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

The University of California, San Diego fall quarter is in session and ends on Saturday, December 14th.

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.

PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION IN 2013

Central Research Services Facility — 40,500 GSF with anticipated completion in October 2013. The project provides support space for centralized cage wash operations, office and administrative support space for the Animal Care Program, Animal Welfare Program, Health Sciences staff and other campus research support units.

Theatre District — with anticipated completion in October 2013. The project includes landscape enhancements that would restore and renovate two acres of the Grove Reserve within the Theatre District.

University House — with anticipated completion in November 2013. This project focuses on the rehabilitation of the House which serves as both the Chancellor’s official residence and as an important venue for campus and community meetings and social events.

Venter Institute — 45,000 GSF, ground lease project with anticipated completion in November 2013. The project is dedicated to the advancement of the science of genomics; the understanding of its implications for society; and the communication of those results to the scientific community, the public, and policymakers.

NEWS

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/
**U.S. News and World Report Again Ranks UC San Diego One of Nation’s Top 10 Best Public Universities**

The University of California, San Diego is once again ranked one of the top 10 public universities in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. UC San Diego is ranked 9th best public university and 39th best university in the 2014 Best Colleges guidebook’s national college rankings that included 281 public, private and for-profit institutions.

For more than a decade, the publication has listed UC San Diego among the nation’s top 10 public universities. The rankings are based on academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduate rate performance and alumni giving. “It is an honor to once again have UC San Diego named as one of the nation’s top public universities,” said UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla. “This ranking exemplifies UC San Diego’s strong commitment to providing our students with a premier educational experience and demonstrates our dedication to academic excellence.”

Additionally, *U.S. News & World Report* included two undergraduate academic rankings for engineering and business programs. The UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering’s undergraduate program is ranked 26th in the category for engineering schools that award doctorates. The Jacobs School garners a 5th place spot in the biomedical/biomedical engineering category for the fourth consecutive year.

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings come just weeks after UC San Diego was named by *Washington Monthly* as the #1 university in the nation for the fourth consecutive year. The magazine’s annual “College Rankings” considers how universities are “acting on behalf of the true public interest,” measuring institutions based on three criteria: social mobility, research and civic engagement.

“As a student, I am particularly proud of UC San Diego’s achievements” said Andy Buselt, president of UC San Diego’s Associated Students. “I am thrilled to see that we are being recognized for our efforts to promote access and retention for underrepresented and underserved students.”

Throughout 2013, UC San Diego consistently earned prestigious national and international academic rankings. Earlier this year, the university was recognized as the 15th best university in the globe by the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) of Leiden University in the Netherlands, and it was ranked 20th best by the Center for the World University Rankings (CWUR). In addition, the campus was named the 14th best university in the world according to the 2013 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

For more information on UC San Diego’s rankings, go to [http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/campus_profile](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/campus_profile).

For more information on *U.S. News and World Report*’s “2014 Best Colleges” guidebook, go to [usnews.com/colleges](http://usnews.com/colleges).