Update for Community Groups – August 2014

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The University of California, San Diego is a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public institution that provides opportunity for all. Recognized as one of the top 15 research universities worldwide, a culture of collaboration sparks discoveries that advance society and drive economic impact.

- **MISSION**
  UC San Diego will transform California and a diverse global society by educating, by generating and disseminating knowledge and creative works, and by engaging in public service.

- **VISION**
  We will align our efforts to be a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university.

- **CAMPUS PROFILE**
  UC San Diego’s rich academic portfolio includes six undergraduate colleges, five academic divisions and five graduate and professional schools. The university’s award-winning scholars are experts at the forefront of their fields with an impressive track record for achieving scientific, medical and technological breakthroughs.

**PROJECTS**

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at [http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html) is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where major campus projects are identified by location and are linked to detailed project information sheets.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

**East Campus Parking Structure II**

UC San Diego proposes construction of a parking structure on the East Campus to provide approximately 1,200 parking spaces in a multi-level structure. The proposed structure would serve patient, visitor, and staff needs in the Health Sciences neighborhood and the campus, as a whole.

The project would be located on an existing surface parking lot located due east of the Shiley Eye Center, and would be accessed from Health Sciences Drive and Medical Center Drive.

A draft Initial Study is being prepared pursuant to CEQA, and is anticipated to be circulated to the public for a 30-day review period starting in mid-August.

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UCSD Community Planning Newsletter and Website Information

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

UCSD News

For UCSD News visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/

UC San Diego Health System Retains No. 1 Ranking
US News & World Report Cites Region’s Only Academic Health System Among Nation’s Best

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UC San Diego Health System remains among the nation’s best, according to the U.S. News & World Report’s 2014-15 issue of “America’s Best Hospitals,” released this week. The magazine’s widely cited findings again placed UC San Diego Health System first in the San Diego metropolitan area and fifth in California, with national rankings in 11 specialties, up from 10 last year. This is comparable to the country’s most prestigious health care institutions.

“These rankings are a reaffirmation of our standing as the top health system locally and one of the premier, high performing health systems nationally,” said Paul Viviano, CEO, UC San Diego Health System. “This recognition is further evidence of our tireless dedication to our mission to provide the best possible patient care by tapping an extraordinarily talented group of physicians, nurses and staff and the discovery-driven resources of the region’s only academic health system. Our goal, first and foremost, is to provide unrivaled care that is personalized to the needs of each and every patient.”

For 2014-15, U.S. News & World Report evaluated hospitals in 16 adult specialties and ranked the top 50 in most of the specialties. Just 3 percent of the nearly 5,000 hospitals that were analyzed for Best Hospitals 2014-15 earned national ranking in even one specialty.

UC San Diego Health System ranked in 11 specialties, up from 10 last year: Cancer (#25 in the country in this specialty, up from #42 in 2013-14), Cardiology and Heart Surgery (#23, up from #42), Ear, Nose & Throat (#22, up from #48), Geriatrics (#19, up from #20), Nephrology/kidney (#15, up from #17), Neurology and Neurosurgery (#25, up from #42), Urology (#16, up from #22), Pulmonology (#6, up from #9), Diabetes & Endocrinology (#32), Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (#31), and Orthopedics (#44). In addition, Gynecology and Rheumatology were ranked “high-performing.”

“The data tell the story: a hospital that emerged from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of,” said U.S. News & World Report Health Rankings Editor Avery Comarow. “A Best Hospital has demonstrated its expertise in treating the most challenging patients.”

In academic medical centers such as UC San Diego Health System, physicians and scientists who teach medicine and conduct groundbreaking research work together to bring the latest diagnostics, treatments, clinical trials and life-saving care to patients. The doctors of UC San Diego Health System are also faculty of the UC San Diego School of Medicine, which is ranked 14th in the country in research-intensive programs among 128 medical schools in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Graduate Schools, 2015 Edition.”

Earlier this year, UC San Diego Health System received Health grades’ “Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence,” an honor only bestowed upon the top 5 percent of hospitals in the United States. Top performing hospitals were selected based on clinical excellence across a broad spectrum of care in specialty areas, such as cardiac surgery, gastrointestinal, neurosurgery, pulmonary and critical care.