Davis (B+). Davis, Berkeley, and San Diego were all named Campus Sustainability Champions. The average grade for all schools surveyed came to C+, with more than 75 percent of colleges and universities earning sustainability grades in the B and C range.

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

September 2008: Plenty Magazine Recognizes UC Santa Cruz as having the "Greenest Cafeterias"

UCSC alumni organized a co-operative of six small farms, which grow twenty-five percent of the campus's produce. Students and faculty conduct research on the farms; before each growing season, dining hall chefs and farmers brainstorm menus, so farmers grow what chefs want to cook with. Once a year, the co-op organizes a one hundred percent local organic meal and educates the campus community about sustainable agriculture issues. All the coffee on campus comes from a fair-trade co-operatives in Nicaragua, where UCSC faculty and graduate students conduct research, and undergraduate students can spend a quarter learning Spanish and about sustainable agriculture and business practices.

http://www.plentymag.com/features/2008/09/green_campuses.php

August 21, 2008: UC a 'shining star' for college campuses in sustainability

Sierra magazine has placed the University of California's ten campuses "in a league of their own" in the Sierra Club publication's second annual [green college guide](#). The ranking, along with others by Kaplan and Hearst's TheDailyGreen.com, highlight UC's role as a sustainability leader.

"Sustainability is a priority for the University of California," said Katherine N. Lapp, UC executive vice president for business operations. "We are honored by the recognition of UC's initiatives to reduce waste, expand transportation alternatives, conserve energy and water, and offer green dining options on campuses. We're excited about continuing to enhance these best practices while also advancing research innovations to solve environmental challenges and preparing students for green careers."

August 5, 2008: Kaplan Include UC System on its List of 25 Green Schools

The 2009 Kaplan College Guide 2009 features information on environmentally responsible schools and green careers. The guide features twenty-five green private and public colleges from across the nation, including the University of California system. The green schools and careers profiles are not rankings. Instead, they give students interested in sustainability and conservation well-researched ideas and a cross-section of options.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/pressRelease/idUS135812+05-Aug-2008+PRN20080805>

July 2008: UCs Score Highly on Inaugural Princeton Review Green Rankings

Five UC campuses received scores 92 or greater on Princeton Review's first annual Green Rankings. Only ten California colleges and universities scored above ninety on the one-hundred-point rating scale. The high-scoring UCs were Irvine (92), Santa Barbara (94), Berkeley (95), Riverside (96), and Davis (96). UCLA also scored well on the new survey (87); San Diego, Merced, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco were not evaluated.

July 2008: *The Daily Green* Names UC the 7th Greenest University in the Nation

With ten campuses spread out across the Golden State, the University of California has set the goals of boosting the use of low- and zero-emission vehicles by fifty percent by the year 2010, generating ten megawatts of renewable energy by 2014, and achieving zero waste and carbon neutrality by 2020. UCLA has already increased bicycle use by an encouraging fifty percent. UC Berkeley, well known for its passionate progressive spirit, has won national attention for hosting the first certified organic kitchen in a college setting. www.universityofcalifornia.edu

<http://www.thedailygreen.com/environmental-news/latest/10-greenest-colleges-460708>

May 2, 2008: Forbes.com: UCSC is one of the 10 Greenest Universities

Forbes recognized UCSC for purchasing one hundred percent of its energy from renewable sources and for registering with the California Climate Action Registry.

http://www.forbes.com/home/2008/05/02/college-harvard-uvm-biz-energy-cx_bw_0502greenu.html

April 25, 2008: UC Berkeley and UC Davis Students among Winners of EPA P3 Grant Competition

The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced the annual People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) competition winners. This year's winners include students from Drexel University (PA), Loyola University Chicago (IL), the University of California-Berkeley, the University of California-Davis, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of Iowa.

April 23, 2008: UC San Diego named ‘Climate Protection Champion’ by City

UC San Diego was recognized for becoming the first campus on the West Coast to join the Chicago Climate Exchange, North America’s only voluntary, legally binding trading system to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. UC San Diego also was the first university in California to be recognized by the California Climate Action Registry as a “Climate Action Leader.” UC San Diego’s goal is to become a living laboratory for climate solutions by being an early adopter of real-world tools and leading-edge technologies for San Diego and the global marketplace for successfully measuring, certifying and reporting its greenhouse gas emissions to the Registry and the public.

April 14, 2008: UC Berkeley Wins Environmental Award from US EPA

The Cal Climate Action Partnership program has been recognized as one of 29 winners in EPA (Region 9) 2008 Environmental Awards. UC Berkeley was honored for its Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP). CalCAP created an emissions inventory for the Berkeley campus, an emissions reduction target, and convinced the UC Berkeley Chancellor to commit investments of close to \$14 million to reduce campus emissions to 1990 levels by 2014.

April 10, 2008: UC Santa Cruz named Runner Up in NWF Chill Out Competition

UC Santa Cruz was among five runners up in the second annual National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Chill Out Competition. UCSC was recognized for its purchase of one hundred percent renewable energy and for its student-led energy efficiency and conservation programs. The NWF Chill Out award program honors the U.S. schools that are ahead of their time in addressing global warming and being highly creative in doing so.

March 6, 2008: UC San Diego Sustainability Efforts Honored with Top SANDEE

The University of California, San Diego’s response to the October wildfires, its alternative transportation programs, and Green Campus program all helped the university win top honors in the fourth annual San Diego Excellence in Energy (SANDEE) Awards. This is the fourth consecutive year UC San Diego has won SANDEE awards, but it is the first time for it to receive the Outstanding Organizational Achievement award. Representatives accepted the honor at the SANDEE Awards reception, March 5 at the San Diego Wine & Culinary Center.