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### **External Sustainability Awards and Rankings Received by UC: 2009**

#### Awards

##### **UC Merced wins State's highest environmental honor**

Governor Schwarzenegger awarded UC Merced with the governor's environmental and economic leadership award. The award honors U.C. Merced for operating as a sustainable campus, and serving as a model for others...Six of the school's seven buildings have already earned gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council...UC Merced's long-range development plan creates pedestrian and bike-friendly traffic patterns and sets forth a triple zero commitment: a plan to produce energy from renewable sources, eliminate landfill waste, and reduce greenhouse emissions to zero, by 2020. Once complete, the academic core of the campus will be about a 10-minute walk from each of six planned student neighborhoods. About 2,000 to 3,000 students will live in each neighborhood. All buildings will be mixed-use with stores at street level and apartment or dorm housing above.

*Press release:* [http://www.ucmerced.edu/news\\_articles/10012009\\_uc\\_merced\\_receives\\_state.asp](http://www.ucmerced.edu/news_articles/10012009_uc_merced_receives_state.asp)

*TV coverage:* <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=7043826>

*Newspaper coverage:*

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/457/story/1091070.html>

<http://www.modbee.com/local/story/879160.html>

<http://www.losbanosenterprise.com/190/story/49699.html>

##### **UCI's sustainable transportation programs earn EPA Environmental Achievement Award**

UC Irvine's effort to reduce congestion and improve air quality through sustainable transportation programs was recognized Thursday, April 16, with an outstanding achievement award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. UCI's sustainable transportation program promotes walking, biking, and the use of scooters, carpools, vanpools, car-sharing services, shuttles and public transportation. The EPA lauded the comprehensive program for eliminating more than 39 million vehicle miles and 19,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and for saving the university community more than \$21 million annually. UCI commuters average 1.87 riders per car, the highest average vehicle ridership for any employer of comparable size in Southern California.

[http://today.uci.edu/news/release\\_detail.asp?key=1887](http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1887)

##### **UCI wins Rideshare Diamond Award for sustainable transportation programs**

Carpool, vanpool, public transportation incentives, bicycle infrastructure, and a shuttle bus that runs on 100% biodiesel earned UC Irvine a 2009 Rideshare Diamond Award. These awards are presented annually by the Orange County Transportation Authority and Ventura County Transportation Commission.

##### **UC Press receives green publishing award**

University of California Press has been selected as a winner of the third annual SustainPrint Awards from *Book Business* and *Publishing Executive* magazines for outstanding achievements in environmental sustainability...UC Press received the SustainPrint Longtime Leader Award in book publishing in recognition of its role as an industry leader. Ogden Publications received the Longtime Leader Award in magazine publishing, and Newcomer of the Year Awards were given to Melcher Media and *Boho Magazine*...UC Press established a corporate environmental

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sustainability policy in 1995 and uses post-consumer recycled content paper in about 75 percent of the approximately 200 books it publishes each year. An estimated 50 percent of titles are printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified paper, and 25 percent on paper certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative...UC Press' dust jackets and paperback covers also usually contain recycled content. "We strive to be 'green' from cover to cover," says Director of Design and Production Anthony Crouch.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/20722>

#### **UCR convenience store achieves national recognition**

Grilled peanut butter sandwiches and a biweekly farmers market earned Scotty's Convenience Store and Grill at UC Riverside the 2009 Best in the Business award for excellence in marketing and merchandising from the National Association of College and University Food Services...The unique menu stemmed from UCR Executive Chef Lanette Dickersons desire to create a signature dish that was protein-based and would meet the needs of vegetarian customers. The sandwiches are not only tasty but inexpensive, ranging from \$1.80 for regular peanut butter and jelly to \$2.50 for gourmet blends with honey, raisins, apples or sweetened cream cheese...The store, which opened in November 2007, offers a range of menu items, with a heavy emphasis on vegetarian dishes.

[http://newsroom.ucr.edu/news\\_item.html?action=page&id=2076](http://newsroom.ucr.edu/news_item.html?action=page&id=2076)

#### **UCSD students win NWF Chill Out video competition**

UC San Diego students were one of two winners in the National Wildlife Federation's 2009 Chill Out video competition. The three-minute video details campus sustainability initiatives including energy efficiency upgrades, solar PV arrays, and algae bio-fuel research.

[http://www.nwf.org/campusecology/chillout/co09\\_winners.cfm](http://www.nwf.org/campusecology/chillout/co09_winners.cfm)

#### **UC receives multiple 'Go Beyond' sustainability awards from *R&D Magazine***

Several University of California recipients were recognized by the first annual Go Beyond Awards, which honor individuals, organizations, projects and laboratory manufacturers that "go beyond" the status quo to minimize the environmental impacts of laboratory and other high-tech facilities and lab equipment. The awards were publicly announced by R&D Magazine in the November issue of its Laboratory Design Newsletter. UC projects and staff won three awards and received one honorable mention.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/19072>

#### **UC's statewide sustainability efforts earn award from the California Sustainability Alliance**

The University of California was named one of three recipients of the Excellence in Sustainability Showcase Awards by the California Sustainability Alliance. The Sustainability Showcase highlights the efforts of organizations in California who are leading the way towards the state's sustainable future.

