Message from Chancellor Khosla

I am honored and excited to be UC San Diego’s eighth Chancellor. During my first months on campus, I have seen firsthand how UC San Diego is shaping lives, impacting our community and defining our future. I have also learned about the significant role our community has played in UC San Diego’s growth and evolution to become a world-class research university.

When I think about UC San Diego’s relationship with our community, I think of this phrase: act locally and impact globally. UC San Diego is a living laboratory for innovation and problem-solving. And I believe the university is poised to play a critical role in addressing societal challenges – issues such as water, environment, energy, food, healthcare and wellness for human beings. At UC San Diego, we have capabilities in every one of these areas, and our amazing faculty, staff and students have the ability to work seamlessly across disciplines and departments. That makes UC San Diego a unique research university that will continue to positively impact our community and world.

I also see UC San Diego as a resource for our region. From our stellar Library and Extension classes to our Birch Aquarium and affiliation with the La Jolla Playhouse, UC San Diego is a place to learn, explore and discover.

My goal as Chancellor, is to build on our existing tradition of excellence, and to support the exceptional scholarship and education that is already happening here. UC San Diego has multiple pillars of excellence, including our Health Sciences and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and we are all part of one campus. And I want to take our campus to the next level. To that end, I have initiated a comprehensive, all-inclusive strategic planning process to develop a vision and plan for the future of UC San Diego. Campus and community members are encouraged to participate in the process. You can read more about the initiative by visiting http://plan.ucsd.edu

I look forward to working with you and strengthening UC San Diego’s ties with the community.

With kind regards,
Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor

BIOGRAPHY

Pradeep K. Khosla, a distinguished academic leader and electrical and computer engineer, began his tenure as UC San Diego’s eighth Chancellor on August 1, 2012. He has focused on making connections on the campus and in the community, and has initiated a campus-wide strategic planning process to define the future of UC San Diego.

Chancellor Khosla previously served as Dean of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the Indian Academy of Engineering, an Honorary Fellow of the Indian Academy of Science, and a Fellow of the American Association of Artificial Intelligence. He is also the recipient of numerous awards for his leadership, teaching, and research, including the 2012 Light of India Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the George Westinghouse Award for contributions to improve engineering teaching. In 2012, he was named as one of the 50 most influential Indian-Americans by SiliconIndia. He received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, and his master’s and doctoral degrees in electrical and computer engineering at Carnegie Mellon.
UC San Diego dedicated last fall its new Structural and Materials Engineering building. This state-funded, 183,000 square foot building provides the first permanent home for the Departments of Structural Engineering and NanoEngineering at the Jacobs School. These engineers share space with Visual Arts, and with medical device researchers from the Institute of Engineering in Medicine. The facility will merge the areas of advanced materials testing with scientific visualization.

Frieder Seible, dean of the Jacobs School of Engineering at UC San Diego, echoed Chancellor Khosla’s comments, “The hope and aspiration for this building is that it is not a physical location for four seemingly disparate academic units but that it will be transformational for our campus and how we collaborate in our research and education mission.”

The building also will be home to the Cymer Conference Center, which will help foster these collaborations, while supporting San Diego’s technology community.

The building will offer educators a 21st-century space to teach 21st-century students, said Seth Lerer, dean of Arts and Humanities at UC San Diego. “I can think of no better bridge between the arts and sciences, between the imagination and technology than this structural and materials building and the remarkable collaboration that it offers all of us,” he said.

The building will be a place where students and faculty will be able to contribute to a better future and make a long-lasting impact, said Karl Beucke, president of the Bauhaus-University, Weimar, on which the building has been modeled to a degree.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher also predicted that the building would have a significant impact in San Diego and for the economy as a whole. “The real treasure will be when the students graduate out of this,” he said. “They’re going to build the jobs of the future. They’re going to solve a lot of amazing problems.”
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.

**PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION — EAST CAMPUSS**

**Clinical and Translational Research Institute** — 330,000 GSF with anticipated completion in July 2015. This project provides new clinical research space including dry and wet laboratories, human subject research space, administrative support spaces, and faculty physician offices for the cardiovascular center, expanding the “bench to bedside” translational research on the East Campus.

**Jacobs Medical Center** — 510,000 GSF with anticipated completion in April 2017. The project provides an expansion of hospital facilities at the UCSD Medical Center in La Jolla. The new hospital tower will have 245 inpatient beds that will enable this facility to offer a full spectrum of primary and specialty services, emergency and urgent care services, expanded cardiac and oncology services and new inpatient perinatal services. The project also includes a helipad, 69,000 renovated GSF of existing hospital space and construction of a new central utility plant to support the hospital.

**PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION — WEST CAMPUSS**

**Central Research Services Facility** — 40,500 GSF with anticipated completion in September 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.

**Health Sciences Biomedical Research Facility II** — 196,000 GSF with anticipated completion in January 2014. The project provides research and support space for Health Sciences needed to advance major interdisciplinary programs, including Medical Genomics.

**Marine Ecosystem Sensing, Observation and Modeling Laboratory (MESOM)** — 40,100 GSF with anticipated completion in April 2013. The project will provide space for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

**Research Support Facilities** — 24,500 GSF with anticipated completion in March 2014. The project provides three new prefabricated steel buildings to support SIO’s sea-going research programs. The access road into Seaweed Canyon and utilities infrastructure will be improved.

**Theatre District Landscape** — with anticipated completion in August 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 October 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 October 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.

**PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, PATIENT CARE AND STUDENT LIFE**

The Capital Improvements Status Map is an interactive map where each project link leads to a detailed project information sheet. Available online at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html


CHANCELLOR KHOSLA MAKING CONNECTIONS

A FEW GLIMPSES ..... 

Chancellor Khosla is holding numerous Town Hall meetings as part of the strategic planning process to define UC San Diego’s future. All campus and community members are invited to participate. For more information about the Town Hall meetings or to submit your comments online, visit plan.ucsd.edu.

“The culture on campus should be one of total inclusiveness,” Chancellor Khosla has said from day one. He is demonstrating his support for UC San Diego’s diversity initiatives by participating in community outreach programs and campus celebrations of diversity, such as the California Native American Day kick-off.

The Chancellor traveled north in November to attend a “Night at Fox Studios” with Los Angeles alumni. Outside of San Diego, Los Angeles is home to the second largest Triton community.

To learn more about the rich culture and history of San Diego’s African American and Chicano/Latino communities, Chancellor Khosla met with educators, students, community leaders and local residents in Southeast San Diego and in Barrio Logan. He also toured Chicano Park, the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation and the Elementary Institute of Science.

Chancellor Khosla served as the UC San Diego Innovation Marshal in the 55th annual La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival in December. The event featured more than 100 floats, equestrians, marching units, bands and vehicles.

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UC SAN DIEGO FACTS

Total campus enrollment is 29,052 students (as of fall 2012)
The average freshman high school GPA is 4.06
UC San Diego is the #1 largest employer based in San Diego County
UC San Diego’s FY 2012 revenues were $3.4 billion; 29 percent of this total is revenue from contracts and grants, most of which is from the federal government for research
6.6 percent of UC San Diego’s total revenues come from the State of California for education
More than 141,000 UC San Diego alumni live across the globe; 73% live in California, with the highest percentage living in San Diego (40%)
The U.S. News & World Report 2013 Best Colleges guidebook ranks UC San Diego as the 8th best public university in the nation
The UC San Diego Health System is recognized as #1 among San Diego’s adult hospitals by the 2012-2013 U.S. News & World Report “America’s Best Hospitals”
UC San Diego is one of only 10 campuses in the United States and Canada to earn a “gold” sustainability-performance rating in the prestigious Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) 2011 survey
In 2012, for the third consecutive year, UC San Diego is ranked 1st in the nation by the Washington Monthly’s College Guide based on the positive impact the university has had on the country