Awards

UC Merced Campus Plan Wins National Award

The Society for College and University Planning has announced that the University of California, Merced has earned an Excellence in Planning for an Established Campus honor award for its Long-Range Development Plan. The plan will be used to guide the campus physical growth, development and land-use priorities. Included within the plan is a Triple Zero Commitment that aims to produce as much energy from renewable sources as is used, eliminate landfill waste and produce zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.

http://ucmercednews.blogspot.com/2011/04/campus-plan-wins-national-award.html



Artist's rendering of UC Merced at full build-out

http://www.sacbee.com/2011/04/20/3567618/uc-merceds-long-range-development.html

UCLA honored for sustainability curriculum

Joining notable peer schools like Stanford Graduate School of Business, Harvard Business School and Michigan's Ross School of Business, UCLA has received the 2010 Dr. Alfred and Lynn Manos Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula. UCLA was recognized for its Leaders in Sustainability certificate program, a joint venture between the Institute on the Environment and the Anderson School of Management. The Page Prize encourages efforts to expose business students to state-of-the-art environmental sustainability knowledge. The 2010 Page prize was announced and presented in 2011. http://sustain.ucla.edu/article.asp?parentid=10878

Second Nature recognizes climate leadership at UC Irvine



Solar panels on a UC Irvine roof

Second Nature recently honored several institutions with its 2nd Annual Climate Leadership Award. Award recipients, recognized during the 5th Annual American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) Summit on June 23, include University of Maryland, College Park; University of Maine; University of California, Irvine; Frostburg State University (MD); Delaware State University; Green Mountain College (VT); Colgate University (NY); Mount Wachusett Community College (MA); Montgomery County Community College (NC); and Bunker Hill Community College (MA). *UCI news release:*

http://today.uci.edu/news/2011/06/nr_acupcc_110623.php

UC Davis has fourth greenest vehicle fleet according to 100 Best Fleets Program

UC Davis has been named the #4 Green Government Fleet in North America by the 100 Best Fleets Program, a fleet industry program that recognizes high performing fleet operations in North America. The 100 Best Fleets award, now in its seventh year, identifies and encourages continuous improvement in the use of green technology in the fleet industry. The campus's #4 ranking is up from #11 last year. According to Richard Battersby, director of Fleet Services, "This recognition is acknowledgement of a true team effort, since the evaluation criteria include categories expertly handled on campus by our Fleet Services staff as well as our colleagues in [Transportation and Parking Services] and Unitrans."

http://www.the100bestfleets.com/gf_winners_2010.htm http://www.the100bestfleets.com/gf_about.htm

UCD, UCLA, and UCSD Fleet and Transit Directors named Sustainability All-Stars

Richard Battersby of UC Davis, Sherry Lewis of UCLA, and Jim Ruby of UC San Diego were selected as Sustainability All-Stars by *Green Fleet* magazine. They are among the 50 individuals nationwide to earn this distinction, given to individuals who have made significant contributions to environmental sustainability in the fleet industry. The three UC leaders are featured, along with all the newly named Sustainability All-Stars, in the September/October issue of *Green Fleet* magazine and were honored at the 2011 Green Fleet Conference in Grapevine, Texas on October 3-4.

http://www.greenfleetmagazine.com/article/50622/40-sustainability-sluggers-first-ever-all-star-awards/p/4

UCLA, UCI win awards for alternative commuting programs

UCLA Transportation wins the top Corporate Blue Diamond Award for pioneering development and robust management of wide array of commuting options for a daily campus population of 65,000. When all efforts to mitigate traffic are considered, UCLA generates less vehicle traffic today than it did in 1990, despite a 30 percent growth in the campus population. Awards for Orange County top efforts in commuting and parking management on behalf of their employees and the community went to "ETC of the Year" Michael Davis of U.C. Irvine.

http://today.ucla.edu/portal/ut/staff-applause-transportation-204302.aspx
http://www.metro.net/news/simple_pr/a-sweet-ride-annual-Diamond-Awards-showcase-commut/



Shuttle buses at UC Los Angeles

UCSC Health Center receives sustainable design award from Structural Engineers Association

UC Santa Cruz continues to earn recognition and honors for the newly completed "green" renovation of the Cowell Student Health Center. Previously, the building earned the campus its first "Gold" certification from LEED, a non-profit trade organization that promotes sustainability in the design, construction and daily operation of buildings. That recognition was the end result of a four-year, \$17 million project to expand and

seismically retrofit the 42-year-old health center, while making the building more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. Now, the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California has selected the health center for a merit award in the category of sustainable design. The jury of five members included two structural engineers, a structural engineering professor, a general contractor and an architect. They evaluated 27 entries in eight categories.

http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/04/more-honors-for-health-center.html

UC San Francisco and UCLA Medical Centers win awards from Practice Greenhealth



Recognizing sustainability leadership in the challenging healthcare setting, the organization Practice Greenhealth honored the San Francisco Medical Center with a Partner for Change with Distinction award and the Los Angeles Medical Center with a

Partner for Change award. The awards recognize health care facilities that have established environmental programs and continuously improve and expand upon these programs on the path to sustainability. http://practicegreenhealth.org/awards/award-winners

UC Davis, UC Irvine, and UC San Francisco win 2011 National Design-Build Awards for campus projects



UC Davis Graduate School of Management's Gallagher Hall

The UC Davis Graduate School of
Management's (GSM) Maurice J. Gallagher Jr.
Hall includes a three-story office/classroom
structure and a related, two-story Conference
Center providing a restaurant, café, office space,
meeting rooms and a one-story ballroom.
Enabled by a team-wide commitment to Building
Information Management, the GSM – delivered
on time and under budget – demonstrates that
design-build can lead to exceptional levels of
innovation, superior building performance, client
satisfaction and award-winning design character
at no cost premium.