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/19310v>

#### **UC San Diego sustainability efforts honored with two SANDEE awards**

The University of California, San Diego's alternative transportation program won a Special Achievement in

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Transportation award and UCSD Vice Chancellor received individual honors as a regional clean energy champion at the fifth annual San Diego Excellence in Energy (SANDEE) awards this year.

<http://energycenter.org/index.php/outreach-a-education/annual-events/sandee-awards/5th-annual-sandee-award-winners>

### **Rankings & Ratings**

#### **UC Davis Graduate School of Management ranked among the most sustainable MBA programs in the world**

The UC Davis Graduate School of Management placed 30<sup>th</sup> on a list of the world's 100 most environmentally and socially responsible business schools, according to the 2009 "Beyond Grey Pinstripes" rankings. Conducted by the Aspen Center for Business Education, Beyond Grey Pinstripes is a research survey and alternative ranking of business schools that spotlights innovative full-time MBA programs leading the way in the integration of issues concerning social and environmental stewardship into the curriculum.

<http://www.beyondgreypinstripes.org/rankings/school.cfm?cid=422>

#### **UC Berkeley makes Princeton Review's "Green Honor Roll"**

UC Berkeley is one of only 15 colleges in the country to have earned the top score for environmentally friendly policies in an evaluation released by The Princeton Review, a provider of education services to help students get into college. The Princeton Review's second annual "Green Ratings" includes scores for 697 colleges and universities that are based upon whether students have a healthy and sustainable campus quality of life, how well the school is preparing its students for employment and citizenship in a world defined by environmental challenges, and the school's overall commitment to environmental issues.

[http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2009/07/27\\_green.shtml](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2009/07/27_green.shtml)

<http://www.princetonreview.com/green/press-release.aspx>

<http://www.mnn.com/business/green-jobs/blogs/green-college-honor-roll-announced>

#### **UC campuses earn high marks for campus sustainability**

The Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI) has released its *College Sustainability Report Card 2010* on GreenReportCard.org. The annual publication provides school profiles and grades along with insights about sustainability in higher education.

Five UCs received grades this year:

UC Berkeley: B

UC Davis: B+

UCLA: B

UC Merced: B+

UC San Diego: A- (the highest grade awarded this year)

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Grading the schools entailed researching publicly available information, conducting surveys of appropriate school officials, and assessing performance with 120 questions across 48 indicators in the following 9 categories: Administration, Climate Change & Energy, Food & Recycling, Green Building, Transportation, Student Involvement, Endowment Transparency, Shareholder Engagement, and Investment Priorities.

UCSD press release: <http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/10-09Sustainability.asp>

UCM press release: [http://www.ucmerced.edu/news\\_articles/10082009\\_uc\\_merced\\_earns\\_b.asp](http://www.ucmerced.edu/news_articles/10082009_uc_merced_earns_b.asp)

#### **UCSB, UCD and UCSD make Greenopia's Top 10 Greenest Universities**

At the top of the list, receiving 4 out of a possible 4 leafs were the [University of Washington](#) (for 4 LEED buildings and 25% of food served in cafeterias being locally-grown, as well as a comprehensive composting program) and the [University of California at Santa Barbara](#). UCSB got top marks for having 6 LEED-certified buildings (with 20! more on the way) and a recycling rate of 62%. Rounding out the top 10 greenest schools were [the University of Oregon](#), the [University of California at Davis](#), [Colorado State](#), [Stanford](#), [Harvard](#), [Penn State](#), [the University of California at San Diego](#), and [Duke](#).

<http://www.greenopia.com/USA/news/15547/8-24-2009/Greenest-Universities-West-Coast-Beats-Out-East-Coast>

#### **Three UC campuses rank in Sierra Club's Top 10 "Coolest Schools"**

Out of 135 surveyed schools, UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley, and UCLA were ranked 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200909/coolschools/default.aspx>

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/>

[http://www.ucsc.edu/news\\_events/text.asp?pid=3149](http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/text.asp?pid=3149)

<http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/ucla-places-among-top-10-greenest-99867.aspxv>

#### **UC Davis & UC San Diego finish in top 10 of Climate Culture's "America's Greenest Campus" competition**

UC Davis placed 5<sup>th</sup> and UC San Diego was 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation-wide America's Greenest Campus" competition, which challenged American college students to reduce their carbon footprints by making changes to their lifestyles.

[http://climateculture.com/americas\\_greenest\\_campus/](http://climateculture.com/americas_greenest_campus/)

#### **UC Davis and UC San Diego in Tree Campus USA's Inaugural Class**

Twenty-nine schools from across the United States earned Tree Campus USA status from the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation for their dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship. The 29 schools recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation make up the initial Tree Campus USA class.

<http://www.arborday.org/media/pressreleases/pressrelease.cfm?id=164>

#### **UC Merced makes green hall of fame**

The International Green Industry Hall of Fame recognized UC Merced with an award for excellence in sustainable practices. The award lauds UC Merced for embodying "the promise of California's future," and setting "a new standard for green buildings and sustainability practices on college campuses, not only in the Central Valley, but across the nation."

<http://www.gogreenhall.org/uc-merced.htm>