Please note the underlined text in the electronic version of this update contains active links that provide additional information on the subject matter.

PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’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 each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

**Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center and Thornton Hospital Expansion**

Located in the East Campus Health Sciences Neighborhood the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center was completed in April 2011. In addition to constructing space for the Cardiovascular program the project also included the recently completed expansion of the Emergency Department at Thornton Hospital. Space in the existing Emergency Department and Clinical Laboratory was renovated for use as a clinical laboratory and for emergency department observation beds.

**Southwest Fisheries Science Center**

Located in the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) Hillside Neighborhood, this ground lease project developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will provide 125,000 gross square feet of research space for use by the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). Designed by Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker and Gould Evans this project will provide safe and modern accommodations for SWFSC and support the research collaborations between SIO and SWFSC.

The new La Jolla Laboratory embraces NOAA’s mission of environmental stewardship by conserving vital natural resources with this ultra-modern, state-of-the-art facility. Located on a steep and picturesque coastal site, the new building’s architects were challenged to design a facility that would pay homage to the world class site and take advantage of the local climate while providing for the ever-changing needs of science. Upon completion, the new facility will include office and laboratory space and a unique multistory, 500,000-gallon Ocean Technology Development Tank. The design includes numerous sustainable strategies – e.g., rooftop photovoltaic cells, terra cotta solar shading, vegetative desiltation basins, regionally sourced materials, charging stations for electric cars, natural ventilation and vegetated roofs. NOAA is pursuing Gold certification of the building under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. The completed facility will enable NOAA to significantly reduce its carbon footprint while at the same time support the next generation and expand the frontiers of science.
**UCSD Community Planning Newsletter and Website Information**

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](http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu). Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

**UCSD News**

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**Washington Monthly Again Names UC San Diego No. 1 College in Nation for Positive Impact**

For the third consecutive year, the University of California, San Diego has been recognized by the Washington Monthly as the nation’s top college in rankings that measure “what colleges are doing for the country.” The rankings, listed in the September 2012 issue, are based on research, social mobility and commitment to service.

“Public service is integral to our mission,” said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “It is an honor to be recognized three years in a row as the number one university in the nation for our dedication to service, innovative research, and efforts to ensure accessibility and affordability for a diverse student body.”

The Washington Monthly editors noted that students at UC San Diego “are taught by example and design to look beyond themselves and give back.” They added, “Six of our top twenty universities hail from the University of California system, a testament to their commitment to enroll an economically diverse student body while supporting world-class research.”

In the social mobility category of the rankings, UC San Diego earned praise for its affordability. “Colleges that are both effective and inexpensive get the highest marks,” the Washington Monthly stated. At UC San Diego, more than 60 percent of students receive some form of financial aid and 44 percent of students receive the Pell Grant.

In addition to the campus’s accessibility and affordability, UC San Diego’s academic mission to enhance public service was also lauded by the Washington Monthly. It is this mission of civic engagement that allowed alumnus Mark J. Spalding to switch careers from practicing with a law firm to working at a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the environment. “In 1989, I was making a profitable living as an attorney in San Francisco, but I realized that I wanted my work to make a difference in the world so I decided to go back to college at UC San Diego’s School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS),” Spalding said. “It was a life-changing experience. I was very inspired by my professors who helped me get where I am today.” Spalding, who earned a Master of Pacific International Affairs (MPIA) degree in 1992, is now president of the nonprofit organization that he designed, The Ocean Foundation. The foundation awards grants to other nonprofits dedicated to marine conservation. Today, The Ocean Foundation annually spends $6.5 million to protect the world’s ocean, by supporting grantees and projects on every continent.

Candace Chu, a senior at UC San Diego’s Thurgood Marshall College, also said that her college experience led her to commit to public service. “I’ve helped with all different types of service from volunteering at the local soup kitchens and food banks, to habitat restorations, working with children, and fundraising for charities,” Chu said. “My time at UC San Diego inspired me use my knowledge and passion to help others and give. Here, I have the opportunity to learn in the classroom and apply it to everyday life, using my educational experience to empower others and contribute to society.”

UC San Diego also was recognized by the Washington Monthly in the category of research production, which measures the number of undergraduates who go on to earn PhDs, faculty awards and the number research expenditures. Recently, research funding at UC San Diego surpassed $1 billion for the second time in the last three years. The funding supports research in medicine, the sciences, the arts, oceanography, engineering and other fields – research that UC San Diego is internationally recognized for translating into innovations, medical breakthroughs, jobs and new businesses all over the globe.