UC Irvine's Engineering Unit 3 was the seventh campus project constructed by Hensel Phelps. The project provided 122,000 gross square feet primarily consisting of wet and dry labs for five engineering departments and a 340-seat lecture hall. The facility is used to foster a growing trend toward collaborative inquiry between faculty in the School of Information and Computer Sciences and the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology.

UC San Francisco's Dolby Regenerative Medicine Building houses the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCSF. Nestled in the sloping hillside of UCSF's Parnassus campus, the \$123-million, 660-foot-long LEED-Gold facility features a serpentine design with four split-level

floors and terraced green roofs, sitting on a structural framework 40 to 70 feet off the ground. http://www.dbia.org/about/awards/national/2011projects.htm

US EPA's National Partnership for Environmental Priorities recognizes UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, and UC San Diego

- UC Davis: Second Largest Fleet in the University of California System successfully "Got the Lead Out". The UC Davis Fleet, with over 1,100 pieces of equipment, successfully eliminated a total of 243 pounds of lead by replacing lead wheel weights.
- UC Irvine: The fleet services of UCI accomplished its lead-free wheel weight partnership for the complete fleet, eliminating 300 pounds of lead. With the support of its campus sustainability program and a vendor, UCI also ran a rebate program to encourage all university personnel, students and employees to have steel wheel weights installed on their automobiles.
- University of California-Los Angeles: UCLA removed over 28 pounds of mercury from 3,000 wet labs. The hazmat team collected thermometers as well as barometers and sphygmomanometers, which all contain mercury. All new equipment on campus is now mercury-free.
- University of California San Diego: Fleet Services serves over 900 vehicles and installed zinc coated steel weights instead of lead, preventing 40 pounds of lead from getting into the environment.

The National Partnership for Environmental Priorities (NPEP) is a voluntary program that fosters collaborative efforts to reduce the use and/or release of highly toxic chemicals and share best practices: http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/npep/success.htm

UC San Francisco and UC Irvine win "Gold" awards in national sustainable transportation competition Best Workplaces for Commuters, a program designed to encourage sustainable transportation innovation and managed by the University of South Florida's National Center for Transit Research, singled out UCSF and UCI, among 21 other companies, institutions and individuals nationwide, in the 2010 "*Race to Excellence*" Virtual Awards Ceremony (awards were given in January 2011). The awards recognize organizations who have taken exemplary steps to for their efforts to offer alternatives for their employees driving alone and thereby reduce air pollution, traffic congestion, and fuel usage from Jan. 1, 2010 to Oct. 15, 2010. UCSF was further recognized with a "Best Of" distinction for meeting the National Standard of Excellence in commuter benefits – a standard created by the National Center for Transit Research and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. http://www.bestworkplaces.org/race-to-excellence-2/2010-race-winners/

UC Irvine wins "Best of the Best" sustainability award from the Urban Land Institute for "Organizational Leadership"

The Orange County/Inland Empire chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) presented UC Irvine with the first ever "Best of the Best" sustainability award for "Organizational Leadership." The award is a program of the ULI's Sustainable Communities Initiatives Council and recognizing projects, programs and policies of exceptional value in Orange County and the Inland Empire.

http://orangecounty.uli.org/News%20Awards/~/media/DC/Orange%20County/2011%20Documents/BOB%20A

<u>wards%20Booklet%20for%20Web.ashx</u> http://orangecounty.uli.org/News%20Awards/Best%20of%20the%20Best%20Awards.aspx



UC Irvine's Zot Wheels bike sharing program

UC Irvine bike-sharing program wins award from the American Society of Public Administration

UC Irvine won the 2011 President's Award from the American Society for Public Administration for its "Zot Wheels" program. Zot Wheels is a bike-sharing service that provides dozens of bikes for use by UC Irvine faculty, students, and staff. Bikes are available at stations throughout campus and can be checked out for up to three

hours.

