About UC San Diego - The University of California, San Diego is a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university 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. Our students, who learn from Nobel laureates, MacArthur fellows and National Academy members, are committed to public service. For the fourth consecutive year, UC San Diego has been ranked first in the nation based on research, civic engagement and social mobility. We are one campus with multiple pillars of excellence, a top ten public university that is transforming lives, shaping new disciplines and advancing the frontiers of knowledge. Learn more at www.ucsd.edu.

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 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.

TRITON BALLPARK

Thanks to the support of generous alumni, parents, faculty and friends, UC San Diego is now home to a state-of-the-art facility that matches the excellence of our student-athletes: Triton Ballpark. Recently opened, Triton Ballpark, designed by Gensler and Associates features sunken dugouts, press box and permanent spectator seating and restroom facilities. The ballpark also features the Marye Anne Fox Clubhouse—named in honor of UC San Diego’s seventh chancellor—complete with team showers, locker rooms, coaches’ offices, a multipurpose room, Triton “Wall of Fame” and more. Click here to see a photo gallery of the celebration.

ALEX G SPANOS ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CENTER

Currently close to completion this project located in the North Campus Neighborhood proposes an addition to the north side of the existing Alex G. Spanos Athletic Training Facility. Designed by Hanna Gabriel Wells and Schmidt Design this addition will include weight training space, hydro-therapy room, reception, lobby space, coach’s offices and storage. The project also includes some interior renovations of the existing building. Additional improvements include a weight training plaza and associated landscape related features.

Data from the 2012 Sports Facilities Student Satisfaction Survey indicated that an expanded weight room was the number one recommendation for improvement among 15 potential improvements/additions. This space would provide additional weight room space allowing greater flexibility in scheduling. Further, this would allow for expanded use by Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreation Classes, Open Recreation and Sports Clubs.
AUDREY GIESEL DONATES $3 MILLION TO RENOVATE UC SAN DIEGO'S ICONIC GIESEL LIBRARY

San Diego philanthropist, literacy advocate, and longtime supporter of the University of California, San Diego, Audrey Geisel, has donated $3 million toward the renovation of the university’s iconic flagship building, Geisel Library. The gift kicks off a major initiative to transform and revitalize the interior public spaces of Geisel Library to meet the evolving needs of students, faculty, and other Library users in the digital age. Geisel’s gift will be used to renovate and update the entry level of Geisel Library, which opened in 1972 as the university’s Central Library. In 1995, the William Pereira-designed building—known by many as “the spaceship”—was named in honor of Audrey and her late husband, Theodor “Dr. Seuss” Geisel, in recognition of a major gift from Audrey Geisel.

“We are extremely grateful to Audrey for this generous lead gift to launch the Geisel Library Revitalization Initiative,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “This will ensure that Geisel Library, a campus and architectural landmark, continues to provide the outstanding services and spaces needed to support today’s students and scholars, as well as members of the local community. Audrey has been one of the university’s most generous and stalwart supporters, and with this gift, the Geisel legacy will continue to shape our future success as a world-class university.”

The UC San Diego Library is ranked amongst the top 25 academic research libraries in the nation, with more than seven million digital and print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials. Library resources provide the foundation of knowledge for many of the groundbreaking discoveries, treatments, and intellectual achievements for which UC San Diego has become renowned. While many of the Library’s information resources are available online 24/7, more than 1.5 million people stream through the Geisel Library and the Biomedical Library buildings each year, and the Library’s vast resources and services are accessed more than 5.7 million times via the Library website.

“When I first saw the space-age building that is now Geisel Library, I was enamored with its iconic design, as well as its scholarly and literacy mission,” said Geisel. “Decades later, I am delighted with the impact the Library has had on countless students, researchers, and scholars, as well as on San Diego. It gives me great joy to help ensure that Geisel Library will continue to attract and fuel students, scholars, and community members who are passionate about learning.”

While the UC San Diego Library has long been recognized as a leader in digitizing its collections and in harnessing technology to advance scholarship, the 285,000 square-foot facility—which is more than four decades old—has become dated. As the Library’s collections continue to shift from print to digital, spaces no longer needed to house books and journals are increasingly needed for collaborative learning and research.

“There is no way to convey how much Audrey’s gift means to the UC San Diego Library,” said Brian E. C. Schottlaender, The Audrey Geisel University Librarian. “I am thrilled with the positively transformative effect this will have on the Geisel Library public spaces, and how much this will benefit the campus and local communities. For additional information visit http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/pressrelease/audrey_geisel_donates_3_million_to_renovate_uc_san_diegos_iconic_giezel_lib