For more on Zot Wheels, see:

http://www.parking.uci.edu/zotwheels/main.cfm

UC Irvine Transportation Coordinator wins Rideshare Diamond Award for Individual Achievement

UC Irvine Transportation Coordinator Mike Davis received a 2011 individual achievement Diamond Award for his contribution to UCI's sustainable transportation efforts. The Diamond Awards honor companies, organizations, and individuals for their outstanding contributions to relieving traffic congestion, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improving mobility in the southland region. Diamond Award-winning organizations promote alternatives to driving alone, including vanpooling, carpooling, use of public transit, teleworking, flexible scheduling, walking, biking, or a combination of these. http://www.parking.uci.edu/parking/pop.cfm

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UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UCLA, and UC Berkeley among the most bike friendly campuses in the country

The League of American Bicyclists has announced the institutions to receive its Bicycle Friendly University designation. The program recognizes colleges and universities that create environments where bicycling can thrive and provides a roadmap and technical assistance to create great campuses for bicycling. Both Gold designations went to UC campuses - UC Davis and University of California, Santa Barbara. One of the nine Silver designations went to UC Irvine, UCLA earned recognition at the Bronze level, and UC Berkeley received an honorable mention.



Bicycles at UC Santa Barbara

http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/bicyclefriendlyuniversity/pdfs/bfu_masterlist_october2011.pdf

http://www.bikeleague.org/programs/bicyclefriendlyamerica/bicyclefriendlyuniversity/index.php http://www.ia.ucsb.edu/pa/display.aspx?pkey=2444

Rankings and Ratings



UCLA achieves STARS Silver rating

UCLA earned a Silver rating in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/university-of-california-los-angeles-ca/report/2011-08-02/



UCSD achieves STARS Gold rating

UC San Diego has been named the first college or university in California and one of only 10 campuses in the United States and Canada to earn a gold sustainability-performance rating. "This gold rating attests to the collaborative efforts made by our students, staff, faculty, and community members to pioneer sustainable solutions," said UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "In the six years since I declared sustainability a top educational priority and goal of all campus operations, UC San Diego has been

transformed into a living laboratory of sustainability solutions. From economics to mechanical engineering, academic departments have incorporated sustainability concepts into majors, minors, internships, classes and a wide range of research experiences."

http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/05-20-11GoldStars.asp

Sierra magazine ranks four UC campuses among the Top 10 Greenest Colleges in America

Four UC campuses are among Sierra magazine's Top 10 Greenest Colleges in America for 2011, highlighting the University of California's commitment to sustainability. UC San Diego was third, UC Irvine sixth, UC Santa Cruz seventh and UC Davis eighth on Sierra Magazine's fifth annual rankings. Also making the list were UCLA at No. 15 and UC Santa Barbara at No. 72. UC San Diego jumped to third from 15th in last year's rankings by Sierra magazine, the flagship publication of the Sierra Club, one of the nation's most influential environmental organizations.

http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/newsrel/general/2011_08ucranks.asp http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/08/sierra-club-cool-schools-UCSC-recognition.html http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/201109/coolschools/ How our best colleges are saving the planet

MY tipe AS A DUMPSTER DIVER.
The secrets to surviving on nothing but trash

http://www.businessweek.com/bschools/blogs/mba_admissions/archives/2011/08/the_sierra_club_ranks_cooles_t_schools.html

UCSC makes Princeton Review's honor roll of 16 greenest colleges in the country

UC Santa Cruz is piling up so many high-profile sustainability rankings and honors that its easy to lose track of them all. But UCSCs latest recognition, in the Princeton Reviews newly published green colleges guidebook, is more than just another honor. Its also a history of successful green-energy projects on campus. The Princeton Review has given the campus a prominent, detailed and highly complimentary entry in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: 2011 Edition*, which profiles 308 eco-friendly colleges and universities in the United States and three in Canada.

http://news.ucsc.edu/2011/04/princeton-review-green-campuses.html http://www.princetonreview.com/green-honor-roll.aspx

University of Indonesia names UC Berkeley as the world's greenest university

The University of Indonesia has named UC Berkeley the world's "greenest" university. In its index released last month, the Jakarta school ranked Berkeley's environmental policies and other factors just ahead of the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom. Northeastern University in Boston was third on the list. "It's really nice to be recognized, especially by your peers," said Lisa McNeilly, UC Berkeley's sustainability director. The Indonesian list is one of many that measure universities' commitment to environmentalism and renewable energy. In a news release, the Jakarta school did not specifically say what had elevated Berkeley over other institutions, but said its researchers measured energy efforts, transportation and water use, among other factors. UC Berkeley is trying to reduce its greenhouse-gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2014, McNeilly said. Students interested in choosing a "green" college should look at a variety of rankings, she said. "Sustainability can be so many things," she said. "When you put (the lists) all together, I think you see a complete picture of where an institution stands."

http://www.berkeleyside.com/2011/01/24/uc-berkeley-is-ranked-the-worlds-greenest-university/

College guide places UC Davis in the top ten for environmental studies undergraduate program

In the 2011 edition of the *Fiske Guide to Colleges*, UC Davis was listed as one of the top 10 environmental studies undergraduate degree programs. This listing was noted by the Daily Green blog and Mother Nature News.UC Davis was described as a "research-driven campus ... renowned for its innovations in the environmental, agricultural and biological sciences" as well as sustainable transportation and alternative energy. http://www.thedailygreen.com/living-green/blogs/recycling-design-technology/best-environmental-studies-colleges-460710?click=main_sr

http://www.mnn.com/money/green-workplace/blogs/top-10-environmental-studies-programs